



# Greater Pittsburgh Chapter

## **March 11, 2026 – ACFE Greater Pittsburgh Area Chapter presents – Virtual Meeting**

### **“Are Your Work Papers Working?”**

**Speaker: Madeline Johnson, Auditor**  
**Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance**

Location: Virtual Event (Zoom)

12:00 noon – 1:00 pm: Presentation

Please register [here](#).

**Registration deadline: March 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm**

Cost: Members & Associates of the Greater Pittsburgh Area Chapter: \$10  
All others: \$20

CPE: Qualifies for 1 credit hour of continuing professional education. Attendance certificates will be emailed after the event.

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Whether you are in the trenches of a financial audit or conducting simple compliance, you can easily fall into the habit of “rinse and repeat” when reviewing past work papers. Fortunately, there’s one underutilized tool already on your laptop that gives you the ability to test the entire population instead of random samples – all in the same amount of time. Let’s work together in real time through an example and explore what Excel could do for you.

Madeline Johnson is an experienced auditor and consultant with a career spanning public, private and governmental sectors. She is currently an auditor with the State of Tennessee. She has an MBA degree from Freed Hardeman University, as well as her Certified Fraud Examiner credential. Since entering the field in 2010, she has developed a strong focus on governmental and non-profit entities, combining in-depth regulatory knowledge with a practical, solutions-oriented approach. Her work has included public accounting, corporate foreign and domestic finance, and management consulting, with an emphasis on internal controls, federal compliance, and process improvement. Madeline is particularly focused on leveraging tools, like Excel, to bring efficiency and clarity to audit documentation. In her current role as an auditor with the State of Tennessee, she continues to blend her technical skills with a commitment to education and training. She is also an Honored Listee in *Marquis Who’s Who* and most recently was a speaker at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual ACFE Global Fraud Conference.

**Please join us for this interesting and relevant presentation.**

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**FRAUD AND CORRUPTION AWARENESS SEMINAR**

**CO-SPONSORED WITH THE IIA AND SCHNEIDER DOWNS**

**COMING TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026!!!**

This year’s speakers include Theranos whistleblower Erika Cheung (Executive Director, Ethics of Entrepreneurship), Keith Elliott (President & CEO, Reed Research), Former FBI Special Agent Bret Hood (CEO, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning & Consulting, LLC), and the City of Pittsburgh Controller’s Group.

**LOCATION: Hilton Garden Inn Southpointe – 1000 Corporate Dr, Canonsburg, PA 15317**

**More details coming soon!**

**ACFE Global Fraud Conference**

The ACFE 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Global Fraud Conference will be offered in-person (Boston, MA) and virtually on July 12-17, 2026. The Conference provides the opportunity for more than 30 NASBA CPE by attending live sessions and watching on-demand recordings. The Conference is well-known to have high quality presentations and speakers, so participating is a great learning opportunity for all CFEs.

The Chapter is happy to coordinate registration for ACFE members and non-members to receive discounted group rates for both the in-person main conference and the virtual conference. If you are interested in attending, please email Chapter President Bernie Rafferty at [brafferty@gatewayengineers.com](mailto:brafferty@gatewayengineers.com) by **May 16** to be added to the list.

## Private Detectives and Investigators

Private detectives and investigators gather, analyze, and report information to clients regarding legal or personal matters. Their services include verifying people's backgrounds, finding missing persons, and investigating crimes.

According to the [U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), private detectives and investigators held about 43,600 jobs in 2024. The largest employers of private detectives and investigators include retail trade, administrative and support services, finance and insurance, government, and professional/scientific/technical services.

Employment of private detectives and investigators is projected to grow 6 percent from 2024 to 2034, faster than the average for all occupations. About 3,900 openings for private detectives and investigators are projected each year, on average, over the decade. Continued lawsuits, fraud and other crimes, and interpersonal mistrust are expected to create demand for investigative services. In addition, background checks will continue to be a source of work for some investigators, as online investigations are not always sufficient.



### **Trial for Masury Man Charged in \$2M Healthcare Network Fraud**

The federal trial of a Masury man is scheduled to begin in Pittsburgh for his alleged role in a multiyear scheme to defraud a Sharon-based regional healthcare nonprofit of more than \$2 million. [Read More](#)

### **French Biathlete Julia Simon Wins Gold After Credit Card Fraud Conviction**

Biathlete Julia Simon was triumphant again, winning a gold medal in the 15km individual biathlon race at the 2026 Milano Cortina Olympics. [Read More](#)

### **Philadelphia Men Repeatedly Traveled to Minneapolis to Carry Out \$3.5M Housing Fraud Scheme: DOJ**

Two men from Pennsylvania admitted to repeatedly traveling from Philadelphia to Minneapolis in an effort to defraud Minnesota's Housing Stabilization Services (HSS) program, prosecutors announced. [Read More](#)

### **Trump's 'Stop the Steal' Lawyer Probing 2020 Election Fraud Has Access to Sensitive US Intel**

President Donald Trump has directed top U.S. spy agencies to share sensitive intelligence about the 2020 election with his former campaign lawyer, known for pushing debunked theories of electoral fraud, according to four people with knowledge of the effort. [Read More](#)

### **Governor Newsom Signs Consumer Protection Bill Cracking Down on Veteran Fraud and Abuse, Launches Tax Cut for Vets**

Governor Gavin Newsom signed landmark consumer protection legislation to crack down on fraudulent practices targeting veterans and service members navigating the federal benefits system, strengthening California's nation-leading protections for those who served. [Read More](#)

### **Woman Linked to Chinese Crime Organization Arrested in South Florida Tesla Fraud: Cops**

A woman arrested in the attempted fraudulent purchase of a Tesla in South Florida admitted to being part of a systematic fraud organization that operates out of California and China, authorities said. [Read More](#)

### **Facing Medicaid Fraud Allegations, California Changes the Subject**

Dr. Mehmet Oz has been raising a stir over what he claims is rampant Medicaid fraud. [Read More](#)

### **Former Jacksonville Teachers Union Leaders Sentenced to Prison for \$2.6M Fraud**

The women who ran Jacksonville's teachers union for nearly a quarter-century are both headed to prison for cheating the union out of \$2.6 million, a federal judge ruled. [Read More](#)

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### About the ACFE

The ACFE is the world's largest anti-fraud organization and premier provider of anti-fraud training and education. Together with more than 95,000 members, the ACFE is reducing business fraud worldwide and inspiring public confidence in the integrity and objectivity within the profession. Visit [www.acfe.com](http://www.acfe.com) for more details.

### ACFE Women's Summit

Attend the 2026 ACFE Women's Summit in Austin, TX, or online, March 6, 2026. The summit is open to all professionals, no matter your gender and no matter if your role is in compliance, risk, auditing, accounting or the many more areas we know you all work in. To learn more about the event and to register, visit: <https://www.fraudconference.com/womenssummit2026.aspx>

### Upcoming Events

- [Wednesday, April 8, 2026 – Meeting](#)
- [Tuesday, May 19, 2026 – Fraud and Corruption Awareness Seminar \(Co-Sponsored with the IIA and Schneider Downs\)](#)
- [Wednesday, June 10, 2026 – Meeting](#)
- [June 2026 – Officer and Director Elections](#)

[Watch for more information on upcoming events!](#)