

This Week in Gamma Iota Sigma:

February 19, 2024 - February 23, 2024

Bonnie Averbach Distinguished
Guest Lecturer Series



Monday, February 19, 2024

12:00 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.

Alter Hall A035

Sean McDermott, FCAS, CERA

Retired

As the former leader of Willis Towers Watson’s Insurance Consulting and Technology Property & Casualty Eastern Region, Sean managed and coordinated the Arlington, Bermuda, Hartford, Miami, Montreal, New York, Philadelphia and Toronto offices.

He has extensive knowledge of commercial lines rate adequacy, profitability analyses, economic capital modelling, claims analytics, primary insurance and reinsurance loss reserving, as well as all aspects of financial and regulatory reporting. Sean has also previously led the Property Casualty merger and acquisition practice and been involved in numerous due diligence assignments, as well as operational and strategic reviews.

Prior to working at Willis Towers Watson, Sean was Executive Vice President & Chief Actuary for AXIS Insurance where he coordinated worldwide actuarial services. He has domestic and international experience in all major casualty, professional, and property lines of business and was a member of the AXIS Insurance global management team.

Before joining AXIS, Sean was Senior Vice President & Actuary at American Re-Insurance (now Munich Re) where he served as Chief Reserving Actuary and Chief Pricing Actuary. He began his career with Insurance Service Office in 1981 and previously also worked for Fireman’s Fund and Continental Insurance companies.

Career Development Workshop

Risk Management and Insurance Career Development:
Intern Testimonials

Monday, February 19, 2024

12:00 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.

Alter Hall A032

Katie Hanshaw

Donegal Insurance
Group

Darin McGee

Allied World

Victoria Rizzo

Great American
Insurance Group

Join us as Katie Hanshaw, Darin McGee, and Victoria Rizzo share their Summer 2023 internship experiences at Donegal Insurance Group, Allied World, and Great American Insurance Group, respectively. They will discuss the hiring process and day-to-day tasks you can expect on the job.

Industry to Campus Events

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

MMA East

5:00 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.

Alter Hall A033

Conner Strong & Buckelew

6:00 p.m. - 6:50 p.m.

Alter Hall A033

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Philadelphia Insurance Companies

5:00 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.

Alter Hall A033

Lockton Companies

6:00 p.m. - 6:50 p.m.

Alter Hall A033

Join us to hear from industry professionals and recruiters from companies attending the RMI Intern Career Reception. Learn more about the companies, internship positions available, and ask questions during a Q&A session.

H. Wayne Snider

Distinguished Guest Lecturer Series

Powerful Women in Risk



Wednesday, February 21, 2024

12:00 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.

Alter Hall A031

Renee Frisch (Class of 2000)

Partner

Philadelphia Health & Benefits Practice

Mercer

Renee Frisch is a Partner and senior consultant in Mercer’s Philadelphia health and benefits practice. She assists clients with various consulting assignments, including strategy and design, administration, financing, and regulatory compliance of health and welfare benefit plans.

Renee has extensive experience working with clients on merger and acquisition activities (including due diligence, integration strategy, and post-deal support) across multiple lines of business.

In addition, Renee is a member of Mercer’s Large and Jumbo Employer team (“LJET”) which strives to provide unique strategies and solutions to solve the challenges faced by large and jumbo-size employers.

Since joining Mercer in 2000, she has provided consulting services to a diverse group of clients, including Fortune 100 companies Fortune 500 companies, professional services firms, pharmaceutical companies, financial service organizations, manufacturers, health systems, and retailers.

Renee graduated magna cum laude from Temple University with a BBA in Risk Management and Insurance and Human Resource Administration.

RMI Intern Career Reception

Thursday, February 22, 2024

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Student Activity Center 200B, 200C

The Risk Management and Insurance Career Reception is an opportunity for students seeking an internship for this upcoming summer. Representatives from 51 companies will be in attendance.

Committee Meeting

Community Affairs Committee Meeting:

Friday, February 23, 2024

12:00 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.

Alter Hall A605

Doris Lare

Corporate Social Responsibility
Philadelphia Insurance Companies

Laura Crossin, PHR

Senior Vice President Human Resources
Philadelphia Insurance Companies

Join us as Doris Lare and Laura Crossin from Philadelphia Insurance Companies talk to members about how PHLY gives back to the community as well as their corporate social responsibilities.

Next Monday in Gamma Iota Sigma: February 26, 2024

Committee Meetings

Actuarial Science Career Development Committee Meeting:

Monday, February 26, 2023

12:00 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.

Alter Hall A035

Liam Britt (Class of 2022)

Actuarial Assistant
Coaction Specialty Insurance

Suzanne Finnegan

Actuarial Manager
Coaction Specialty Insurance

Join us as Liam Britt (Class of 2022) and Suzanne Finnegan discuss their transition from college to the workforce and give insights in property and casualty insurance with our students

Risk Management and Career Development Committee Meeting:

Monday, February 26, 2023

12:00 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.

Alter Hall A032

Kathleen Cullen, CRM, ARM (Class of 2016)

Risk Management Services Consultant
Philadelphia Insurance Companies

Join us as Kathleen Cullen from Philadelphia Insurance Companies discusses serving non-profit missions by utilizing technology to create meaningful solutions. She will also engage members through an interactive case study.

Sigma Chapter Information:

Charity of Choice: Connect Thru Cancer

The **Sigma Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma’s Charity of Choice for the 2023-2024** academic year is **Connect Thru Cancer**, a charity aimed at supporting families with a cancer diagnosis that occurs in adulthood. Through a number of different services and support channels, Connect Thru Cancer aims at alleviating stress from diagnoses and treatments by creating time for families to recharge and reconnect.

This year will mark the first year that the Sigma Chapter has supported Connect Thru Cancer. The Sigma Chapter looks forward to reaching its donation goal and getting involved with the charity.

If you are interested in donating to Connect Thru Cancer, please Venmo @sigmachapter or purchase goods from our bake sales! The payment description should consist of your email and ‘Charity of Choice’.

Join the Risk Actuarial Development Program!

All Risk Management and Actuarial Science majors are eligible to earn points through RAD on Suitable, which count towards the Fox Leadership Development Program (FLDP). Look out for emails from our Membership Team (membershipteam.gis@gmail.com) for information to register!

Soft Pretzels and Snacks During Wednesday Meetings

Purchase soft pretzels, popcorn, fruit snacks, or water during our Wednesday meetings through cash or Venmo for \$1! Proceeds will support our Charity of Choice, Connect Thru Cancer.

Sigma Chapter Canvas Site

Keep updated on Sigma Chapter events with our very own Sigma Chapter Canvas Site! Use this resource to find information about our meeting times, forms, and our weekly newsletter, Risky Business! If you do not have access, contact the Membership Team (membershipteam.gis@gmail.com).

Looking Ahead:

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