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Speaker Bio

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PRESENTER BIO: Chris Vierling came to Federal Student Aid in December 2016 after serving 24 years in the Office of Inspector General. While with the Office of Inspector General, Chris was the Director of Evaluation and Inspection, overseeing programs in all parts of the Department. His final position in the Office of Inspector General was the Director of the Student Financial Assistance Advisory and Assistance Service. In that position, Chris oversaw all Office of Inspector General Audits of the *Title IV*, HEA programs nationwide. Chris began his career in Federal Student Aid as the Director of Internal Review. He worked to develop policies and procedures for the internal review function and directed the work of multiple projects at the request of the Chief Operating Officer. In January 2019, Chris was made a senior advisor to the Chief Enforcement Officer. He also served as a Federal Negotiator for the negotiated rulemaking subcommittee on financial responsibility. Chris was heavily involved in writing the preambles for both the Notice of Preliminary Rulemaking and the Final Rule.

Chris has a Bachelor of Arts in German from the University of Virginia, a Master of Business Administration from the College of William and Mary, and a Master of Accountancy from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.