



Presenter Biography

Dr. Skumatz is an economist and Principal of Skumatz Economic Research Associates (SERA). She has a nationwide reputation in integrated planning, program evaluation, rates and revenue options, economic and policy analysis, outreach / engagement, and scenario analysis/forecasting work conducted for solid waste clients at the local, county, state, and national level. She conducted early work in commercial programs and food waste strategies. Her interests include both quantitative and policy issues and focuses on how facilities and programs work in the real world. To keep this real-world focus, she maintains SERA's comprehensive in-house database of programs, policies, costs, performance, and other data from more than 1,300 communities across the US; data on all US PAYT communities; a library of benchmarking case studies; inventories of solid waste initiatives and programs in all 50 states and internationally, and detailed spreadsheet models for residential / commercial collection, MRFs, and compost sites; PAYT; waste comps; and ISWMP models. She has conducted work across the US and internationally. Lisa has the unique distinction of winning National Lifetime Achievement awards from both SWANA and the NRC.

Dr. Skumatz has taught solid waste integrated planning and evaluation workshops in California, Washington, Oregon, Colorado, the UK and elsewhere. She has published more than 150 articles in solid waste. She is a member of numerous national, state and local civic, environmental, professional economic, and waste management and recycling organizations (including the National Recycling Coalition) and has also served on the Board of Directors for many of them. She worked for a city solid waste utility, and has also served as an elected official in Colorado.