

## Panelist Biographies

### Closing the Resilience Gap: What Will it Take?

Wednesday, April 15 5:30-6:30 p.m. via Zoom

A program discussion based on PBS's [\*Sinking Cities: Miami\*](#)



**Patrick Luce** is an Adjunct Economics Professor at St. Petersburg College and teaches courses in Microeconomics and Macroeconomics. As a Consultant, he is regularly involved with economic impact and valuation analyses, cost of service allocations, long-term financial planning analyses, and development of alternative rate structures for utility systems and local governments throughout the United States. He has been a co-presenter at the Florida Water Resource Conference and the AWWA/WEF Utility Management Conference and is published in the *Florida Water Resource Journal*. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Finance and Economics as well as a Master's degree in Economics.



**Christian Moriarty** is a Professor of Ethics and Law and Academic Chair of the Applied Ethics Institute with the College of Policy, Ethics, & Legal Studies at St. Petersburg College. Professor Moriarty received his Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Interdisciplinary Sciences at the University of South Florida, his Master's degree in Bioethics from USF, his Juris Doctor from Stetson University College of Law, and is a licensed attorney with the Florida Bar. He teaches Applied Ethics, Medical Ethics, Business Ethics, Legal Ethics, Business Law, and Art Law. He researches and presents on such subjects as academic plagiarism, using humor and empathy in the classroom, and higher education law and ethics. Professor Moriarty also serves on the Executive Board of the International Center for Academic Integrity.



**Dr. Davina Passeri** received a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Notre Dame in 2010 and a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from the University of Central Florida in 2015. Upon graduation, she joined the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) St. Petersburg Coastal and Marine Science Center as a Mendenhall post-doctoral fellow. She is currently a Research Oceanographer at USGS. Her research is concentrated in numerical modeling of tides, waves, hurricane storm surge and barrier island evolution. She leads multiple projects focused on assessing the effects of sea level rise on beaches, barrier islands, estuaries and wetlands and evaluating potential mitigation strategies.