

The Lansing Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners



2026 Fall Fraud Conference **Monday, October 5, 2026** **In-Person or Virtual Conference**

Presented by
Dr. Thomas Holt, Dr. Cooper Maher, Chris Harper, and Kyle Sutton

MSUFCU Farm Lane Community Room
4825 Mt. Hope Rd, East Lansing, MI 48823



CONFERENCE DETAILS	
Sign-In:	9:00 am – 9:30 am
Conference:	9:30 am – 4:00 pm
Conference Fee:	Early bird (through 9/14/26): \$95 members, \$120 non-members, \$30 student After 9/14/26: \$115 members, \$140 non-members, \$35 student
Registration:	Through Friday, September 25, 2026
CPE Credit:	6 Hours
Lunch Included:	12:30 pm – 1:00 pm. Catering from Qdoba
Dress:	Business Casual

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Cyber Crime, Romance Scams & Identity Theft

Dr. Thomas Holt, Dr. Cooper Maher
3 hours

Thomas J. Holt is a Professor and Director of Master's Programs in the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University and Director for the MSU Center for Cybercrime Investigation & Training. His research focuses on computer hacking, malware, stolen data markets, and various aspects of fraud victimization and offending. Dr. Holt's work has been published in various journals including *Criminology & Public Policy*, *Deviant Behavior*, the *Journal of Criminal Justice*, and *Youth and Society*. He is also a regular presenter at cybercrime and cybersecurity conferences around the world. In addition, he oversees the mission of the Center, offering training for police and criminal justice agencies across the state.

Cooper A. Maher is an Assistant Professor in the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University. He received his Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from the School of Criminal Justice at the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Maher's research interests center upon understanding online fraud victimization, including understanding the correlates of risk, victimization consequences, and victim decision making as it relates to fraud. He is a member of the University of Cincinnati Cybercrime and Behavior Online Research Group (UC UCYBORG), which engages in research examining fraud and cybercrime more generally to understand the role of human behavior in these offenses. Dr. Maher also engages in research examining the association between disabilities—particularly intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD)—and victimization risk, consequences, and reporting. Finally, Dr. Maher's research also centers upon understanding fear of crime, including understanding the correlates and consequences of fear of crime and understanding altruistic fear of crime. Dr. Maher's research has appeared in various peer-reviewed journals, including *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*, *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, the *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, *Crime & Delinquency*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, and *Deviant Behavior*.

Michigan Ethics

Chris Harper, CPA, MBA
1 Hour (Ethics)

Chris is a CPA with the heart of a teacher. He is a clinical affiliate instructor of accounting with Grand Valley State University's Seidman College of Business. He also serves as a senior manager and director of education for Hungerford Nichols CPAs + Advisors. Chris has been serving tax and accounting needs of closely held business and individuals since 1998. He has also owned and operated several of his own businesses throughout his career.

Excel Tips and Tricks

Kyle Sutton, CPA
2 Hours

Kyle is a licensed CPA in the states of Ohio and Michigan, a Certified Fraud Examiner, and a member of the AICPA, MICPA, and ACFE. He earned his B.A. in accounting from Hope College. He has a passion for data analytics; in the Financial Modeling World Cup's 2023 Excel World Championships, he placed 10th in the qualifying round and advanced to the Top 64 round before elimination. On a day off, you'll catch him going big or going home. If not spending time at home with his wife and two large, energetic Labradoodles, he's probably exploring a new city overseas, skiing Mt. Bachelor in Oregon, swimming in northern Michigan, or visiting friends and family throughout the country.

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