Speakers List

1. **Andrew Withers**
Sr. Manager Information Security
Lowe's Companies, Inc
Bio:

2. **Alexandra Villarreal O'Rourke**
CEO
Credytu
Bio: Alexandra Villarreal O'Rourke is the Head of Generative AI Strategy at FairPlay, a leading AI governance company, and the CEO of Credytu, a grant-funded social enterprise focused on AI solutions for consumer protection, including anti-scam AI agents. Alex has spent over a decade at the intersection of AI and financial services, advising regulators, large banks, and cutting-edge tech companies on the development, implementation, and governance of AI systems. Her roles have included AI legal lead for the CFPB, lead attorney for Bank of America's digital bank, and General Counsel of one of the earliest successful adopters of GenAI among established fintechs. She lives in Charlotte with her husband Allen (a cybersecurity lawyer) and her three children.

3. **Allen O'Rourke**
SVP & Chief Cyber Counsel
Truist
Bio: Allen O'Rourke leads the Cybersecurity Team in the Technology Group of Truist's Legal Department. They provide legal support to Corporate Cyber Security and advise the enterprise on cyber legal matters. Before joining Truist, Allen chaired the Cybersecurity and Privacy Practice Group of the law firm Robinson Bradshaw. He has advised on cybersecurity law and incident response for a broad range of organizations. In addition, Allen has handled over 50 trials in state and federal court and has led countless investigations. Before private practice, Allen was a cybercrime prosecutor who helped lead the Cyber Unit at the US Attorney's Office in Washington, DC, where he received two Special Achievement Awards for his work to combat cybercrime. He graduated from Harvard Law School and clerked in the Fourth Circuit and Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

4. **Amy Braswell**
Deputy Chief Information Security Officer
TIAA
Bio: Braswell serves as Deputy CISO for TIAA and leads the enterprise Cyber Third Party and Subsidiary Risk Assessments, Cloud Security, DevSecOps, and Vulnerability and Configuration Management teams. The teams are responsible for implementing a consistent cybersecurity assessment approach for third parties and subsidiaries, rating and

assessing infrastructure and application vulnerabilities, and ensuring that sound cybersecurity practices are integrated into the software development lifecycle. Additionally, theBusiness Information Security Officers (BISOs) report to Amy. The BISOs are responsible for ensuring business perspective is considered for security initiatives and providing security expertise and guidance to ensure that cybersecurity is embedded by design into business initiatives. The BISOs partner with their respective business areas to ensure that cybersecurity is embedded by design into business initiatives. Prior to Deputy CISO, Braswell was the TIAA Bank Chief Information Security Officer.Background:Previously, Braswell led Information and Cybersecurity Control at Wells Fargo, where she oversaw the first line of defense risk management team. She also managed enterprise information security policies and risk assessments, implemented enterprise governance routines, and aligned daily operations with strong risk management practices. Braswell also worked for Bank of America in information security, risk management, compliance and consumer business roles for 20 years. She served as the governance, risk and compliance executive for Global Information Security, leading a global team of more than 100. Braswell implemented risk management practices across the technology organization, managed data loss prevention and insider threat programs, and provided operational risk guidance for the consumer business. She also taught a graduate course in computer forensics at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Amy earned a bachelor's degree in computer science from North Carolina State University.

5. **Amy Bogac**
   Chief Information Security Officer
   Baker Tilly
   Bio: Amy Bogac is the Chief Information Security Officer at Baker Tilly, where she leads cybersecurity strategy, governance, and resilience for a global professional services firm. With over 20 years of experience in IT and security leadership, she has guided organizations through major transformations, breaches, and regulatory shifts while protecting some of the world's most recognized brands. Amy is known for blending technical depth with human leadership lessons, focusing on clarity, resilience, and purpose in times of disruption. A frequent speaker, she inspires professionals to align cybersecurity with business mission while navigating the evolving challenges of today's digital landscape.

6. **Ben Callaway**
   Regional Sales Director, Southeast
   Nozomi Networks
   Bio: Ben Callaway has 15+ years of experience in Industrial Control Systems (6+ years in OT Security). He currently serves customers in the Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern US for Nozomi Networks with market-leading OT and IoT Security & Visibility solutions. Having started his career in ICS in Instrumentation and software sales for Emerson, he

spent over a decade on plant floors across all industrial verticals. Over his career, Ben has held multiple roles including Sales, Marketing & Business Development and Services covering Control systems & Cybersecurity solutions for Critical Infrastructure (Power, Oil & Gas, Water, Mining). Ben has a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from The University of Georgia.

7. **Barak Sternberg**

CEO

Tenet Security

Bio:

8. **Brian White**

Head of Cyber Threat Management

Truist

Bio: Brian M. White is Head of Cyber Threat Management at Truist, overseeing Application Security, Vulnerability Management, Offensive Security, and Cyber Remediation. Previously he was Head of Cyber Defense, with responsibility for Cyber Threat Intelligence, Cyber Incident Management, Enterprise Insider Threat, Digital Forensics and the Cyber Fusion Centers. With over 20 years of cybersecurity experience in financial services—including leadership roles at Wells Fargo, Charter Communications, Bank of America, and EY—Brian brings deep expertise and unique approaches to protective and defensive cyber programs. He holds an MBA from the McColl School of Business at Queens University of Charlotte.

9. **Brad Davidson**

Director – Third Party Cyber Risk

Ally

Bio: Currently leads Third Party Cyber Risk at Ally, bringing over 25 years of experience in financial services IT, including enterprise transformational programs spanning Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC) process, Identity & Access Management (IAM), PCI Compliance, Risk Management, and IT Governance.

10. **Benjamin Corll**

CISO in Residence

Zscalar

Bio: Ben is a 25-year veteran in the cybersecurity industry with a passion to protect enterprise organizations. He has spent his career establishing security programs for companies of all types and sizes, from 500 to 50,000. Ben has held just about every technical security role, from AV, firewall, SIEM, and DLP management, to security architect, and CISO roles.

Prior to joining Zscaler, Ben was the VP/Head of Cybersecurity (CISO) for Coats, a global manufacturer of industrial thread. This was a newly created role that allowed Ben to build a program: from policies, creating and refining processes, to choosing technology controls. Ben is passionate about engaging with both security practitioners and business

leaders on the value of digital transformation and preparing businesses to defend against threats. Much of his time is spent focusing teams on the fundamental practices or basics and doing them well before pivoting to more advanced solutions.

11. Brian Russell

Lead Info Sec Threat Hunting Specialist

TIAA

Bio: Brian is a Lead Threat Hunter on the Cybersecurity Insider Threat team at TIAA. He has 15 years of subject matter expertise in data loss prevention and behavioral analytics within the financial and utilities industries. He earned a bachelor's degree in electronic media/broadcasting from Appalachian State University. Brian is an avid ice hockey player and life-long Detroit Red Wings fan.

12. Brent Biglow

President

Charlotte ISSA

Bio:

13. Bernice Russell-Bond

Chief Information Security Officer

North Carolina Department of Information Technology

Bio: Bernice Russell-Bond, a cybersecurity leader with more than 25 years of experience, serves as the state chief information security officer for the N.C. Department of Information Technology.

Russell-Bond oversees North Carolina's cybersecurity efforts with a focus on strengthening partnerships and collaboration at the state, local and federal levels. She enjoys leading teams to empower all staff in fostering an effective cybersecurity culture.

Russell-Bond has held a variety of private-sector and nonprofit leadership roles in cybersecurity operations, risk management, IT governance, incident management and auditing. Before joining NCDIT in March 2025, she was chief information security officer and vice president of information security at RTI International. She also owned and ran her own IT risk management consulting firm for nearly 20 years.

She was named the NC TECH Association's 2024 CISO of the Year and serves on the association's advisory board. She is also board chair for the N.C. Museum of Life and Science.

Russell-Bond holds a Bachelor of Science in accounting from Hampton University and a Master of Business Administration for the University of Phoenix in addition to CISSP, PMP and ITIL v3 Foundations certifications.

14. Chad E. LeMaire

Chief Information Security Officer

ExtraHop

Bio: Chad E. LeMaire is Chief Information Security Officer at ExtraHop, the enterprise leader in cloud-native network detection and response. Chad is responsible for all aspects

of cybersecurity risk for ExtraHop, as well as facility, personnel, and physical security. He is also responsible for implementing effective security, information security, and risk management frameworks and policies to maximize growth opportunities for ExtraHop. Chad previously served as a Cyber Operations officer in the U.S. Air Force for 31 years, holding five senior level cybersecurity roles developing and implementing cybersecurity roadmaps, strategies, and capabilities as well as advising executive leadership on critical cybersecurity issues. In addition, he was a qualified cyber operator and commanded threat hunting and cyber incident response teams for a global enterprise network. Immediately prior to ExtraHop, Chad was the Chief Security Officer for Echelon Risk + Cyber where he drove strategy and integration of offensive and defensive security service lines. He also served as CISO and was a vCISO for several clients.

15. Colin Soutar

Global Quantum Cyber Readiness Leader

Deloitte

Bio: Dr. Colin Soutar is a managing director with Deloitte & Touche LLP. Colin serves as the Cyber lead for growth platforms within Deloitte's U.S. Government & Public Services business. He is also the Deloitte US and global Quantum Cyber Readiness leader. After finishing his studies in Scotland, Colin started his career with a two-year post-doctorate study at NASA's Johnson Space Center, developing pattern recognition techniques for autonomous rendezvous and capture operations. He then applied these same techniques to biometric technologies as the CTO of a public company in Toronto, Canada. He has served in many national and international roles such as the World Economic Forum Global Future Council for Cybersecurity, as well as international standards committees for identity technologies, and he directly helped the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to develop the Cybersecurity Framework. He has over three decades of navigating public and private sector adoption of emerging security and privacy technologies.

16. Chris Horner

Information Security Consultant

Rebyc Security

Bio: Chris conducts pentests and social engineering assessments for clients of all sizes and industries. With his deep corporate experience, Chris understands the kinds of risks that organizations face and knows how to help them stay secure from both a technical and non-technical perspective. He has given conference presentations and is an advocate for personal privacy. He also volunteers his time in the local community by sitting on non-profit Boards, as well as helping organizations and individuals understand how to stay cyber safe.

He holds the following certifications: PNPT, PORP, and eJPT.

17. Conor Coveney

Black Kite

18. Dawn M. Haley

Senior Manager, Threat Management

Duke Energy

Bio: Dawn leads the Digital Forensics Investigations and Insider Threat Teams. In her role, Dawn works closely with Human Resources, Legal, Ethics, and Compliance to protect Duke Energy people, assets and brand. Dawn's team is responsible for insider and digital forensics investigations across the company's seven state footprint.

Duke Energy has employed Dawn for almost 10 years. Dawn holds a Bachelor's degree from American Military University (Intelligence Studies), with a minor in Digital Forensics and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Maryland, Global Campus. She also holds a number of technical certifications from SANs and the Global Counter Insider Threat Certified Professional certification from the University of Maryland Applied Research Lab.   Dawn currently serves on the US Insider Risk Management Center of Excellence and the Vice-Chair for the Infragard National Members Alliance Insider Threat Cross Sector Council.

Dawn lives in Mint Hill, NC with her wife, Paris Haley, and her two mini Bernedoodles, Lincoln and Eleanor. Dawn serves her community volunteering with both Veteran's and LGBT non-profit organizations. Dawn enjoys playing sports (Pickleball and Bowling) in her free time. Dawn is an Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom Army Combat Veteran serving as a Human Intelligence Collector, Korean linguist.

19. Damien Lim

AI Evangelist

Tenable

Bio: Damien Lim is a seasoned cybersecurity marketing leader with over two decades of experience in AI, cybersecurity, and technology. As an AI evangelist at Tenable, he leads global initiatives to drive market awareness and strategy for Tenable's AI. His expertise lies in translating complex technology into impactful go-to-market strategies, engaging with analysts and industry leaders to shape the conversation on AI applications related to cyber risk. Damien is also a published co-author on AI in cybersecurity, and he has previously launched industry-leading solutions for organizations ranging from global companies to start-ups, including Fortinet, Palo Alto Networks, FireEye, and StrikeReady.

20. Denny Deaton

Palo Alto Networks - Unit42

Bio: With over 24 years of experience in cybersecurity, Denny Deaton leads the North American Cyber Risk Management (Proactive Services) practice at Unit 42, Palo Alto Networks. In this role, he helps some of the world's largest organizations proactively identify and mitigate security risks, aligning Unit 42's expertise with Palo Alto Networks' product innovation.

Denny's career spans both consulting and product leadership, with deep experience in financial services, healthcare, government, insurance, and retail. He has built and led global penetration testing practices, launched and scaled a leading Pentest-as-a-Service (PTaaS) offering, and driven service innovation across multiple top-tier cybersecurity firms. His leadership has consistently delivered growth through technical credibility, delivery efficiency, and trusted executive relationships.

As a recognized thought leader, Denny has contributed to industry publications, presented at premier security conferences, and advised executives on strategies to reduce risk and strengthen resilience. His cross-functional expertise—spanning product development, service delivery, and business growth—has positioned him as a trusted advisor in the cybersecurity community.

21. Dr. Cori Faklaris

Assistant professor
UNC Charlotte's
College of Computing and Informatics,
Bio:Description:Dr. Cori Faklaris (https://corifaklaris.com) is an assistant professor at UNC Charlotte's College of Computing and Informatics, where she directs the Security and Privacy Experiences (SPEX) group. Her focus is on understanding people's needs and designing for safe, secure, and trustworthy computing, including artificial intelligence. In this interdisciplinary work, Faklaris draws on methods from social science, computer science, data science and machine learning, cybersecurity, and design. She also employs skills and knowledge from her past careers in journalism, IT/UX, and social media. Among other accomplishments, she received a 2024 Google Research Scholar award for work to connect people with advice about their security and privacy concerns. Her work is also funded by BasisLabs LLC founder Carl Hoffman, the U.S. Army
Research Lab, and the U.S. National Science Foundation.

22. Eric Kuehn

Principal security consultant
Secure Ideas
Bio: With over 25 years of experience, both designing and compromising Active Directory environments, Eric Kuehn is uniquely positioned to bring a balanced view of what works and what doesn't in AD security. As a Principal Security Consultant with Secure Ideas for 8 years, he's seen organizations fail not just from sophisticated attacks but also from poor collaboration. When he's not breaking into systems, he is sharing his knowledge with others. Both through delivering talks on Active Directory security and other topics at various conferences and events, as well as teaching courses through Antisyphon Training.

23. Ed Skoudis

President

SANS Institute

Bio: Ed Skoudis has taught over 40,000 security professionals globally in penetration testing and incident handling. Ed currently serves as the President of the SANS Technology Institute college, supporting over 2,300 students earning their master's degrees, bachelor's degrees, and cyber security certificates. Ed is consistently one of the first authorities brought in to provide post-attack analysis on major breaches. Ed is also the founder of the SANS Penetration Testing Curriculum; the CEO and founder of the Counter Hack consulting firm; and the leader of the team that builds SANS NetWars and the SANS Holiday Hack Challenge. Ed is a keynote speaker and an Advisory Board member for the RSAC Conference. He is also on the board of directors for a bank, a charity, and another college.

24. **Frank Passman**

Cloud Security Strategist

Tenable

Bio: Frank has spent the last 9 years with Tenable serving as a trusted advisor to organizations deploying exposure management solutions utilizing risk-based prioritization to increase operational efficiency and reduce exposures across the modern attack surface. In his current role he provides insights and recommendations to organizations on how to proactively harden their cloud environments by focusing on infrastructure and entitlements and how they are foundational in securing multi-cloud hybrid environments.

25. **Frankie Warren**

ArchetypeSC

26. **Fabio Barbalace**

Manager of the Services & Analysis Team

ZeroFox

Bio: Fabio Barbalace is a Manager of the Services & Analysis Team at ZeroFox, with eight years of experience in cyber threat intelligence spanning the physical, cyber, and geopolitical domains. He specializes in executive protection, brand protection, and information protection.

Fabio holds a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology and a Master of Professional Studies in Applied Intelligence from Georgetown University. He is ISC2 Certified in Cybersecurity and a Certified Threat Intelligence Analyst (CTIA). A former helicopter aircrewman and Rescue Swimmer in the Italian Naval Aviation special forces, he brings a deep commitment to resilience and safeguarding organizations in an evolving threat landscape.

27. **George Bell**

Board member

United Community Bank

Bio: George Bell is currently a member of the United Community Bank board serving on the Risk and Audit committees. Bell is a purposeful, authentic, innovative, results driven IT financial services executive with a long track record of delivering high quality results and having a significant impact on the organizations he has associated with. He has implemented business critical technology capabilities and functions throughout his career and managed international teams. His naturally inquisitive and analytical nature provide the ideal foundation for unearthing uncommon areas of value driven opportunity. He has a strong reputation for building and maintaining productive partnerships and values teamwork as an essential success factor.

Bell began his career in BB&T's leadership development program in 1982 and was quickly earmarked for management opportunities in the Operations Division due to his strong quantitative instincts and knack for fostering teamwork. This initial direct exposure with computers gave Bell the technical underpinnings to efficiently exercise his penchant for solving business problems which became the foundation and launch into numerous progressively larger technology leadership roles. Execution highlights include; developing the initial marketing database, creating the first Asset/Liability forecasting model, introducing and implementing relational processing (DB2), developing the first client/account aggregation models, and providing methodologies to integrate desperate applications.

After eleven years at BB&T, Bell was recruited by NationsBank (Bank of America-BOA) in 1994 to assist with the "Model Bank" development efforts and the ambition to become the first coast to coast bank. Bell's nine year tenure at BOA included managing nationwide applications (CIF, Teller, Debit Card, ATM, Call Center), driving system consolidation efforts for the aforementioned applications, coordinating migration efforts for major Bank acquisitions, devising the initial component based development methodology, developing the initial CRM migration strategy, and managing the initial foray into offshore support.

In 2002, Bell rejoined BB&T with an initial focus on helping BB&T think like a big bank while developing a tangible "single view of the client" strategy. These efforts led to the maturation of the technology supporting the bank's Integrated Relationship Management strategy which was a key differentiator for BB&T. Continued application delivery and management success led to progressive expansion of responsibilities and accountability for over 65% of BB&T's application portfolio. Bell also was the inaugural co-chair for the African American Affinity (AAA) group, started an employee focused ambassador program, reinvigorated underperforming teams, developed skill transition models, successfully executed the first major global sourcing project (converted CIF to DB2), and established the foundation for our Faster Payments strategy (FTM – Zelle and TCH). Within Truist, Bell was accountable for HR, Legal, Leadership Institute and Business Management functions. Bell's team successfully delivered the first significant conversion deliverables; bringing all teammates and sales incentive plans onto common

systems. Bell also championed creating 'operating leverage' within the business office and set the tone for greater focus on Teammate well-being.

A native of New Bern, North Carolina, Bell is an honors graduate of Barton College in Wilson, NC with a major in Mathematics and minor in Business Administration. He was a four year varsity letterman and captain of the basketball team. Bell obtained his Master's in Business Administration from East Carolina University.

28. Heather Hendershott

Senior Vice President – Head of Third-Party Risk
First Citizen's Bank
Bio: Heads up the Third Party Risk Management Program at First Citizens Bank inclusive of Governance, Reporting, Oversight, Risk Monitoring, Process Optimization and Testing. ProSight Third Party Risk Steering Committee Co-Chair and Risk Management executive with over 25 years of experience in the financial services.

29. I-Sah Hsieh

Deputy Secretary for AI & Policy
North Carolina Department of Information Technology
Bio: I-Sah Hsieh, an AI governance/ethics expert with more than 25 years' experience, serves as the N.C. Department of Information Technology's deputy secretary for artificial intelligence and policy.

In his role, Hsieh establishes and oversees the AI governance framework and policies for NCDIT and state agencies. He ensures the ethical, transparent and accountable integration of AI technologies into public services to support innovation while managing associated risks. From leading and crafting governance structures that prioritize ethics and security, he directly has an impact on how technology serves the state's residents, businesses and visitors.

Before joining NCDIT in March 2025, Hsieh served as governance and data ethics practice principal for SAS, which he joined in 2004. He helped develop AI strategies and solutions as a consultant for policymakers, the United Nations, Fortune 1000 executives and nonprofits.

In addition, he has deep familiarity with working with North Carolina universities, nonprofits and local and state agencies, including the N.C. Department of Revenue and N.C. Emergency Management.

Hsieh is a member of the advisory board for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Masters of Educational Innovation, Technology and Entrepreneurship program. He holds a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering from Cornell University.

30. Jeffrey DiMuro

Deputy Chief Security Officer
ServiceNow

Bio: Jeffrey DiMuro is the Deputy Chief Security Officer at ServiceNow, where he works across product, legal, and privacy teams to design industry-focused security capabilities that accelerate global adoption of the NOW platform. He leads programs in data governance, insider threat, security risk, and vendor security strategy, while also engaging with global regulators to help shape emerging cybersecurity and privacy laws. In 2022, Jeff founded the Critical Software-as-a-Service Special Interest Group (CSaaS-SIG) under the IT-ISAC framework to strengthen collaboration across the cloud industry through proactive threat intelligence sharing. Prior to joining ServiceNow in 2021, Jeff served as Chief Security and Compliance Architect
at Salesforce, where he developed scalable data protection frameworks to support enterprise adoption of cloud services. Earlier in his career, he was an Executive Director and Global Security Architect Lead at JPMorgan Chase & Co., leading large-scale security initiatives in financial services.
Jeff is a frequent speaker at international security conferences, presenting on topics such as data protection, generative AI regulations, privacy, risk management, and intellectual property protection. He holds two U.S. patents—in perimeter security (Packet Profiling) and secure credit card processing (Secure Card with On-Board Authentication/Authorization/Auditing)—and has filed multiple additional patents in identity management, secure email, and encryption. He earned his Juris Doctor from Delaware Law School and a Bachelor of Science in Finance
from The College of New Jersey.

31. Dr. Jack Freund

Head of Technology Risk
Accrisure
Bio: Dr. Jack Freund is a recognized expert in cyber risk quantification and governance. He is the co-author of the award-winning book Measuring and Managing Information Risk: A FAIR Approach, which was inducted into the Cybersecurity Canon. Jack is the former Chief Risk Officer at Kovrr and currently serves as Head of Technology Risk for Accrisure and an Executive Fellow at the Cyentia Institute. He has held executive roles at several cyber risk startups and began his career in technology and risk at Fortune 100 firms. Jack holds a Ph.D. in Information Systems, multiple industry certifications, and has been named a Fellow of the IAPP, FAIR Institute, and ISSA. He also serves on the board of the ISSA Education Foundation, and the Mecklenburg County Council of Scouting America.

32. Jacob Glenn

Founder of Offensive Appliances
Hak5
Bio: Jacob (Peaks) currently works at Hak5 as a code repository manager and is the founder of Offensive Appliances. He develops physical red team tooling and conducts cybersecurity research with a focus on wireless security, hardware, and IoT. His work

centers on advancing offensive security capabilities through practical experimentation and tool creation.

33. Jonathan Mora

Lead Cybersecurity Analyst

Duke Energy

Bio: Jonathan Mora is a seasoned IT and OT cybersecurity professional with over ten years of experience delivering high-impact projects across the American content (North, South, and Caribbean regions). He has led fleetwide OT cybersecurity implementations for major power producers in North America and brings seven years of regulatory compliance expertise across NERC-CIP, TSA directives, and NIST frameworks.
He holds a bachelor's degree in Circuits and Electronics Systems Engineering from ULACIT (Costa Rica), and executive certifications from Duke University in CISO leadership and cybersecurity leadership. Jonathan currently serves as Lead Cybersecurity Analyst at Duke Energy in Charlotte, NC.

34. Jan Nunez

Security Engineer

Dropbox

Bio: Jan Núñez is a Security Engineer at Dropbox, where he leads AI-focused architecture reviews to ensure emerging technologies are secure by design. He began his career in software engineering before moving into application security, gaining expertise across web, mobile, mainframe, and AI systems. Jan combines a strong technical background with a forward-looking perspective on how emerging AI risks will shape the future. Outside of work, he enjoys dancing and practicing martial arts.

35. John Melton

Director of Product Security

Oracle Netsuite

Bio: John is currently the Director of Product Security at Oracle, NSBGU. His experience has involved moving back and forth between the software engineering and security fields, aiming to get them to play nice together.

36. Jefferson Pike

Director, Information Security, Third-Party Risk Management

Lowe's Companies, Inc

Bio: Jefferson leads the Third-Party Risk Management program for Lowe's Companies, Inc. and is also a board member of the Charlotte InfraGard chapter, which is a partnership between the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and members of the private sector for the protection of U.S. Critical Infrastructure.
Prior to joining Lowe's, Jefferson served in the U.S. Navy as well as in several cybersecurity risk management roles with Time Warner Cable, Wells Fargo, and Fortalice Solutions.

Jefferson earned a Master of Science in Cybersecurity and Master of Business Administration from the University of Maryland University College, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Management from Montreat College. He holds several information security-related certifications including CISSP, CISM, CRISC, and CISA.

37. Jack Jones

Strategic Advisor

Safe Security

Bio: Jack Jones has worked in information security for over 37 years, serving as a CISO with three different companies, including six years at a Fortune 100 company. His work was recognized in 2006 with the ISSA Excellence in the Field of Security Practices award, in 2012 with the CSO Compass award, and in 2024 a Lifetime Achievement award. As Adjunct Faculty at Carnegie Mellon University, he teaches in the CISO executive program. Jones also created the Factor Analysis of Information Risk (FAIR) model, as well as the FAIR Controls Analytics Model (FAIR-CAM), since adopted as international standards. Currently, Jones is a strategic advisor to multiple companies, and co-founder and Chairman Emeritus of the FAIR Institute, an award-winning global non-profit organization.

38. Jeff Schutt

Principal Engineer

CISCO

Bio: Jeff Schutt is a Principal Engineer at Cisco, where he has pioneered efforts in software transparency, supply chain security, and trust assurance. As the architect of Cisco's Software Transparency Program, he has been at the forefront of preparing Cisco for the EU Cyber Resilience Act and a rapidly evolving landscape of global regulatory compliance.

Jeff's charter helps Cisco's engineering and product teams meet stringent new standards—transforming regulatory requirements and internal security policies into enforceable, evidence-driven practices. He has been instrumental in embedding technological resilience throughout Cisco's software lifecycle—ensuring that software supply chain transparency and rigorous vulnerability management enable a proactive, secure and compliant by design approach.

By championing cross-functional collaboration and industry partnerships, he helps to further Cisco's goals to meet the highest standards of compliance, and also set new benchmarks for security, trust and resilience in the digital era.

39. Kristopher Fador

Chief Information Security Officer

Bank of America

Bio: Kristopher (Kris) Fador is the Chief Information Security Officer for Bank of America, where he leads the Global Information Security (GIS) team in protecting the company and its clients against cybersecurity threats.

Kris oversees a global team comprised of 3,400 professionals from 18 countries who are thought leaders, industry experts and innovators, with more than 1,300 cybersecurity patents filed or granted. The GIS team plays a critical role in safeguarding all of Bank of America's clients across the globe while also collaborating with global and national industry and government partners to advance cybersecurity for the entire financial services sector. Kris currently serves as the Chair of Board of Directors for the Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Center (FS-ISAC), sits on the Management Committee of the Financial Services Sector Coordinating Council (FSSCC), and is a member of the Board of Trustees at Lake Forest College, his alma mater. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Center for Coastal Studies, a nonprofit dedicated to protecting and studying marine ecosystems.

A passionate advocate for gender equity in technology, Kris is the co-executive sponsor of Bank of America's Women in Technology & Operations group, having previously served as co-chair. He is also the bank's Market Sponsor for its North Carolina Triad region. Based in Charlotte, Kris has held a variety of cybersecurity leadership roles based in Chicago, Hong Kong and New York. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and History from Lake Forest College.

40. Kyriakos Skiouris

Co-Founder and CTO

Agingo

Bio: Kyriakos is Co-Founder and CTO of Agingo, where he has architected a revolutionary blockchain model built on nano-chains and deterministic token structures. As one of the original contributors to Bitcoin since 2008, he brings unique insights into both the strengths and critical shortcomings of first-generation blockchain architectures. His experience implementing security infrastructure for educational institutions, gaming venues, and major public events shaped his approach to chaos-based consensus mechanisms and volumetric validation techniques. His expertise in encryption, systems design, and applied mathematics drives solutions for logistics operators, energy companies, and financial institutions solving problems that conventional blockchain models cannot overcome through cryptographically secure, high-volume operations with embedded compliance logic.

41. Kalee Strawbridge

Sr. Manager, Information Security

Lowe's Companies, Inc

Bio:

42. Lance Peterman

Manager, Identity & Access Management

Dick's Sporting Goods

Bio: Lance Peterman is an adjunct faculty member at UNC Charlotte, teaching topics in cybersecurity, identity & access management, and software architecture & design.He also serves as Manager of Identity & Access Management at Dick's Sporting Goods. He speaks regularly at cybersecurity and digital identity-focused conferences. He has over two decades of experience in information security organizations focusing on security architecture, enterprise workforce identity challenges, and customer identity & access management. In addition to being a former chair and an emeritus member of the board of directors at IDPro, Lance is also a precinct judge for North Carolina elections. He actively holds both the CIDPRO and CISSP certifications.

43. L. Jean Camp

Bank of America Distinguished Professor
UNC-Charlotte
Bio: L. Jean Camp is the Bank of America Distinguished Professor at UNC-Charlotte. Previously, she was a Professor in the School of Informatics and Computer Science at Indiana University, in Informatics and Computer Science. She has recently been selected as a member of the National Academy of Artificial Intelligence. She is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a Fellow of ACM, a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers, and has been inducted into the Sigma Xi honor society. She joined Indiana after eight years at Harvard's Kennedy School where her
courses were also listed in Harvard Law, Harvard Business, and the Engineering Systems Division of MIT. She spent the year after earning her doctorate from Carnegie Mellon as a Senior Member of the Technical Staff at Sandia National Laboratories. She began her career as an engineer at Catawba Nuclear Station with a BSEE from UNC-Charlotte.

44. Connor Lawless

Penetration tester
Rebyc Security
Bio: Connor works as a penetration tester for Rebyc Security, helping numerous corporate clients test and secure their systems. He holds numerous certifications such as the PNPT and Certified Red Team Professional.

45. Martin Strasburger

VP, Chief Security & Information Security Officer
Duke Energy
Bio: Martin Strasburger leads the Enterprise Security department at Duke Energy Corporation, a Fortune 200 company, and one of the largest combined gas and electric utilities in the United States. In this role, Martin works with company executives and the board of directors to define the company's security strategy across technology networks/systems, operational assets, facilities and personnel. To implement the strategy Martin leads a team of 250 highly skilled employees across all security disciplines.Prior to joining Duke Energy Corporation, Martin was a Senior Director leading the

cybersecurity department at Pacific Gas and Electric Company, also a Fortune 200 company,and one of the largest combined gas and electric utilities in the United States. In this role, Martin built an industry leading security intelligence and operations center and significantly increased the maturity of the overall cybersecurity program. Martin started his career in Deloitte's Security and Privacy Services practice. At Deloitte, Martin was a Senior Manager and served Fortune 100 companies such as Citi, United Technologies, and JP Morgan Chase. Additionally, Martin was a practice leader for the Identity and Access Management practice. Martin has extensive experience in identity and access management, vulnerability management, threat intelligence and security operations. He holds the CISSP designation.Martin has a bachelor's degree in Management Information Systems from California State University Chico.

46. Michale Adams

Docusign
Bio:

47. Madison Horn

Senior Director, National Security Strategy & Policy, World Wide Technology
World Wide Technology
Bio: Madison Horn is a seasoned cybersecurity executive, national security strategist, and two-time federal candidate, most recently running for U.S. Congress in the 2024 cycle. With over 15 years of experience defending American interests across critical infrastructure, national security, and regulated industries, she has led global incident response teams, cyber strategy, and digital risk transformation initiatives for some of the world's most complex environments.

Madison began her career in the start-up ecosystem, leading red teaming engagements with FusionX and went on to hold leadership roles at Accenture, PwC, and Siemens Energy, where she built and scaled global cybersecurity services and products. From playing a pivotal role in launching Accenture's Global Cyber Defense practice to developing cloud security capabilities at PwC and being a leader within Siemens Energy's global security practice, her work has driven resilience for Fortune 100 companies and critical infrastructure sectors worldwide.

As Founder of RoseRock Advisory Group, Madison has also supported startups, investors, and government leaders navigating the intersections of cybersecurity, geopolitics, and innovation. Her leadership extends beyond the private sector, contributing to cybersecurity policy development, global cyber standards, and education reform efforts across federal and international initiatives.

Madison now serves as National Security Strategy & Policy Advisor at World Wide Technology, where she advances strategic cybersecurity initiatives, strengthens public-private partnerships, and supports resilience across the U.S. critical infrastructure landscape.

48. Matt Fussa

Vice President, Trust & Compliance Officer

CISCO

Bio: As Cisco's Vice President, Trust & Compliance Officer, Matt Fussa leads a global team of technical and business professionals, including country cybersecurity officers and compliance experts. The Trust & Compliance Office partners with government cybersecurity agencies and customers to share security best practices and shape cyber risk management and cyber security regulation. Matt has responsibility for maintaining customer trust across SaaS, hardware, and data security compliance for Cisco.

With over two decades of leadership experience in the public and private sectors, Matt has made significant contributions to Cisco's success by leading efforts to enhance SaaS market access and obtaining essential certifications such as FedRAMP, ISO 27001, SOC 2, and EUCS. Other key accomplishments include overseeing Cisco's focused strategy to combat counterfeiting and managing the response to government, law enforcement, and national security data demands. Under his direction, Cisco was ranked #1 in Supply Chain Security by Gartner for three consecutive years. Matt began his career at Cisco as lead legal counsel for the Global Government Solutions Group and eventually led legal support across the Americas regions, managing a large team of attorneys on business transactions, financing, regulatory compliance, acquisitions and integration, and the divestiture of legacy products from the Cisco portfolio. Following that success, he was selected to be the Cisco Scholar in Residence at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C., where he studied cybersecurity policy and worked closely with industry leaders and government officials. In his current role, he and his team are viewed as trusted advisors to Cisco's CEO and executive leadership team on matters of cybersecurity risk. Matt is also a decorated U.S. Marine, where he served as a platoon and company commander, an international law specialist at the Pentagon, and held various senior legal leadership positions in the operating forces before retiring from the Marine Corps Reserves.

49. Mitchell Wahl

Strategic Alliances leader

Black Kite

Bio: Mitchell Wahl is a Strategic Alliances leader at Black Kite, where he drives growth by building high-impact alliances and empowering partners to address today's most critical Third-Party Risk Management (TPRM) challenges. With a focus on creating joint successes and increasing mindshare, Mitch is spearheading the development of Black Kite's formal Partner Program—streamlining collaboration, enhancing partner success, and enabling a scalable ecosystem. His work bridges innovation and execution, helping organizations strengthen their cyber risk posture through trusted partnerships.

50. Mahesh Gopalakrishnan

Principal Consultant

Infosys Americas

Bio: Mahesh is an award-winning cybersecurity leader with over 18+ years of experience across banking, healthcare, utilities, telecom, and IT services. He specializes in building and transforming Security Operations Centers (SOCs), with a strong focus on integrating artificial intelligence to enhance threat detection, triage, and operational efficiency.

As a certified CISSP, CCSP, CISM, CRISC, CGRC, CEH, ISO 27001 Lead Auditor, and a global beta cohort recipient of ISACA's Advanced in AI Security Management (AAISM) certification, Mahesh brings deep expertise in aligning cybersecurity with business resilience. He has successfully led initiatives involving MITRE ATT&CK, NIST, PCI-DSS, GDPR, and RBI frameworks, and is passionate about advancing AI-driven SOC capabilities.

Mahesh is also the author of the book "Cyber Resilience for Entrepreneurs" and the whitepaper "The Language of Information Security", contributing to global cybersecurity thought leadership through writing and speaking engagements. His speaking engagements include ISACA chapter events, CSA Bangalore, cybersecurity awareness programs, and training sessions on certifications and technology topics. His approach combines technical depth with strategic vision, making him a valuable voice in discussions around AI adoption, workforce readiness, and governance in modern SOC environments.

51. Nevo Poran

CTO

Tenet Security

Bio: Nevo is the CTO of Tenet Security and a top-tier cybersecurity engineer focused on GenAI, API, and application security. A Unit 8200 veteran 2x 8200 Excellence Award recipient. Nevo co-founded Wild Pointer, serving as technical lead and later CEO, managing teams delivering R&D to Cisco, Noname Security, and Fortune 500 clients. He co-led Cisco's first GenAI Security Research Team. A hands-on builder, he has shipped end-to-end security systems from research through production. Nevo speaks on Kubernetes/cloud and GenAI security (e.g CyberArk INTENT 2024) and now focuses on secure-by-design AI systems.

52. Patrick Hymas

Assistant General Counsel – Vice President

Wells Fargo

Bio: Patrick Hymas is a member of the Cybersecurity, Privacy, and Data team in the Legal Department at Wells Fargo, providing legal support to the Chief Information Security Officer function and the overall enterprise cybersecurity team. Patrick has been a member of the Wells Fargo Legal Department for nine years and was part of the first formation of a cybersecurity legal team at the company. He advises on incident response, development of playbooks and procedures, contract negotiation, risk governance,

compliance processes, and company comment on proposed laws and regulations. Before working at Wells Fargo, Patrick was Counsel in the Legal Department at Bank of America, supporting internal investigation matters involving enterprise technology. He is a graduate of Wake Forest University School of Law.

53. Pat McMahon

Director – Third Party and Subsidiary Cyber Risk

TIAA

Bio: Cybersecurity professional with over 25 years experience in the financial services industry leading high performing teams, driving adoption of security standards, delivering large scale secure technology solutions, and identifying & mitigating information security threats. I currently lead a team focused on assessing and mitigating TIAA's 3rd Party & Subsidiary Cyber Risk.

54. Parker Garrison

Bio: Parker Garrison's past work has spanned offense, defense, and architecture; and he has contributed significantly to the development of widely used open source cybersecurity standards, including D3FEND and CWE. He brings professional experience from the private and public sectors, as an independent consultant, and currently as a startup founder. Since 2018, he has presented at major conferences such as DerbyCon, incorporating a significant use of live demos, and has consistently finished 1st in national-level CTFs and other cybersecurity competitions. His presentations break down complex topics, so that the audience can quickly and efficiently learn and apply new concepts.

55. Patrick Nord

CISSP

ArchetypeSC

Bio: Patrick Nord is a senior cybersecurity and IT executive (CISSP) with two decades of experience helping organizations—from startups to Fortune 500s—secure and transform their digital operations. As Vice President of Professional Services at Archetype SC, he leads multidisciplinary teams across cybersecurity, data, and development initiatives, with a proven track record of delivering strategic outcomes on complex, high-impact projects. Patrick specializes in aligning cybersecurity with business objectives, driving programs in risk management, vulnerability reduction, and AI-integrated security. He has advised U.S. government agencies, critical infrastructure operators, and enterprise clients on building scalable, resilient defenses. A frequent speaker on cybersecurity, data strategy, and enterprise transformation, Patrick has presented at conferences including TechnoSecurity, AWS Public Sector Day, and Strata + Hadoop World. He also serves as a Senior Advisor to the IBM Cyber Campus initiative, helping academic and business communities build hands-on cyber education and innovation programs. Patrick is a co-holder of a U.S. patent for location-based analytics—and is rarely seen without a bow tie.

56. Rick Doten

Bio: Rick is the former VP and NC Healthplan CISO for Centene. He now focuses on advising venture capital firms and numerous cybersecurity startups and is on the Board of Advisors for several of both. He is a frequent speaker, podcast guest, and writer of papers on topics ranging from cybersecurity, neurodiversity, and AI governance and ethics.

In his prior role, Rick worked as Virtual CISO supporting international companies. During that time Rick educated corporate boards, developed and matured security programs, and created the curriculum for a Cybersecurity Master's degree program for an International University. Rick spoke at cybersecurity conferences such as RSA, Secureworld, and FutureCon, and was a guest on The CyberWire Hashtable, CISO Series, Google Cloud, and The Rsnake Show. He sat on the Cloud Security Alliance (CSA) CXO Trust Advisory Council, and the Boards of his local Charlotte ISC2 and CSA Chapters.

Rick is a member of the CIS Critical Security Controls editorial panel, and was a lead author on Version 8 of the Controls. Rick has a Cybersecurity YouTube channel where he recorded an overview of changes to each of the 18 new CIS CSC v8 Controls, and has recent Keynotes and other videos on cybersecurity and neurodiversity topics. Rick has alternated between being a cybersecurity management consultant and CISO throughout his 25+ year cybersecurity career, and has led many ethical hacking, incident response and forensics, and risk management teams.

57. Rick Scot

Global CISO
Elevate Textiles
Bio:

58. Russell Eubanks

Principal Consultant and Co-Founder
Cyverity
Bio: Russell Eubanks is the Principal Consultant and Co-Founder of Cyverity, an information security consulting firm specializing in governance and fractional CISO services. As the former CIO and CISO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Russell is passionate about helping new and aspiring cyber leaders increase their influence and turn knowledge into measurable impact.

59. Ryan Rowcliffe

Field CTO
Legion
Bio:

60. Seth Hagan

TIAA
Bio: Seth is one of the Threat Hunters on the Cybersecurity Insider Threat team at TIAA. He is located in Charlotte, NC and started at TIAA as a SOC Analyst before joining his

current team. Seth holds a Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity and Information Assurance from Western Governors University. He specializes in technical investigations, user behavior analytics, open-source intelligence, and physical security. Outside of work, Seth enjoys locksport, vintage video games and spending time with his son and dog.

61. Tim Pierce

Senior Technical Sales Engineer

Nozomi Networks

Bio: Tim Pierce is a seasoned security and product professional with over 27 years of experience in process engineering and OT cybersecurity. Specializing in plant systems and cyber solutions, Tim has a proven track record of strategic leadership and delivering innovative solutions to complex challenges. Prior to joining Nozomi Networks, Tim was the North American Director of Sales Engineering at Waterfall Security Solutions. He also served in Technical Support and Field Engineering roles during his 11-year tenure. Tim began his OT cybersecurity career at Progress Energy as a Senior Analyst in the Process Computing group at the Brunswick Nuclear Plant. During his 11 years in nuclear, he assumed roles of OT Network Administrator, OT Cybersecurity Administrator, and Cyber Program Technical Lead. Tim excels in solution design and implementation of security architecture for OT environments, ensuring robust security measures to protect critical infrastructure. He also possesses a strong ability to translate complex technical concepts into actionable strategies, particularly in OT security environments.

62. Todd Inskeep

Founder and Senior Director

Incovate Solutions

Bio: Todd Inskeep brings 30 years of executive leadership and innovation experience to delivering business results and managing cybersecurity risk. He has been Chief Information Security Officer, lead wide-ranging cybersecurity projects for global and regional companies, and worked in multiple industries including financial services, intelligence, pharmaceuticals, and manufacturing. He's built and managed cybersecurity teams and budgets to reduce cyber risk. An accomplished speaker and writer, Todd holds multiple patents and was Bank of America's Executive-in-Residence at the MIT Media Lab. Todd started working product and software security at the National Security Agency and holds both a BSEE and a Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence. Active in the infosec community, Todd is on the RSA Conference Advisory Board and has been on the Program Committee for many years. Todd currently runs Incovate Solutions LLC, a consulting company focused on building world-class cybersecurity leaders and programs.

63. Tom Wilson

Managing Partner

DecisionPoint Advisors

Bio:Tom Wilson is a Managing Partner at DecisionPoint Advisors, a boutique investment bank headquartered in Charlotte, NC. Wilson is a seasoned business executive with over 35 years' experience in the technology industry. His transaction experience includes buy-side and sell-side assignments within numerous technology sectors including software, analytics, managed services, and consulting. His strategic and general management skills include experience in developing and growing new businesses, managing international operations and finances, raising capital from angel, institutional and debt sources, and negotiating the sale of companies to strategic buyers.

Since 2012, Wilson has served as a director of Jack Henry & Associates (NASDAQ:JKHY) an S&P 500 FinTech company providing technology solutions to the financial services industry where he serves as Chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Compensation Committee. As a technology provider to the banking industry the Jack Henry Audit Committee oversees regulation by the Federal Banking Agencies (OCC, FDIC, and the Federal Reserve) and the issuance of over 30 SOC reports. Since 2019 Wilson has served as a director of NN Inc. (NASDAQ:NNBR) a diversified industrial manufacturing company where he serves as Chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Governance Committee. As a public company director, Wilson has been involved in CEO transitions, independent auditor and compensation consultant selections, financial restatements, remediation of material weaknesses, restructuring of long-term incentive plans, cyber security oversight, development of board evaluation processes, issuance of sustainability reports, numerous acquisitions and divestitures, and interactions with activist investors. Prior to joining DecisionPoint, he served as Chairman and CEO of NuTech Solutions, an innovative analytics software company which was acquired by Netezza (NYSE:NZ). At NuTech, Wilson was instrumental in refocusing the company, raising equity and debt financing, and leading the efforts to sell to a strategic buyer. Prior to joining NuTech, he served as the President of Osprey, a consulting and systems integration firm, which was acquired by NIIT (NSEI:NIITTECH). At Osprey, Wilson launched a new strategic division, assisted in raising a venture investment from Morgan Stanley Venture Partners, led the organization's repositioning as a provider of packaged services offerings, and was instrumental in the sale of the business. Wilson joined Osprey after 14 years with IBM where he served in a variety of general management, sales, and marketing positions, including leading a $430 million solutions and services organization. Wilson was also an active participant in a structured angel investment group, Charlotte Angel Partners, which was created to evaluate, finance, and grow early-stage companies including AvidXchange, a fintech unicorn.

He holds a B.S. in Finance from Clemson University and an MBA from Duke University. He has served on the board and as Chairman of several community organizations including the US National Whitewater Center, NC Innovative Development for Economic Advancement (NC IDEA), UNC Charlotte College of Computing and

Informatics, Junior Achievement, the Charlotte Ballet, F3 Nation, and the United Way. Wilson is a frequent speaker on business development and information technology issues and has presented to many industry conferences, civic groups, corporations, and organizations.

64. Tushar Arvind

Information Security Incident Response Manager

TIAA

Bio: Tushar Arvind serves as an Information Security Incident Response Manager at TIAA, bringing eight years of cybersecurity expertise to financial services security. He helps lead a 50-member 24x7 Security Operations Center team, managing comprehensive incident response and threat detection operations.

Tushar previously worked as a Cybersecurity Engineer at Sealed Air and holds both a Computer Science BS and Information Technology MS from UNC Charlotte. His experience spans SOC management, incident response leadership, and enterprise security operations, positioning him as an expert in modern cybersecurity challenges and defense strategies.

65. Wolfgang Rohde

Exec. Director of Innovation and Strategy

AiSuNe

Bio: Dr. Rohde, a pioneer in applying cutting-edge technologies, co-founded IBM's Web Services and SOA Excellence Team for Europe. He later developed Cloud solutions for an international solution provider. As global Director of Research at Siemens Digital, he focused on AI, GenAI, Blockchain, Cybersecurity, and Autonomous Factories in manufacturing and supply chain. Currently, as Executive Director at AiSuNe Foundation, Dr. Rohde bridges innovative research with practical business solutions.

66. William E. Galipeau

Sr. Vice President Head of Truist Enterprise Insider Threat Program

Truist

Bio: With 35+ years of corporate investigations experience, Bill Galipeau leads the Enterprise Insider Threat team responsible for insider threat alerting, threat hunting, and insider investigations impacting the Bank, its subsidiaries, clients and shareholders. Truist Enterprise Insider Threat is a cross-functional program collaborating with Corporate Security, Human Resources, Data Protection, Cyber Incident Management, and Corporate Emergency Response Teams. Bill is an active member of the International Association of Financial Crimes investigators (IAFCI), a member of the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS), FS-ISAC, and CERT-Open Source Insider Threat Working Group. Bill also served as the Security & Fraud Committee Chairperson for the NC Bankers' Association. He is recognized as a Financial Crimes Expert Witness in state and federal court.

67. Zach Courson
Bank of America