



The Intersection of AI Adoption & Cyber Readiness

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Greetings!

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to welcome everyone gathered for the seventh annual cyber security summit hosted by Global Cyber Security Initiative (GSCI). This occasion offers an exciting opportunity for everyone in attendance to join fellow members of GSCI, as well as member partners like the Illinois Institute of Technology and Pan Asian American Business Council (PAABC) and generate ideas that implement solutions. I commend the work you all have done to help make Illinois a stronger and more enjoyable state.

Founded in 2016, GSCI has become a leader in global innovation in cyber security. Expanding operations to focus on broader concerns related to cyber security, GSCI has partnered with numerous organizations to spearhead a reimagining of security in the modern age. This year's conference focusing on AI and cyber readiness aims to ensure Illinois remains at the forefront of innovative solutions to the problems of today.

Illinois is proud to have enjoyed your service to our state. As you reflect on your accomplishments, I urge you to make plans for the future of your association that will build on your past successes. I am grateful for all the ways your organization has supported a strong future for Illinois. On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable occasion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JB Pritzker".

Governor JB Pritzker





OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

BRANDON JOHNSON
MAYOR

April 30, 2026

Dear Friends,

As Mayor, and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I am honored to welcome all those gathered for the 2026 Global Cyber Security Initiative Conference.

Founded in 2016, the Global Cyber Security Initiative (GCSI) has emerged as a global leader in cybersecurity innovation. Dedicated to addressing the complex challenges facing major industries while anticipating future threats, GCSI continues to develop forward-thinking solutions that strengthen digital resilience worldwide. Through strategic partnerships with esteemed institutions such as Illinois Institute of Technology, HUB, IBM, and the Association of Information Technology Professionals, GCSI has established itself as a driving force in advancing cybersecurity.

This year's conference, themed "The Intersection of AI Adoption and Cyber Readiness," brings together industry leaders and professionals to connect, exchange ideas, and inspire innovation. With a robust program of keynote speakers, panel discussions, and networking opportunities, attendees will gain valuable insights and practical tools to help shape the future of cybersecurity.

I commend the Global Cyber Security Initiative and all those involved for their continued leadership and commitment to strengthening cybersecurity. I hope your time in Chicago is both productive and inspiring, and that your discussions lead to meaningful progress in safeguarding our digital future.

I hope your event is enjoyable. Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brandon Johnson".

Mayor Brandon Johnson



Dear Friends,

On behalf of Illinois Institute of Technology, I'm honored to welcome you to this year's Global Cyber Security Initiative (GCSI) summit.

The GCSI was founded to address the areas of concern outlined by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. Since its creation, GCSI has successfully partnered with Illinois Tech, among other prominent cybersecurity voices, and emerged as a key innovator in the field.

This conference-where thought leaders, companies, researchers, and government come together to share ideas and collaborate to address today's critical cybersecurity challenges-is crucial in today's increasingly interconnected world.

At Illinois Tech, we're innovating to address these global cybersecurity challenges and push the field forward through cross-disciplinary thinking. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the National Security Agency have designated Illinois Tech as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education, and the university's Center for Cyber Security and Forensics Education (C'SAFE) is at the core of Illinois Tech's designation.

I commend the GCSI for its critical contributions to cybersecurity innovation, and I look forward to our continued partnership in the years ahead.

Sincerely,



Raj Echambadi
President, Illinois Institute of Technology



Welcome to the 2026 Global Cyber Security Initiative (GCSI 2026) Annual Conference

Welcome to the Global Cyber Security Initiative (GCSI) Annual Conference 2026. It is my pleasure to thank you for joining us and for being part of this important forum that brings together senior leaders, practitioners, policymakers, and researchers from across the cybersecurity, risk, technology, and governance communities.

The theme of GCSI 2026 centers on ***the intersection of AI adoption and cyber readiness***. As organizations rapidly integrate artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies, the need to understand, govern, and secure these capabilities has never been more critical. This conference is designed to foster meaningful dialogue on how leaders can align innovation, risk management, and cyber preparedness to meet today's evolving threat landscape.

Our agenda reflects GCSI's commitment to engaged, peer-to-peer learning through keynote presentations, panel discussions, and executive-level conversations. Throughout the day, you will hear diverse perspectives from public and private sector leaders as they share real-world experiences, practical insights, and forward-looking approaches to strategy, governance, and resilience.

GCSI's mission is to build strong and lasting connections between thought leaders, organizations, and institutions worldwide. By bringing together senior professionals and leading researchers, this conference aims to encourage collaboration and deliver actionable insight that supports informed decision-making across industries.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our speakers, panelists, sponsors, partners, and hosts for their continued commitment and support. Your contributions make this conference possible.

Thank you for your participation. I hope you find the discussions insightful, the connections valuable, and the experience rewarding.

Kasi Paturi

Chairman

Global Cyber Security Initiative (GCSI) 2026





GCSI ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

AGENDA

8:30 AM Registration

8:45 AM Welcome Remarks

Jason Czarnezki (Chicago-Kent College of Law)

9:00 AM Opening Keynote Speaker

Mark Manglicmot (CrowdStrike Inc.)

9:50 AM CISO Panel: AI as Your Second Brain: Secure Decisions at Speed

Moderator: Bruce Coffing (City of Chicago)
Fred Kwong (DeVry), Sebastiaan Gybels (Northern Trust), Rebecca Lively (Stealth Startup), Glenn Kapetansky (Trexin)

10:30 AM Networking Break

10:45 AM Fireside Chat: AI & Sustainability

Jason Czarnezki (Chicago-Kent College of Law), Xiaochen Zhang (AI 2030)

11:10 AM CxO Panel: Supply Chain Risks

Moderator: Mark Rorabaugh (InfraShield)
Stephen Reynolds (McDermott Will & Schulte), Terry Kurzynski, (HALOCK), Matt Hartzman (Hartzman Partners), Lewis J Borsellino (DefendEdge)

12:00 PM Networking Lunch

1:00 PM Fireside Chat: How AI Is Reshaping Cybersecurity

Nitin Raina (Thoughtworks)

Interviewer: Gregg Friedman (ISSA Chicago)

1:30 PM Fireside Chat

David Neuman (acceligence)

Interviewer: Nicole Beebe (Illinois Tech)

2:00 PM Networking Break

2:20 PM Board-Level Discussion: Cybersecurity as Strategic Priority

Moderator: Laszlo Gonc (Next Era Transformation Group)
Robert Barr (Caboose), Bob Kress (Accenture Security, Retired MD), Wendy Betts (Rotary International)

3:10 PM Networking Break

3:25 PM Industry Panel: Regulated Sectors (Healthcare, Fintech, Insurance)

Moderator: Richard Warner (Chicago-Kent College of Law)
Che Bhatia (Stroz Friedberg), Karen Habercross (UChicago Medicine), Randy Armknecht (Protiviti), Tellis Williams

4:05 PM Distinguished Speaker

Evan Pena (Armadin)

4:45 PM Closing Remarks

Kasi Paturi (PAABC President)

5:00 PM Networking Reception



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8:30 AM - 8:45 AM

Registration

8:45 AM - 9:00 AM

Welcoming Remarks

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM

Keynote Speaker



SPEAKER

Mark Manglicmot

Global Vice President,
Cybersecurity Consulting
Services at CrowdStrike

9:50 AM - 10:30 AM

**CISO Panel - AI as Your Second Brain: Defensible
Security Decisions at Speed**



MODERATOR

Bruce Coffing
CISO, City of
Chicago



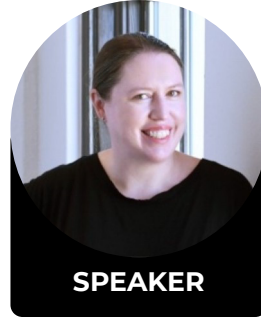
SPEAKER

Fred Kwong
CISO, DeVry



SPEAKER

Sebastiaan Gybels
Sr VP, Northern
Trust



SPEAKER

Rebecca Lively
Stealth Startup



SPEAKER

Glenn Kapetansky
Senior Technology
Executive & CISO,
Trexin

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Networking Break

—○ 10:45 AM - 11:10 AM ○—

Fireside Chat - AI & Sustainability



INTERVIEWER

Jason Czarnezki
Professor, College
of Law, Illinois Tech

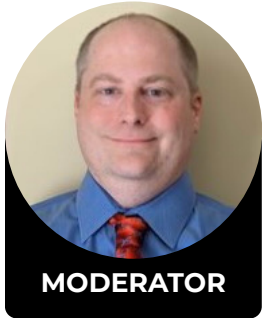


INTERVIEWEE

Xiaochen Zhang
Chief Responsible
AI Officer, AI 2030

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CxO Panel - Securing Supply Chains Amid Opacity & Concentration Risks



MODERATOR

Mark Rorabaugh
CEO, Infrashield



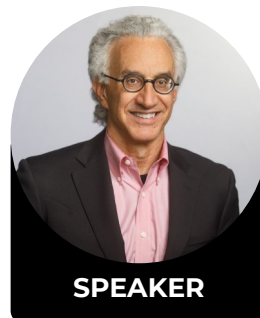
SPEAKER

Stephen Reynolds
Attorney with
McDermott,
McDermott Will &
Schulte



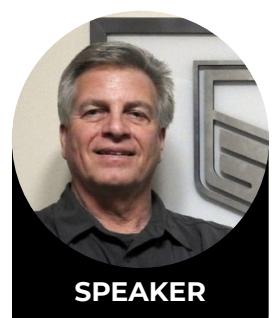
SPEAKER

Terry Kurzynski
Chief Security
Advisor, HALOCK



SPEAKER

Matt Hartzman
Advisor, Hartzman
Partners



SPEAKER

Lewis J Borsellino
Director Of Business
Development,
DefendEdge

—○ 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM ○—

Networking Lunch

—○ 01:00 PM - 01:25 PM ○—

Fireside Chat - How AI is Changing & Challenging Cybersecurity



INTERVIEWER

Gregg Friedman
President, ISSA
Chicago



INTERVIEWEE

Nitin Raina
Global CISO,
Thoughtworks

—o 01:30 PM - 02:00 PM o—

Fireside Chat



INTERVIEWER

Nicole Beebe

Dean, College of
Computing, Illinois
Tech



INTERVIEWEE

David Neuman

Chief Operating
Officer,
acceligence

—o 02:00 PM - 02:20 PM o—

Networking Break

—o 02:20 PM - 03:10 PM o—

Board Level discussions – Elevating Cybersecurity as a Strategic Business Priority



MODERATOR

Laszlo Gonc

Founder/CEO, Next
Era Transformation
Group



SPEAKER

Robert Barr

PDA Board
Member



SPEAKER

Bob Kress

Retired MD, The
Accenture Security



SPEAKER

Wendy Betts

Information
Security Officer,
Rotary
International

—o 03:10 PM - 03:25 PM o—

Networking Break

—○ 03:25PM - 04:05 PM ○—

**Panel on Cybersecurity for highly regulated areas Healthcare,
Fintech and Insurance**



MODERATOR

Richard Warner

Chicago-Kent
College of Law



SPEAKER

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Bhatia**

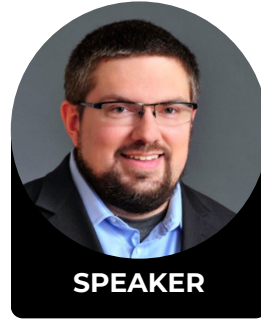
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Friedberg



SPEAKER

Karen Habercross

VP, Chief
Information
Security and
Privacy Officer



SPEAKER

Randy Armknecht

MD, Protiviti



SPEAKER

Tellis Williams

Seasoned CISO/
Information
Security Executive
Thought Leader

—○ 04:05 PM - 04:45 PM ○—

Distinguished Speaker



SPEAKER

Evan Pena

Founder, Armadin

—○ 04:45 PM - 05:00 PM ○—

Closing Remarks



Kasi Paturi

President, PAABC

—○ 05:00 PM - 06:00 PM ○—

Networking Reception



TEAM

- **Bruce Coffing:** CISO, City of Chicago
- **Laszlo Gonc:** Founder, Next Era Transformation Group
- **Dr. John Johnson:** Founder/President/CISO, Docent Institute
- **Dr. Fred Kwong:** CISO, DeVry University
- **Adam Lewis:** Deputy CISO, Alliant Credit Union
- **Michael Phillips:** Founding Partner, vSEC LLC
- **Ramona Ratiu:** Zurich Insurance Company Ltd.
- **Ravi Bhatarai:** CISO, Pritzker Group
- **Wynona Lam:** Youth Coordinator, PAABC
- **Kasi Paturi:** President, PAABC
- **Richard Warner:** Faculty Director, Center of Law and Computers, Chicago Kent College of Law
- **Nicole Beebe:** Dean, College of Computing, Illinois Tech

Advisors

- **Collin Canright:** Canright Communications
- **Gregg Friedman:** Security Advisor at Brush Cyber
- **Tina Hauri:** President, Bradford Garrett Group, Inc.
- **Wayne Johnson:** Chicago CISO of the Year Award Founder
- **Walter Lefmann:** BoD, Docent Institute, CISO (retired)
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- **Steve Moscarelli:** Strategic Client Director - Thales
- **Sean O'Kelly:** CEO, Meetings & Events International
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- **Ray Trygstad:** Professor Emeritus and Past Associate Chair of Information Technology & Management, Illinois Tech
- **Ron Williamson:** CISO, Director Cyber Strategies, Concept Ventures
- **Tellis Williams:** Executive Security Advisor, OESM
- **Dimitra N, Kane:** Sr. Business Architect HCSC/BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois
- **Rahul Patel:** Director of Cybersecurity, Office of Cook County Clerk

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