Mark Montgomery
Wednesday, November 1st @ 9:15 AM

Admiral Mark Montgomery, USN (R) serves as the Executive Director of Cybersolarium.org, a non-profit organization which works to implement the recommendations of the Cyberspace Solarium Commission, where he was Executive Director from 2019 to 2021. He is also the Senior Director of the Center on Cyber and Technology Innovation and a Senior Fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies. Prior to this, Mark was Policy Director for the Senate Armed Services Committee under the leadership of Senator John S. McCain and completed 32 years as a nuclear trained surface warfare officer in the U.S. Navy, retiring as a Rear Admiral in 2017.

Steve Hodges
Wednesday, November 1st @ 12:30 PM

Steve Hodges has joined Georgia Technology Authority (GTA) as State Chief Information Security Officer. Mr. Hodges previously served as the Disclosure Officer and Senior IT Security Manager for the Georgia Department of Revenue (DOR). His nearly 22-year tenure at the agency included a variety of roles: Server Platform Manager, Network Support and Security Manager, IT Operations Manager, and Database Support Manager. Mr. Hodges also held responsibility for business continuity and disaster recovery planning. Before joining DOR, he was employed by the Georgia Department of Administrative Services, first as a contractor and later as a state employee. Mr. Hodges has been involved in information security throughout his career in both the public and private sectors. Early on, he was part of a team that developed one of the first commercially marketed disk encryption and access control systems for IBM-compatible computers. His experience spans a wide array of information technology systems and configurations, and he holds several professional certifications including Lean Six Sigma, Dante Networking, Dell | EMC Clariion, and Novell CNE.

Victor Winter
Wednesday, November 1st @ 1:20 PM

Dr. Victor Winter is a Computer Science professor at the University of Nebraska-Omaha (UNO). Prior to joining the faculty at UNO, Dr. Winter was a Principal Member of the Technical Staff at Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) where he led the High-Integrity Software project. In 2013, Dr. Winter developed an introductory programming course based on the functional programming language SML. At the time, Dr. Winter was also teaching a computer science class on Discrete Mathematics. The educational challenges and opportunities lying at the intersection of these two classes gave rise to the creation of Bricklayer, an educational ecosystem designed to facilitate CS education across the K-16 spectrum. It is in pursuit of this educational mission that Dr. Winter, and his wife Jennifer, co-founded the 501(c)(3) educational non-profit Bricklayer.org. Dr. Winter's interest in machine learning, generative AI, and the metaverse stems from their potential to positively impact education. In 2005 Steve Jobs gave a speech to the graduating class at Stanford University where he said: "Computers themselves, and software yet to be developed, will revolutionize the way we learn." Thanks to generative AI and the emergence of the metaverse, that time has arrived. In his free time Dr. Winter likes to play video games (he is an avid Fortnite player) and go swing dancing.

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Stanton Gatewood
Thursday, November 2nd @ 8:40 AM

Mr. Gatewood is the US DHS / CISA - R4 Cyber Security Coordinator for the State of Georgia. Gatewood is the former Chief Information Security Officer for the State of Georgia, Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and the University of Georgia. He has more than 35 years of experience in cyber security program management and strategic planning, executive leadership, including the U.S. military, state and federal governments, higher education, and several top 10 global corporations. Gatewood has also served as the Vice President for Information Technology and the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for Albany State University. Stanton has built 2 centers of excellence, (1) cryptography and (2) awareness & training. He is a recent nominee to the National Cyber Security Hall of Fame.

Malcolm Haynes
Thursday, November 2nd @ 12:30 PM

COL Malcolm Haynes was commissioned as an Armor Officer upon graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1998. A recipient of a National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship award, COL Haynes spent the first two years after commissioning earning a master's degree in computer science at the University of Texas at Austin. Subsequently, COL Haynes was assigned as a tank platoon leader in 1-12 CAV. COL Haynes then went on to serve as the company commander of Eagle Troop, 2-2 ACR and Alpha Company, 2-23 IN. He deployed to Iraq as part of the surge from 2007-2008 where he received an ARCOM with Valor for actions in and around Khalis, Iraq when he was serving as a military transition team chief. Upon return, COL Haynes went to the School of Advanced Military Studies and served as a maneuver planner in III Corps at Fort Hood, Texas where he deployed to Afghanistan. COL Haynes was then selected to attend the Georgia Institute of Technology where he received a PhD in computer science. Since 2017, COL Haynes has served at the United States Military Academy as an assistant professor. COL Haynes' is a graduate of the Armor Officer Basic Course, Cavalry Leaders Course, Infantry Captains Career Course, Combined Arms Staff Services School, Intermediate Level Education, School of Advanced Military Studies, Air Assault School, Airborne School, and Ranger School.

Richard Marshall
Thursday, November 2nd @ 1:00 PM

Dr. Marshall offers 30 plus years of broad executive leadership experience as a former member of the Senior Executive Service in the federal government having served in the Department of Defense, National Security Agency (legal architect of nation's first cyber warfare exercise), the White House (Comprehensive National Cyber Security Initiative), the Department of Commerce (Critical Infrastructure Assurance Office), and the Department of Homeland Security (Director of Global Cyber Security Management). Since retiring from the federal government (Senior Executive Service) he has broadened his executive experience by serving as Chairman of three corporations and on various boards of advisors and directors, CEO of tech startups, Executive Director of a non-profit research center, and Special Cyber Advisor to the government of Moldova. Founder and Chairman of the Board of CinturionGroup, a global provider of international fiber optic cable communications systems and services delivering high-reliability and high-capacity solutions via the next generation of fiber optic networks. Current project is connecting Europe to India and Singapore through Israel, Jordon, and Saudi Arabia. Chairman of the Board of SDSE Networks. Home of SCOUT Providing Software defined Secure Enclave. SDSE (SCOUT)

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secures and encrypts network communications: each endpoint, every instance, over any device, any place in the world. "Engineered with Stealth, Dark by Design." As President of X-SES Consultants LLC, he advocates at the board level, comprehensive sustainable corporate information technology governance programs that foster cost-effective software assurance, supply chain risk management, cyber security awareness training, and procurement strategies.

Chris Silvers
Thursday, November 2nd @ 1:40 PM

Chris Silvers is a security consultant and instructor with more than 20 years experience in information security and a passion for education. He has presented at numerous conferences, such as DEF CON, DerbyCon, and GrrCon, and is a sought-after expert in cyber security with a focus on social engineering. Chris endeavors to spread security awareness in the community, particularly among teenagers and professionals outside the security industry.

Katherine Fithen
Friday, November 3rd @ 8:40 AM

Katherine Fithen has been a leader in information security and privacy for 30 years, where she has worked with businesses through digital transformation efforts to meet information security and privacy requirements. Katherine has been with KPMG since July 2020 as the Director of the Information Handling Program and the IIRT (Information Incident Response Team), and then as a Sr Director for Privacy in KPMGI (KPMG International) Risk Management Technology & Information. Prior to joining KPMG, Katherine was at McKesson Corp. as the Director for Cybersecurity Governance. Before McKesson Corp., she was a Managing Principal Consultant with Secureworks after retiring as the Chief Privacy Officer and Director of Governance & Compliance at The Coca-Cola Company in July 2017. Prior to joining The Coca-Cola Company in 2002, Katherine was the Senior Manager of the CSIRT Program at PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP, and prior to pwc, she was the Manager of the CERT®. Katherine has earned a Bachelor of Arts in Retail Management, a Master of Arts in Personnel Management, and a Master of Science in Information Science. In August 2015, Katherine was listed as one of "Women in IT Security: 10 Power Players" by SC Magazine, and testified before Congress in 2000 on the Melissa virus (02/29/00 Committee on the Judiciary - Fithen Statement (globalsecurity.org)).