Speaker Biographies

**Stephanie Dedmon, CIO, Tennessee**
Stephanie Dedmon was named CIO for the State of Tennessee in October 2018. In this role, she is responsible for all operational areas of the state’s central IT organization, Strategic Technology Solutions (STS). This includes managing the team’s IT service delivery, technical infrastructure development and support and customer service management and the workforce of over 1300 IT professionals. As Deputy CIO, Dedmon was previously responsible for the Enterprise IT Transformation (EIT) initiative to further build the state’s enterprise IT organization by transitioning over 800 executive branch department IT employees to STS. Prior to being named Deputy CIO in November of 2015, Dedmon was the Director of Business Solutions Delivery (BSD), also within the Department of Finance and Administration. BSD was created in late 2011 to build a team of experienced senior project directors, project managers and business analysts to help lead the state’s most complex IT/business solution implementations and improve project delivery success rates. Prior to joining the state in 2005, Dedmon was an Associate Partner with Accenture in Nashville and served as project director on many public sector software implementations. Dedmon holds a Master of Business Administration from Tennessee Technological University (TTU) in Cookeville, Tennessee and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, also from TTU. She is a member of the National Association of State CIOs (NASCIO) where she is Co-Chair of the Innovation Committee, a member of the Nashville Technology Council, Women in IT Tennessee and the Nashville Project Management Institute (PMI) chapter.

**Debbie Gordon, Founder and CEO, Cloud Range Cyber**
Debbie Gordon is a Nashville-based serial entrepreneur and currently Founder and CEO of Cloud Range Cyber, a pioneer in providing cyber defense training and simulation to help organizations prepare for inevitable cyber-attacks. In addition to Cloud Range, which serves customers worldwide, she also developed and owns the Nashville Cyber Range, a simulated command center for cyber security teams and individuals to be trained on cyber defense and for executive teams to experience incident
response and preparedness exercises. Previously, she founded and was CEO of S3 IT Asset Management which she sold in 2015, as well as Snappy Auctions, an international franchisor or online consignment services which she grew internationally throughout North America and Asia. Gordon is a long-time member and former president of Entrepreneurs Organization (EO) Nashville and serves in a global capacity facilitating strategic planning for chapters around the world. Gordon was recently appointed as an Entrepreneur in Residence for the Nashville Entrepreneur Center, providing guidance and mentorship to early stage founders.

Richard Littlehale, Special Agent in Charge, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation
Rich Littlehale is Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the Technical Services Unit of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). He supervises TBI’s online child exploitation, cyber investigations, digital forensics, and electronic surveillance functions. SAC Littlehale has testified as an expert witness on communications records in numerous homicide and violent crime trials. SAC Littlehale is also an attorney, teaches criminal procedure and electronic surveillance law, and serves as an expert on access to digital evidence for the state and local law enforcement community before Congress and other bodies. SAC Littlehale received his bachelor’s degree from Bowdoin College and his law degree from Vanderbilt University.

Etay Maor, Executive Security Advisor, IBM Security
Etay Maor is an executive security advisor at IBM Security, where he leads security and fraud fighting awareness and research. A security evangelist, Maor regularly presents at industry events and academic master classes as well as volunteering for educational security awareness programs. Previously, Maor was the Head of RSA’s Cyber Threats Research Labs where he managed malware research and intelligence teams and was part of cutting-edge security research. Maor holds a BA in Computer Science and a MA in Counter Terrorism and Cyber Terrorism. He has spoken at a wide range of conferences and has been interviewed in major media outlets.

Jonathan Skrmetti, Chief Deputy Attorney General, Tennessee
Jonathan Skrmetti was hired as chief deputy to Tennessee Attorney General Herbert H. Slatery III in December 2018. In that role, he coordinates and supervises the work of the Tennessee Attorney General's Office, including review of substantive work and general management of the office. At the time he was hired, Jonathan was a partner at Butler Snow LLP in Memphis, Tennessee. Before joining Butler Snow, he served as a federal prosecutor for almost a decade, first at the Civil Rights Division and then as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Memphis. He prosecuted child sex traffickers, violent white supremacists, and corrupt public officials, as well as white collar and firearms offenses. In addition, he taught cyberlaw as an adjunct professor at the University of Memphis. Skrmetti earned honors degrees from George Washington University, the University of Oxford, and Harvard Law School, where he was editor-in-chief of the Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy. Following law school, Jonathan clerked for Judge Steven Colloton on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Cris Thomas, Global Strategy Lead, IBM X-Force Red
With more than two decades of experience, Cris Thomas (aka Space Rogue) commands an uncanny ability to link disparate events, read between the lines and distill complex, technical information into readily understandable, accessible and actionable intelligence. Space Rogue and his colleagues created
the first security research think tank, L0pht Heavy Industries, and the widely popular video news show The Hacker News Network. Eager to share his wealth of knowledge on security trends, Thomas has testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and has been interviewed by media organizations such as Wired, MSNBC and even MTV. Before joining IBM, he worked at such companies as @Stake, Guardent, Trustwave, Tenable and others. Thomas currently works for IBM X-Force Red where he helps clients understand their risks and how they can meet compliance and security challenges.

Matthew Travis, Deputy Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Matthew Travis serves as the first Deputy Director for the Department of Homeland Security’s Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). Travis served as Deputy Under Secretary for the National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD) before the agency became CISA on November 16, 2018. As Deputy Director, he supports the CISA Director in overseeing the Cybersecurity Division, the Infrastructure Security Division, the National Risk Management Center, and the Emergency Communications Division. His operational support responsibilities are to ensure a holistic approach to critical infrastructure protection across physical and cyber risks activities. Prior to joining CISA in March 2018, Travis served as vice president of homeland security for Cadmus, a security and resiliency professional services firm supporting clients throughout the homeland security enterprise. In 2010, he co-founded Obsidian Analysis, Inc., a homeland security consultancy. Obsidian was acquired by Cadmus in 2016. In both companies, Travis served as a senior facilitator of national preparedness exercises in support of FEMA and the National Exercise Program. He also directed all program support for National Level Exercise 2012, the first national cybersecurity exercise. Previously, Travis served as president of the information security company Detica, Inc. and, before that, vice president at DFI International, where he was instrumental in creating the homeland security practice that supported CISA and its Office for Bombing Prevention. From 1991 to 1998, Travis served as an officer in the U.S. Navy. He initially served aboard the guided-missile frigate U.S.S. CARR (FFG 52) as the Engineering Auxiliaries Officer. Aboard CARR, he also served as maritime interdiction boarding officer in the Northern Red Sea following Operation DESERT STORM. Travis then served a tour as White House Liaison to the Secretary of the Navy and was also a White House Military Aide. Travis is originally from Terre Haute, Indiana. He is a 1991 graduate of the University of Notre Dame and holds a master’s in National Security Studies from Georgetown University.

Senator Todd Weiler, Utah
Senator Todd Weiler has served in the state senate since 2012. He serves on several committees and subcommittees, including the Senate Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and Criminal Justice Committee and the Senate Retirement and Independent Entities Committee. Weiler is an Attorney and previously served on the Woods Cross City Council. He received a business degree from Brigham Young University and a J.D. from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University.