

### **Shalon Simmons Bio**

Shalon Simmons has over 30 years of experience in corporate and academic settings. She is the Managing Director of Secure Global Solutions, which provides cybersecurity consulting for small and medium-sized businesses in the U.S., Europe, and Africa. She oversees the company's management and operations. She has been in Academia for 12 years in cybersecurity, most recently as an Academic Portfolio Director at UMGC. She worked in Corporate for over 20 years at AT&T, GE, and Verizon, managing multimillion-dollar international fiber-optic programs across six continents. She lived in London four years and in Ethiopia for five years. She earned a BS in Electrical Engineering and an MS in Cybersecurity from Oklahoma State University, an MBA and an MA in International Business from Oklahoma City University, and a Postgraduate Certificate in Nanotechnology from Oxford University. She is also a Certified Information Systems Security Professional, Certified Ethical Hacker, and Certified Hacking Forensics Investigator.