

2026 Information Assurance Forum Sessions

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Hans Vargas: **AI Governance at Machine Speed (10:00am)**

AI is moving into organizations faster than governance can keep up. This session shows why a strong data governance foundation decides whether AI delivers value, and uses a teenager analogy to explain guardrails and consequences. You'll leave with a simple See, Set, Detect, Correct loop and a 30-60-90 day plan to start.

Matthew Versaggi: **Technological Convergence - How the world changes when AI-tech + Bio-tech + Nano-tech + Quantum-tech fuse together (11:00am)**

This presentation explores the bleeding edge of the convergence of AI-Tech, Bio-Tech, and Nano-Tech from real-world examples, ferrets out and explains 15 significant patterns, and then explores 7 possible futuristic consequences of those patterns that humanity will have to grapple with.

Those who would find particular interest in this presentation: Computer Scientists, Security Specialists, Biologists, Physicists, Healthcare Specialists.

Jeremy Scheiderer: **Authentic AI: Why Context Matters More Than Intelligence (12:05pm)**

As organizations rapidly adopt artificial intelligence, the conversation often focuses on increasingly powerful models. But intelligence alone does not guarantee trustworthy results. Authentic AI requires something more: **context**.

This presentation explores the journey from **Data** → **Context** → **Knowledge** → **Decisions** → **Authentic AI**, examining how contextualized information, digital twins, human expertise, and responsible AI practices can help organizations move from AI experimentation to trusted decision-making. Attendees will explore what makes AI truly useful, explainable, and grounded in the real world—and why the future of AI may depend less on having the smartest model and more on providing the right context.

Chip Block: **Quantum Influences on the Road Ahead (1pm)**

Most think that quantum computing is just really fast computers, but this is not true. Chip will brief on how quantum computing fundamentally changes how we think about technology, communications and the very basics of today's world. He will outline the current state of quantum computing, the concern of post quantum cryptography and how artificial intelligence is facilitating rapid progress in quantum computing. This will include a short discussion of his ongoing work related to quantum computing software development.