

2026 Information Assurance Forum Speakers

Hans Vargas-Silva is an information security leader passionate about innovation, delivering value, and solving novel problems with data. He currently leads the effort to fortify and shape a robust Enterprise Data Protection and Governance Program. He is a Purdue Boilermaker and CERIAS alumnus. He enjoys volunteering on several Boards in his community; he serves as Corporate Secretary of the Hispanic Employee Network at work, promoting diversity of thought and community engagement. He also volunteers with the Ohio Cyber Reserve, contributing to a collective effort to bolster cyber education, preparedness, and response across the state. Hans is an immigrant from Peru.



Matthew Versaggi is a former White House Presidential Innovation Fellow in AI. He says, “The value I bring is a fusion of five sets of capabilities and experiences: I am (1) a Senior Leader in the Artificial Intelligence space with Federal Government and Fortune-5 Healthcare experience; (2) a successful Entrepreneur of 16 years with 60+ clients nationwide; (3) an established Strategist in the AI business/technology space; (4) a noted Public Speaker of 20+ years globally, and (5) a decorated Educator of decades in the academic and professional domains.

I have chaired multiple Patent Review Boards; been awarded multiple individual patents; championed impactful Cognitive AI Technology and Quantum Computing initiatives; seen hundreds of AI Healthcare use-cases, and possess International Business experience.”

Fun Facts: A seasoned pole vault coach of 15+ years, on 2 continents, 3 states, 4 clubs, and 1 high school; who produced national, state, regional, and local champions. He is a Former D3 NCAA Decathlete. (6'4": 225lbs) - USATF Masters Athlete.



Jeremy Scheiderer is a Senior Solution Architect at Marathon Petroleum Corporation with over 26 years of experience in IT, software development, and enterprise architecture. His technology journey began in the late 1990s when he installed his first network and soon after founded CompNet Integrated Solutions, delivering end-to-end IT services across networking, web development, and VoIP systems. He later spent over a decade at Tour de Force, Inc., advancing to Vice President of DevOps where he led product development, cloud modernization, and enterprise technology strategy.

Since joining Marathon Petroleum in 2019, Jeremy has held multiple leadership roles spanning business analysis, product ownership, and architecture. In his current role, he focuses on AI enablement, data contextualization, and digital transformation across Refining and Midstream. His work centers on building modern architectures that drive operational efficiency, enable digital twin capabilities, and deliver measurable business outcomes through DevSecOps and FinOps practices.

Jeremy is also passionate about education, community, and continuous learning. He served for nine years as an adjunct instructor at Owens Community College, mentoring students in computer fundamentals and networking. He recently completed the MIT Professional Education program in Applied Generative AI for Digital Transformation, reinforcing his focus on responsible AI adoption. In the Findlay community, he is an active member of Flag City Rotary, supporting local service and engagement initiatives.

Chip Block is an award-winning cybersecurity and advanced technology executive, researcher, and author with more than four decades of experience spanning cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, data security, privacy, quantum computing and emerging technologies. He served as co-principal investigator with a U.S. national laboratory on research that received an R&D 100 Award, recognizing one of the year's 100 most significant technological achievements in the world. His career has included advanced technology and cybersecurity work supporting the Department of Defense and major organizations in the financial, energy, healthcare, and transportation sectors.



Mr. Block's research has ranged from developing cybersecurity protections for deployed satellite systems to pioneering applications of machine learning in cybersecurity. He has collaborated with senior federal technology leaders, including co-authoring research on advanced data security with the first Chief Data Officer of the Department of Defense. A frequent author and speaker, his current research focuses on securing artificial intelligence infrastructure and applications, the changing cybersecurity and privacy implications of AI and large language models, and emerging quantum technologies.

As CEO and Chief Technologist of Kiwi Futures LLC, Mr. Block advises organizations on advanced cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, quantum technologies, privacy, and data protection. His work focuses on helping organizations understand, secure, and practically apply emerging technologies while preparing for the new security and business challenges they create.