Speaker Biographies

### Mitch Christian, CISO, Synergy Global Housing

In my early career, I worked for Kimberly Clark as an Electrical Engineering. I moved into the IT area as a PC Maintenance Technician. I worked my way to overseeing the NOC. I moved to Grant Thornton as IT Manager and promoted to National Director of IT. I started my own company for small businesses doing Cyber Security Consulting and landed John Deere and Jimmy Johns doing compliance work and hardening systems. I became the Global IT Security Lead for American Hotel Register and built out a global security program from scratch. In 2019, I went to Kivu Consulting as Director of Cyber Investigations leading more than 100 investigations and remediations of Ransomware incidents and litigation cases. Currently I am Global IT Security Director at Synergy Global Housing and CISO for Alpha Recon (a startup company making an app for Risk Management). I have a degree in Automated Manufacturing and Business Technical Management. I currently hold a CISSP and CISM and am an active member of Infragard. My family and I reside in Colorado

Kyle Kammer, Senior Solutions Engineer, Okta

Kyle is a senior pre-sales engineer at Okta serving Midwest enterprises across all verticals. His focus is enabling organizations to cement the foundation of their Zero Trust security strategies through identity-based solutions. Before joining Okta, he spent 15 years leading application development and service-based infrastructure at several e-commerce, digital marketing, and web application consultancies.

John Kellerhals, Security Operations, CF Industries
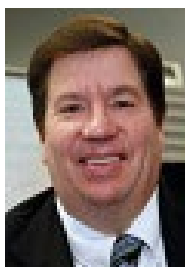
John Kellerhals, most recently the Security Operations Manager at CF Industries, has more than 20 years of experience in information security, incident response, governance and risk management, business continuity, disaster recovery, security operations, and auditing. He currently holds the CISSP, CISA, CISM, and CRISC certifications. John is a governing body member of the CISO Executive Summit and the Chairman of the board for the Chicago Chapter of Infragard. John previously served as the Finance Commission Chairman for the Village of Mount Prospect. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering from Northwestern University.

Joseph Kupiec, Team Lead, Cloud Solutions Group, PSM Partners

Joseph focuses on architecting cloud solutions leveraging Microsoft's Azure platform (primarily) and Amazon's AWS platform. In the past, he assisted software development companies with architecting, engineering, and securing their public cloud SaaS software offerings. Currently, his primary focus is defining and executing security priorities/initiatives for a renewable energy company.

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Rory McCune, Cloud Native Security Advocate

Rory has worked in the IT Security arena for the last 20 years in a variety of roles. These days he spends his time on container and cloud native security as a Cloud Native Security Advocate for Aqua. He is an active member of the container security community having delivered presentations at a variety of IT and Information security conferences. He has also presented at major containerization conferences and is an author of the CIS Benchmarks for Docker and Kubernetes and main author of the Mastering Container Security training course which has been delivered at numerous industry conferences including Blackhat USA. When he's not working, Rory can generally be found out walking and enjoying the scenery of the Scottish highlands.

John Wyss, Vice President, Fortanix

John currently leads the product team at Fortanix, a Silicon Valley technology venture firm backed in part by Intel Capital, which has pioneered Confidential Computing. The Fortanix Data Security Manager SaaS platform protects some of the most sensitive information in the world with a unified platform for encryption, secrets management, tokenization, and key management. Previously, John led Products at Chef Software (infrastructure as code), product strategy at ServiceNow (ITSM and SecOps), Cisco (enterprise security and compliance for WebEx and Jabber), preceded by 14 years as an Engineering Director at Microsoft Corporation. John holds patents in interaction design and information architecture and lives in Seattle, WA.