Keynote Speaker Bio

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Quintin McGrath is a driver of global-scale business growth and digital transformation with a focus on emerging technologies, ethics, risk management, and sustainability. As a retired Deloitte IT executive, board member, and founder of QplusAI LLC, he is known for advising leaders on the latest technologies and their impact on organizations, most recently guiding the application of Artificial Intelligence to a business considering the ethical, governance, and leadership implications. He is a member of the CXO Advisory Network of the A.Team startup, he sits on Blumberg Capital's CIO Council, an Advisory Board for the earlystage venture capital firm, a Board Member of The Mentor Project, and a Board Member of the Society for Information Management (SIM) Tampa Bay chapter. He chairs the ReThink Everything! SIM Interest Group for IT Leaders seeking to turn the convergence of global megatrends and emerging technologies into business success. He leads SIM National’s Research Institute implementation effort. Quintin is a popular speaker, panelist, and Adjunct Professor at USF’s Muma College of Business, teaching MBA and Executive MBA students. He holds a Doctor of Business Administration (D.B.A.) focused on AI, ethics, and risk management from the University of South Florida, a Master of Science in Engineering from the University of Cape Town, and a Master of Arts from Wheaton College.
Jason Elmendorf

Jason Elmendorf holds an Executive MBA from Washington University and a Bachelor’s of MIS from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville. He has 17 years’ experience in IT. As the Director of IT at Alton Steel, Jason is responsible for IT and OT (Operating Technology) efforts including digital transformation in an industry not known for being high tech. Jason has been with Alton Steel since 2003, the year the company was founded. Starting with the implementation of the ERP (Enterprise Resource Program), other responsibilities have been added over the years. Business efficiency, agility, and customer service are the focus of the Alton Steel IT strategy.

Drew Gillow

Drew Gillow, Vice President, CTO & CISO at DataServ. DataServ delivers SaaS solutions that leverage AI, machine learning, and automation for optimizing and streamlining Accounts Payable processes. Drew has over 20 years of experience in strategy, product management, and program management. Prior to DataServ, he held leadership roles at Vatterott Educational Centers, Logistics Management Solutions, and Monsanto. When not helping his 8-year-old create YouTube content, Drew provides product strategy and vision to DataServ.

Dr. Mary Sumner

Mary Sumner is a Professor, Management Information Systems, Price College of Business, University of Oklahoma. She is an Emerita Professor of Computer Management and Information Systems and has served as Associate Dean, School of Business, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. She is a Senior Scholar within the Association for Information Systems (AIS). Prior to her role at SIUE, she was on the faculty of New York University. She built the undergraduate and graduate programs in CMIS and has taught for 32 years in the areas of management of information technology, information systems design, project management, health informatics, and enterprise systems implementation. She served as Program Director for the Master’s in Health Informatics at BJC Healthcare.
Rose James is an accomplished Strategy and Transformation Leader dedicated to helping companies achieve optimal performance and operational efficiency. With an MBA in Strategic Management and Finance, Rose brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise as she consistently delivers exceptional results in diverse environments. She is a certified Project Manager (PMP) with over two decades in strategy consulting and transformation.

Beyond her corporate pursuits, Rose is a recognized Thought Leader and an Influencer. She has shared her insights and expertise through publications, numerous speaking engagements at Universities, Conferences and multi-billion-dollar companies. Her areas of expertise cover a wide range of topics, including Leadership, Mentoring, Growth Mindset, Burnout, Change Fatigue, Effective Communication, Project Management, and Agile Transformation.

Rose's passion for excellence is reflected through her certifications as an Agile Certified Practitioner, Professional Scrum Master, and SAFe Agilist and Lean Portfolio Management and Lean Six Sigma practitioner. Her extensive experience includes directing the delivery of global IT, and Digital Transformation projects for multi-billion-dollar organizations. She excels in problem-solving, leveraging a consultative approach, leadership strengths, strategic thinking, and effective planning making her a trusted resource for turning around troubled operations.

Beyond her professional achievements, Rose serves on the Board of several organizations, leveraging her business acumen, leadership, and strategic insights in advising Leaders on Strategy and Transformation initiatives.

With a versatile skill set and passion for driving positive change, Rose James is a dynamic and sought after speaker known for connecting with the audience, effectively communicating complex ideas and inspiring others.
Jo Ellen Moore, Ph.D.

Jo Ellen Moore is Professor Emeritus in the School of Business at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. She holds a Ph.D. in organizational behavior and human resources management from Indiana University, a Master’s degree in psychology from Illinois State University, a B.A. in mathematics from Millikin University, as well as the Project Management Professional (PMP) certification.

Prior to her academic career, she worked as an IT manager, project manager, and systems developer. Her academic research focuses on issues associated with the management of IT professionals, and that work is published in outlets such as *MIS Quarterly*, *Information Systems Research*, *Academy of Management Review*, *MIS Quarterly Executive*, and *HR Magazine*. She eventually settled into teaching project management, authoring a supplemental text on *Techniques for Managing Projects* for use in SIUE’s undergraduate management course. In her semi-retirement, Jo Ellen continues to teach PMP prep workshops for project managers in the St. Louis metropolitan area through the SIUE School of Business.