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Speaker Bios

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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 early stage 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



Transformational Thought Leader and Visionary Speaker

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.

Lisa Vermiglio



Lisa has over 30 years of IT experience in multiple industries including healthcare/pharmacy, ecommerce/fashion, insurance/banking, automotive and education. Lisa spent the last ten years with Centene, a Managed Care Organization specializing in government funded healthcare. While there, Lisa built the IT enterprise PPM department for lean portfolio management while championing an IT agile transformation. She also led the IT Integration Management Office, was the Shared Services Chief of Staff and managed large scale enterprise programs. Prior to Centene, Lisa was a senior PM Consultant with Daugherty Business Solutions. Her IT Career began at EDS,

where she earned System Engineering certifications. She has taught collegiately, developed Project Management courses, and served on educational advisory boards since the early 1990's. Lisa has served on the SIUE PM Advisory board since 2018. Lisa is also an AOTMP University Industry Educational Advisory Council Influencer and is a member of the Scaled Agile Community, PMI, and Career & Networking Center. Lisa has a Master of Science Administration (MSA) in Software Engineering, earned her PMP in 2003, and maintains certifications in SAFe and ITIL.

Meegan McKeethen



Meegan has an undergraduate degree in Communication from Lindenwood University and a master's degree in engineering in Project Management from Washington University in St. Louis. Currently, Meegan works at St. Louis University (SLU) as a Program Director and Instructor over undergraduate and graduate degrees in project management. Meegan has several ICAgile and Project Management Certifications.

Meegan has over 30 years of IT experience in multiple industries including healthcare/pharmacy, ministry, and education.

Meegan spent 5 years as a full-time associate and 6 years prior to that as an executive consultant with Centene Corporation, a Managed Care Organization specializing in government funded healthcare. While there, Meegan worked on very large Implementations and acquisitions, implementing Medicare, Marketplace, and Medicaid Lines of Business. Prior to Centene, Meegan was a senior Manager at Daugherty Business Solutions, managing projects and also creating and teaching Agile curriculum.

While working full time, Meegan was an adjunct instructor teaching project management at both her alma mater's; Lindenwood University and Washington University.

Meegan's personal interests includes spoiling her boyfriend Pat and fur baby Latte along with being a member of Allegro Choir and a local cabaret singing club. Meegan also likes to stay active and enjoys hiking and pickleball.