



2nd CT **WOMEN IN**
CYBERSECURITY EVENT

Agenda

- 9:15am-10:00am** Arrivals
- 10:00am-10:10am** Welcome and Overview
Anna Syta, CT State Community College, Tunxis Campus
Ewa Syta, Associate Professor of Computer Science, Trinity College
- 10:10am-10:20am** Research Talk: Digital Identities, Q&A.
Ewa Syta, Associate Professor of Computer Science, Trinity College
- 10:20am-10:40am** Career and Tech Talk: Cybersecurity in Academia
Sherry Pesino, Senior Information Security Program Administrator,
Connecticut State Colleges & Universities
Stephanie Cox, Assistant Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, Trinity
College
Johnny M. Inghilterra, Director of Information Security, Trinity College
- 10:40am-11:20am** Career and Tech Talk: Vulnerability Management: From Scanning to
Remediation, Q&A
Deirdre Lockard, Senior Vulnerability Management Engineer, CrowdStrike
- 11:20am-12:00pm** Tech Talk: US Navy Computer Network Operations, Q&A
Lt. Steven J. Veres, Assistant Officer in Charge Navy Information Operations
Detachment (NIOD) Groton, U.S. Navy
- 12:00pm-1:00pm** Lunch: Networking, Career Advice and Resume Review
- 1:00pm-1:20pm** Career Talk: The Limit Does Not Exist - Staying Confident in Cyber, Q&A
Jenna Tombolesi, Regional Director, Systems Engineering, Fortinet
- 1:20pm-2:00pm** Tech Talk: Self-Healing Networks - Bolstering Cyber Response with
Automation, Q&A
Jenna Tombolesi, Regional Director, Systems Engineering, Fortinet
- 2:00pm** Final Words and Departures

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Speakers

Stephanie Cox, Assistant Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, Trinity College



Stephanie Cox is the Assistant Vice President and Chief Technology Officer at Trinity College in Hartford, CT. With a demonstrated history of building infrastructure for remote work and teaching and learning, she is an experienced leader in Information Technology and Networking. Stephanie started her career in the information field at Eli Lilly and Roche Pharma after college before moving into Higher Education at Indiana University. She spent a decade at Indiana University, overseeing their virtual environment for all nine campus locations and building the university's online teaching infrastructure. Stephanie is skilled in Strategy, Business Process Re-engineering, Leadership, Relationship building, Cross-functional collaboration, and Team building. Stephanie holds a bachelor's degree from Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs in Business Management and many IT certifications.

Johnny M. Inghilterra, Director of Information Security, Trinity College



Johnny Inghilterra, with 17 years of diverse experience including fire service, entrepreneurship, and tech leadership, serves as the Director of Information Security at Trinity College, Hartford. Integral to the Library & Information Technology Leadership Team, he champions the protection of institutional data and personal information. Known for his innovative approach, Johnny extends beyond his security role, inspiring excellence and promoting change within information security practices. Previously at Apple Inc., he significantly contributed to business initiatives and professional development, earning the Hallmark Business of Excellence award twice. Beyond professional accolades, Johnny values relationships, acting as a mentor and friend. Passionate about technology, outdoor adventures, and community service, he serves on the Board for the Miami Reef Initiative and advocates for inclusivity in cybersecurity. Johnny embodies leadership, dedication, and genuine connection, making a meaningful impact in his field and community.

Deirdre Lockard, Senior Vulnerability Management Engineer, CrowdStrike



A twenty year veteran of the IT/Cybersecurity industry, Deirdre Lockard has spent time working in private industry, healthcare, government and IT services. With a specific focus on vulnerability scanning and management, she has honed her skills in helping companies improve their security posture and risk awareness. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with her 3 kids and working on house projects.

Sherry Pesino, Senior Information Security Program Administrator, CT State Colleges & Universities



Sherry Pesino is a Senior Information Security Program Administrator in the Information Security Program Office (ISPO). Her responsibilities include developing and assessing security standards and procedures for the Connecticut State Community colleges and University System, that includes 17 separate campuses. She has the role of Information System Security Officer, ISSO, for the CT State Community College, lead incident investigator and the administrator of the Information Security Education and Awareness Program. Her journey to Cybersecurity started with teaching elementary school and working in educational and instructional technology for 14 years at a CCSU. For the last 12 years in ISPO, she has been given the opportunity to earn her CISSP and participate in the roll out of a progressive, updated Information Security program.

Ewa Syta, Associate Professor of Computer Science, Trinity College



Ewa Syta is an Associate Professor and Chair of Computer Science at Trinity College. She received her Ph.D. in Computer Science from Yale University and received her B.S. and M.S. in Computer Science with a specialization in Cryptology from Military University of Technology in Poland. Her research interests are in computer security and distributed systems, with a focus on applied and theoretical aspects of building secure and trustworthy infrastructures. Most recently, she has been working on scalable ledgers, provably secure public key infrastructure and asynchronous coordination and consensus.

Jenna Tombolesi, Regional Director, Systems Engineering, Fortinet



Jenna joined the Upstate NY Fortinet team as a Systems Engineer, helping hundreds of K-12, higher-education, and government organizations achieve their cybersecurity goals. She currently leads the Upstate New York and New England public sector territory in doing the same. Prior to joining the Fortinet SLED team, Jenna supported over 2000 of Fortinet's partners across the country. Jenna also actively participates in the WiCyS (Women in Cybersecurity) program and Fortinet's Women of Fortinet program as a mentor, with a firm belief that anyone interested in cybersecurity should be able to pursue it successfully.

Lt. Steven J. Veres, Assistant Officer in Charge Navy Information Operations Detachment (NIOD) Groton, U.S. Navy



Lt. Steven Veres, from New York, holds a B.S. in mathematics from Adelphi University. He joined the Navy in 2012 as a cryptologic technician. After completing the Joint Cyber Analysis Course, Veres served at NIOC Georgia as a Digital Network Exploitation Analyst and Interactive On-Net Operator. In 2016, he was selected for Navy Officer Candidate School, subsequently becoming a cryptologic warfare officer at NIOC Hawaii, where he supported CNO-directed missions. In 2020, he led a department of 90 at Cryptologic Warfare Activity 65 and served as Deputy Section Chief for a Target Office of Primary Interest. His awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Achievement Medal, and Good Conduct Medal.