

NCSL Task Force on Cybersecurity Monday, Dec. 3, 2020 1-4 pm EST (via Zoom)

Speaker Biographies

Merritt Baer, Amazon Web Services

At Amazon Web Services, Merritt (Twitter: @MerrittBaer) is a Principal Security Architect in the Office of the CISO. Merritt provides technical cloud security guidance to complex, regulated organizations like the Fortune 100, and advises the leadership of AWS' largest customers on security as a bottom-line proposition. In the Office of the CISO, Merritt helps build strategic initiatives for how AWS secures itself—on AWS. Merritt has experience in all three branches of government and the private sector. She publishes and speaks regularly on technology, innovation, and infosec. She is a graduate of Harvard Law School and Harvard College, and an amateur boxer.

Alaina R. Clark, Department of Homeland Security. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency

Alaina R. Clark is the Assistant Director for Stakeholder Engagement at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). As Assistant Director, she leads CISA's efforts to promote and deliver strategically aligned stakeholder engagements, helping achieve a secure and resilient infrastructure for the American people. Alaina most recently served as Deputy Chief of CISA's Office of External Affairs where she oversaw the Agency's public messaging, legislative agenda, and branding. She was responsible for digital messaging, including the Agency's social media, web pages and graphic design.

Prior to her work at CISA, Alaina served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for the DHS Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) from 2013 to 2019. In this position, she managed the day-to-day operations of the IGA State, Local, and Tribal teams. Also while serving as IGA Deputy Assistant Secretary, Alaina oversaw the Department's participation in the Council of Governors. This bipartisan group of 10 governors was appointed by the President to work with DHS, Department of Defense and the White House. She also led DHS efforts in support of the President's Task Force on Puerto Rico.

Alaina's work with IGA began in 2007. She served in numerous IGA positions, including State Coordinator to Director for State Affairs, from 2007 to 2013. While working for the Department's Counterterrorism Coordinator, she oversaw outreach with state and local officials and religious community leaders regarding ongoing threats and their impact.

Before joining DHS, Alaina worked for a consulting firm that supported the DHS Science and Technology Directorate and the DHS Office of the Under Secretary for Management.

Alaina holds a bachelor's degree in international studies from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and a master's degree in government with a concentration in homeland security from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland.

Chelsey Colbert, Future of Privacy Forum

Chelsey Colbert is policy counsel at the Future of Privacy Forum. Chelsey leads FPF's portfolio on mobility and location data, which includes connected cars, autonomous vehicles, ride-sharing, micro-mobility, drones, robotics, and trusted data sharing.

Prior to FPF, Chelsey was an associate at an international business law firm in Canada and was seconded as inhouse privacy and data governance counsel to Sidewalk Labs, an Alphabet company that designs and builds urban innovations to help cities meet their biggest challenges. Chelsey holds a J.D. with a major in technology law and policy from the University of Ottawa.

Caitriona Fitzgerald

Caitriona Fitzgerald is Interim Associate Director and Policy Director for EPIC. Caitriona has been affiliated with EPIC since 2007 and joined EPIC full-time in 2015. In her capacity as EPIC Policy Director she provides expertise to shape strong privacy and open government laws at both the state and federal level. Ms. Fitzgerald recently authored "Grading on a Curve: Privacy Legislation in the 116th Congress," which sets out the key elements of a modern privacy law, including the creation of a U.S. Data Protection Agency. Caitriona co-authored The Secret Ballot at Risk: Recommendations for Protecting Democracy, a report highlighting the right to a secret ballot and how Internet voting threatens voter privacy. Prior to joining EPIC, she served as Chief of Staff and General Counsel to Massachusetts State Senator Barry R. Finegold. She is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law, earned her bachelor's degree in Computer Science at the State University of New York at Geneseo, and is a former EPIC clerk. Caitriona also manages EPIC's web presence. Caitriona is a member of the Massachusetts bar.

Cristin Flynn Goodwin, Microsoft

Cristin Flynn Goodwin is the assistant general counsel of the Digital Security Unit in Microsoft's Customer Security and Trust organization. The Digital Security Unit includes Microsoft's Threat Context & Analysis Team, and the Cybersecurity Legal Team.

On the threat context side, Cristin's team leads Microsoft's efforts to understand nation state attacks against our customers and the computing ecosystem and disrupt nation state attacks. The Threat Context & Analysis team track activity in Russia, China, Iran, and other areas, working closely with the Microsoft Threat Intelligence Center (MSTIC).

On the legal side, Cristin's team provides a focal point for addressing complex cybersecurity legal problems across Microsoft, including legal support for MSTIC and advanced incidents with the Microsoft Security Response Center (MSRC), cybersecurity law and compliance; election law and legal support for Microsoft's Defending Democracy initiatives; national security law, and support for the Government Security Program for information sharing and assurance with governments around the world.

Cristin joined Microsoft in 2006, where she initially served as policy counsel in Microsoft's Washington, DC office. Prior to joining Microsoft, Cristin worked for several telecommunications companies. She began her career as a trial lawyer in New York City, and worked in the World Trade Center – which cemented her commitment to security for the rest of her career.

Dr. Sara R. Jordan, Future of Privacy Forum

Dr. Sara R. Jordan is policy counsel, Artificial Intelligence and Ethics, at the Future of Privacy Forum (FPF). Her profile includes privacy implications of data sharing, data and AI review boards, privacy analysis of AI and machine learning (AI/ML) technologies, and analysis of the ethics challenges of AI/ ML. Sara is an active member of the IEEE Global Initiative on Ethics for Autonomous and Intelligent Systems. Prior to working at FPF, Sara was faculty in the Center for Public Administration and Policy at Virginia Tech (2014-2020) and in the Department of Politics and Public Administration at the University of Hong Kong (2007-2013). She is a graduate of Texas A&M University and University of South Florida.

Tom Kellermann, Chief Cybersecurity Officer, VMware Carbon Black

As chief Cybersecurity Officer, Tom Kellermann is the head of cybersecurity strategy for VMware Inc. Previously Tom held the position of Chief Cybersecurity Officer for Carbon Black Inc. Prior to joining Carbon Black, Tom was the CEO and founder of Strategic Cyber Ventures. In 2020, he was appointed to the Cyber Investigations Advisory Board for the United States Secret Service. On January 19, 2017, Tom was appointed the Wilson Center's Global Fellow for Cyber Policy.

Tom previously held the positions of Chief Cybersecurity Officer for Trend Micro; Vice President of Security for Core Security and Deputy CISO for the World Bank Treasury. In 2008 Tom was appointed a commissioner on the Commission on Cyber Security for the 44th President of the United States. In 2003 he co-authored the Book "Electronic Safety and Soundness: Securing Finance in a New Age."

Representative Jason Saine, North Carolina

Representative Jason Saine represents the 97th North Carolina House District, which encompasses Lincoln County, NC. He is serving his fourth full term in the North Carolina House after being appointed in 2011.

Rep. Saine was appointed by Speaker Tim Moore in 2019 to serve as a Senior Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. The Appropriations Committee is responsible for preparing the state's \$24 billion dollar budget.

He previously served as the Senior Chairman of the House Finance Committee from 2015-2018. In that role, Chairman Saine passed over a billion dollars in tax cuts for working families across North Carolina. Rep. Saine was also the founding chair of the IT Appropriations Subcommittee and the IT Joint Oversight Committee, leading sweeping reforms and advancements in state IT procurement and security policies.

Rep. Saine currently serves as a member of the Federal Communications Commission Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC). In this role he helps provide guidance, expertise, and recommendations to the Commission on a range of telecommunication issues for which local, state, and tribal governments explicitly or inherently share responsibility or administration with the Commission.

Rep. Saine served four years as the North Carolina State Chair of the American Legislative Exchange Council before accepting a position as the National Chair of the organization in 2018. In this role he worked with legislators across the United States to support model policies that advance limited government, free markets, and federalism.

He is married to Kathryn Saine, who is Director of the Lincoln County Senior Center. They have one son, Jackson, who is in seventh grade at Lincoln Charter School.

Meredith Ward, National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO)

Meredith Ward is the director of Policy & Research for the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) and has served at the association since 2013. Meredith has over 18 years of experience in state, local, federal and international professional associations. Prior to her current position, Meredith worked in government and media affairs in Washington, DC, and acquired over 10 years of experience building relationships with Members of Congress, their staff and members of the media. Meredith has worked extensively on issues related to cybersecurity, IT acquisition, criminal justice, workforce and state technology. Meredith holds a Bachelor of Arts degree, with an emphasis on Government, from Centre College in Danville, Kentucky.