

Cybersecurity Summit

April 22, 2025 | 8:00am–4:00pm

Utica University
Frank E. Gannett Memorial Library
Library Concourse on Lower Level
1600 Burrstone Road
Utica, NY 13502



**Office for People With
Developmental Disabilities**

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Introduction and Welcome

OPWDD's 2025 Cybersecurity Summit, in partnership with Utica University, brings together Chief Information Officers and representatives from state agencies, professional associations, OPWDD providers, and Utica University students to feature a variety of viewpoints and research on factors that affect the developmental disabilities community, from AI to neurodiversity.

The Cybersecurity Summit highlights the OPWDD CISO Office, along with innovative programs, partnerships, and research that address cybersecurity, compliance, and Medicaid Systems Modernization.

The Cybersecurity Summit provides Utica University students with insights into a wide range of cybersecurity topics related to healthcare and the developmental disabilities community, as well as takeaways from recent graduates who are now working in the field.

Whether a provider, key stakeholder or student, we hope you gain valuable insight into the latest trends, challenges, and innovations shaping the digital landscape and how to best safeguard people with developmental disabilities.

Enjoy the day!



**"I'm no expert, but I think it's
some kind of cyber attack!"**



Morning Agenda

8:00 a.m. Registration and Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Michael Ridley, Chief Information Officer NYS OPWDD

Dom Marando, Chief Information Security Officer NYS OPWDD

9:15 a.m. AI and Cybersecurity: Safeguarding the Future of the IDD Community

Sanjay Goel, Professor, School of Business at the University at Albany, SUNY (UAlbany), and Director of Research at the New York State Center for Information Forensics and Assurance at the University

10:00 a.m. HIPAA Compliance: Essential Steps for Small and Medium Organizations

Norman Massry, Founder and CEO, West Point Security

Richard Deibel, Founder and CEO, Ashmont

11:00 a.m. 404 Experience Not Found: Landing a Cybersecurity Job as a Recent Graduate

Michael Danquah, NYSTEC Consultant

Jasmine Ribble, NYSTEC Consultant

11:30 a.m. Lunch



Afternoon Agenda

12:30 p.m. Penetration Testing in the Medical Field: Real World War Stories

Tyler Wrightson, Founder of Leet Cybersecurity

1:15 p.m. Thinking Outside the Firewall: Why Neurodivergent Talent Strengthens Cybersecurity

Leslie Corbo, Director of the Undergraduate Cybersecurity Programs
and an Associate Professor of Cybersecurity at Utica University

John Oevering, Assistant Director of Cybersecurity Programs and
Professor of Practice at Utica University

2:00 p.m. Coffee/Tea Break

2:15 p.m. Cyber Crime and Healthcare: Insight from the Frontlines of Investigation

Nick Barrett, NYSP/NYSIC CAU & FBI Albany Cyber Task Force

2:45 p.m. Digital Forensics in Action: How NYS OPWDD Leverages Technology and AI for Investigations

Peter Scalise, Director, Office of Investigations and Internal Affairs, NYS OPWDD

3:15 p.m. Securing the Empire State: A Fireside Chat with the NYS Chief Cyber Officer

Colin Ahern, NYS Chief Cyber Officer

3:45 p.m. Closing Remarks

Dom Marando, Chief Information Security Officer NYS OPWDD

Speaker Biographies



Colin Ahern

Chief Cyber Officer, New York State

Colin Ahern was appointed by Governor Kathy Hochul in June 2022 as the first Chief Cyber Officer of New York State. In this role, he leads cross-agency efforts to protect New York State from cyber threats and led the development of the state's first ever cybersecurity strategy.

Before joining the state, Colin helped lead New York City's cyber defense agency and worked in cybersecurity in the financial services industry. He enlisted in the Army reserves after 9/11 and later served on two active-duty deployments to Afghanistan as an Army officer. He ended his Army career as a company commander in the Army Cyber Brigade. He has taught at the Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs and the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies.

Colin lives with his wife and 2 children in Brooklyn.



Nick Barrett

Investigator & Supervisor, New York State Intelligence Center (NYSIC) Cyber Analysis Unit (CAU)

Investigator Nick Barrett serves as the supervisor in charge of the NYSIC Cyber Analysis Unit (CAU), located at the New York State Intelligence Center under the Office of Counter Terrorism. The NYSIC CAU is the lead Cyber Threat Intelligence element for the State of New York, providing intelligence and analytic support relative to computer and network-related criminal, counter terrorism, and homeland security activities affecting New York's CIKR (Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources) entities.

Nick also serves as a sworn Task Force Officer (TFO) with the FBI Cyber Division in Albany, where his dual status allows him to investigate criminal matters on both the state and federal level, but also liaison and coordinate resource deployment in various scenarios, on both the state and federal level, when appropriate.



Dr. Leslie Corbo

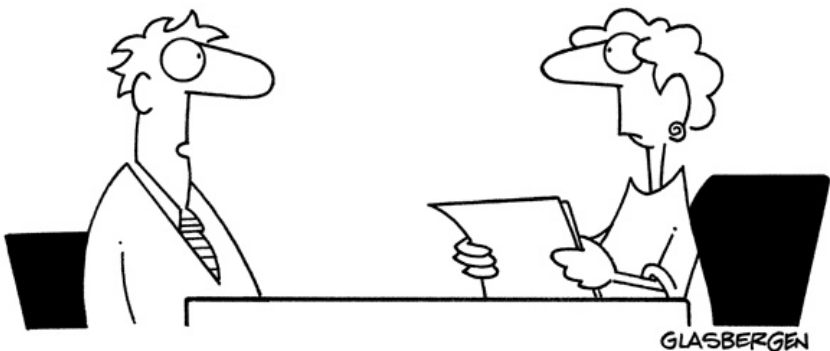
Director of the Cybersecurity Programs at Utica University

Dr. Leslie Corbo is the Director of the Cybersecurity Programs at Utica University. Prior to academia, Corbo served as the Director of Training for Dragos, developing training products and resources for employees globally in the oil, gas, big chemical, pharmaceutical, and manufacturing sectors. She has worked as a Sr. Information

Security Program Manager at Cofense, developing information security programs for Fortune 500 companies. She has worked as a cybersecurity analyst and Information System Security Manager on DoD and DHS Science & Technology efforts. She managed information systems while developing, implementing, and enforcing information security policies and procedures. As an IT Security Analyst, she conducted analysis and incident response.

Dr. Corbo has worked with renowned universities, including Harvard University and the London School of Economics, collecting data, designing, and conducting studies involving employee behavior toward phishing emails.

She holds a D.Sc. in Cybersecurity from Capitol Technology University, a M.S. in Cybersecurity from Utica University, and a B.S. in Cybersecurity and Information Assurance with a concentration in Cybercrime Investigation and Forensics. She also holds an A.A.S. degree in Web Development.



**“For the sake of information security,
everything on my résumé is false.”**



Richard Deibel

Founder and CEO, Ashmont

Richard is a seasoned government IT professional and proud Massachusetts native.

He is the founder and CEO of Ashmont, a renowned IT consulting firm, and previously served as Chief Information Officer for the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Disabilities.

Throughout his career, Richard has led government modernization and digital transformation efforts, seamlessly aligning technology with agency mandates to enhance the safety and support of people with developmental disabilities.

Richard's commitment to service is matched by his expertise in IT security and his ability to tackle the unique challenges of government environments. His skills include organizational change management, strategic visioning, strategic sourcing, procurement, contracting, contract management, incident response, and continuity of operations planning. He also possesses in-depth knowledge of regulatory standards such as NIST, HIPAA, and CMS.

Richard is a devoted husband and father to three boys with autism and holds Master of Public Administration degree from UMass Boston.





Michael Danquah

Consultant, New York State Technology Enterprise Corporation (NYSTEC)

Michael Danquah is a New York State Technology Enterprise Corporation (NYSTEC) consultant supporting the Cybersecurity program at the New York State Office for People with Development Disabilities (OPWDD). His focus is on developing security policies, procedures, plans, and security awareness materials that help

mitigate risk and safeguard important assets. His work involves educating and training users to identify and respond appropriately to cyber threats, encouraging users to adopt behaviors that reduce risk while also ensuring clients are compliant with industry and state standards.

Michael holds a Master of Science in Cybersecurity with a focus on Risk, Policy, and Compliance, along with a Bachelor of Science in Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security, and Cybersecurity, with a concentration in cybersecurity from the University at Albany – State University of New York (UALBANY). Through his education and hands-on experience in the field, Michael has an ongoing passion for helping organizations improve their security posture and become resilient to cyber threats.





Dr. Sanjay Goel

Morris Massry Endowed Professor and Chair, Information Security and Digital Forensics (ISDF)

Sanjay serves as the Massry Professor and Chair of the Information Security and Digital Forensics Department in the School of Business, University at Albany – State University of New York (UALBANY). He is the director of Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics programs in the School of Business at the University at Albany. He has established the Blackstone Launchpad Center to foster entrepreneurship and the FACETS Cyber Security Center at the University.

Prior to joining UAlbany, he worked at GE Global Research on engineering optimization problems, focusing on aircraft engine component design. His research interests include behavioral cybersecurity, cyber deception, Artificial Intelligence (intrusion detection, assistive technologies), self-organization, complex systems, cyber risk management, and optimization.

Sanjay is the recipient of numerous awards including: SUNY Research Foundation's Promising Inventor's Award, the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, the UAlbany Excellence in Teaching Award, and the Graduate Student Organization Award for Faculty Mentoring. In addition, he was awarded the UAlbany Excellence in Research Award, the SUNY Chancellors' Excellence in Academic Service, UAlbany Presidents' Excellence in University Service, and School of Business Excellence in Research Award.

He was named one of the three AT&T Industrial Ecology Faculty Fellows for 2009-2010.

He has received grant funding of over 15 million dollars from various sources including, National Institute of Justice, U.S. Department of Education, National Science Foundation, Region II University Transportation Research Center, New York State Energy Research and Development Agency (NYSERDA), AT&T Foundation and James S. McDonnell Foundation., Blackstone Foundation, National Security Agency.

Sanjay earned his master's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Rutgers University and his doctoral degree in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic University.



Dom Marando

Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), NYS Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)

Dom serves as the NYS Office for People With Developmental Disabilities' (OPWDD) Chief Information Security Officer. He is dedicated to building a strong security posture and fostering partnerships to create a safer digital environment for people with developmental disabilities. With nearly two decades of experience in cybersecurity and information security, Dom has been a driving force in the creation of the first information security program at OPWDD.

Before joining OPWDD, Dom served for 18 years at the New York State Comptroller's Office, where he held numerous roles in operational security, and then served as the Assistant Information Security Lead for the New York State and Local Retirement System (NYSLRS). During his tenure, he played a key role in the overhaul of the state's Retirement System, one of the largest of its kind globally. His career began in desktop support, where an unexpected interest in cybersecurity sparked a passion that has defined his professional journey.

Beyond his executive roles, Dom has contributed to community cybersecurity efforts by conducting security assessments for small local organizations, helping them strengthen their defenses against potential threats.

Dom holds the Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) certification, recognized globally as one of the most challenging and esteemed credentials in the cybersecurity profession. This accomplishment reflects his commitment to excellence and deep expertise in the field.



"I'm sure there are better ways to disguise sensitive information, but we don't have a big budget."



Norman Massry, JD CISSP

Founder and CEO, West Point Security

Norman Massry earned his Bachelor of Science degree in National Security from the United States Military Academy at West Point. He served our nation as an Army helicopter pilot and is the recipient of the Air Medal and Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Iraq during Operation Desert Storm. Norm later earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of New Hampshire School of Law. In addition to being a compliance attorney, is also a Certified Information System Security Professional (CISSP).

Norm has more than 14 years experience in information security governance, operational risk management, audit of information systems and networks, incident response and business continuity, and disaster recovery. He is also skilled in cybersecurity risk and performance indicators, information security risk awareness and education, and incident response, and has helped organizations in complying with NIST Special Publication 800-53, IRS Publication 1075 Federal Tax Information (FTI) requirements, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) requirements. Norm served for more than eight years as the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) for the NYS Department of Health, and more than six years as a technology attorney for the NYS Office of Children and Family Services.

Norm is the Founder and CEO of West Point Security and has been providing cybersecurity consulting services to a wide variety of entities, including the MTA and NY/NJ Port Authority, the NYS Empire Development Corporation and dozens of colleges and universities, engineering firms, businesses and health care organizations, advising them on areas related to information security governance, risk and compliance.



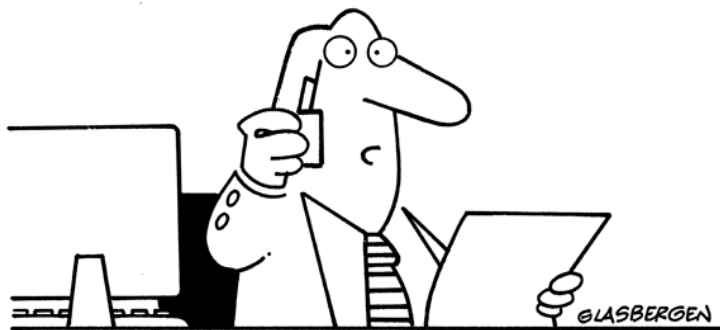
John Oevering

Assistant Director of Cybersecurity Programs and Professor of Practice, Utica University

John Oevering serves as the Assistant Director of Cybersecurity Programs and Professor of Practice at Utica University, where he plays a key role in shaping and advancing the university's cybersecurity curriculum. He teaches both online and in-person courses, specializing in network security and cyber operations.

John holds a Master of Business Administration with a focus on cybersecurity, along with a Master of Science in Cybersecurity, with a concentration in cyber operations. He also earned a Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity, with a specialization in network forensics and investigation, all from Utica University.

In his administrative role within Integrated Information Technology Services (IITS), John oversees the development and implementation of information security policies, ensuring compliance with network security standards and managing incident response plans. He brings extensive technical expertise in managing Windows and Mac endpoints, and has led numerous IT security initiatives to safeguard sensitive information and address security breaches.



**“I sent my bank details and Social Security
number in an e-mail, but I put ‘PRIVATE
FINANCIAL INFO’ in the subject line
so it should be safe.”**



Jasmine Ribble

Consultant, New York State Technology Enterprise Corporation (NYSTEC)

Jasmine is an up-and-coming cybersecurity professional serving as a consultant at the New York State Technology Enterprise Corporation (NYSTEC), where she supports the New York State Department of Health in their programmatic security initiatives. In this role, Jasmine applies her expertise to assist clients with adherence to security frameworks and requirements, enhance risk management strategies, and ensure compliance with state and federal regulations.

With a Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity from Utica University, specializing in Digital Forensics and Incident Response, Jasmine combines a strong technical foundation with practical experience in security awareness training, vulnerability management, and incident response.

Jasmine's proactive approach to cybersecurity enables her to identify potential threats, implement effective safeguards, and support secure operations for critical public health initiatives.

Actively engaged in the cybersecurity community, she participates in industry conferences, such as Women in CyberSecurity (WiCyS) and Security BSides, to stay informed of emerging threats and evolving best practices. Jasmine also holds industry certification CompTIA Security+, underscoring her commitment to continuous learning and professional growth.



"Your operating system was installed on April 25th, which makes your computer a Taurus. As a Pisces, you're bound to have conflicts."



Michael Ridley

Chief Information Officer, New York State Officer for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)

Michael Ridley oversees all technology-based investments and IT infrastructure modernization efforts to support OPWDD's mission and strategic plan laid out by the Commissioner and executive leadership. These modernization efforts will serve to create a data-driven approach to enabling, empowering, and maximizing all service areas of the agency.

Michael has a 25-year career with the NYS government serving in multiple executive-level positions in high technology policy, planning, and deployment. His state career has spanned many governmental entities including working in the NYS Legislature, the Science and Technology Foundation (NYSTAR), the NYS Department of Economic Development, and most recently, the NYS Department of Health where he served as the Director of Operations for the New York State of Health, Health Plan Marketplace (NYSOH). In addition, he has served in many federal and state advisory capacities such as being a member of the NYS CIO Advisory Council, NYS Broadband Council, and was Governor Paterson's appointment to represent NYS in the FCC's Emergency Response Interoperability Center's technical advisory committee.

Michael holds a Master of Science from the College of Saint Rose in Computer Information Systems, a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Utica College of Syracuse University in Public Administration, and an Associates in Science from Mohawk Valley Community College.



Peter Scalise

Director, Office of Investigations and Internal Affairs, New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)

Peter Scalise serves as Director of the Office of Investigations and Internal Affairs (OIIA) which is the independent investigative arm for OPWDD. OIIA has an investigative presence in all of OPWDD's six state operational regions.

Prior to coming to OPWDD, Peter worked in law enforcement for nearly two decades, starting as a patrolman and rising to the level of Senior Confidential Investigator to Oneida County's District Attorney. After leaving the District Attorney's Office, he was appointed as a U.S. Congressional Constituent Services Manager subsequently rising to the position of Deputy District Director in the former 24th Congressional District in the Central, Southern and the Finger Lakes Regions of New York.

Peter is a graduate of Utica University/Syracuse University earning a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.



Tyler Wrightson

Founder, Leet Cyber Security

Tyler is the founder of Leet Cyber Security, which helps organizations solve their technical cybersecurity challenges. Leet focuses on offensive security services such as Penetration Testing and Red Teaming to secure organizations against real world attackers.

Tyler has more than twenty years of experience in the IT security field across many industries including healthcare and financial services with extensive experience in many areas of technical security including networking, systems architecture, offensive security and penetration testing.

Tyler holds industry certifications such as CISSP, CCSP, CCNA, CCDA, and MCSE. He has also taught classes for CCNA certification, hacking and penetration testing, wireless security, and network security.

He is also the founder of ANYCon, Albany New York's Annual Hacker conference. He has been a frequent speaker at industry conferences including NY Bankers Association (NYBA), NYS CyberSecurity Conference, Derbycon, BSides, Rochester Security Summit, ISACA, ISSA, and others.

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