

Biography Synopsis of Speakers for the June 23 FIRM Summer Event

Dr. Suzanne Acar possesses over 25 years of government experience in enterprise data management and data architecture initiatives. She currently serves as the Principal Data Architect at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). She is also co-chair of the inter-agency Federal Data Architecture Subcommittee (DAS) under the Architecture and Infrastructure Committee (AIC) of the Federal CIO Council responsible for providing data interoperability and information sharing related advice based on the Federal Data Reference Model (DRM). In the past, she has led award winning data management programs that furthered the interoperability goals for U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) and the U.S. Army. Dr. Acar serves as the government advisor on the DAMA National Capitol Region Chapter as well as MIT's Information Quality Symposium.

Christina Ayiotis is Group Counsel for E-Discovery and Data Privacy at CSC, a 92,000 person leading global consulting, systems integration and outsourcing company. She is also Adjunct Professor in the Department of Computer Science at George Washington University where she teaches Information Policy as part of their Master's Program in Computer Security and Information Assurance. Prior to joining CSC, she led Booz Allen Hamilton's Integrated Records and Information Management Program. She has visited 30 countries and has more than 20 years experience in the professional services field. She is a Certified Records Manager active in ARMA International. She belongs to the Association of Corporate Counsel, the Fairfax Bar Association, the Women's Bar Association of DC, the International Association of Privacy Professionals, among many others. She is the extremely proud mother of a daughter in Middle School.

Dr. Ron Ross is a senior computer scientist and information security researcher at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). His current areas of specialization include security requirements definition, testing and evaluation, risk management, and information assurance. Dr. Ross leads the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) Implementation Project for NIST, which includes the development of key security standards and guidelines for the federal government, support contractors, and the United States critical information infrastructure. His recent publications include Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publication 199 (security categorization standard), FIPS Publication 200 (security requirements standard), NIST Special Publication 800-53 (security controls guideline), NIST Special Publication 800-53A (security assessment guideline), NIST Special Publication 800-37 (security certification and accreditation guideline), and NIST Special Publication 800-39 (risk management guideline). Dr. Ross is also the principal architect of the NIST Risk Management Framework that provides a disciplined and structured methodology for integrating the suite of FISMA security standards and guidelines into a comprehensive enterprise-wide information security program.