

WiTT – October 2023 Speaker Bios

Olivia Kew-Fickus is the Chief Data Officer at Vanderbilt University. She has an international track record as a data strategist and leader. Before coming to Vanderbilt, Olivia was the Director of Strategic Planning at the University of Birmingham in the UK, where she led strategy development, annual planning, and business intelligence. She was an early advocate for data governance in the UK higher education sector. Olivia began her career working in international development, including several years in Ukraine. She holds degrees from Princeton University and the University of Leicester.

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Stacy Mill is the VP of IT and CISO at Nashville Electric Service with accountability for all IT strategy and execution across corporate systems including cybersecurity for the 11th largest public utility in the US. Collaborating with her business partners, Stacy ensures enterprise risk is understood, and controlled to business acceptable levels through building trust and awareness at all levels. Stacy has developed many global teams across several industries. Prior to NES, Stacy served as the Chief Technology Officer for the State of Kansas, with accountability of core operations and overall strategy. As CISO and VP, Enterprise Risk and Global Compliance, for Spirit AeroSystems, Stacy lead global compliance and cybersecurity strategy. At KAR Global, she built business continuity, disaster recovery, security architecture, security operations, information risk and compliance programs. At Yum, Stacy built a dynamic international team to address all aspects of information security spanning 120 countries. Under her strategic leadership, Yum Brands achieved global PCI/SOX/HIPAA/Safe Harbor compliance, built out underlying security infrastructures and kept ahead of the myriad of US and international data and privacy laws. Stacy started in security as Humana Military's Chief Security Officer working with the Department of Defense as a member of the Information Assurance Work Group (IAWG) in support of the Tricare Management Agency and DITSCAP/DIACAP initiatives. Lastly, Stacy serves as vice chair of the Utility Technology Council's Technology Division, Vice-President of Board of Directors for the Utility Technology Association, Board of Directors for Cloud Security Alliance – Nashville Division, and the Executive Women's Forum Board of Advisors. Her greatest joy is her family and mentoring rising leaders.

Melanie Thomas has been a leader in healthcare for more than 20 years. She joined Nashville General Hospital in August of 2015 as the Chief Information Officer. In addition to her role as the CIO, she is responsible for strategic planning. She is also involved with process improvement and has helped the organization in their Baldrige journey.

Before joining NGH, Thomas has served in both for-profit and not-for-profit organizations. She has an extensive project management and implementations background and has executive leadership experience in Strategic Planning, Operations, Population Health, Analytics Revenue Cycle as well as Information Systems. Since joining NGH, she has led numerous process improvement initiatives and been a part of the organization's turn around.

Mrs. Thomas attended Oakwood University, where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and completed her MBA from Rollins College in Winter Park, FL. She has more than 25 years of experience in Information Services and healthcare operations.

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