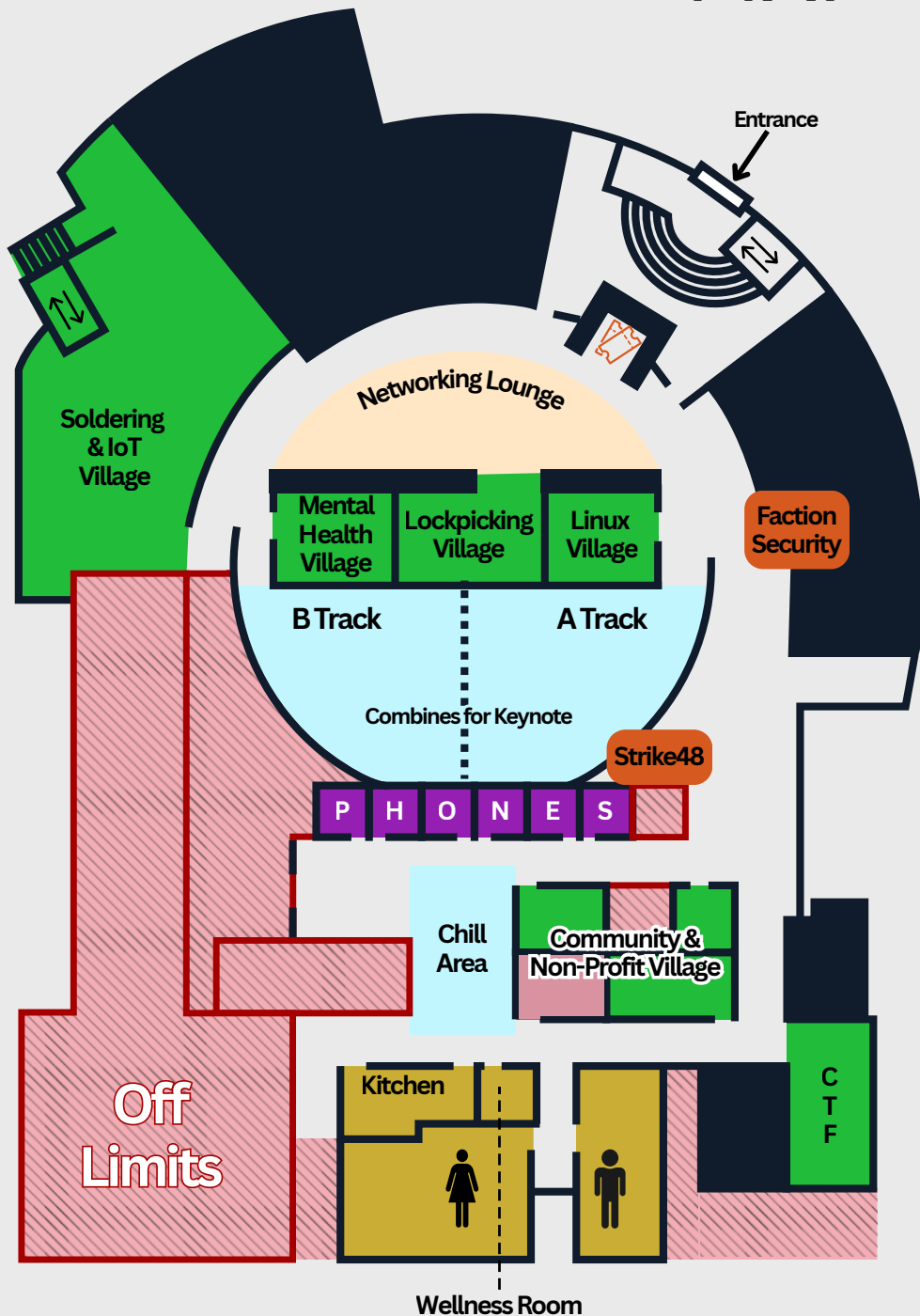


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SPEAKERS



Perry Carpenter **Keynote - 11a**

Perry Carpenter is a multi-award-winning author, podcaster, and speaker with a passion for deception and technology. With over two decades in cybersecurity, Perry has dedicated his career to understanding how cybercriminals exploit human behavior.

Perry's career has been a relentless pursuit of understanding how bad actors exploit human nature. His fascination for the art and science of deception began in childhood with magic tricks and mental manipulations, evolving into a mission to protect others from digital threats. As the Chief Deception Strategist at KnowBe4, Perry helps organizations and individuals build robust defenses against the ever-evolving landscape of online deceptions.

His latest book, *FAIK: A Practical Guide to Living in a World of Deepfakes, Disinformation, and AI-Generated Deceptions* (Wiley: Oct 2024), tackles the fascinating and often daunting world of artificial intelligence. He explores AI's potential benefits and the darker side of its application in deception and misinformation. Through engaging storytelling and practical advice, Perry equips readers with the knowledge and tools needed to navigate the complexities of AI-driven deception.

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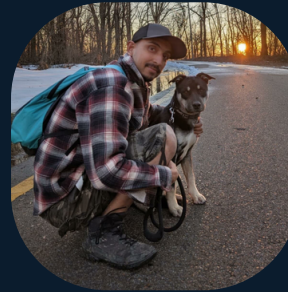


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SPEAKERS



Bhargab Acharya

**Your Car Knows Too Much:
Forensics, PII, and Bluetooth
Impersonation from Used
Infotainment Systems - 1:30p**

Tech Generalist, Recently into embedded systems, hardware hacking. PhD student doing research on vehicle privacy/cyber security/simulation



**Saeed Fazal,
Abdul Baseer Mohammed**

**Closing the Detection Gap:
Defending Software Supply
Chain Infrastructure - 3:30p**

Saeed is a DevSecOps and Application Security engineer with seven years of experience securing cloud-native infrastructure. Holds GCP Professional Security Engineer and CKA certifications. Active speaker at MEMSEC.



Abdul is a Security Engineer specializing in detection and response. He builds scalable security platforms and applies automation and AI to improve how security teams detect, investigate, and respond to threats.

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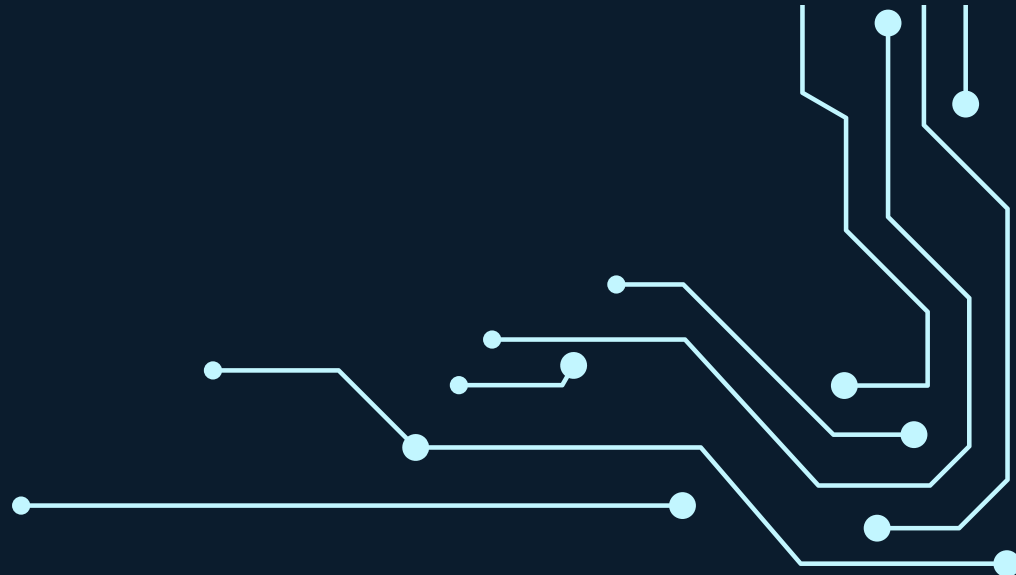
SPEAKERS



Otha Mabry

How to Discover if the Security Consultant is Bull\$#!Ting with OSINT 201 - 2:30p

Otha Mabry is a Network Security Architect for Cisco Systems, specializing in defending networks against emerging cyber-attacks across multiple industries. In addition, he provides threat research to non-profit organizations to help align with their business objectives. Otha has over 20 years' experience in network design and implementation with an emphasis in network security and threat hunting. In addition, he is an adjunct professor teaching networking and cyber security courses.



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SPEAKERS



Dr. Ryan McNeal

Building a Cybersecurity Career for Beginners - 9a

Dr. Ryan McNeal is an Information Systems Security Officer with CISM and CISA certifications and a Doctorate in Information Technology. A U.S. Air Force veteran, he spent years learning the hard way how to navigate a cybersecurity career and build with intention. Paying attention to what actually works, he mentors transitioning veterans, high school and college students, and early career professionals navigating their own first steps into the field.



Nicholas Redmond

Northstar-RF: An Interactive Relational Taxonomy of Radio Signal Security in Space Communication - 9a

Nicholas D. Redmond is a PhD student at the University of Memphis in Computer Science. Based in Memphis, Tennessee, his research focuses on RF signal security with applications extending to satellite and drone technology. Nicholas has presented his work at multiple academic venues, including two presentations at the Citadel, one at the University of Memphis, and will be presenting at the 2026 IEEE CCNC conference in Las Vegas. His interdisciplinary approach combines creativity with practical applications in cybersecurity and wireless communications.

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Adrian Sanabria

Destroyed by Breach: The Tales of Companies That Didn't Make It - 10a

Adrian is the Founder and Principal Researcher at The Defenders Initiative, a firm he founded to feature and support decades of cybersecurity research. His background spans technical, GRC, and leadership roles with a background as a practitioner, incident responder, penetration tester, and PCI QSA.

His current research focuses on improving vulnerability management and breach analysis. The Defenders Initiative is systematically publishing easy-to-consume lessons learned from every breach where we have a deep understanding of how the attack happened. He also maintains "Destroyed by Breach" - a list of all companies that have gone out of business due to a cybersecurity breach or incident. There are currently 33 businesses on the list.

He is the host of the Enterprise Security Weekly Podcast and the Alice in Supply Chains Podcast. As faculty at IANS Research, he advises hundreds of enterprises every year. After helping to deliver 11 successful events, he retired from BSides Knoxville in 2025 but remains a member of the Global BSides committee. He is also a member of several other community groups like the Security Tinkerers and the Cybersecurity Canon.

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SPEAKERS



Greg Schaffer **So You Want To Be An Information Security Consultant - 1:30p**

With over 35 years of experience in information technology and security, Greg is a seasoned information security executive proficient in information security program and project management, information security risk assessment and mitigation, vendor risk management, policy and standards creation and implementation, and disaster recovery and business continuity. He is the founding principal of vCISO Services, LLC, an information security consulting firm providing small and mid-sized businesses with virtual CISO resources and Greg Schaffer Consulting, LLC, focused on strategic executive information security advisement for businesses. He hosts The Virtual CISO Moment podcast and is the author of the bestselling book Information Security for Small and Mid-sized Businesses.



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SPEAKERS



Melanie Suria

Why Your Cyber Risk Is a Business Decision: What Every Leader Needs to Know - 3:30p

Melanie Suria is the Founder and CEO of Memphis Computer Support, a security-focused IT firm that helps small and mid-sized businesses reduce risk, strengthen cybersecurity, and build stable technology environments that support growth. With over 8 years of experience at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, she understands the level of security, reliability, and accountability required in high-stakes environments.

Melanie works closely with business owners and leadership teams to translate complex cybersecurity risks into clear, practical decisions for those who do not speak tech. She is known for her straightforward, real-world approach to topics like ransomware, phishing, and the role leadership plays in protecting an organization. Her talks focus on helping businesses move from reactive IT to proactive, resilient security strategies.

SPEAKERS



Phillip Wylie **Optimal Offensive Security Programs - 2:30p**

Phillip Wylie is an offensive security professional with over 22 years of cybersecurity experience, building on six years as a systems administrator. Currently serving as Chief Evangelist and Senior Consultant at Suzu Labs, his background spans network security, application security, pentesting, and red team operations. He holds CISSP, OSCP, and GWAPT certifications. Phillip is the concept creator and co-author of The Pentester Blueprint and a featured contributor in Tribe of Hackers Red Team. He hosts The Phillip Wylie Show and Simply Offensive, and is a frequent speaker at US and international conferences including DEF CON, Black Hat, and RSAC.



Lindsey Yagi-Hatake **Predators Within: Trust Exploitation in Cybersecurity Communities - 10a**

Lindsey Yagi-Hatake is an OSINT intern at Decisive Resources, victim advocate, and former TESOL educator focused on the intersection of open-source intelligence, human security, and community defense.

She entered cybersecurity through her experiences as a domestic violence survivor and her advocacy for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, and digital exploitation. Her background in education, language acquisition, cultural analysis, and victim advocacy informs her approach to intelligence gathering, trust verification, and human-centered security.

Lindsey is passionate about helping practitioners better understand, assess, and navigate trust-based threats. Her interests include OSINT, social engineering, digital safety, community defense, and the human factors that influence trust, credibility, and belonging.

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