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Top Skills

Public Speaking
Risk Management
Artificial Intelligence

Languages

English (Native or Bilingual)
German (Limited Working)
Goethe Institute Certificate
Intermediate Level German (Limited Working)

Certifications

Cyber Leadership Program
Board Professional Certification
Executive Cyber Resilience Program

Honors-Awards

DePaul Law Review Member;
Mansfield Fellow, Legal Aid Society
of Minneapolis
Dean's List; Pi Sigma Alpha Member
Top 10 Blog Posts 2014 = #10
33 Ways Not To Screw Up
Cybersecurity
The Data Diva Global Top 20
Cybersecurity Experts 2022 and
2023

Publications

Emerging Risk News
Five Key Questions To Ask About
Risk
The Resiliency of Leadership
Five Key Questions Before You
Negotiate
Those Who Give, Serve and Lead

Dawn Kristy

Futurist | Artificial Intelligence Keynote Speaker | AI Cybersecurity |
AI and Cyber Risks | Award-Winning Cybersecurity Author
Chicago, Illinois, United States

Summary

Hi, I am Dawn Kristy, The Cyber Dawn®, passionate about helping businesses navigate the complexities of artificial intelligence (AI) and cybersecurity. In today's rapidly evolving landscape, conference organizers are called upon by audiences to explore AI for good, AI ethics, and the critical need to mitigate risks.

As a keynote speaker specializing in AI and cyber risks, I bring a unique perspective to your audience. Through engaging storytelling, I help your audience navigate the complex and dynamic area of AI and Cybersecurity as you strive toward responsible AI.

In this era of rapid AI innovation, knowledge-sharing is paramount. AI, while promising incredible advancements, also presents significant risks if not managed effectively.

It is essential to recognize that AI is not a substitute for cybersecurity; rather, AI has the potential to both bolster cybercrime and compromise privacy.

Strategic collaboration is vital to help society address these crucial issues. Whether through a keynote presentation, a partnership, or knowledge-sharing initiatives, we can make a meaningful impact by leveraging AI risk awareness before AI integration.

You can connect with me via LinkedIn or visit my website at <https://thecyberdawn.com/>.

Fun Facts: Beyond my dedication to AI and cybersecurity, I am passionate about inspiring and empowering individuals within and outside the workplace. As a multifaceted professional, I wear many hats, including those of a ghostwriter, freelance writer, and editor, supporting thought leaders in crafting impactful books and enhancing their brand presence. Outside of work, I enjoy the arts, participating

in writing and music groups, and exploring the vibrant city of Chicago with friends, family, and furry companions along the picturesque lakefront. Above all, I cherish connecting with people and fostering meaningful collaborations.

Experience

Freelance

Business Strategy and Ghostwriting
December 2023 - Present (6 months)

The Cyber Dawn, LLC

2 years 11 months

Author of award-winning book *33 Ways Not To Screw Up Cybersecurity*

June 2022 - January 2024 (1 year 8 months)

Delray Beach, Florida, United States

As an author, my mission is for my award-winning book, *33 Ways Not To Screw Up Cybersecurity*, to guide C-Level Managers, non-technical managers, business owners at SMBs, and their employees with examples and checklists in 33 short, easy-to-read chapters or "ways" to help you be cyber-savvy online in any work environment. Pick the "way" you need help with and then share the book to help others.

If you are looking to ensure you have a solid cyber-secure foundation, read the book. To build your knowledge to the next level, check out The Cyber Dawn® website at <https://thecyberdawn.com/> for blog posts to keep you cyber-savvy.

The mantra remains: There is hope.

CEO & Founder, The Cyber Dawn®

March 2021 - January 2024 (2 years 11 months)

Delray Beach, Florida, United States

Small business cybersecurity awareness training and consulting.

We are helping small businesses understand the impact of AI and cyber risk on online security.

Florida International University

Adjunct Lecturer -- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)

March 2021 - January 2024 (2 years 11 months)

- * Watch for virtual courses for OLLI
- *CyberSecurity for Lifelong Learners
- *Lessons Learned From Recent Cyberattacks

South Florida Tech Hub
Manager, Programs & Events
March 2022 - August 2022 (6 months)
Miami-Fort Lauderdale Area

Six-month interim Manager of Programs & Events, helping South Florida Tech achieve its mission through member engagement and community outreach by coordinating internal programming and external and partner-organized events.

The South Florida Tech Hub is a non-profit 501(c)6 membership association building the software, engineering, digital, and information technology industry verticals in South Florida, fostering a community of technology, innovation, & creativity in South Florida.

Cyber Armada Insurance
Vice President Cyber Solutions
February 2020 - August 2021 (1 year 7 months)
Boca Raton, FL

During broker launch and ramp-up, VP focused on brand-building, business development, and thought leadership (wrote articles, alerts, pitch content, webinar content, claims role-play exercises, and cyber policy wording training).

SPECIALTIES: Vice President, Executive Team Leadership, Collaboration, Partnership, Cyber Subject Matter Expert, Cyber Insurance and Reinsurance Expert, Cyber Claims Expert, Cyber Security Awareness Training, CMMC, DIB, Defense Contractors, Supply-Chain Risk, Third-Party Risk, IoT, BYOD, Emerging Tech, Smart Tech, Crisis Communications Strategist, Client-Centric Strategist, Writing, Training, Consulting.

Aon
7 years 9 months
Chair Global Claims Casualty & Cyber Practice Group | Reinsurance Solutions
January 2019 - February 2020 (1 year 2 months)
Chicago

Practice group of global claims experts working as a center of excellence by sharing our knowledge, expertise and thought leadership with brokers and clients on all casualty, financial and specialty lines of insurance and reinsurance business.

Thought Leader Cyber, Privacy & Emerging Risks

December 2012 - February 2020 (7 years 3 months)

Chicago

Author of multiple blog posts and newsletters, including Emerging Risk News, Cyber Claims Insights, and co-author of Cyber Insights for Insurers, focusing on the impact of emerging tech, cyber and privacy risks on insurance and reinsurance markets and coverage.

Cyber, Privacy & Emerging Risk Subject Matter Expert | Claims Advocate | Reinsurance Solutions

June 2012 - February 2020 (7 years 9 months)

Chicago

Complex Claims Leader -- Professional & Specialty Lines -- Cyber, MPL, LPL.

Drove technical expertise through education, training, and coaching.

Specialized focus on compliance issues under global privacy laws, such as the EU

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 (CCPA), addressing proper consent for data collection, and data use, storage and destruction.

Specialized focus on data breach incident response, ransomware response, business

email compromise (BEC) resulting in fund transfer fraud, and disruptive denial of service

(DDoS) cyberattacks resulting in business interruption or contingent business interruption in the supply chain.

Collaborator on complex policy reviews for silent cyber requests for proposals.

Education

DePaul University College of Law
Doctor of Law (JD)

University of Illinois at Chicago
Bachelor of Arts (BA), Political Science