



WiCyS Utah Affiliate Newsletter

June 2021

Together
WE THRIVE.

WELCOME TO WICYS -UTAH'S JUNE ISSUE

As we enter June 2021 with the spark of hope for a return to a new normal and the diminishing effects of the pandemic, we are encouraged by the efforts of our community to move forward with inclusion and diversity. Every day, we have the ability and opportunity to create a more accepting world.

Remember even small acts of inclusion can have a big impact on making others feel accepted. Diverse teams encourage better team engagement and improve productivity. They allow for improved problem-solving because diversity of thought produces new perspectives.

We would love to hear how you and your companies are encouraging and building diversity and inclusion into your culture. Please click [here](#) and share your thoughts in our LinkedIn group.

Regards,

The WiCyS Utah Board

Shalini Kesar, Kristina Belnap, Sherrie Cowley, Mark Milne and Jami Hughes

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Shalini Kesar

Dr. Shalini Kesar has been in front of the classroom for over 15 years, starting as a research assistant for Montfort University in the United Kingdom, she has taught at different universities across the world. Born in India, Dr. Kesar was raised to value education and pursue the heights of learning. She was recently recognized by the Women Tech Council, receiving the Education Excellence Award at the 2016 Women Tech Awards. The event recognizes technology-focused women who are innovators, leaders, and key contributors in STEM fields.



Dr. Kesar earned a BA from the University of Delhi; two masters (MPhil in information systems from De Montfort University-focus on cyber crime and privacy and a MSC in analysis, design and management information systems from the London School of Economics and Political Science. Her Doctorate is in information systems (with a focus on cyber crime) from the University of Salford from the UK.

What aspect of your job are you most passionate about?

Teaching in the cyber security and technology field. Dr. Kesar has become a role model while enhancing awareness and motivating girls in considering cyber security and technology as part of their education and career goals. Her outreach efforts spread to a number of rural counties where skills and resources are limited.

What are some of your interests and hobbies when you're not working?

Photography

What motivated you to co-found the Utah Affiliate of WiCys?

To reduce the gender gap in cyber security, especially in areas where there are limited skills and resources.

Quick Facts:

Current Role: Associate Professor & Director of MS-Cyber Security & Information Assurance

Quote: "Everyone needs to recognize that we are becoming a global society and we need different perspectives to solve a problem," said Kesar. "Those varied schools of thought come with diversity in gender."

NEWS WORTH REPEATING

2021 Women Tech Awards Finalists Announced

This year's award finalists are:

- **Amy Dredge** Vice President of Technology Center of Excellence, Pluralsight
- **Angie Balfour** Chief People Officer, Weave
- **Darcy Douglas** Vice President of Global Program Management, Taulia
- **Emily Tew** Senior Vice President, Analytics Director, Health Catalyst
- **Jamie Lyon** Vice President, Strategy and Business Development, Lucid
- **Jen Gray** Vice President, Product Marketing, Filevine
- **Juliette Bautista** Director, Club Ability
- **Katie Iversen** NERC/Modeling Risk Manager, AES Clean Energy
- **Laura McCarty** Vice President, Technical Support Americas, Pure Storage
- **Lindsey Henderson** Secondary Mathematics Specialist, Utah State Board of Education
- **Mandy Rogers** Integrated Functional Capabilities, Northrop Grumman
- **Milada Copeland** Chief Information Security Officer, Progrexion
- **Namitha Nayak** Vice President Engineering, NICE CXone
- **Nikki Walker** Director of Brand Experience and Community Engagement, Domo
- **Sadiqa Mahmood** General Manager & SVP, Life Sciences Business, Health Catalyst
- **Serenie Gagon** Vice President Product – Payment Solutions, Finicity, a Mastercard Company
- **Shari Mann** Engineering Fellow & OCS Chief Engineer, L3Harris
- **Sherrie Cowley** Head of Security Operations, 3M
- **Sujatha Sampath** Physicist, Senior Engineer, Micron Technology
- **Toni Sears** Senior Director, Program Management, CHG Healthcare
- **Zyanya Bejarano** Vice President Sales, Latin America, Instructure

Congratulations to all of the award finalists! **Read the entire story** [HERE](#)



Let's Get JAMMIN'...

WiCyS is bringing more professional development opportunities with its strategic partner AWS. WiCyS members can leverage a range of AWS services by developing, enhancing and validating skills in the AWS cloud through real-world problem solving, exploring new services and features and understanding how they interoperate.

Three session levels are available:

Beginner – July 21, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. CT

Intermediate – Aug. 18, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. CT

Advanced – Sept. 29, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. CT

Register [HERE](#).

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

[Information Security Operations Director \(Work from Home Local\)](#)

The Security Operations Director leads a team that works to provide day-to-day security operations. The team manages our security controls including blue teaming, manual reviews, and security incidents. This role will not only require leadership expertise to lead a team, but will also require hands-on technical security operations expertise. This role will report directly to the Chief Information Security Officer. This role can be performed remotely anywhere in the US or from one of our office locations in Draper, UT or Glendale, AZ. ESSENTIAL F...

[Sr Technical Security Engineer \(Draper Utah\)](#)

How you can make a difference We are looking for a leader to oversee HealthEquity's Vulnerability & Threat Surface Management program. Reporting to the Senior Director of Technical Security Engineering, the Vulnerability & Threat Surface Management Engineer will work closely with management to engineer solutions for continuously improving detection and visibility of vulnerabilities. This role includes management of

[Sr Security Engineer](#)

We are CONNECTING HEALTH AND WEALTH. Come be part of remarkable. How you can make a difference With minimal supervision, this position is responsible for: Contribute to the Security Technology and Tools team within Risk and Security at HealthEquity. Influence and drive security standards alignment make recommendations on security risks, threats, and issues. Build relationships with technology and business

[APPLICATION SECURITY ENGINEER](#)

We are BUILDING HEALTH SAVINGS. Come be part of remarkable. How you can make a difference We are looking for a passionate Application Security Engineer to join our team! Your primary focus is to ensure that the HealthEquity Technology platform is secure by design and to guide software delivery teams. You will be a key contributor to direct security architecture and design for a talented engineering team working closely

ON THE HORIZON

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 4 -- SUGIT 2021 Kick off virtual webinar - [Register](#)

JUNE 11 -- SUGIT 2021 Wrap up virtual webinar - [Register](#)

SEPT 17 – Save the Date, 2 p.m.- 4 p.m. (LINK TO REGISTER COMING UP SHORTLY)

OCT 15 – Cyber Security Month (TBD). (LINK TO REGISTER COMING UP SHORTLY)

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