



SPEAKER BIO



Laura Harder
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Laura Harder is a seasoned leader in digital safety with more than 26 years of experience across the military, government, and private sector with the belief that everyone deserves to feel safe, capable, and confident in a world shaped by technology. At Kaiser Permanente, she directs efforts that help keep people and organizations safe online—reducing risk, strengthening cloud security, and managing exposure in practical, business friendly ways. In parallel, Laura continues her service in the U.S. Air Force Reserves as a Flight Commander, bringing the discipline, teamwork, and mission focus of military leadership to every challenge.

A longtime community builder, Laura is passionate about building and growing the next generation of cybersecurity professionals. She serves as the Vice President of ISSA International and the founding and current President of the Northern Colorado ISSA Chapter. She is a member of several not-for-profit organizations and helps to elevate voices and events through social media. Through these roles, she has championed member engagement, chapter support, career growth, and accessible cybersecurity education.

Laura is a recognized speaker who translates complex topics into clear, actionable insights. She has delivered talks at national conferences and universities and leads multi day workshops that help organizational leaders navigate responsible AI—without the jargon.

Passionate about mentorship, diversity, and neurodiversity, Laura invests deeply in early career talent and fosters inclusive environments where every voice is valued. Over her career, she has guided modernization initiatives and secure application development for commercial and government partners. She holds industry credentials including CISSP and IAPP CIPM, and is known for combining technical understanding with strategic, people first leadership.