

Injecting Security into Venture Capital and Emerging Technology

Top Cyber Security and Venture Capital Experts Discuss Trends, Responsible Investing, and Risk

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Atlanta, GA: Cyber Leadership and Strategy Solutions (CLASS-LLC) is hosting a free Cyber Strategy Retreat Executive Roundtable - Injecting Security into Venture Capital and Emerging Technology online from 2-4pm on March 24, 2021.

“Cybersecurity is one of the most in-demand components of the tech industry. Cybersecurity venture capital investing trends are experiencing a massive spending swell. Entrepreneurs are diving into the cybersecurity market with innovative ideas and venture investors are looking for the aggressive, novel startups while staying supportive of the mature market players,” explains Keyaan Williams, Founder/President of CLASS-LLC, a leader in cyber strategy and solutions.

“2020’s difficult times resulted in a surge in remote work. Business’s need to improve their security systems and risk management jumped to the spotlight in executive circles. So, what are investors looking for and in cybersecurity companies and what are the security and risk responsibilities of companies as they restructure to remote operations?” continues Williams.

CLASS-LLC has brought together venture capital and cybersecurity experts to discuss where the industry is headed in 2021.

Executive Roundtable



Will Lin – Managing Director ForgePoint Capital – an avid technology enthusiast, Will has worked for more than 20 cybersecurity companies. As part of the ForgePoint founding team, Will is involved with Appthority, Attivo Networks, Bayshore Networks, Bishop Fox, Concourse Labs, Constella, ID Experts, IronNet Cybersecurity, LoginRadius, Remediant, ReversingLabs, Symmetry Systems, Uptycs, and a company to be announced.

Lin comments: “Cybersecurity is undergoing a strategic shift among executive teams and board rooms. At ForgePoint, our mission is to protect the digital world and supporting innovation in cybersecurity is a perfect match. I’m looking forward to brainstorming with Chenxi and Didi on this topic and thanks to Keyaan and CLASS for making it happen.”

Chenxi Wang – Dr. Chenxi Wang is the founder and General Partner of Rain Capital, a Cyber focused venture fund. A well-known strategist, speaker, and technologist in the Cybersecurity industry, Dr. Wang also serves on the Board of Directors for MDU Resources (NYSE: MDU) and on the advisor board for various startups. Previously, Chenxi was Chief Strategy Officer at Twistlock, VP of strategy at Intel Security, and VP of Research at Forrester Research. Chenxi was named by Women Tech Founders as Women Investor of 2019 and received a Women of Influence award by SC Magazine. She is an investor in many innovative security startups including Claroty, Mitiga, Jupiter One, and Tetrate. Chenxi holds a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Virginia.

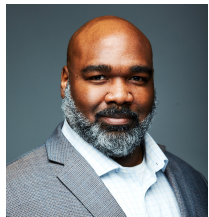


Wang comments: “Innovation is the backbone of growth. In a fast-growing industry like Cybersecurity, innovation opportunities abound. Rain Capital is thrilled to be at the forefront of innovation, partnering with entrepreneurs and technology disruptors to craft new paths and new solutions to protect organizations’ data, assets, and infrastructure.”



Didi Dayton – Partner, Wing Venture Capital – Customer Markets and Programs – Prior to Wing, Didi spent 20 years in the Cyber Security field specializing in building Go-To-Market and routes to market for hypergrowth organizations such as Websense, FireEye Tanium, and Cylance. She has been awarded the Channel Chief award 4 years running, the 50 most Influential Channel Chiefs, and the Power 100 women of the Channel.

Dayton comments: “Security is a big data problem these days, and IT leaders have to balance between serving the needs of the business and the ever-expanding footprint of the organization and the ever-increasing regulatory controls. We have invested in enterprise technology that is powered by AI to help solve some of those big data problems, and allow for transformation that is being driven by current conditions. Security can’t be the reason for businesses holding back on large-scale transformation anymore. When the going gets tough, the tough have to get creative.”



Host –Keyaan Williams – (CLASS-LLC) Founder/President, Keyaan J. Williams, MBA - An MBA and JMT Certified Team Member, Keyaan’s leadership foundation was developed while he served as a chemical weapons specialist in the US Army. He supported communications security at the US Army Reserve Command Headquarters before spending more than a decade in various IT and security roles at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). CLASS-LLC was founded with a vision to help global customers benefit from strategy, governance, and program management lessons learned throughout his career.

To register for the Cyber Strategy Retreat Executive Roundtable - Injecting Security into Venture Capital and Emerging Technology online at 3pm on March 24, 2021, please link to <https://www.class-llc.com/store>.

About CLASS-LLC: CLASS-LLC is a cybersecurity and business services firm. It is not a technology company, but aligns with strategic partners to develop comprehensive solutions. CLASS-LLC uses professional certification workshops and custom-developed training to develop the cybersecurity capabilities of the entire workforce, from general computer users to senior executives.

To schedule an interview with Keyaan Williams or for more the Cyber Strategy Retreat, please call Lisabeth Begin, Publicist, at 727-243-6965 or email at Lis@BeginProductions.com