

## **BIO**

William Favre Slater, III M.S., MBA, PMP, CISSP, CISA, SSCP, CDCP, ISO 20000, ITIL, IPv6 William "Bill" Slater is a senior IT project manager, program manager, senior IT consultant, professor and author, with more than three decades of IT experience and he is the President and CEO of Slater Technologies, Inc. Recently he has been involved in projects related to Risk Management Applications, teaching Project Management classes, providing Subject Matter Expert services in ITIL for a large U.S. Air Force Contract, and creating Internship opportunities with his company for 20 bright, talented students from the Illinois Institute of Technology. Prior to these activities, he worked as an Information Security Engineer at a

Fintech company for six months where he established their cybersecurity management program practices, performed penetration testing and vulnerability management, and played a key role in helping his client successfully pass their first SOC2 audit. Prior to that he was a global cybersecurity manager, had various leadership positions at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and in 2008 was also the first Data Center Manager for the gigantic Microsoft Chicago Cloud Data Center located near O'Hare International Airport. He has worked in various industries delivering projects in security, application development and conversion, infrastructure, and IT service management. In his first job out of college, as a young U.S. Air Force computer systems staff officer, he supported the automated command control software for Strategic Air Command at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. Today, Bill is also an adjunct professor at the Illinois Institute of Technology, specializing in the areas of data center operations, data center architecture, data warehousing and

information technology hardware and software. He also develops and teaches cybersecurity classes at Triton College, in River Grove, Illinois. Bill has earned three graduate degrees and a bachelor degree: an M.S. in Cybersecurity from Bellevue University in Bellevue, Nebraska, an M.B.A. and M.S. from the University of Phoenix, and a B.S. in Engineering Technology (major was Computer Systems Technology) from the University of Memphis. Bill holds 80 professional certifications and is excited to have directly assisted many younger professionals achieve several of the same certifications he has achieved. Bill is also an internationally published author who has written scores of articles and presentations on many topics, especially in the area of cybersecurity management. He also conducts research, and prepares and delivers technical topic presentations in cybersecurity management at three local conferences each year since 2012.

Bill is also a black belt in Kodokan Judo and a certified Judo Instructor. He teaches Judo and Self-Defense to students at IIT.

Bill has been happily married to his best friend and soul mate, Ms. Joanna Roguska since December 2000. She is a naturalized U.S. citizen, who is also a native of Warsaw, Poland. During the day, Joanna is professional web developer. In her spare time, she is a dancer and a folk musician who plays mountain dulcimer and banjo. They make their home amid thousands of books on the near northwest side of Chicago in Wicker Park. Bill and Joanna have traveled to Warsaw, Poland every Christmas Holiday since 2000 to spend the Holidays with Joanna's Family. Bill is especially grateful to his lovely wife, her wonderful Family, and for his successful career in Information Technology and Teaching.