

Ryan T. Jessee.

Keynotes, panels, and executive workshops on **AI governance, security, and risk** — agentic systems and human oversight at scale.

Governance is not a brake on AI adoption — it is the architecture that makes adoption defensible at scale. *I leave audiences with a changed frame, not just updated vocabulary.*

Ryan T. Jessee leads AI governance, security, and risk for organizations where **being wrong is expensive** — in technology, healthcare, defense, and the regulated, high-consequence sectors next to them — so powerful systems get used properly, at speed. His fifteen-plus years of continuous security practice run from U.S. embassy systems and Navy cryptologic collection to the security and governance of AI itself, and he advises U.S. government leadership on AI policy and enterprise adoption.

He designs the governance architectures and accountability structures that let organizations delegate consequential, often irreversible action to autonomous systems — without losing meaningful oversight of them.

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SPEAKING TOPICS

Keynotes & workshops

01

Enforceable Human Authority

Why “human-in-the-loop” has become a liability shield rather than a control mechanism — and what it takes to make human authority over autonomous systems enforceable, auditable, and real.

02

Governance That Isn't Theater

Building AI governance boards that operate as clearance systems, not rubber stamps — testable criteria, scoped authority, and denials a practitioner can act on.

03

The Hollow Bench

What happens to senior judgment when you automate the entry-level cognitive work — talent debt, and how to build a workforce that still develops expertise.

FORMATS

Conference keynote (25–45 min)
Executive workshop (60–90 min)
Panels & moderation

AUDIENCE

COOs, division presidents, Chief AI Officers, governance leaders — defense, technology, healthcare, regulated enterprise

LEAD TIME

4–8 weeks

SELECTED ENGAGEMENTS

National Cryptologic Foundation — *Convening to Act: AI*

CARAHSOFT · DEC 2025

Panel moderator, Analytic & Software Engineering Workforce Integration in Agentic AI Operations — with panelists from IBM, Arizona State University, and ClearanceJobs. Series keynoted by Gen. Paul Nakasone, U.S. Army (Ret.).

Digital Diplomacy Africa — *Beyond Borders: Reimagining Africa's Future through AI*

VIRTUAL · NOV 2025

Panelist on Africa's AI future and global collaboration for sustainable growth — alongside the Dean of the University of New England's College of Business and others.