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Grace Series Talk

Grace Series Talks are Empowerment Talks for Grad and Undergrad Students in Computer Science and Software Engineering

Tuesday, April 11, 2017
7pm – 8pm
Location: Osborne Conference Room
ECSS 3.503



Which way from here?

By: Jill Blanchar, Bank of America Information Security Officer

Jill Blanchar is currently the Bank of America information security executive responsible for the controls, risks, and policies for the global identity and access management organization. She has been with Bank of America since 1999 and has held various positions such as manager of the Internet and business-facing perimeter environments, lead for the technology strategy an execution for several acquisitions and divestitures, and technology operational risk executive. Experience prior to Bank of America includes positions at the National center for Supercomputing Applications, the Illinois Scientific Research Surveys, and the City of Champaign. Jill also serves on the Global Steering Committee for Women in Technology and & Operations which is an advocacy group for women as well as on the planning committee for the North Texas National Center for Women in Technology Award for Aspirations in Computing for high school women. She has earned a B.S. in Computer Science from the University of South Florida, and a M.S. in Remote Sensing from the University of Illinois.

Everyone thinks that they should know exactly what their career path and ultimate career goal should be. For those that do, fantastic! However, the secret is that most people don't, and it's okay! Having a degree in computing opens up many doors and possibilities. Not only for the types of positions but also different places of work. Jill will share with you her journey from government to academic research to the financial services industry along with her many challenging roles along the way. She will provide perspective of the advantages and disadvantages of her career path and confess she is still trying to figure the end goal too.

***Free Food *Prizes**

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