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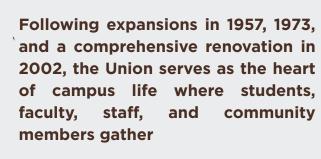
# BLOCKCHAIN STAMPEDE

The Center for Blockchain and Digital Innovation (CBDI) is an interdisciplinary center focused on emerging technologies to foster innovation, economic development, and education. Established as a collaborative initiative between the College of Business, College of Engineering and Applied Science, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and School of Energy Resources, CBDI stands at the forefront of blockchain education and research.

Through its research initiatives, industry partnerships, and educational programs, CBDI is advancing the role of digital innovation across Wyoming and beyond, preparing the next generation of leaders in blockchain and emerging technologies.

# WYOMINGUNION

Originally constructed on March 3, 1939, the Wyoming Union has not only been the geographical center of campus but is also known as the living room of campus.



## WELCOME

Welcome to the 8th Annual Wyoming Blockchain Stampede.

On behalf of the University of Wyoming's Center for Blockchain & Digital Innovation, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 8th Annual Wyoming Blockchain Stampede. Each year, this event brings together innovators, policymakers, entrepreneurs, educators, and students from around the world to explore how blockchain and digital assets are reshaping industries, economies, and communities.

This year's Stampede features an exciting lineup of activities designed to spark conversation, foster collaboration, and showcase Wyoming's global leadership in blockchain innovation. Highlights include:

- **Bitcoin Day & Mining Summit** A deep dive into energy, sustainability, and the role of Bitcoin mining in Wyoming's economy.
- **Policy & Regulation Forums** Engaging discussions with lawmakers, regulators, and industry leaders on the future of digital assets and responsible innovation.
- Business & Industry Tracks Case studies and panels exploring real-world applications of blockchain across finance, supply chains, healthcare, energy, and more.
- **Networking & Community Events** Opportunities to connect with entrepreneurs, investors, students, and professionals driving blockchain adoption globally.

The Blockchain Stampede is more than a conference—it is a platform for education, collaboration, and forward-looking dialogue. Wyoming has been at the forefront of digital asset policy and innovation, and this gathering continues to advance that legacy.

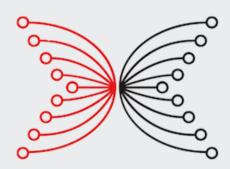
Thank you for being part of this year's Stampede. I encourage you to take full advantage of the sessions, panels, and networking opportunities, and to join us in building the future of blockchain together.

Steven Lupien, Ada Lovelace Director
UW Center for Blockchain and Digital Innovation



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#### 2025 CBDI Giving Day

The Center for Blockchain and Digital Innovation (CBDI) humbly asks for your support. Your donation enables CBDI's three-tiered mission: to educate on blockchain and emerging technologies, foster digital innovation, and promote economic development within Wyoming.

CBDI leads several impactful initiatives, including the Annual Wyoming Blockchain Stampede and the newly launched Stampede Speaker Series. The Center also proudly supports the student-led UW Blockchain Club.

CBDI offers an undergraduate minor in Blockchain, equipping students with foundational knowledge and real-world applications of blockchain and related technologies. Additionally, CBDI created WyoBEE (Wyoming Blockchain Education for Everyone), an outreach initiative bringing blockchain education to Wyoming high schools and community colleges.

Held each fall in Laramie, the Annual Wyoming Blockchain Stampede is a free, weeklong series of events featuring speakers, panels, and discussions on blockchain, AI, and digital innovation.

The Stampede Speaker Series is a new year-round program that brings in experts to share breakthroughs in their fields, keeping CBDI and its community at the forefront of technological innovation.

Thanks to CBDI's support, the UW Blockchain Club provides students with valuable opportunities, including weekly meetings on blockchain developments, hands-on workshops, and conference attendance—such as the annual trip to ETHDenver.





# TUESDAYSCHEDULE

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9:00 AM	Opening Remarks in the West Ballroom			
9:15 AM	Sponsor Remarks			
9:30 AM	Bitcoin Mining Overview			
10:00 AM	Bitcoin Mining in the Cowboy State			
10:30 AM	District Heating - MARA			
11:00 AM	Subsurface Energy Digital Innovation Center			
11:30 AM	Mining Hardware Evolution & Energy Consumption			
12:00 PM	Lunch in the Central Ballroom			
1:00 PM	Hashrate Heating			
1:30 PM	Universities and Bitcoin			
2:00 PM	Bitcoin Obituaries			
2:30 PM	Bitcoin Park - Education			
3:00 PM	Bitcoin Policy			
3:30 PM	Immutable History - Protecting Record from AI			
4:00 PM	Bitcoin Financialization			
4:30 PM	Gannett Trust			

Please visit the website for up-to-date agenda and full bios

## BITCOINDAY

Bitcoin Day offers a full day of programming focused on innovation, education, and collaboration within the Bitcoin ecosystem. The event begins with the Bitcoin Mining and Energy Summit, examining the intersection of mining and Wyoming's energy markets. Throughout the day, panels and presentations will address topics including university engagement with Bitcoin, advancements in payment technology, mining innovation and heat recycling, institutional adoption, and emerging financial products. Bringing together leaders from academia, industry, and government, Bitcoin Day serves as a forum for advancing knowledge and shaping the future of Bitcoin.

## INTRODUCTORY SPEAKER



## Ed Seidel, President University of Wyoming

Ed Seidel is the 28th President of the University of Wyoming, a role he began on July 1, 2020. He is a distinguished physicist and computer scientist, known internationally for scientific excellence, bold vision and dynamic and collegial leadership. He has a track record of advancing scientific research, technology development and economic progress at the university, state, and national levels. Ed has leveraged that experience to develop a vision for UW's continued success that includes programs designed to enhance student success, broaden UW's service to the state, and ensure the long-term financial stability of the university. Seidel received his Ph.D. in relativistic astrophysics from Yale University. He is a fellow of the American Physical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Ed and his partner, Dr. Gabrielle Allen, are avid skiers and enjoy hiking and camping in Wyoming's great outdoors.







## Dr. Holly Krutka, PhD - Executive Director UW School of Energy Resources

Dr. Holly Krutka is Executive Director of the University of Wyoming's School of Energy Resources, leading multidisciplinary teams in energy research and innovation. Her career includes leadership roles at Peabody Energy and Tri-State Generation and Transmission. She holds a B.S. and Ph.D. in chemical engineering from the University of Oklahoma.



#### Matthew Skrlac, Director CBDI Bitcoin Mining Initiative

Matthew Skrlac is the Bitcoin Mining Lead at the University of Wyoming's Center for Blockchain and Digital Innovation (CBDI). He directs the University's Bitcoin Mining Initiative, advancing practical education, workforce development, and public policy engagement around Bitcoin. His work focuses on leveraging Wyoming's unique energy landscape to position the state as a hub for Bitcoin innovation, economic growth, and education.



## **Curtis Harris, Director of Sales and Business Development Compass Mining**

Curtis Harris serves as Director of Sales and Business Development at Compass Mining, leading a team of Bitcoin professionals and building cryptocurrency community relationships. His career spans energy, construction, and cryptocurrency sectors. He previously spent nearly a decade as Sales Account Manager at Gordon Energy, managing portfolios and generating new sales. Earlier roles include Regional Sales Manager at Licensed Contractor and managing real estate development projects at Peridian Group. Curtis consistently prioritizes relationship-building and delivering mutual success across diverse industries.



## **Robert Warren, Head of Research & Education Bitcoin Park**

Head of Research & Education at Bitcoin Park, Robert Warren works on collaborative research, educational programming, and community engagement. Author of The Bitcoin Miner's Almanac, he distills complex mining and energy concepts into clear, actionable insights. Previously with Riot Platforms Managing Mining Projects & Operations Analysis, and a co-founder of distributed hash, a privacy and research focused Bitcoin mine, Robert brings analytical depth and field experience to his work. He is a respected voice in broad Bitcoin education, contributing thought leadership to conferences, publications, and technical resources.







#### Colin Crossman, Director of the Business Division Wyoming Secretary of State's Office

Colin Crossman is Director of the Business Division at the Wyoming Secretary of State's Office, where he oversees corporate filings and advances blockchain-friendly policies. A licensed attorney and General Counsel for Distributed Hash, he holds a J.D. from Duke University School of Law and brings over 20 years of entrepreneurial experience.



#### Jamie Terranova, CEO and Founder 44 West Mining

Jamie Terranova has been active in the digital asset space since 2017. In 2022, he cofounded 44 West Mining, Wyoming's first mining company to implement immersion mining technology, alongside his brothers and father. In 2024, he established the Wyoming Blockchain Alliance, bringing together leading industry participants to engage with policymakers and advance blockchain adoption. In addition to his work in digital assets, Mr. Terranova is Managing Director and Head of Fixed Income at Lucid Capital Markets, where he focuses on both production and client relationship management. He also serves on the board of #SameHere Global, a nonprofit dedicated to mental health awareness and advocacy.



#### Matt Carlsson, Strategic Consultant MARA

Matt Carlsson is a mechanical engineer providing strategic consulting to the bitcoin mining and AI/HPC industries. He specializes in waste heat reuse applications that generate new revenue streams while improving heating system decarbonization economics through his heating-as-a-service (HaaS) model. Matt brings extensive experience in corporate decarbonization strategy, energy modeling, data center HVAC commissioning, and automotive manufacturing.



# Soheil Saraji, Chair of Subsurface Energy/Digital Innovation University of Wyoming

Soheil Saraji is Associate Professor in Energy & Petroleum Engineering and holds the Richard and Marilyn Lynch Non-endowed Chair in Subsurface Energy and Digital Innovation. He specializes in interfacial interactions, bulk and interfacial rheology, nonlinear flow, and multiphase flow through porous media. Dr. Saraji applies this fundamental knowledge to develop engineered waterflooding solutions and novel Enhanced Oil Recovery techniques for conventional and unconventional reservoirs.







#### Adam Ortolf, Founding Partner Stranded Energy Investments

Adam Ortolf serves as Founding Partner at Stranded Energy Investments, focusing on harnessing stranded and wasted natural gas for bitcoin mining. He also holds the role of U.S./International Business Development Manager at Upstream Data Inc. In this capacity, he designs projects and supplies engines and infrastructure to help oil and gas producers monetize their waste natural gas through bitcoin mining. The Colorado native specializes in turning energy waste into productive bitcoin mining operations.



## Tyler Stevens, Founder Exergy LLC

Tyler Stevens is a former rocket scientist turned bitcoiner with expertise in thermal engineering and heat transfer. He authored the Bitcoin Mining Heat Reuse book and founded Exergy LLC, a heating company specializing in hashrate-powered heating systems. He is also co-founder and board member of The Space, Denver's bitcoin citadel.



#### **Cody Harris**

Cody Harris has a relentless disdain for authority, most likely a result of an unsupervised childhood in rural Wyoming. He has spent most of his life seeking freedom in various ways, and in 2020, that search led him down the Bitcoin rabbit hole where he's been ever since. Cody founded and ran the SLC-BTC Meetup in Salt Lake City, until he moved back to his home state where he's currently designing and installing hash-rate powered heating systems.



#### Brad Rettler, Director Bitcoin Research Institute, University of Wyoming

Bradley Rettler is director of the Bitcoin Research Institute at the University of Wyoming, the first university institute dedicated to bitcoin study. He co-authored the bestselling book "Resistance Money: A Philosophical Case for Bitcoin" and teaches courses including "Philosophy of Religion" and "Philosophical Topics: Money."







#### Micheal Kelly, PhD - Founder Bitcoin Lab at Binghamton University

Michael J. Kelly, Ph.D. is the founder of the Bitcoin Lab at Binghamton University, where he lectures on Bitcoin Studies, History, and Religion. He serves as a Senior Fellow of the Bitcoin Policy Institute and is the founding editor of the Bitcoin Review of Books. A recent Fulbright Fellow to Ireland, he has authored and edited numerous academic publications. He is currently developing a foundational theory of value for Bitcoin.



#### Janie England, Student, Organizational Leadership BYU-Idaho

Janie England is a student at BYU-Idaho pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership and Communication. She recently completed an eight-week research fellowship with the Bitcoin Policy Institute, authoring a white paper on strategic Bitcoin reserves and presenting her findings in Washington, D.C. Her interest in Bitcoin began during her internship with U.S. Senator Cynthia Lummis of Wyoming in summer 2024. She plans to continue her career in Bitcoin research and policy development.



#### Ian Northon, Co-founder OCEAN

lan Northon is an experienced federal court trial lawyer and co-founder of OCEAN, focusing on anti-fraud cases and Bitcoin mining decentralization. A Bitcoiner since 2013, he helps manage risk while working to keep Bitcoin mining permissionless for the future. Before Bitcoin, he was a professional baseball player and brings competitive drive to tackling challenges with courage and conviction.



#### Carlos Toriello, CEO SimpleProof.com

Carlos Toriello is the CEO of SimpleProof.com, the only Bitcoin timestamping company. His company became the first in the world to protect a national election with blockchain during Guatemala's 2023 election and later worked in Screven County, GA during the 2024 US national elections. He is passionate about making history immutable before AI rewrites it, sharing these stories through short videos at Films.SimpleProof.com.







#### **Wyatt O'Rourke**

Wyatt O'Rourke blends financial expertise with a strong passion for Bitcoin and conservative values. He offers clients and peers a fresh, informed perspective on wealth management, with a particular interest in the intersection of behavior, incentives, and markets. His thinking is influenced by the works of Srinivasan, Booth, Alden, and others, while his values are deeply rooted in his Christian faith. Outside of his professional pursuits, Wyatt draws inspiration from his marriage, personal hobbies, and active involvement in community life



#### Joshua Preston, Chairman and CEO Gannett Trust Company

Joshua Preston is chairman and CEO of Gannett Trust Company, the first bitcoin-native trust company. His two-decade international career includes regulating financial institutions, scaling fintech compliance programs, and serving as COO and CCO at Unchained. He spent ten years as a regulator at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and Federal Reserve System. He holds an MBA from HHL Leipzig Graduate School of Management and a B.S. in economics from the University of Idaho.



## WEDNESDAYSCHEDULE

8:00 AM: Registration and Check-In - Breakfast in Family Room

Please visit the website for up-to-date agenda and full bios



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#### **Opening Remarks**

9:00 AM

**Education and Digital Assets** 

10:00 AM

**Digital Asset Policy** 

11:00 AM

**Wyoming is Open for Business** 

12:00 PM

Keynote Speaker: Trevor Rutar
220B Central Ballroom - Lunch will be served

1:00 PM

**Balcony** 

2:00 PM

**AI in Business and Digital Twins** 

3:00 PM

**Future Challenges Panel** 

Stampede panelists, speakers and audience members will exchange ideas about what Wyoming can do to adopt and adapt innovative technologies in the state.

4:00 PM

**Closing Keynote Speaker: Caitlin Long** 

# BUCKCHANSTAMPEDE



#### Steven Lupien, Ada Lovelace Director UW Center for Blockchain and Digital Innovation

#### Host and Panelist

Steven Lupien is the Ada Lovelace Director of the University of Wyoming Center for Blockchain & Digital Innovation and lecturer of blockchain, digital assets and cryptocurrency. In addition, he is a Founder of American Certified Brands, LLC (ACB), owners of BeefChain; the first company that connects ranchers and consumers using multiple blockchain protocols and the first blockchain agricultural organization to receive USDA approval.

A seasoned executive, Director Lupien previously held senior leadership roles in Five Star Products, Inc; IMS, Ltd/Land O' Lakes Specialty Foods Group and AT&T; served as the Executive Director of the Digital Asset Trade Association (DATA) and is a Board Member of Cyber Wyoming and the Digital Ledger Governance Association (DLGA). He is also advisor to multiple blockchain organizations.

He is the co-author of the textbook, "Blockchain Fundamentals for Web 3.0."



#### Caitlin Long, Founder & CEO Custodia Bank

#### Honorary Chair and Keynote Speaker

Caitlin Long is Founder and CEO of Custodia Bank. She became involved with Bitcoin in 2012 while she was a managing director at Morgan Stanley in New York (2007-16). Before that she worked at Credit Suisse (1997-2007) and Salomon Brothers (1994-97). From 2016-18 she jointly spearheaded a blockchain project for delivering market index data to Vanguard as chair and president of Symbiont, an enterprise blockchain start-up. She was named Top Banking Innovator for 2023 by American Banker.

In 2017, after a flaw in a Wyoming law blocked her from donating appreciated bitcoin to endow a scholarship for female engineers at the University of Wyoming, she volunteered to help fix the statute. That led to her helping spearhead a multi-year initiative to make Wyoming, her native state, an oasis for blockchain companies in the US. She is a graduate of Harvard Law School (JD, 1994), the Kennedy School of Government (MPP, 1994) and the University of Wyoming (BA, 1990).



## UPENING REMARKS



#### Tyler Lindholm, State Director Americans for Prosperity

Tyler Lindholm is Vice President of Jackpot Ranch in Sundance, Wyoming, where he manages cattle operations alongside his wife and four children. He also serves as State Director for Americans for Prosperity in Wyoming, leading efforts to promote economic growth and opportunity across the state.

From 2015 to 2020, Lindholm represented House District 1 in the Wyoming Legislature, where he authored the landmark Wyoming Food Freedom Act and advanced fintech and banking policies that balance consumer protection with business innovation. He later served as State Policy Director for U.S. Senator Cynthia Lummis, shaping federal policy on natural resources, banking, and education. In 2023, he was selected to lead Americans for Prosperity's Wyoming chapter, continuing his work to strengthen the state's economic future.



## **Governor Mark Gordon State of Wyoming**

Mark Gordon grew up on the family ranch in Kaycee, Wyoming, where he learned the values of hard work, integrity, and the importance of working together.

Governor Gordon served as Wyoming State Treasurer from October 2012 until January 2019, when he was sworn in as Governor. During his time in office, he was ranked in the top 100 "most significant and impactful public investor executives." In addition, under his guidance, Wyoming's sovereign funds earned a No.1 ranking for the United States and No.3 in the world for transparency by the Peterson Institute.

First elected Governor in 2018, he successfully led Wyoming through some historically difficult times. Consistently rated as one of the top ten governors in the country, he has spearheaded efforts to diversify Wyoming's economy from technology and finance to agriculture, energy, research, and tourism. He and his wife, Jennie, are dedicated to making Wyoming the best place to raise a family.



## KEYNOTESPEAKER



#### Trevor Rutar, CEO Kraken Financial

Trevor Rutar is the CEO of Kraken Financial, bringing over 20 years of experience in finance, spanning management, operations, and lending across Fortune 25 banking, regional credit unions, and digital asset banking. Before assuming the CEO role, he led operations at Kraken Financial and was instrumental in shaping the company's infrastructure. Prior to joining Kraken Financial, Trevor served as Chief Lending Officer at Meridian Trust, where he successfully expanded the loan portfolio, diversified asset allocation, increased profitability, and maintained strong credit quality. He previously spent a decade at Wells Fargo Bank in management and operational leadership roles. He holds an M.B.A. from the University of Notre Dame and a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Wyoming, with minors in Bank Management and Finance.

# EDUCATION & DIGITAL ASSETS

Digital assets reshape the global economy, and educational institutions face the challenge of preparing students for a future where blockchain technology, cryptocurrencies, and NFTs are integral to finance, business, and creative industries. The Wyoming Blockchain Education for Everyone (Wyo BEE) program was developed by the CBDI to support digital asset education. This panel explores how educators can integrate digital asset literacy into curricula.



## Megan Degenfelder, Superintendent of Public Instruction State of Wyoming

Megan Degenfelder was elected Wyoming's State Superintendent of Public Instruction in 2022, making her one of the youngest elected statewide officials in Wyoming history. From a sixgeneration Wyoming ranching family with private sector experience in coal, oil, and gas, she advocates for conservative values, parental rights, and workforce preparation in education. She holds bachelor's degrees in Economics and Political Science from the University of Wyoming, where she served as student body president, and a master's in Economics from Beijing focusing on coal and natural gas demand elasticity.



# DGTALASSETPOLCY

Explore how Wyoming is shaping the future of blockchain through forward-thinking legislation. This panel will examine efforts to provide legal clarity, establish a strong regulatory foundation, and position the state as a leader in fostering innovative Web 3.0 businesses.



#### Chris Rothfuss, Senate Minority Leader Wyoming Legislature

Dr. Chris Rothfuss is Senate Minority Leader of the Wyoming Legislature and co-chairs the Wyoming Blockchain Select Committee. He has led Wyoming's innovative digital asset legislation since 2018 and serves as professor at the University of Wyoming Honors College. He was previously a Science and Technology Diplomacy Fellow at the U.S. Department of State.



#### Josh Hawkins, Executive Vice-President Aleo

Josh Hawkins is EVP of Strategy, Policy & Communications at Aleo, where he leads privacy-first Layer 1 blockchain solutions. Previously, he served as SVP of Marketing & Communications at Circle Financial, the global fintech firm behind the \$60 billion USDC stablecoin, where he shaped policy influence and strategic positioning.



## CJ Whisnant IV, Esq. Federal Tax Controversy and Litigation Attorney

CJ Whisnant IV, Esq. is a California-licensed tax attorney and nationally regarded expert in cryptocurrency, blockchain technology, and digital asset compliance. He has advised founders, funds, miners, and exchanges on tax-efficient structuring, asset protection, and federal reporting requirements for digital assets.



#### Chris Land, Staff Director U.S. Senate Banking Committee, Subcommittee on Digital Assests

Chris Land serves as Staff Director of the Senate Banking Committee's Subcommittee on Digital Assets and General Counsel for U.S. Senator Cynthia M. Lummis. He focuses on digital asset policy and constitutional law. He holds degrees from Florida State University, University of London, and University of Minnesota Law School.



## WYOMING IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Discover how Wyoming is fostering a pro-business climate while expanding employment opportunities across the state. This panel will highlight initiatives that support business growth, attract new enterprises, and connect talent to open positions, showcasing why Wyoming is an ideal place to work, invest, and thrive.



#### Robert Macy, Director Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation, University of Wyoming

Robert Macy, J.D., Ph.D. directs the University of Wyoming's Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation and oversees the university's Venture Capital Fund. With over 30 years of experience in entrepreneurship and venture capital, he founded Penn State's Corporate Innovation and Entrepreneurship major and Lion LaunchPad.



## Anne Alexander, Interim Provost University of Wyoming

Anne Alexander is Interim Provost for Academic Affairs at the University of Wyoming, where she earned her Ph.D. in Economics. Her research spans American capitalism and international economics, complemented by prior roles including Director of International Programs and economist with the U.S. Department of State.



#### Baylie Evans, Managing Director gener8tor

Baylie Evans is a gBETA Managing Director at gener8tor, where she runs the gBETA Wyoming accelerator for startups seeking investment financing. Previously a reporter and nonprofit fundraiser, she merges storytelling and venture capital experience to help founders describe their vision and achieve meaningful milestones.



#### Braeden Davis, Coordinator - Client Experience Business Studio, Laramie County Community College

Braeden Davis is the Client Experience Coordinator at the Business Studio, where he works directly with entrepreneurs and small business owners to help them navigate resources and grow their ventures. A Wyoming native and graduate of the University of Wyoming with a degree in Business Management, Braeden previously served as an advisor in the College of Business and continues to support community-driven business development across the state.

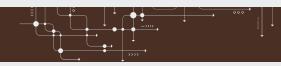


## WYOMING IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS



#### Matthew Fields, CEO Plain Simple Technology

Matthew Fields is the CEO of Plain Simple Technology, where he leads the development of immersion-cooled micro-datacenters and Al infrastructure for real-time workloads in defense, energy, and industrial sectors. With over 20 years of experience in infrastructure, Al systems, and cloud architecture, Fields has built and led teams deploying edge computing in environments beyond the reach of traditional data centers. He's structured go-to-market strategies, led deployments in North America and MENA, and formed partnerships with AMD/Xilinx and Intel/Altera. A Wyoming-based founder, he's also committed to building a rural Al talent pipeline through youth STEM programs. Fields believes infrastructure should be as adaptive as the challenges it serves—creating smarter deployment models, solving latency and mobility constraints, and enabling scalable, real-world Al beyond the centralized cloud.



## BALCONY

Discover how Balcony is transforming government recordkeeping by partnering with Bergen County, New Jersey to tokenize 370,000 property deeds worth \$240 billion using blockchain technology. This session will showcase how Balcony's innovative platform reduces deed processing time by over 90%, creates tamper-proof records, and demonstrates the potential for blockchain solutions to modernize public sector infrastructure nationwide.



#### Alexander McGee CRO, Head of Government Affairs, Co-founder Balcony

Alex McGee is the Head of Government Affairs and Co-Founder of Balcony, where he serves as the vital bridge between government customers and the engineering team. With a background in real estate development and a career spent working closely with local governments, Alex brings a deep, firsthand understanding of the public sector's challenges and priorities.



## ALIN BUSINESS/DIGITAL TWINS

Learn how small businesses are leveraging artificial intelligence to boost productivity, expand capabilities, and strengthen their workforce. This panel will highlight practical applications of AI that drive growth while supporting employees and creating new opportunities.



#### Rocky Case, Center Director Manufacturing Works

Rocky Case is a fifth-generation Wyomingite with extensive experience in sales, management, and business analysis. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Wyoming and has led sales teams at GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals and Reynolds Polymer Technology. He currently serves as director of Manufacturing Works.



#### Karen Gorton, Associate Dean, PhD, RN, FNP, MS UW Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing

Karen Gorton is a doctorally prepared Nurse Educator with experience teaching across nursing programs from CNA through PhD levels, including specialized Master's and DNP programs. She has served Sigma Theta Tau International for over 25 years in leadership roles including Vice President, Regional Chapters Coordinating Committee Chair, and current Governance Committee member. Dr. Gorton brings clinical expertise in emergency nursing and was a board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner and Certified Athletic Trainer.



#### Dalton Gregory, Founder O3 LLC

Dalton Gregory is a serial entrepreneur and AI innovator. A sixth-generation Wyomingite and University of Wyoming graduate, he founded O3 LLC to help small businesses implement AI solutions and serves as chief technologist at Jump Partners Inc. He is a Daniels Fund Ethical Startup Award recipient.



#### Luke Macy, Founder Power Theory

Luke Macy founded Power Theory immediately after completing his MBA at the University of Wyoming. With a passion for sustainability and digital twin technology, he and his cofounders work to revolutionize energy management for large-scale facilities, helping them save energy, cut costs, and operate more efficiently.





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Join us for a comprehensive day of learning with expert educators covering the full spectrum of Cardano and blockchain technology. Our lineup of speakers will guide you through essential topics including blockchain fundamentals, cryptography, smart contracts, governance, and more. Whether you're a beginner or looking to deepen your expertise, you'll gain valuable insights from industry professionals across general introductions and specialized deep-dives.





# DISCORD: UW Blockchain Club for days and times

The Blockchain Club serves as a hub for students from all disciplines to come together and explore the potential of blockchain technology





