

# Data Governance for the Public Sector

## FACULTY PROFILES



### **Sherin V Emmanuel**

Enterprise Information Architect & Strategist | Information Management Division, Information and Data Directorate / Service, Innovation and Integration Branch

#### ***Canada Revenue Agency | Government of Canada***

Sherin Emmanuel is passionate about managing data and Information to meet the needs of the digital workplace. Sherin works at the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) as the Information Architect for the Agency and has extensive experience in both the public and private sectors in many diverse domains including engineering, education, Information Management and Information Technology. Developing information architectures that can help automate and transform the management of electronic information through “...by design” concepts is her current focus. Sherin considers the transformation of practices rooted in analog, to meet the needs of the digital world of today as one of the most interesting challenges in her career. She is proud to be a part of this transformation in the Government of Canada. Prior to joining the CRA Sherin worked at the Library and Archives Canada (LAC) and Nortel Networks. Sherin is a Project Management Professional (PMP) with a Masters in Information Studies (MIS) from the University of Ottawa.



### **George Firican**

Director, Data Governance & Business Intelligence

#### ***The University of British Columbia***

George Firican is an exuberant advocate for the importance of data, a frequent conference speaker and a YouTuber, being ranked among Top 10 Global Thought Leaders and Influencers on Digital Disruption and Top 15 on Innovation and Big Data. His innovative approach to data management received international recognition through award-winning program and project implementations in data governance, data quality, business intelligence and data analytics. In his spare time, he loves to create informative, practical and engaging educational content, and help organizations get more visibility on social media. George is also the proud founder of LightsOnData.com

### **Alex Fourie**

Data Governance Analyst

#### ***DataGovernix Ltd.***

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### **Sorana Ionescu**

Director, Smart Metering

#### ***Independent Electricity System Operator***

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) works at the heart of Ontario's power system ensuring there is enough power to keep the lights on, today and into the future. The IESO is also responsible for operating Ontario's Meter Data Management and Repository, a complex platform that enables processing of consumption data from over five million smart meters in support of Ontario's 60+ local distribution companies billing. In addition to her Smart Metering responsibilities, Sorana is also leading the IESO's Data Excellence, an enterprise-wide effort aimed at optimizing the use of the IESO's vast amounts of data and delivering the maximum value from Ontario's energy data. This effort is now more relevant than ever, as entire sectors are accelerating their progress towards advanced digitalization through an unprecedented reliance on data, to help them adjust to the new business models imposed by the pandemic times.

Sorana holds an Executive MBA from the Richard Ivey Business School, a nuclear power engineering degree from the University of Bucharest, and various certifications in business management and energy sector leadership.



### **Philippe Johnston**

Director General, Digital Services Directorate

#### ***Transport Canada***

Philippe is currently managing the operational and capital IM/IT portfolio for Transport Canada. Since Jan 2019 he has been digitizing and enhancing the safety, security, and efficiency of Canada's transportation sector. Prior to this role he held the CIO position at the granting councils, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC). He was at the Treasury Board Secretariat (TBS) from 2011-2016, where he led all parts of the internal IM IT organization, including the Deputy/CIO position for the last two years. During this time he helped establish the Secret Network for the Government of Canada, as well as developing and implementing a comprehensive Front Office strategy for TBS. Prior to joining TBS, Philippe helped establish the Cyber Defense program at the Communications Security Establishment, while creating partnerships with academia, vendors and with key international organizations in the realm of cyber security. Philippe was a proud member of the Canadian Navy where he obtained his Combat Systems Engineering Head of Department qualification before his retirement.

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### **Emily Kozinski**

Advisor, Data Governance, Data Governance Office

#### ***Canada Post***

Emily Kozinski is an Advisor in Data Governance in the Data Governance Office at Canada Post, she joined the team in 2017. In her role, she works with all areas of business at Canada Post to ensure that data management practices are consistently applied. Emily's current focus is on establishing a data literacy program which includes building data literacy training materials and building awareness of the program throughout the organization. Prior to joining Canada Post, Emily worked as an Information Management Analyst for the International Development Research Centre. There she assessed, designed, and implemented solutions for information, document, and records management. Emily earned her Masters of Library and Information Science from McGill University in 2012 and obtained her Bachelors in Public History from Concordia University in 2010.



### **Wojciech Kujawa**

Data Governance Manager

#### ***City of Edmonton***

Wojciech brings more than 11 years of experience in Business Intelligence, project management, data analytics, data management and data governance from being the Senior Manager of the Business Intelligence at the Edmonton Police Service and Data Governance Manager at the City of Edmonton. As a Data Governance Manager Wojciech priorities focus on standing up the data governance program and the data governance team at the City, establishing the stewardship framework, building data awareness and literacy, and managing data as an asset.

Wojciech holds a Project Management Professional certification, a Master's degree in International Relations from the Universities in Poland and Germany, as well as a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Alberta.



### **Matthew MacNeil**

Director of Standards and Technology

#### ***CIO Strategy Council***

Matthew MacNeil is the Director of Standards and Technology at the CIO Strategy Council, and has over 19 years' experience in the standards and certifications industry. Matthew has worked for various Certification bodies and management consulting firms, while the bulk of his career has been with the British Standards Institution (BSI) where his focus was Information Security, IT and Risk standards. Matthew currently sits on the Standards Council of Canada Advisory Committee for GDPR, as well as the Data Governance Standardization Collaboration.

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### **Martin McGarry**

Partner and Chief Data Scientist

#### ***Bronson Analytics***

Martin is President of Bronson Consulting and has over 20 years of project management and consulting experience within many of the largest and most complex organizations in the world, across a broad range of sectors. A true agent for change, Martin excels at bringing multi-disciplinary teams together in a knowledgeable, collaborative and candid manner



### **Mark Roboff**

General Manager, Digital Transformation, Aerospace & Defense

#### ***DXC Technology***

Mark Roboff is General Manager for Digital Transformation, Aerospace & Defense at DXC. Mark has over 15 years' experience in AI and AI related technologies—both as a software engineer and as a business development and technology executive. Mark is a recognized thought leader on AI for the A&D and Travel/Aviation industries, with focus to driving AI solutions in engineering, flight operations, and aftermarket. Mark is also chair of the SAE-G34/EUROCAE WG-114 Joint International Committee for AI in Aviation, and is leading 500+ aerospace engineers, software developers, data scientists, safety experts, and regulators to define a means of compliance for AI certification. Mark is also a member of the Prognostics and Health Management (PHM) Society.



### **Graham Smith**

Founder, Chief Data Strategist

#### ***DataGovernix Ltd.***

Over the past twenty-five years, Graham's singular focus has been to assist clients in their respective data journeys. In the role of a trusted advisor, mentor, educator, and facilitator, Graham has helped a variety of clients with their business and digital transformations involving data strategy, data governance, and data management. He specializes in working with Chief Data Officers to help define, 'stand-up' and operationalize their data governance and data management programs while delivering tangible business value. Graham has worked for a variety of clients across Canada, the US, and South America in the public, financial, insurance, and oil & energy sectors. Before founding DataGovernix, Graham worked for KPMG and IBM (Global Business Services) within their Business Analytics & Optimization Practice.

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### **Emily Tregunno**

Advisor, Data Governance, Data Governance Office

#### ***Canada Post***

Emily Tregunno is an Advisor of Data Governance with Canada Post, and has been with the corporation since 2004. In this time, she has contributed to the corporation's major transformational projects by documenting processes, writing Corporate wide policies and practices, establishing an operational signage program, and researching and implementing best practices in Data Governance. In her current role, Emily is focused on developing and implementing a data literacy program for the corporation in support of corporate data governance. Emily holds a Certified Data Professional Designation from the ICCP, a Green Belt, and has earned a Master's Degree in Communication from Carleton University (2003), as well as an Honours Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mass Communication (Carleton University 2001).