

Digital FutureFest

Agenda June 04

The Great Convergence

21st century digital technologies are reshaping our world at a speed that dwarfs all human history. And this year's agenda is built for the moment we're in.

The rapid convergence of AI, blockchain, cyber security and quantum computing is complicating today's decision-making environment — partly because a breakthrough in one area accelerates both the opportunities and the vulnerabilities in others.



CT DIGITAL FORUM

AUDITORIUM

Morning

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

8:00 – 9:00 AM REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST & NETWORKING

9:00 – 9:15 AM

Welcome**Jarvis Cromwell**

CEO & Co-founder, CT Digital Forum

9:15 – 9:45 AM

The Rise of Autonomous Capital

How will institutional finance adapt to capital that can think, decide, and move on its own — powered by AI agents operating on verified data and executed through blockchain-based infrastructure?

Richard Walker

CEO, Inveniam.io

9:45 – 10:30 AM

Future of On-Chain Finance

How are financial institutions responding to the high-stakes, high-impact shift into tokenized assets, decentralized networks, and a growing demand for digital assets?

Sebastian Bea

President, Reserve One

Emily Goodman

Partner, FS Vector

Paul McCaffery

MD, Digital Asset Head, KBW | Stifel

John Wu

President, Ava Labs

10:30 – 11:15 AM

AI Governance Issues Facing Boards & the C-Suite

How can corporate boards fulfill their fiduciary and oversight duties — managing the risks and opportunities as AI tools are rapidly deployed across the enterprise?

Joan Amble

Corporate Director, Zurich · Booz Allen

Robin Elkowitz

EVP, Citizens Financial

David Hendrickson

National Assoc. of Corporate Directors

Byron Loflin

Global Head of Board Advisory, NASDAQ

11:15 AM – 12:00

Allocating Capital at the Digital Frontier

How investors across private wealth, family offices, endowments and pension funds combine long holdings with options, yield overlays and specialized crypto strategies to capture gains across market cycles.

Erin Arvedlund

Former Managing Editor, Pensions & Investments

Zach Pandl

Head of Research, Grayscale

Rich Shorten

Silvermine Capital

Sal Ternullo

CEO, SVRN

12:00 – 1:00 PM

BOX LUNCH ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL ATTENDEES IN THE MAIN LOBBY, AS WELL AS IN THE WORKSHOP ROOMS

AUDITORIUM

Afternoon

1:00 – 6:00 PM

1:00 – 1:45 PM

Finding Satoshi: Film Talk

Journalist William D. Cohan and P.I. Tyler Maroney take you behind the scenes of their four-year investigative journey to find the mysterious creator of Bitcoin.

William D. Cohan

NYT Bestselling Author & Investigative Journalist

Tyler Maroney

Private Investigator, Quest Research & Investigations

Robbie & Andy

The Rollup Podcast

Bob Dewey

Host, Exploring Prosperity

1:45 – 2:30 PM

Human (Re)Organization in the Era of AI

The future of work as leaders wrestle with new competition, restructure headcount, navigate white-collar automation, and train employees to partner with hyper-efficient AI tools and agents.

Michael Castine

Global Head of Financial Services, ZRG Partners

Matthew K. Cross

Founder and CEO, Leadership Alliance

Vicky Kuang

Investor, Draper Associates

2:30 – 3:00 PM

1% of Global GDP: The Scale of the AI Semiconductor Super-Cycle

Why the historic, multi-billion-dollar surge in semiconductor capex and data-center infrastructure by cloud hyperscalers is driving a permanent, structural “intelligence revolution.”

Angus Shillington

Research Analyst & Portfolio Manager, VanEck

3:00 – 3:30 PM

AFTERNOON NETWORKING BREAK / WORKSHOPS

3:30 – 4:00 PM

Playing Catch-Up: The US–China Robotics Race

Ford CEO Jim Farley's wake-up call after visiting China's autonomous “dark factories” exposed an industrial gap: how can the U.S. mount a public-private strategy to catch up in advanced robotics, physical AI and autonomous logistics?

Kal Deutsch

Founder, Batchery & AI Collective — CT Lead

Randy Howie

Co-Founder, New York Robotics

4:00 – 4:30 PM

How AI Is Upending Cyber Resilience — and What to Do

Open-source AI models now automate mass extortion and hyper-realistic identity theft. This session exposes fatal flaws in today's cyber strategies and maps out ways to defend against an automated onslaught.

Christopher Hetner

Cyber Risk Advisor, World Wide Technology · Moderator

Jeff Brown

Chief Security Advisor, FI, Microsoft; ex-CISO, State of CT

Det. Matt Hogan

Cyber Crimes Unit, CT State Police & US Secret Service

4:30 – 5:00 PM

State, Scale & Sovereignty: Stablecoins and Agentic Commerce

How next-gen banking models, state token frameworks and institutional giants reshape commercial infrastructure — and what happens when we move to autonomous, machine-to-machine commerce.

Diana Oreto

Head of Research, Global Blockchain Business Council · Moderator

Debra Brookes

Chief Risk & Compliance Officer, Wyoming Stable Token Commission

Jeffrey Wallis

CEO, N3XT

5:00 – 6:00 PM

COCKTAIL HOUR

PARALLEL PROGRAM

Workshops, Talks, Book Signing

Lunch

12:00 – 1:00 PM

BOOK SIGNING

MAIN LOBBY

WORKSHOP

WORKSHOP 1

CEO Ready: By Mark Thompson and Byron Loflin

Byron Loflin · NASDAQ Global Head of Board Advisory

Your track record alone won't secure the top job — executive selection is deeply personal, emotional and unpredictable. Stop by for a signed copy and the unwritten rules of ascending the leadership ladder.

Everyone Is Wrong About AI, Including Me Navigating the Edge: A Hands-On Look at What AI Can and Can't Do

Sandeep Mangaraj · Co-founder, Aileron Group, Ex-Microsoft, EY

Skips the theory to analyze a real case study. Limited to 15. Form an investment view on a recent earnings call using AI tools, then contrast it with a standard analytical approach. Bring a phone or laptop with ChatGPT, Claude or Gemini.

WORKSHOP

WORKSHOP 2

CRYPTO BOOTCAMP

GALLERY

Will AI Eat Us for Lunch?

Linda Albright · Founder, Women Run AI

A fireside chat on why women's voices and visions are critical to preventing an AI dystopia — algorithmic bias, practical productivity, and shifting from catching up to shaping the technology. Grab your lunch and join.

A Practitioner's Framework for Advisors, Wealth Managers, Investors, and Counsel

Denny Galindo · Morgan Stanley

Annelise Osborne · Author from Hoodies to Suits

Rob Loh · Huron

Lisa Seim · Strategic Exchanges

Skips the theory to deliver a practitioner-level foundation for attendees. Part 1: Major asset categories, real world tokenization, and fund structuring; Part 2: The institutionalization of the asset class; Part 3: Critical risk mitigation - including past headline issues, evolving risks, fraud typologies, and regulatory enforcement trends. Designed to establish a shared, practical vocabulary across the room.

Afternoon

3:00 – 8:30 PM

3:00 – 4:00 PM TALK

GALLERY

3:00 – 4:00 PM TALK

WORKSHOP 1

Bitcoin Sucks for Miners — Why Jerry Tang Pivoted to AI Data Centers

Jerry Tang · CEO, Blockchain Digital Infrastructure & Atlas Cloud

Joseph Cox · Valmar Capital

His pivot from digital-asset mining to high-performance AI data centers spotlights how infrastructure must rapidly evolve to fuel the resource demands of the AI boom.

Meet the Recruiters: New Skills for FS Leadership

Michael Castine · MD, Co-Lead Global Financial Services, ZRG

Rahul Kapur · MD, Global Head of Fintech, ZRG

Ken Lubin · MD, ZRG

Leading recruiters discuss emerging skills for financial-services leadership and today's market for leadership roles.

4:00 PM MEET & GREET

GALLERY

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM NETWORKING

GALLERY

Yale "Digitally Minded" Alumni

Join other Yale alumni for a get together.

Official FutureFest After Party

Hosted by: Sally's Apizza

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This private reception is designed as a relaxed continuation of the day: a chance to connect over Sally's signature, coal-fired apizza and cocktails, meet fellow leaders and learn about how AI workflow tools are helping businesses scale.

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