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How To Build a Fulfilling Career that Aligns with Your Purpose
Wednesday, May 10, 2023
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM | Location TBD

Join us for an engaging mentoring session - where delegates will be able to connect with a senior leader from government or Private Industry in order to gain new perspectives on how to build a fulfilling career that aligns with your life's purpose.

How it works: Each mentor will run a one-hour informal Q&A style mentoring session, share their best practices and years of experienced insight. Choose your mentor, head to their room and get advice/guidance on your burning questions.

Seating is limited and only available in person at the Shaw Centre.

Mentors

Irwin Bess | Chief Information Officer | Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB)

Irwin Bess is the Chief Information Officer at the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada where he is accountable for leading digital transformation, information technology and information management solutions and services to meet the needs of persons appearing before the Board as well as Board decision-makers and adjudicators. Over his 27 years in the federal public service, Irwin has led several strategic policy, program policy, digital transformation and IT initiatives at Transport Canada, the Privy Council Office, Employment and Skills Development Canada, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Treasury Board Secretariat, Statistics Canada, and the Canada School of Public Service. Irwin offers substantial time as a mentor to a range of employees within and outside of IRB. He is an active supporter of the Board Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion action plans as well as other GC mentoring and sponsoring initiatives organized by the Treasury Board Secretariat and the ESDC Building Black Leaders program. Irwin holds a Bachelor of Environmental Studies from the University of Waterloo and a Master of Arts from Queen's University – Kingston, Ontario.

Kristina Casey | Assistant Deputy Minister | Shared Services Canada (SSC)

Kristina has held several executive-level positions within the GC over the past 15 years. She has considerable experience in leading large-scale projects, programs, and IT transformation initiatives in complex and dynamic environments in both the public and private sectors. Kristina joined SSC just a little over a year ago as the ADM, Client Service Delivery and Management, Citizen and Business Branch. Her team provides support in terms of telecommunications, network, and security platforms to CBSA, CRA, IRB as well as ESDC. Prior to joining SSC, Kristina was the DG, IM/IT and Chief Information Officer role with GAC, Kristina was the executive responsible for providing IM/IT services to almost 50 partner organizations, working on 177 GC missions in over 100 countries, she had to ensure that IM/IT solutions met the needs of the entire International GC community.

Barry Doucette | Chief Executive Officer | Orangutech

Barry focuses on Orangutech's strategic direction and working with the Leadership Team. A seasoned corporate business development entrepreneur, he has built and fostered a corporate culture based upon a creative, decision-making, agile executive team, technical expertise, experienced project management, and revenue growth.

Barry has a Bachelor of Business Administration from Wilfrid Laurier University. He is passionate about building client relationships and employee development. Barry is married and a father of two. He enjoys travel, plays guitar and harmonica, and loves to swim.

Barry has been a long-time supporter of DPI and was the recipient of the DPI Fellows Award in 2019.

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Effective Leadership: Cultivating Strong Relationships and Building Communities
Thursday, May 11th, 2023
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM | Location TBD

Join us for an engaging mentoring session - where delegates will be able to connect with a senior leader from government or Private Industry in order to gain new perspectives on how to build strong relationships with your team and create communities at work.

How it works: Each mentor will run a one-hour informal Q&A style mentoring session, share their best practices and years of experienced insight. Choose your mentor, head to their room and get advice/guidance on your burning questions.

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Mentors

Kelly Belanger| Associate Vice-President and Deputy Chief Information Officer | Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)

Kelly Belanger was appointed as Associate Vice-President and Deputy Chief Information Officer of the Information, Science and Technology Branch (ISTB) on July 4, 2022. In this role, Kelly is responsible for developing and enhancing the portfolio management function, and increasing IT project management oversight to successfully deliver on existing and upcoming Agency priorities.

Kelly joined CBSA in September 2017 as the Director General of the Travellers Projects Portfolio Directorate in ISTB, now known as the Projects and Service Management Directorate.

As an executive with over 20 years of experience in the federal public service, Kelly thrives on challenges and learning opportunities by working with colleagues and key stakeholders to improve current business processes. Prior to joining CBSA, Kelly worked for five years at Service Canada and 10 years at Public Services and Procurement Canada, on government-wide modernization projects. She also spent eight years in the private sector prior to joining the public service, working as an Engineer and IT project manager.

Kelly is a Professional Engineer with a degree in Geophysical Engineering from Queen's University. She has also held a Project Management Professional (PMP) certification since 2001.

Darrell Schroer | Acting Deputy Chief | Communications Security Establishment (CSE)

Appointed in August 2021 as Acting Deputy Chief, Darrell guides the important agenda that the branch is delivering, ensuring employees have the technology and tools they need to succeed. In addition to providing CSE with a full suite of cloud and on-premise services, Darrell is also responsible for leading Canada's Top Secret Network (CTSN), CSE's Research Office and world renowned Tutte Institute of Technology as well as CSE's Operational Planning & Coordination Centre which provides the organization with 24/7 monitoring support and incident management. At an international level, Darrell is also a member of the FVEY's Technology Information Forum and is Canada's principal representative for the extended FVEY's enterprise CIO Forum which represents all partner national Security & Intelligence organizations.

Darrell has held various management and Sr. leadership roles at Nortel Networks, Health Canada, the Public Health Agency of Canada and most recently at CSE with 15 years spent in the private sector and 22 years in the public service. His varied roles and extensive experience in both the public and private sector have allowed him to develop the functional, administrative, people and financial management skills which have proven invaluable in leading complex projects and effective multi-disciplinary teams. He has worked primarily in a project management capacity leading and/or managing large-scale business and system consolidation efforts as well as new service and program initiatives. Additionally, he developed extensive experience and expertise in service improvement, organizational and cultural change management initiatives. Darrell has led or directed IT Security, Engineering, Finance, Procurement, Distributed Computing, Networking, Cloud, CRM, Help Desk and Information Management units leading to a breadth of policy and process knowledge. He has served in the role of EDI Champion at CSE and is currently a member of the DPI Advisory Council.

Kim Steele | Chief Information Officer and Assistant Deputy Minister | Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC)

Kim Steele was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) of the Digital Services Branch and Chief Information Officer (CIO) at Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) effective April 1, 2021. In her role as CIO, Kim drives the PSPC digital agenda, including the information management and information technology strategy. She also leads key digital projects in support of government priorities and departmental service improvements. In addition, Kim leads the overall effort to advance the IT solutions for the human resources and pay systems of the Government of Canada. Kim has held various senior roles in PSPC, including ADM Pay Solutions Branch, Director General of Strategic and Enabling Services, Director General of Project Portfolio Management and the Service Management Sector in the former Chief Information Officer Branch (CIOB). Before her arrival at PSPC, Kim was the Director of Information Management Policy in CIOB at the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat. Kim holds a master's degree in library and information science and a bachelor of arts in English literature from the University of Western Ontario.

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Leading Digital Transformation And Navigating Change In Complex Organizations
Friday, May 12, 2023
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM | Location TBD

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Join us for an engaging mentoring session - where delegates will be able to connect with a senior leader from government or Private Industry in order to gain new perspectives on digital transformation and change management in large organizations.

How it works: Each mentor will run a one-hour informal Q&A style mentoring session, share their best practices and years of experienced insight. Choose your mentor, head to their room and get advice/guidance on your burning questions.

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Mentors

Satyamoorthy (Kabi) Kabilan | Executive Partner | Gartner

Satyamoorthy Kabilan (Kabi) joined Gartner in 2019 as an Executive Partner with Executive Programs (ExP) focusing on the Federal Public Service. In this role, Kabi provides Chief Information Officers (CIOs) and other C-Suite leaders across Canada, with actionable advice based on their business and technology needs. Kabi has an exceptional record of driving innovation and digital transformation as well as helping organizations deal with an evolving risks environment. He has delivered research projects on Artificial Intelligence (AI), Canada's digital ready public service and risks associated with digital transformation in government. He has also worked on cyber crime during his time with the UK government. Kabi was also called upon to testify before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security on cyber security in the financial sector. The founder and former CTO of two technology start-ups, he brings a wealth of experience across many areas. Kabi is an avid wildlife photographer and a big fan of football (soccer).

Joann Shields | Chief Information Officer and DG Digital Transformation | Health Canada (HC) and Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)

Joann Shields is the Chief Information Officer (CIO) and DG, Digital Transformation Planning & Oversight at Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada. She leads HC/PHAC digital transformation efforts and engagement with the CIO community across government.

Prior to HC/PHAC, Joann was with Infrastructure Canada where she held the role of Director General of IMIT, Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Chief Security Officer (CSO). Joann has also worked in digital transformation and adoption at Innovation Science and Economic Development and in change and program delivery at Shared Services Canada. She also holds extensive experience in many IM-IT related roles in the Chief Information Officer Branch of Treasury Board Secretariat. She has a Bachelor of Commerce and MBA both specialized in IT and Organizational Beha.

Raj Thuppal | | National Defence (DND)

Raj Thuppal was Transport Canada's Chief Digital Officer. He provides executive leadership and management direction for TC's transformation and service modernization. In this key role, Raj leads the way we transform and redesign programs and services that we deliver to Canadians. He is also Chief Information Officer and Chief Data Officer for the Department.