

Speaker Bios



Pat Harris

Pat Harris is an International Standards Specialist in the NIST's Standards Coordination Office. She brings to SCO extensive experience in the standards development arena at the national and international levels, having managed an ANSI-accredited standards setting organization and the secretariat for an ISO Subcommittee. Through this hands-on experience she has gained valuable insights into standards development processes and systems. She has also engaged in a number of standards activities that have demonstrated the value of standardization to enabling innovations in information technology, including standardization of the file structures for the CD-ROM and eBooks. Currently her duties include participating on the team representing U.S. standards interests to the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

Ms. Harris is a graduate of the Randolph Macon Woman's College, holds an M.S. from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and currently serves on the Board of Visitors to the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science.



Lee Vinsel

Lee Vinsel is an Assistant Professor of Science and Technology Studies at Stevens Institute of Technology. He earned his PhD at Carnegie Mellon University before completing a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard University. He is currently writing a

book on the history of automotive regulation in the United States, focusing especially on the role of government performance standards. He teaches about standardization frequently, and in 2014, he received a grant (as Co-PI) from the National Institute of Standards and Technology to develop curricula on the topic. At Stevens, he teaches a class known as "Standards and Society," which makes heavy use of standards simulations, and he frequently uses simulations and strategy games in all of his courses.