

TARAH M. WHEELER

Cybersecurity Executive | Board Director | Policy Expert

5x Founder / Bestselling Author / Fulbright Scholar

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CERTIFICATIONS

CRISC – ISACA (2025)
CISA – ISACA (2022)
GXPN – GIAC (2020)
GMOB – GIAC (2019)
CISSP – ISC² (2017)
CSP/CSM/CSD – Scrum Alliance

EDUCATION

DPhil, Social Data Science
University of Oxford (exp. 2026)
Cybersecurity Risk Strategy
Harvard (2019)
M.S., Political Science
Portland State (2004)
B.A., International Relations
Carroll College (2001)

LANGUAGES

Italian (B1)
French (B1)
German (A2)

SELECTED HONORS

US/UK Fulbright Scholar (2021)
Life Member of the Council
on Foreign Relations (2023)
Onalytica Top Female Cyber
Influencer in the World
Webby Award (2023)
NYU Law Women Leaders in
Cybersecurity Award (2017)
SC Magazine Top Women in
Security (2017)
CSM Passcode Influencer (2016)
NSF IGERT Fellow (2004)
DEF CON Black Badge (2012)

BOARD & GOVERNANCE

EFF Board of Directors
Chair, Audit Cmte (2024–)
Common Good Cyber Fund
Strategic Adv. (2025–)
NATO CCDCOE CyCon 2026
Programme Cmte (2025–26)

PROFESSIONAL

Chief Security Officer
TPO Group / 2025–Present
Founder & CEO
Red Queen Technologies / 2012–Present
Faculty Member
IANS Research / 2024–Present

SELECTED PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Senior Fellow, Global Cyber Policy
Council on Foreign Relations (Life Member) / 2022–2025
Cyber Project Fellow
Harvard Belfer Center / 2020–2022
Fulbright Visiting Scholar
University of Oxford, CRIC / 2020–2021
Head of Offensive Security
Splunk / 2018–2019
International Security Fellow
New America (Hewlett Cyber Initiative) / 2017–2022
Sr. Director of Engineering
Symantec Website Security / 2016–2017
Also: Microsoft (Halo, Lips) / Silent Circle / Brookings TechStream Editor

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Bruce Schneier & Tarah Wheeler, "Let's start treating cybersecurity..." – Defense One (2024)
Steven Bellovin, Adam Shostack & Tarah Wheeler, "Ten Questions for the CSRB" – Lawfare (2022)
Rob Knake, Adam Shostack & Tarah Wheeler, "Learning from Cyber Incidents" – Harvard Belfer (2021)
Victoria Ontiveros, Tarah Wheeler & Adam Shostack, "How to Stand Up a MCIIB" – Belfer (2022)
Ciaran Martin & Tarah Wheeler, "Should ransomware payments be banned?" – Brookings (2021)
Bruce Schneier & Tarah Wheeler, "Hacked Drones & Busted Logistics" – Brookings (2021)
Matt Tait, Runa Sandvik & Tarah Wheeler, "Lessons from the NSO Group saga" – Brookings (2022)
Josephine Wolff & Tarah Wheeler, "Why Insurance Won't Pay for Cyberattacks" – Foreign Policy (2022)
Tarah Wheeler & Amy Ertan, "NATO, We Want To Go To War With You" – Foreign Policy (2020)
Tarah Wheeler, "The Danger in Calling SolarWinds an Act of War" – Brookings (2021)
Tarah Wheeler, "Cybersecurity Ignorance is Dangerous" – Foreign Policy (2021)
Amy Ertan & Tarah Wheeler, "Vaccine Supply Chain: Most Valuable Cyber Target" – Slate (2021)
Tarah Wheeler, "In cyberwar, there are no rules" – Foreign Policy cover story (2018)
Tarah Wheeler, Women In Tech – #1 Amazon Bestseller (2016)

SELECTED SPEAKING & TESTIMONY

Keynote: NATO CyCon 2025 | CTC 2025 | BSides Chicago 2025 | OR Public Sector 2025
US Senate HSGAC Testimony on Cyber Safety Review Board (2024)
WA State Senate Testimony on Right to Repair (2020, 2022, 2025)
CFR Symposium Panelist w/Anne Neuberger (Deputy NSA), Robert M. Lee
Venues: Harvard, West Point, Stanford, Oxford, Los Alamos, NDU, Gresham College
International: EU, NATO, OECD, Chatham House, Malaysian Securities Commission
Media: Inaugural WaPo Cybersecurity Expert | Foreign Policy | Brookings | Bloomberg
Also: NPR, PBS Nova, The Atlantic, Slate, WIRED, TechCrunch, SC Magazine

PERSONAL

World Series of Poker: 4 cashes, \$6,110 lifetime earnings
Founded EFF Benefit Poker Tournament at DEF CON (annual, 2022–present)
Student Pilot (aviation safety informs NTSB/CSRB policy research)
Published first audiobook of Volney's *On Ruins* (French Enlightenment philosophy)