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Moderator:

Nigel M. de S. Cameron, President, Center for Policy on Emerging Technologies, Washington, DC;
Research Professor, Illinois Institute of Technology

Opening keynote:

Michael R. Nelson, Visiting Professor of Internet Studies, Department of Communication, Culture and Technology, Georgetown University.

The Cloud, the Crowd, and the Internet of Things: Policy Implications of the Next Phase of Computing

Respondent:

Christopher T. Hill, Professor of Public Policy and Technology, the School of Public Policy, George Mason University

Second keynote:

Mike DiBenedetto, Manager of Product Development, Qwidget,

Hometown Baghdad and Beyond: a Case Study in Global Conversation

Michael R. Nelson is Visiting Professor of Communication, Culture and Technology at Georgetown University.

Prior to joining the Georgetown faculty, Nelson was Director of Internet Technology and Strategy at IBM, where he managed a team helping define and implement IBM's Next Generation Internet strategy. Until recently, he served as the Internet Society's Vice President for Public Policy. Nelson is Chairman-Elect of the Technology Section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a Trustee of the Institute for International Communications, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Center for Policy on Emerging Technologies.



Prior to joining IBM in July, 1998, he was Director for Technology Policy at the Federal Communications Commission, where he helped craft policies to foster electronic commerce, spur development and deployment of new technologies, and improve the reliability and security of the nation's telecommunications networks. Before joining the FCC in January, 1997, Nelson was Special Assistant for Information Technology at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy where he worked with Vice President Gore and the President's Science Advisor on issues relating to the Global Information Infrastructure, including telecommunications policy, information technology, encryption, electronic commerce, and information policy. From 1988 to 1993, he served as a professional staff member for the Senate's Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, chaired by then-Senator Gore. He was the lead Senate staffer for the High-Performance Computing Act.

Nelson has a B.S. in geology from Caltech, and a Ph.D. in geophysics from MIT.

Christopher T. Hill has been Professor of Public Policy and Technology at the School of Public Policy at George Mason University since 1994.

After formal education and experience in engineering, he spent more than three decades in practice, research, teaching, and consulting in science and technology policy, focusing on the history, design, evaluation, and politics of federal policies to stimulate commercial technological innovation. From 1997 to 2005, he was Vice Provost for Research at Mason. He was a Public Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in 2005-2006. Earlier, he worked with RAND, the National Academies, the Congressional Research Service, MIT, the Office of Technology Assessment, Washington University in St. Louis, and the Uniroyal



Corporation. As a principal in Technology Policy International, he has consulted extensively with Japanese government agencies regarding industrial competitiveness and reform of R&D funding and higher education systems.

Hill has a B.S. from the Illinois Institute of Technology and an M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, all in chemical engineering.

Michael DiBenedetto is the Manager of Product Development for Qwidget, a company he co-founded to enhance the experience of web conversations.

In 2007, Michael managed the online distribution and marketing of the online documentary series Hometown Baghdad. The videos attracted millions of viewers, received dozens of press features around the world, won three Webby Awards and were licensed to the Sundance Channel and National Geographic International for television distribution.

Michael received his bachelor's degree from Brown University.

