

**Date:** Thursday October 12, 2017

**Cost:** Professional and Student Members - \$25

**Discount:** \$5 discount for any registration made before noon on the Tuesday before our Thursday meeting

**Place:** Holiday Inn Vanderbilt

Guests - \$30

## Reservations

Contact Mary Simpson for reservations at  
615-367-8083 or [msimpson@genesco.com](mailto:msimpson@genesco.com)

## Meeting Schedule

5:30 - 6:00 Social/Networking  
6:00 - 6:45 Dinner  
6:45 Business Meeting & Speaker

## Artificial Intelligence

Melissa J. Harris - CEO, Telecom Training Corporation & Contract Trainers Corporation

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a subject that many IT people have heard about but are not sure what it means to computer professionals. Our October speaker will discuss the status of AI applications, their success and their failure. She will also address such questions as to how to control AI. When AI computers generate their own programs, where will it end? There are few AI experts. Although not an "expert," our October speaker has been interested in AI for several years and has intensively studied the field. She has become quite knowledgeable in AI.

Our speaker is Melissa J. Harris, MBA who is CEO Telecom Training Corporation & Contract Trainers Corporation. TTC & CTC was founded in 1996 and has over 850 contract/freelance corporate trainers to work on large projects. Melissa is a training facilitator, instructional designer, professional speaker and chairperson, and business coach. She has years of experience in providing learning solutions for sales, customer service, and leadership teams.

Melissa has been a Professional Speaker for the past 13 years and has been Speaker and Chairperson for various global industry associations and corporations. The list of her speaking engagements is global and truly impressive. Editor's note: When I called to ask Melissa to speak at AITP, she was in Vienna, and had projects going in Kenya and Alaska that may require her to travel.

Prior to TTC & CTC, Melissa spent eight years with BellSouth Cellular (now AT&T) as General Manager National Training and Regional Director. She also was Corporate Sales Training Manager for Cellular One (now Verizon) and a major account Executive for AT&T.

Melissa has an MBA degree in Marketing from Mercer University and a BBA degree in Accounting/Marketing from Lipscomb University. She worked full

time at South Central Bell and AT&T while obtaining her degrees.

Melissa is a Volunteer Rescuer and Transporter for the Russell Rescue of Columbia, TN.



Melissa J. Harris

This should be an interesting discussion about the status of AI and the impact it may have on future systems development projects.

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AITP October 2017 Meeting Announcement

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