Isaac Straley

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Cybersecurity, privacy, and responsible AI strategist. Four-time CISO with 20+ years of experience building information security programs from zero, including three inaugural appointments.

4	3	20+
CISO roles	inaugural appointments	years in cybersecurity and privacy leadership

CAREER

Isaac is CISO and leads cybersecurity, identity, and AI strategy at the J. Paul Getty Trust. Before Getty, he was CISO and Associate Vice President for Information Security at the University of Washington. Earlier, he was the first-ever CISO at the University of Toronto, where he also served as Deputy CIO and helped launch CanSSOC, Canada's first shared security operations centre for higher education. Before that, he spent thirteen years at the University of California, Irvine as Chief Information Security Officer and Campus Privacy Officer, chairing the UC systemwide CISO committee on two separate occasions.

SELECTED INITIATIVES

- **CanSSOC** — founding CISO of Canada's first shared security operations centre for higher education, now operating nationally under CANARIE.
- **U of T Information Security Strategy** — led a four-year strategy for a $3.2B institution with 120,000 users.
- **UC Electronic Information Security Policy (IS-3)** — contributing author on a ground-up policy rewrite for the entire University of California system.

RECOGNITION

- CISO of the Year, CISO Forum Canada (2021)
- Award for Excellence in Criminal Investigation, International Association of Chiefs of Police (2009)

SERVICE

- Member, Ontario Broader Public Sector Cyber Security Expert Panel (2020–2022)
- Steering Committee, REN-ISAC
- Co-Chair, Information Security and Privacy Board, University of Washington

ALSO KNOWN FOR

Human-centered security: when people keep making the wrong call, that's a design problem, not a people problem. Isaac writes and speaks on collaborative security, board governance, and responsible AI strategy.