



**February 20, 2020 - Technology Trends and Fast-Growth Areas --**

**Leveraging Trends for Career Advancement**

**Date:** Thursday, February 20, 2020

**Time:** 6:00PM Networking and Dinner, 7:00PM to 8:30 PM Presentation

**Speakers:** Senior IT Staffing Professionals from Sony and other Firms

**Place:** Sabio LA, 400 Corporate Pointe, Culver City. 1st Floor

**Cost:** \$10 for Non-members, FREE for Members with Advance Registration

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LA's Technology hub—Hear what the experts have to say

A panel of IT Staffing Professionals will discuss latest trends in the IT hiring landscape and how these affect future demand for jobs in the marketplace. Ideas to strategize your next move!

The emphasis is on Technology and hiring challenges – the impact of Silicon Beach, attracting people who are the right fit, virtual teams, the push and pull of outsourcing vs. insourcing, contract vs. permanent employment, and today's interview processes -- phone, Zoom, panel in-person interviews.

Big Data, Analytics, Agile, Mobile-centric development, Open Source, Cloud based, CI/CD, User-centric design are all influencing the types of skills needed and creating opportunities for those who are prepared. Align your skills with an area of your passion!

Each of our panelists is vital to the success of the organization they represent, and offer valuable insights. Panelists include:

- Damon Nicholls - IT Staffing Manager – Sony Pictures Entertainment
- MORE -- to be announced!
- Carole Schlocker, Moderator

Hear first-hand perspectives to leverage current IT trends to actively navigate your career. Expect INSIGHTS, great NETWORKING and a WARM 2020 welcome to our AITP-LA members and professional community.

This promises to be a stimulating evening with many practical takeaways. Arrive early for great networking.

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About our Speakers

### **Damon Nicholls**

#### **IT Staffing Manager – Sony Pictures Entertainment**

Damon supports IT staffing requirements across Sony Pictures Entertainment lines of business: Television, Motion Pictures Group, Home Entertainment, Productions, IT Corporate, InfoSecurity, PMO, and Enterprise Infrastructure Systems.

His specialties: Full-Life-Cycle Staffing Management, Sourcing Strategy, Vendor Management, Contract Negotiation and Market Benchmarking.

Damon started as an IT Recruiter in April 1999, the same year Y2K was all the talk and we were warned the human race would come to a grinding halt, midnight, 12/31/1999. Miraculously, he survived that debacle and, moreover, found his calling. At that time huge amounts of Venture Capital were being thrown at start-ups with half-baked ideas; concurrently, snooty coffee shops were popping up. He soon learned that as long as a candidate could differentiate the Java language from the Java bean, they pretty much would be offered the job. Having received a Bachelor of Science in Human Services and served an internship as a conflict resolution facilitator for troubled teens, he has a passion for helping people find their dream job.

In a career that combines both a desire to understand basic human needs and love for emerging technology, he's found a rewarding profession applying his abilities for the benefit of others.

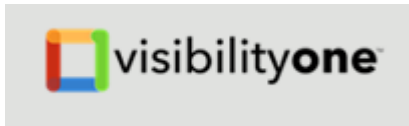
### **Carole Schlocker**

#### **Queen, iSpace**

Carole Schlocker has been with iSpace since it was founded and has been instrumental in building the company's foundation base of clients. Prior to joining iSpace, Carole was Sr. Vice President of D.P. Specialists where she was one of the principal contributors in building the company into one of the premier IT Staffing and Solutions companies in Southern California.

Carole is currently on several Boards including Stem Advantage ([www.stemadvantage.org](http://www.stemadvantage.org)), The Disability Community Resource Center ([dcrc.co](http://dcrc.co)), Association of IT Professionals (Los Angeles Chapter), and the Southland Technology Conference (SoTeC). She serves as the Chair for the Speaker Committees for SoTeC and AITP-LA. She is a past board member of Tech Serve Alliance and she was the Co-Director of the Los Angeles Chapter of Women in Technology where she helped to build the chapter from the ground up. She is also a long-time member of the UCLA I.S. Associates and has served on their board. Carole holds a bachelor's degree in social work from Temple University. She firmly believes that she is practicing social work daily in her work as an IT Recruiter.

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### About AITP-LA

**Association of Information Technology Professionals LA (AITP-LA)** meets in West LA with a focus on keeping members abreast of trends and best practices in managing technology, and providing strong networking opportunities.

AITP-LA is about technology – bringing experts in their field to share cutting-edge ideas with members. Helping members connect the dots, take the next steps, grow in their ability to apply technologies to competitive advantage.

AITP-LA is part of a national organization that provides leadership, professional development, certification and personal growth opportunities to IT managers and technologists. The core of the AITP experience is the chapter network, with 400 professional and student chapters throughout the country.

AITP-LA welcomes your direct participation in chapter activities. There are opportunities to help with Publicity, Programs, Membership, Outreach, and other areas—it's a great time to join AITP-LA.

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Note: AITP-LA program events offer Professional Development credits for a variety of certifications (such as PMP, CISA, CBAP, etc.). Learn about cutting-edge technology trends and earn credits toward your certifications! (Please refer to your certification guidelines to confirm eligibility.)