

# **Lee McKnight**

**Kauffman Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation at Syracuse University**

Syracuse, NY, US

Visionary Inventor of Cloud to Edge Software Applications - Edgeware Wiglets and Gridlets

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## **Biography**

Lee W. McKnight has led academe, industry and government to rethink the relationship between people, their devices, and the networks around them. The wireless grid is an audacious new vision for enabling private and secure distributed resource sharing, from cloud to edge.

McKnight is practicing what he has taught and written, the creative destruction of existing industries and practices as information technologies and services recognize their abilities to serve human and social needs, at all times and in any location.

McKnight is the inventor of edgeware, a new class of software designed to work across all edge devices, and the founder of Wireless Grids Corporation, where he remains on the board of directors; and is a founding board member of Summerhill Biomass Systems, an alternative energy firm of equally astounding ambition and potential.

When not engaged in information research, peer-reviewed journal article publication, innovation and entrepreneurship, Professor McKnight may be found in Hinds Hall at the Syracuse University School of Information Studies, teaching classes in information policy in the #1-ranked (according to US News & World Report) program in information systems.

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## **Availability**

Keynote, Moderator, Panelist, Workshop, Author Appearance, Corporate Training

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## **Industry Expertise**

Information Technology and Services, Social Media, Cleantech, International Affairs, Telecommunications, Research, Computer Software, Internet, Wireless, Education/Learning

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Virtual Markets and Wireless Grids, Social Radio, Social Emergency Response, Edgeware, Creative Destruction, Byod and Workplace as A Service

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## **Affiliations**

Syracuse University School of Information Studies, Wireless Grids Corporation, Summerhill Biomass Systems, Wireless Grid Innovation Testbed (WiGiT), Enterprise Cloud Leadership Council - TM Forum

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## **Sample Talks**

### **Wireless Grids Innovation Testbed (WiGiT)**

The WiGiT Group, a new open specifications organization for edgeware wiglets and cognitive radio, will launch its WiGiT Version 1.0 Open Specifications at TEDxHarlem March 27, 2012 at the Apollo Theater.

### **Creative Destruction of the Public Switched Telephone Network**

The PSTN has seen its day come, and go. Regulatory policies to prop up and extend the life of the PSTN are misguided. Future Internet-centric networks should be welcomed, by regulators and industry.

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## **Education**

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

PhD

**The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies**

MA International Relations

**Tufts University**

BA, magna cum laude Political Science and German

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

Postdoctoral Associate Technology, Management and Policy

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## **Accomplishments**

**TACNY Award - Best Technology Project**

WiGiT project led by McKnight recognized for its innovative distributed experimental testbed of campuses, companies, and communities, and virtual grid technology research and open specifications.

**Massachusetts Telecom Professor of Year**

Recognized by industry and peers as - professor of year.

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