

Thursday, November 6: Keynote Speaker



John All, Ph.D. & J.D.

Dr. John All is most recently known for his rousing story of human resiliency and survival that made international headlines. All—an associate professor of geography at Western Kentucky University as well as an avid climber and environmentalist—fell down a seven-story crevasse on an expedition to Nepal’s Mount Himlung (near Annapurna). After a fall that left him with eleven broken bones including a broken right arm, internal bleeding, and multiple lacerations, All was stuck on a tiny ledge in the ice

with an infinite void below and 70 daunting feet above that he would have to surmount in order to survive...

Hear Dr. All’s incredible story of survival first hand during the KAIR Convention’s 2014 opening session. You will be given a glimpse into Dr. All’s seven strategies of overcoming obstacles and reaching one’s goals. You will also learn that Dr. All defines his primary interest as “the boundary where science and policy intersect.” Hear how he bridges the two in a way that both informs and inspires. Discover the striking parallel of Dr. All’s journey and the IR profession.

Learn more about John All’s story [here](#).

Friday, November 7: Plenary Speaker

Joe DeSensi, Ed.D.

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Dr. Joe DeSensi is a Louisville native that has an undergraduate degree from Bellarmine University (the 1994 Wilson Wyatt Fellow), a graduate degree in Computer Resource Management from Webster University, and a Doctorate in Leadership Education with a focus on managing technology from Spalding University.

Dr. DeSensi has worked with fortune 500 companies, with federal and local government, and has started several businesses including his educational consulting company Educational Directions, a consulting firm that works with school districts across the southeast. He has helped patent several programs in law enforcement and education and created and launched the national methamphetamine tracking product called MethCheck. Dr. DeSensi also teaches graduate classes in leadership, operational design and technology at Webster University and Spalding University. His sales/marketing experience includes creating new products, branding and rebranding national products and launching national sales initiatives.

Dr. DeSensi is a regular conference speaker in the fields of leadership, human resources, education and technology. Dr. DeSensi is a Senior Consultant for HOPE, llc.

