



## Speaker biographies

### **Brett Beranek, Director of Product Strategy, Biometrics, Nuance**

CX and biometrics expert Brett Beranek is fascinated by transformative technologies that have a real impact on our lives. With over fifteen years of experience in the customer experience and biometrics space, Brett brings strategic and tactical insights to organisations wishing to deliver a better experience to their customers via innovative security technologies.

Prior to joining Nuance, Brett was a technologist and entrepreneur by education and passion. He successfully introduced several disruptive technologies to the healthcare, IT and security markets, including as a partner of facial recognition firm, Viion Systems, and as a member of security firm Genetec's management team.

Brett also currently serves on the advisory board of high-tech healthcare startup GaitTronics. Brett earned a Bachelor of Commerce, Information Systems Major, from McGill University as well as an Executive Marketing certificate from Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Sloan School of Management. Brett loves travelling the globe and discovering new cultures with his three children, Layla, Rayan and Nora and his wife, Tania.

### **Ravin Sanjith, Program Director Intelligent Authentication, Opus**

Ravin possesses a blend of technical and commercial acumen, accumulated over 25 years across a multitude of industries and disciplines. Inspired by disruptive thinking and emerging technologies, Ravin has pioneered many innovations in large enterprises as well as startups.

Ravin started his career in 1992 as an Engineer in the Energy industry, where he spent eight years developing and implementing multiple technologies to optimise the performance of electricity distribution networks. He then moved into the financial services industry, where he implemented a wide range of bespoke and licensed ERP systems over a period of 10 years. He spent the next decade in a range of technology startups as partner, founder and general intrapreneur.

After holding C-level positions in various industries, Ravin started his own consulting practice in 2010; where he took an interest in the use of biometrics to curb ID&V security and customer experience challenges. He then co-founded OneVault; is a global pioneer in delivering Voice Biometrics, where he spent six years evangelising and implementing solutions across the Financial and Telecoms sectors of Africa; and most recently joined Opus Research as Programme Director: Intelligent Authentication.

Ravin holds degrees in Engineering and Commerce, as well as an MBA. He is a strong strategist, innovator and implementer. He feels energized by working with people to take ideas from concept to profitability; and embraces the challenges of getting things done while having fun.