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Ripple Swell 2026: Meet the Speakers

A plain-English guide to every speaker on the Swell 2026 lineup, prepared for James Rule and **The James Rule Crypto Show**. 🎓

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Part 1 covers the 15 **Featured Speakers**, in the order Swell shows them. Part 2 lists everyone else from A to Z by last name. Each card gives the speaker's name, title, and company, then a short summary written only from their official Swell bio, plus the session(s) Swell lists for them. When a speaker has no bio, the card shows just their title and company. Nothing has been added from outside sources.

Source: <https://swell.ripple.com/2026-speakers> (speaker list and bios as published, retrieved October 13, 2026)

PART 1

Featured Speakers

The headliners Swell spotlights at the top of its speaker page.

Matt Damon

Co-Founder · Water.org

Yes, that Matt Damon! The Academy Award winning actor co-founded Water.org with Gary White in 2009, and in 2017 they launched WaterEquity, an impact investment manager working to end the global water crisis. For this work he was named to TIME's 100 most influential people and received the Fulbright Prize for International Understanding.

SESSION How Finance Can Solve the Water Crisis: A Conversation with Matt Damon & Gary White of Water.org

Tom Farley

Chairman & CEO · Bullish

Tom Farley is Chairman and CEO of Bullish, a publicly traded group building financial services for digital assets. From 2014 to 2018 he was President of the NYSE Group, which runs the New York Stock Exchange. He is also a Chartered Financial Analyst with a political science degree from Georgetown.

SESSION A Conversation with Tom Farley, CEO, Bullish

Brad Garlinghouse

CEO · Ripple

Brad Garlinghouse is the CEO of Ripple and a member of its Board of Directors. Before Ripple, he was CEO of Hightail, President of Consumer Applications at AOL, and a Senior Vice President at Yahoo!. Early in his career, he helped pioneer internet calling (VoIP) as CEO of Dialpad.

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SESSION How Finance Can Solve the Water Crisis: A Conversation with Matt Damon & Gary White of Water.org

SESSION Swell Opening Remarks

SESSION A Conversation with Brad Garlinghouse, CEO, Ripple

Monica Long

President · Ripple

Monica Long is President of Ripple, leading its Business, Product, and Engineering teams. She joined Ripple in 2013 as its very first marketing and communications hire. Her teams work to make Ripple a one-stop shop to move, manage, hold, and tokenize value.

SESSION A Conversation with Johann Kerbrat, Robinhood

David Schwartz

CTO Emeritus · Ripple

David Schwartz is CTO Emeritus at Ripple and one of the original architects of the XRP Ledger. Before Ripple, he built encrypted cloud storage and messaging systems for groups like CNN and the NSA. Many in the community know him by his nickname, 'JoelKatz.'

SESSION David Schwartz and Ayo Akinyele: Building What's Next for XRPL

Johann Kerbrat

SVP & GM of Crypto · Robinhood

Johann Kerbrat is Senior Vice President and General Manager of Crypto and International at Robinhood. He joined to help open up crypto to everyday investors. Before Robinhood, he held engineering roles at Airbnb and the privacy crypto startup Iron Fish.

SESSION A Conversation with Johann Kerbrat, Robinhood

Jenny Just

Co-Founder · PEAK6

Jenny Just co-founded PEAK6 in 1997 with \$1.5 million and grew it into a multibillion-dollar financial services and technology group. She has started or turned around more than fifteen companies. In 2020 she launched Poker Power with her daughter to teach women strategic thinking and decision making through poker.

SESSION The Risk Advantage: From Trading Floors to the Future of Finance

Michael Blaugrund

VP, Strategic Initiatives · Intercontinental Exchange

Michael Blaugrund leads next-generation infrastructure projects at Intercontinental Exchange (ICE), the company that owns the New York Stock Exchange. He was previously CEO of DriveWealth and Chief Operating Officer of the NYSE itself. He also sits on the board of OKX and is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA).

SESSION The Next Wave of Digital Asset Adoption

Chase Lax

Chief Executive Officer · Susquehanna Crypto

Chase Lax is CEO of Susquehanna Crypto. He leads one of the most active institutional trading firms in digital assets, covering derivatives, onchain strategies, and token market-making.

Billy Hult

CEO · Tradeweb

Billy Hult is CEO of Tradeweb, a major electronic marketplace for bonds and other assets. Over more than two decades, he helped grow it from a single U.S. Treasuries platform into a multi-asset marketplace that handled more than \$2.6 trillion in average daily volume in 2025. He has also pushed Tradeweb into blockchain, digital assets, and AI.

SESSION The New Architecture of Global Markets

Laide Majiyagbe

Senior Executive Vice President, Global Head of Markets · BNY

Laide Majiyagbe is Global Head of Markets at BNY and a member of its Executive Committee. She oversees execution, financing, and collateral businesses, including what her bio calls the world's largest securities lending program. She also serves on the board of the Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (DTCC).

SESSION The New Architecture of Global Markets

Raghuram Rajan

Former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India; Co-Chair of Fed Task Force · Chicago Booth / The Reserve Bank of India

Raghuram Rajan is a finance professor at the University of Chicago's Booth School and was Governor of the Reserve Bank of India from 2013 to 2016. He was also Chief Economist at the International Monetary Fund. His book Fault Lines won the Financial Times prize for best business book, and he sits on advisory boards including the one for the stablecoin RLUSD.

Thomas Chippas

CEO · Rothera Markets LLC

Thomas Chippas is CEO of Rothera, a U.S. derivatives exchange and clearinghouse regulated by the CFTC that focuses on event contracts. He has spent more than 20 years building regulated market infrastructure, including as CEO of ErisX, one of the first CFTC-regulated platforms for crypto spot and derivatives trading. He serves on the CFTC's Innovation Advisory Committee.

SESSION Always On: Liquidity, Clearing, and the New Price Discovery in Global Markets

Terrence Duffy

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer · CME Group

Terrence Duffy is Chairman and CEO of CME Group, the world's leading derivatives marketplace, and has led the company for more than two decades. He guided the historic 2007 merger of the Chicago Board of Trade and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, then the 2008 purchase of the New York Mercantile Exchange. He regularly testifies before Congress on issues facing derivatives markets.

SESSION A Conversation with Terrence Duffy, CEO, CME Group

David Bchiri

President · XRPL Commons

David Bchiri is a software engineer turned entrepreneur who has spent about 15 years building tech communities in Paris and San Francisco. He calls himself a blockchain enthusiast and lifelong learner who puts people ahead of technology. His bio names his superpowers as bridge-building and friendly community organizing.

SESSION Creating Network Effects: Supporting XRPL Wins Across the Globe

Ayo Akinyele

Senior Director of Engineering · Ripple

Ayo Akinyele is a cryptographer, which means he works on the math that keeps data private and secure. He holds a Ph.D. in Computer Science from Johns Hopkins and has spent more than ten years on privacy technology for blockchains. At Ripple, he focuses on bringing AI, privacy, scale, and institution-ready infrastructure to the XRP Ledger.

SESSION David Schwartz and Ayo Akinyele: Building What's Next for XRPL

Denis Angell

CTO · XRPL Foundation

Denis Angell is described as one of the most prolific builders in the XRP Ledger world, and he has been at it for over a decade. His hands-on work has helped shape the network, from the core protocol itself to the tools developers use every day.

SESSION Post Quantum Panel

Jennifer Barker

Global Head of Payments & Trade and Depositary Receipts · BNY

Jennifer Barker runs BNY's global payments, trade, and depositary receipts businesses, and she also leads BNY in Europe as a member of its Executive Committee. Before BNY, she spent 19 years at J.P. Morgan in treasury services across the U.S. and Asia. American Banker named her one of the Most Powerful Women in Banking in 2024 and 2025, and she is a strong champion of mentoring the next generation.

SESSION The Future of Working Capital in a Digital Economy

Sonali Basak

Managing Director and Chief Investment Strategist · iCapital

Sonali Basak is Chief Investment Strategist at iCapital, a fintech firm that helps people access alternative investments, where she leads its market thought leadership. Before that, she was Bloomberg Television's lead global finance correspondent and anchor, hosting the morning show Open Interest. She is known for landing exclusive interviews with top Wall Street CEOs.

SESSION A Conversation with Terrence Duffy, CEO, CME Group

Jon Bilich

CFO · Ripple

Jon Bilich is Ripple's Chief Financial Officer, the person in charge of the company's money and financial planning. He has spent the last eight years at Ripple and nearly two decades in finance overall. Earlier he led financial planning at the solar company Sunrun and started his career at Morgan Stanley.

SESSION The Case for Always-On Corporate Treasury

Matthew Blumenfeld

Global & US Digital Assets Lead · PwC

Matt Blumenfeld is a Partner at PwC who leads its global and U.S. digital asset teams. He brings 15 years of financial services experience in risk, regulation, and transformation. He advises institutions on custody, tokenization, and blockchain, helping traditional finance connect with the crypto world.

SESSION What Happens to Money? Four Futures for the Age of Digital Assets

Luc Bocahut

Product Director & Solutions Architect · XRPL Commons

Luc Bocahut is a technical and financial executive based in Paris who once managed a global macro hedge fund. He holds degrees from the Sorbonne and EDHEC. More recently he has worked as a part-time CTO, CFO, and chief of staff for companies in France and the U.S., with a focus on crypto.

SESSION Shaping the XRPL Commons Product Roadmap

Dejan Cabrilo

Staff Software Engineer · Common Prefix

Dejan Cabrilo is a staff software engineer at Common Prefix with decades of experience building fast, reliable computer systems. He built high-speed trading systems at hedge funds and has served as CTO of a quantitative trading firm.

SESSION Proof Over Trust: Formally Verifying the XRP Ledger

Agostino Capponi

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SESSION The Hidden Costs of Crypto Markets: Speed, Darkness, and Who Really Pays

Felipe Carvalho Siqueira

Co-Founder · Atlas Inc.

Felipe Siqueira is Co-Founder and Co-CEO of Atlas Inc., which builds AI-powered tools for capital markets. Before Atlas, he led the tokenization of more than \$400 million in private credit and real-world assets, building one of Latin America's largest platforms for putting real assets on a blockchain. At Atlas he is combining AI, data, and blockchain to change how private markets work.

SESSION Building Latam's On-Chain Future on the XRPL

Massimo Cervesato

VP Blockchain & Digital Assets · Mastercard

Massimo Cervesato leads Mastercard's global blockchain and digital asset efforts. He drives partnerships and strategy to help shape Mastercard's role in the future of finance and Web3.

SESSION What Happens When AI Moves Money?

Christina Chan

Senior Director, Ecosystem Growth · Ripple

Christina Chan runs Ripple's funding programs, including XRPL Grants and the Accelerator, and manages Ripple's 1 billion XRP fund for early-stage startups. Her job is to give young companies capital and mentoring as they look for a product people truly want. She has held product and design leadership roles at several fintech startups.

SESSION Creating Network Effects: Supporting XRPL Wins Across the Globe

Thiago Chaves Ribeiro

CEO · C9 Tech

CEO, C9 Tech.

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SESSION Building Latam's On-Chain Future on the XRPL

Chien-Chih (Joseph) Chen

PhD Candidate · University of Waterloo

Joseph Chen is a PhD candidate at the University of Waterloo who studies blockchain technology. His research blends blockchain, game theory, and teams of AI language models to tackle problems like tiny payments between systems, DeFi security, and carbon trading.

SESSION An AI Agent Walks into a Data Market: x402 Payments on XRPL and the Road to Economic Alignment

Jasmine Cooper

Head of Product · RippleX

Jazzi Cooper is Head of Product at RippleX, where she leads efforts to add new features, tools, and developer programs to the XRP Ledger. She has worked on major XRPL upgrades, including native NFTs, the AMM (automated market maker), and a proposed lending protocol. Before RippleX, she worked in mortgage tech and founded a consumer financial health startup.

SESSION Bringing Institutional Credit on XRPL

SESSION Building the Institutional DeFi Stack: XRPL's Product Roadmap

Luigi D'Onorio DeMeo

Chief Strategy & Business Officer · Aave Labs

Luigi D'Onorio DeMeo is Chief Strategy and Business Officer at Aave Labs, helping grow Aave as infrastructure for global capital markets. He was previously COO at Ava Labs and began his career as an institutional trader at Citigroup. His specialties are credit, markets, and tokenization.

Mikheil Didebulidze

CEO · VS1 Finance

CEO, VS1 Finance.

*No bio posted on the Swell page***SESSION** Bringing Institutional Credit on XRPL**Nilesh Dusane**

Global Head of Institutional Payments · Amazon Web Services

Nilesh Dusane is Global Head of Institutional Payments at Amazon Web Services (AWS). He helps banks around the world move old payment systems to fast, always-on cloud platforms. He is also working with customers on agentic payments, where AI agents start and settle transactions on behalf of people and businesses.

SESSION What Happens When AI Moves Money?**Chandler Fang**

Founder · t54 labs

Chandler Fang co-founded t54, which builds trust tools for AI agents that make transactions, such as identity checks, real-time risk scoring, and compliance. Before t54, he spent four years as Lead Product Manager of Payments at Ripple. Earlier he was a VP of Product at J.P. Morgan's AI and blockchain team, Kinexys.

SESSION Building Trusted Agentic Finance on XRPL with RLUSD**Yebo Feng**

Research Fellow · Nanyang Technological University

Yebo Feng is a Research Fellow at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. He studies AI security, cybersecurity, multi-agent systems, and blockchain security. He builds blockchain-based trust tools for AI models and AI agents.

SESSION Anchoring the AI Stack: A Blockchain Trust Layer for Agents**Gregory P. Fortuna**

Senior Managing Director; Head of GlobalLINK · State Street Markets

Greg Fortuna is a Senior Managing Director and Head of GlobalLINK at State Street. Back in 2001, he created Fund Connect, a first-of-its-kind money market portal. More recently he developed GlobalLink Digital, a platform combining trading, analytics, and settlement across many asset types.

SESSION The Case for Always-On Corporate Treasury**Mai Furukawa**

Director · XRPL Japan / XRPL Labs

Mai Furukawa started her XRPL journey as a support agent at XRPL Labs. She co-hosts a monthly XRPL event on X for Japanese audiences and co-founded the XRPL Japan Association, a grassroots group helping developers, creators, and investors in Japan.

SESSION Community is the Heart of XRPL: From Grassroots to Global Impact

Seth Ginns

EVP, Chief Investment Officer · Franklin Crypto Investments

Seth Ginns is Chief Investment Officer at Franklin Crypto Investments. He has more than 20 years on Wall Street and was an early crypto believer, making an angel investment in Coinbase in 2012 and joining the Ethereum token sale in 2014. Before Franklin, he was a Managing Partner at CoinFund.

SESSION The Next Wave of Digital Asset Adoption

Phil Goffin

Founder and CEO · ZILO

Founder and CEO, ZILO.

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SESSION Rewiring the Back Office: The Onchain Operational Blueprint

Theo Golden

Head of Tokenized Product, International · Broadridge

Head of Tokenized Product, International, Broadridge.

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SESSION Rewiring the Back Office: The Onchain Operational Blueprint

Yuliya Guseva

Professor of Law, Kevin Wood and Mary Jo Peed

Professor of Law · Florida State University College of Law

Yuliya Guseva is a law professor at Florida State University who studies financial regulation, securities law, fintech, and digital innovation. She previously directed the Fintech and Blockchain Research Program at Rutgers Law School. She co-authored the casebook Regulation of Cryptoassets and Markets and is often quoted in outlets like the Financial Times and Reuters.

SESSION The Hidden Costs of Crypto Markets: Speed, Darkness, and Who Really Pays

Naureen Hassan

CEO · DriveWealth

Naureen Hassan is CEO of DriveWealth, a firm that powers investing for other companies. Before that, she was President of UBS Americas and Chief Operating Officer at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. She has also held senior digital roles at Morgan Stanley and Charles Schwab.

SESSION The Race to Tokenize: Bringing Real-World Assets to the Mass Market

Markus Infanger

SVP RippleX · Ripple

Markus Infanger is Senior Vice President of RippleX, overseeing Ripple's work on the XRP Ledger, including products, partnerships, and the developer community. He has more than 20 years in leadership roles at financial institutions and is passionate about connecting traditional finance with blockchain. He is based in Geneva and also sits on the board of Futureverse.

SESSION The Next Wave of Digital Asset Adoption

Sherri Haymond

Executive Vice President, Digital Commercialization · Mastercard

Sherri Haymond leads Digital Commercialization at Mastercard and sits on its Management Committee. Her team works to turn new ideas like agentic AI and digital assets into real-world products. She joined Mastercard in 2010 and helped advance mobile payments, tokenization, and open finance.

Sadaf Jadran

Managing Director · Wave of Innovation

Sadaf Jadran is a strategy consultant and entrepreneur with more than 16 years across traditional finance, technology, and digital assets. As CEO of Wave of Innovation, she is building an institutional crypto platform for the Asia-Pacific region, with a special focus on Australia. Her goal is to connect banks, exchanges, regulators, and investors through events, education, and market intelligence.

SESSION Community is the Heart of XRPL: From Grassroots to Global Impact

Michael Higgins

International CEO · Ripple Prime

Michael Higgins is International CEO of Ripple Prime, Ripple's prime brokerage business for big institutional traders. He joined Ripple when it acquired Hidden Road, where he helped scale the business. He has nearly two decades of experience in digital assets, foreign exchange, derivatives, and commodities trading.

SESSION Always On: Liquidity, Clearing, and the New Price Discovery in Global Markets

Luke Judges

RippleX Global Partner Success Lead · Ripple Labs

Luke Judges works on Ripple's RippleX team as Global Partner Success Lead. His Swell bio lists him as Partner Success Director for Special Projects.

SESSION Advancing DeFi for XRP

Thomas Hussenet

Technical Partner · XRPL Commons

Thomas Hussenet is a Technical Partner at XRPL Commons. He is also Co-founder and CTO of Cypher Lab.

SESSION Two Clients, One Ledger, building go-xrpl, a Go-native XRPL node

Ari Juels

Professor · Cornell Tech

Ari Juels is a professor at Cornell Tech and co-founder and co-director of IC3, the Initiative for CryptoCurrencies and Contracts. He is also Chief Scientist at Chainlink Labs and was formerly Chief Scientist of RSA. Fun fact: he writes crypto thriller novels, including *The Oracle* (2024).

SESSION What Crypto Can Do for AI

Ben Ko

Founder · XRPL Korea

Ben Ko is co-founder and CEO of Catalyze Research, a Web3 advisory firm in Korea. He previously advised traditional companies on Web3 at Ernst & Young. As a key contributor to XRPL Korea, he helps grow the XRP Ledger community there.

SESSION Community is the Heart of XRPL: From Grassroots to Global Impact

EJ Jung

Associate Professor of Computer Science · University of San Francisco

EJ Jung is an Associate Professor of Computer Science at the University of San Francisco, where she has taught since 2010. She earned her Ph.D. at the University of Texas at Austin and has long studied online security and privacy. In recent years her work has centered on blockchain and crypto, including research on detecting Ethereum fraud.

SESSION The Academic Outlook on Democratizing DeFi

Tatsuya Kohroggi

Senior Ecosystem Growth Manager · Ripple

Tatsuya Kohroggi is Senior Ecosystem Growth Manager at Ripple, helping the XRP Ledger ecosystem grow. He has worked at Web3 ventures, Meta, and SoftBank. He leads XRPL growth through strategic investments, projects, and partnerships.

SESSION Community is the Heart of XRPL: From Grassroots to Global Impact

Noel Kimmel

Senior Vice President · Ripple

Noel Kimmel is Senior Vice President of Ripple Prime, a prime brokerage, clearing, and financing platform. He previously founded Cantor Fitzgerald's prime brokerage business and held senior roles at JP Morgan and Bear Stearns. He also sits on CME Group's FCM Advisory Board and a DTCC digital assets advisory council.

SESSION The New Architecture of Global Markets

Jakob Kronbichler

Co-Founder · Clearpool

Jakob Kronbichler is Co-Founder and CEO of Clearpool, which provides fast credit for fintechs and trading firms in the stablecoin economy. Since 2021, Clearpool has issued over \$960 million in loans to firms like Jane Street and Wintermute. He was previously Commercial Director at Aspire, a digital business bank in Southeast Asia.

SESSION Advancing DeFi for XRP

Robert Kiuru

COO · XRPL Labs

Robert Kiuru is COO of XRPL Labs and Xaman Wallet. His Swell session takes a look inside Xaman Wallet and how it handles signing on the XRP Ledger.

SESSION Inside Xaman Wallet: The Inner Workings of XRPL's Signing Layer

Bernhard Kronfellner

Partner & AD · BCG

Dr. Bernhard Kronfellner is a Partner at Boston Consulting Group (BCG), where he co-leads the firm's digital assets business. He has been at BCG since 2007 after working at J.P. Morgan in London. He also lectures at universities in Vienna and advises regulators in Austria and Qatar on digital asset rules.

SESSION The State of Digital Assets: Insights from BCG

Dom Kwok

Co-Founder · EasyA

Dom Kwok is co-founder of EasyA and has been active in blockchain since 2013. He is a serial hackathon winner with experience building Web3 communities. Before EasyA, he worked at Blackstone and Goldman Sachs.

SESSION From Learning to Launch: How We're Bringing the World's Best Developers to the XRPL

Weilin Li

PhD Student · University College London

Weilin Li is a PhD student in Computer Science at University College London. He researches blockchain, DeFi, and smart contract security. He is also an active whitehat (an ethical hacker) who has earned bug bounties and helped protocols stop live attacks.

SESSION The Pairing Bias: Pricing and Liquidity Distortions in Graph-Structured Markets

Tom Lombardi

Director · Cicada Partners

Tom Lombardi is a Director at Cicada Partners, a credit fund that uses stablecoins to make loans. He also teaches 'Crypto Finance' to MBA students at Pepperdine University. He has more than 10 years in crypto at firms such as 3iQ and the Enterprise Ethereum Alliance.

SESSION Bringing Institutional Credit on XRPL

Scott Lucas

Head of Digital Assets · Barclays

Scott Lucas is Head of Digital Assets for Wholesale at Barclays, leading the bank's work on stablecoins, tokenized deposits, and digital securities. Before Barclays, he led markets digital assets at JPMorgan. Before finance, he spent 13 years as an infantry officer in the Australian and British armies.

SESSION Bringing Digital Assets Into Bank-Grade Production

Aanchal Malhotra

Head of Research · Ripple

Aanchal Malhotra is Head of Research at Ripple, leading research on DeFi design and cryptography. She helped write the technical papers behind native NFTs, the AMM, and decentralized identity (DID) on the XRPL. She holds a PhD in Computer Science from Boston University.

SESSION Building the XRPL Foundations: Research That Ships

SESSION The Hidden Costs of Crypto Markets: Speed, Darkness, and Who Really Pays

Steven McClurg

CEO & Founder · Canary Capital

Steven McClurg is CEO and founder of Canary Capital, a digital asset investment firm. Before that, he co-founded Valkyrie Funds, where he helped launch one of the first spot Bitcoin ETFs in the U.S. He also spent time as a Managing Director at Guggenheim Partners and Galaxy Digital.

Mike McCoy

VP, Head of Business Development, VARs & Solution Consulting · Digital Payments · Fiserv

Mike McCoy leads business development and solution consulting for Digital Payments at Fiserv. He has more than a decade of experience in payments, blockchain, and AI. Before Fiserv, he held senior roles at Aleo, Ava Labs, the Sei Development Foundation, and Protocol Labs.

Jack McDonald

SVP of Stablecoins · Ripple

Jack McDonald is SVP of Stablecoins at Ripple and CEO of Standard Custody & Trust Co., a New York licensed custodian Ripple acquired in 2024. He leads Ripple's stablecoin strategy, including RLUSD (Ripple USD), a U.S. dollar-backed stablecoin on the XRP Ledger and Ethereum. Earlier, he spent a decade as CEO of Conifer Financial Services.

SESSION The Stablecoin Race: Consortiums vs. Individual Issuers

SESSION A Conversation with Coinbase Institutional Co-CEO, Brett Tejpaul

Caroline McIlroy

Director, Emerging Payments · PwC

Caroline McIlroy is PwC's U.S. Emerging Payments Lead. She advises banks, payment companies, and merchants on modernizing how they move money. Her expertise includes stablecoins, tokenization, and blockchain.

SESSION What Happens to Money? Four Futures for the Age of Digital Assets

Brett Mollin

Executive Director · XRP Ledger Foundation

Brett Mollin is Executive Director of the XRP Ledger Foundation. He has more than a decade of experience using blockchain for financial institutions.

SESSION Run a Validator on the XRP Ledger

SESSION Creating Network Effects: Supporting XRPL Wins Across the Globe

Nicholas Motz

CIO · Soil

CIO, Soil.

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SESSION Advancing DeFi for XRP

Joel Mun

Senior Developer Relations · Ripple

Joel Mun is a Senior Developer Relations Engineer at Ripple, based in Singapore. He helps builders on the XRPL succeed technically, with a focus on developer programs in Asia-Pacific. He works hands-on with projects where AI meets onchain finance.

SESSION The State of AI on XRPL: Autonomous Agents, Agentic Payments, and Credit Infrastructure

Anil Nadiminti

Fintech Solution Architecture · Amazon Web Services

Anil Nadiminti is a Senior Solutions Architect at AWS who helps fintech and Web3 companies design secure cloud systems. He specializes in agentic AI. He is especially interested in x402, a standard that lets software and AI agents pay for services automatically over the web.

SESSION When AI Agents Pay and Sellers Monetize: Building x402 Apps for Agentic Commerce on AWS

Sarah Oliva

VP, Network Partnerships · Cari Network

Sarah Oliva is VP of Network Partnerships at Cari Network, which runs a blockchain-enabled network for tokenized bank deposits. She leads its bank partnerships, helping connect regular banks to real-time digital asset rails. She started her career advising financial institutions on regulation at Promontory Financial Group.

SESSION The Stablecoin Race: Consortiums vs. Individual Issuers

Michele Neitz

Professor and Founding Director of Center for Law, Tech, and Social Good · University of San Francisco

Michele Neitz is a law professor at the University of San Francisco and founder of its Center for Law, Tech, and Social Good, which began as the first blockchain-law-for-social-good center in the U.S. She teaches Blockchain Technology and the Law. She advised the California legislature on blockchain and sits on New York's Virtual Currency Advisory Board.

SESSION The Academic Outlook on Democratizing DeFi

Brian Oliver

VP, RippleX Partnerships · Ripple

Brian Oliver is Vice President of RippleX Partnerships, leading business development with partners building on the XRP Ledger. He has more than 20 years in financial markets. Before Ripple, he held executive roles at BlockFi, Citadel Securities, J.P. Morgan, and CME Group.

SESSION Rewiring the Back Office: The Onchain Operational Blueprint

Eduardo Novillo Astrada

CEO & Co-Founder · JusToken

Eduardo Novillo Astrada spent over 20 years as a professional polo player before becoming a tech entrepreneur. He is Co-Founder and CEO of JusToken, a platform for tokenizing real-world assets that builds on Agrotoken's work bringing over \$2.8 billion in commodities and energy assets onchain. That includes a large energy tokenization project with YPF Luz on the XRP Ledger.

SESSION Building Latam's On-Chain Future on the XRPL

Dave Olsen

President and Chief Investment Officer · Jump Trading Group

President and Chief Investment Officer, Jump Trading Group.

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Si Hui Ong

Full Stack Developer · NUS Fintech Lab

Si Hui Ong is a Full Stack Developer at the NUS Fintech Lab and a researcher working where cybersecurity, AI, and DeFi meet. She is a six-time hackathon champion, a past XRP Apex speaker, and an alum of the Ripple Student Residency Program. Her Swell talk is about guardrails that keep AI agents safe on the XRP Ledger.

SESSION Securing Agentic Finance: Cryptographic Guardrails for Autonomous AI on the XRP Ledger

Matthew Osborne

Policy Director Europe and UK · Ripple

Matthew Osborne is Ripple's Policy Director for the UK and Europe. He previously led the payments policy team at the Bank of England, working on stablecoins and distributed ledger technology. He believes well-designed rules help innovation last and holds a PhD in Finance.

SESSION Building the Rules for Digital Finance

Anderson Pereira

CEO · Kapitale

Anderson Pereira is founder and CEO of Kapitale, a Brazilian fintech that lets retailers pay suppliers using their future card sales. Kapitale is part of Ripple's first UDAX cohort and won Product Innovation of the Year at the 2025 Global SME Finance Awards. He previously led innovation at Banco Santander.

SESSION The Net-to-Cash Rail: Rebuilding B2B Payments on Programmable Assets

Hugo Philion

CEO · Flare

Hugo Philion is Co-Founder and CEO of Flare, a layer 1 blockchain built to connect different blockchains safely. Before Flare, he was a derivatives trader. He met his Flare co-founders while studying machine learning at University College London.

SESSION Advancing DeFi for XRP

Francesco Pierangeli

Director MSc in FinTech · University of Birmingham

Dr. Francesco Pierangeli directs the MSc in FinTech at the University of Birmingham, where he teaches blockchain and financial applications. He is an expert in DeFi, tokenization, and digital assets and regularly talks with the UK Parliament and regulators. Before academia, he worked at J.P. Morgan and UBS.

SESSION Post Quantum Panel

Federico Pintore

Assistant professor · University of Trento

Assistant professor, University of Trento.

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SESSION Post Quantum Panel

Alex Pruden

CEO · Project Eleven

Alex Pruden is Co-Founder and CEO of Project Eleven, a lab working to protect digital assets from future quantum computers. He is a former U.S. Army Green Beret who moved into crypto after seeing hardship in conflict zones. He has worked at Coinbase and Andreessen Horowitz and was Aleo's first employee and later its CEO.

SESSION Post Quantum Panel

Sebastian Pulido

Head of Onchain Asset Management · Grayscale Investments

Sebastian Pulido is Head of Onchain Asset Management at Grayscale Investments, building investment products that live on blockchains. Before Grayscale, he was at Aave Labs, where he launched Aave Horizon. Earlier he worked on blockchain strategy at J.P. Morgan's Onyx, now called Kinexys.

SESSION The Next Wave of Digital Asset Adoption

Michela Rabbia

Head of Financial Institutions Product - Securities Services · Intesa Sanpaolo

Michela Rabbia is an engineer by training with over 15 years in banking and market infrastructure. At Intesa Sanpaolo, she leads the Financial Institutions Product team for securities services. Since 2023, she has also led the bank's Digital Asset Custody project.

SESSION Bringing Digital Assets Into Bank-Grade Production

Daniel Roesbery

VP, Global Onchain Partnerships & GTM · Visa

Dan Roesbery is Vice President of Global Onchain Partnerships at Visa. He leads Visa's work with crypto clients and partners and its crypto solutions. He has 19 years in payments and fintech, including roles at Blackhawk Network and Kash.

SESSION The Stablecoin Race: Consortiums vs. Individual Issuers

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Co-Founder & CEO · Squid

Fig is Co-Founder and CEO of Squid, which makes it easy to reach anything in crypto across many blockchains. His background spans medicine, engineering, finance, and blockchains. His goal is to hide the complexity of moving across chains so markets feel seamless.

SESSION Banking and trading with RLUSD in a multichain world

Andre Salem

Founder & CEO · Cryptum

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SESSION Building Latam's On-Chain Future on the XRPL

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Ragui Selwanes

President & COO — Americas · C2FO

Ragui Selwanes is President and COO for the Americas at C2FO, overseeing customer programs plus global product, engineering, and marketing teams. He has more than 30 years of leadership experience. Before C2FO, he was a Vice President at Amazon, including Director of Worldwide B2B Payments.

SESSION The Future of Working Capital in a Digital Economy

Alastair Sewell

Senior Investment Director · Aviva Investors

Alastair Sewell is a senior investment director at Aviva Investors, the investment arm of the UK's largest diversified insurer. He leads Aviva Investors' tokenization strategy, including its recently launched tokenized money market fund. He also chairs the Institutional Money Market Fund Association.

Elaine Shi

Professor · CMU

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SESSION Otter: A Provably MEV-Resilient Automated Market Maker via Surplus Redistribution

Chris Shin

Head of Corporate Development · SBI Savings Bank

Chris Shin is Head of Corporate Development at SBI Savings Bank, South Korea's largest savings bank. He leads investments and partnerships that connect traditional banks with digital asset infrastructure. Before that, he was Chief Digital Strategy Officer at Kyobo Lifeplanet, an online life insurer.

SESSION Bringing Digital Assets Into Bank-Grade Production

Michael Sikorski

Chief Information Security Officer · Coinbase

Michael Sikorski is Chief Information Security Officer at Coinbase, protecting one of the world's largest holdings of crypto. He has over 25 years in cybersecurity at Palo Alto Networks, Mandiant, and the NSA. He teaches at Columbia University and wrote the book Practical Malware Analysis.

SESSION The \$3.7M Wake-Up Call

Marcos Simplicio

Full Professor · Universidade de São Paulo (USP)

Marcos Simplicio is a Full Professor at the Universidade de São Paulo (USP) in Brazil. He has researched cryptography and cybersecurity since 2007, with over a hundred publications on topics from blockchains to e-voting. He coordinates the University Blockchain Research Initiative (UBRI) at USP.

SESSION Geppetto: demonstrating cross-account attacks for AI + Blockchain integration

Maximilian Smetana-Ruf

Senior Director Custody · Ripple

Max Smetana-Ruf works at Ripple on custody, which means safely holding digital assets for institutions. His bio describes leading global client solutions for Ripple Custody and bringing banks and other financial firms on board. He has over a decade of experience building financial products, including at UniCredit and Rocket Internet.

SESSION The State of Digital Assets: Insights from BCG

Elizabeth St-Onge

Head of Digital Assets Product and Strategy · TD Securities

Elizabeth St-Onge is Head of Digital Assets Product and Strategy at TD Securities, leading a new team focused on the bank's digital asset plans. She has more than 20 years in corporate banking and payments, including at Citibank and Oliver Wyman. She also serves on advisory boards for Women in Payments USA and American Banker ON-CHAIN.

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Radu State

Professor · University of Luxembourg

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SESSION The Sovereign Levers of Digital Fiat: A Complete On-Chain Census of Regulated Stablecoin Compliance Machinery

Deian Stefan

Associate Professor · UCSD

Deian Stefan is an Associate Professor at UC San Diego who studies how to build secure software. He is also co-founder and Chief Scientist at Cubist, a digital assets infrastructure company. His research has won many awards, including an NSF CAREER award and a Sloan Fellowship.

SESSION Auditing Rust third-party dependencies at scale

Henri Stern

Head of Stripe Crypto · Co-Founder & CEO of Privy

Henri Stern leads Stripe Crypto and is Co-Founder and CEO of Privy, which builds embedded wallets so any app can add crypto easily. Privy is part of Stripe and runs more than 120 million wallets for over 2,000 teams, including Ramp, Klarna, and Uniswap.

SESSION What Happens When AI Moves Money?

Blake Tablak

CEO · Trax Technologies

Blake Tablak is CEO of Trax Technologies, the world's largest standalone freight auditor, checking over \$20 billion in shipping costs every year. Since joining in 2023, he has expanded Trax's AI and analytics. His past exits include GTreasury's \$1 billion acquisition by Ripple.

SESSION The Case for Always-On Corporate Treasury

Sabrina Tachdjian

XRPL Ecosystem Lead · Ripple

Sabrina Tachdjian has worked in blockchain since 2018 and now grows the XRPL ecosystem in Asia for Ripple. She was previously VP of Fintech and Payments at the Hedera Foundation and led blockchain investments at LINE. She holds a PhD in chemical engineering and an MBA from NYU Stern.

Ali Tager

Vice President · National Cryptocurrency Association

Ali Tager is Vice President of External Affairs at the National Cryptocurrency Association, where she helps everyday Americans make sense of crypto. She cuts through hype and jargon with educational resources and hosts the 'Crypto, Explained' podcast. She previously worked at PayPal, Venmo, Microsoft, Adobe, and Canva.

SESSION The \$3.7M Wake-Up Call

Pat Thelen

VP of Strategic Partnerships · Ripple

Pat Thelen is VP of Strategic Partnerships at Ripple, working to build a real-time global payments network. He has 25 years of experience at JPMorgan Chase, UMB Financial, and EY, focused on faster payments and liquidity. He has also volunteered with industry groups like the U.S. Faster Payments Council and NACHA.

SESSION The Future of Working Capital in a Digital Economy

Brett Tejpaul

Co-CEO · Coinbase Institutional

Brett Tejpaul is Co-CEO of Coinbase Institutional, the side of Coinbase that serves big investors like hedge funds, pensions, and banks. He has nearly three decades of experience in institutional sales, trading, and digital assets. Before Coinbase, he led global sales at Barclays Investment Bank.

SESSION A Conversation with Coinbase Institutional Co-CEO, Brett Tejpaul

Evy Theunis

Managing Director and Head of Digital Assets, Institutional Banking Group · DBS Bank

Evy Theunis is Head of Digital Assets at DBS Bank's Institutional Banking Group, shaping the bank's digital asset strategy for institutional clients. She joined DBS in 2015 to build its digital experience for wealth customers. She started her career at Accenture Belgium and holds a master's in computer science from KU Leuven.

Sam ten Cate

Digital Strategy · State Street

Sam ten Cate leads Digital Asset Strategy at State Street Investment Management, helping the firm prepare for a future where investors use digital wallets. Before State Street, he spent a decade as a consultant at Promontory Financial Group and IBM. There, he helped financial firms launch new digital asset and tokenization products.

SESSION Rewiring the Back Office: The Onchain Operational Blueprint

Odelia Torteman

Head of Digital Assets · XRPL Commons

Odelia Torteman is Head of Digital Assets at XRPL Commons and a Digital Finance Specialist at the World Bank. She has 15 years of experience across finance, technology, and economic policy, including leading fintech and blockchain at Deloitte. At XRPL Commons, she turns the XRP Ledger's capabilities into real solutions for financial institutions.

Vito Tumas

Senior Software Engineer · Ripple

Vito Tumas is a Senior Software Engineer at Ripple who leads the formal verification program for the XRP Ledger. Formal verification means using math to prove that the software behaves exactly as intended. He holds a PhD in blockchain from the University of Luxembourg.

SESSION Proof Over Trust: Formally Verifying the XRP Ledger

Adi Turakhia

Vice President, Ripple Trading and Markets · Ripple

Adi Turakhia is a Vice President on Ripple's Institutional Markets team in London, working on liquidity, market adoption, and risk, with a big focus on Ripple's stablecoin. Before Ripple, he spent about seven years at Goldman Sachs in FX and emerging markets. He also worked in high-frequency trading at Flow Traders.

SESSION The Race to Tokenize: Bringing Real-World Assets to the Mass Market

Mayukha Vadari

Staff Software Engineer · Ripple

Mayukha Vadari is a Staff Software Engineer at Ripple who has worked on the XRP Ledger for the past three years. She leads the development of XRPL plugins, which make it easier for developers to add new features to the ledger. She has also helped build developer tools like xrpl-py and xrpl.js.

SESSION Smart Features: A New Paradigm for Building on the XRP Ledger

Harsha Vardhan

Research Assistant · Trinity College Dublin

Harsha Vardhan is a blockchain researcher at the ADAPT Research Centre at Trinity College Dublin and a UBRI researcher. He specializes in zero-knowledge proofs, which let you prove something is true without revealing the details. His work includes a blockchain-native identity (PKI) system for the XRP Ledger.

SESSION zkBallot: Privacy-Preserving E-Voting via Zero-Knowledge Proofs and Shielded Transactions

Renaat Ver Eecke

SVP of Ripple Treasury · Ripple

Renaat Ver Eecke is SVP of Ripple Treasury, the business formerly known as GTreasury, where he was CEO. Before that, he was President of Teletrac Navman, a \$200 million global software business. He holds an MBA from MIT Sloan and a physics degree from Georgetown.

SESSION The Case for Always-On Corporate Treasury

SESSION Building the Future of Digital Asset Treasury

Daniel Vilardell

PhD Researcher · Cornell University

Dani Vilardell is a third-year PhD student in Computer Science at Cornell, advised by Ari Juels. He studies the tug-of-war between privacy and transparency in AI, blockchain, and governance. He won an Ethereum Foundation Fellowship to study autonomous AI agents that cannot be shut down.

SESSION π Creds: Privately Inferred Credentials

Kevin Werbach

Professor · Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

Kevin Werbach is a professor and department chair at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, and an expert on emerging technologies. He directs the Wharton Accountable AI Lab and its Blockchain and Digital Asset Project. He wrote *The Blockchain* and *The New Architecture of Trust* and served on the Obama transition team.

SESSION Governing Agents: The Next Great Challenge

Gary White

CEO and Co-Founder · Water.org

Gary White is CEO and Co-founder of Water.org, WaterEquity, and WaterConnect, with more than 30 years working to solve the global water crisis. His work has helped millions of people gain lasting access to safe water and sanitation. He has been named to the TIME100 list and received the Fulbright Prize for International Understanding.

SESSION How Finance Can Solve the Water Crisis: A Conversation with Matt Damon & Gary White of Water.org

Steve Wisniewski

Former NFL Player and Assistant Coach

Steve Wisniewski is a former NFL All-Pro and eight-time Pro Bowler who played 13 seasons with the Raiders. He later coached offensive linemen for the Raiders and at Stanford. At Swell, he shares a personal story about loss, rebuilding, and resilience, and he is a long-time blockchain enthusiast and crypto investor.

SESSION The \$3.7M Wake-Up Call

Patrick Wyman

Unit Chief · FBI

Patrick Wyman is Unit Chief of the FBI's Virtual Assets Unit, which supports agents and law enforcement partners on cases involving the criminal use of crypto. He joined the FBI in 2009 and has focused on white-collar crimes like fraud and money laundering. He also led the FBI's Virtual Currency Initiative and was once a Fairfax County police officer.

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Edward Woodford

CEO and Founder · zerohash

Edward Woodford is Founder and CEO of zerohash, a platform that lets banks, brokers, and payment companies offer crypto, stablecoin, and tokenization products. Since 2017, zerohash has raised over \$275 million and serves more than 6 million end users. Its clients include Morgan Stanley, Stripe, and Franklin Templeton.

SESSION What Happens When AI Moves Money?

Hussein "Vet" Zangana

Director Community · XRP Ledger Foundation

Hussein Zangana, known as 'Vet,' co-founded XRP Cafe, the leading NFT marketplace and launchpad on the XRP Ledger. He has hosted many X Spaces and built an audience of 50,000+ followers explaining XRPL news. He has spoken at XRPL Apex and Paris Blockchain Week.

SESSION Post Quantum Panel

Christopher Woolard

Partner; Wholesale Digital Markets Champion · EY; UK Government

Christopher Woolard CBE is a partner at EY and the UK government's Wholesale Digital Markets Champion. In that role, he helps build a tokenized wholesale financial markets system in the UK. At EY, he chairs the Global Regulatory Network and sits on the UK Board.

SESSION Building the Rules for Digital Finance

Ariel Zetlin-Jones

Associate Professor of Economics · Carnegie Mellon University

Ariel Zetlin-Jones is an Associate Professor of Economics at Carnegie Mellon's Tepper School of Business. He studies how financial markets work and how to regulate them well. Since 2016 he has researched the economics of blockchains, including stablecoins, and he co-directs Carnegie Mellon's Secure Blockchain Initiative.

SESSION The Hidden Costs of Crypto Markets: Speed, Darkness, and Who Really Pays

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- **Agostino Capponi:** no title or company listed
- **Thiago Chaves Ribeiro:** CEO, C9 Tech
- **Mikheil Didebulidze:** CEO, VS1 Finance
- **Phil Goffin:** Founder and CEO, ZILO
- **Theo Golden:** Head of Tokenized Product, International, Broadridge
- **Nicholas Motz:** CIO, Soil
- **Dave Olsen:** President and Chief Investment Officer, Jump Trading Group
- **Federico Pintore:** Assistant professor, University of Trento
- **Andre Salem:** Founder & CEO, Cryptum
- **Lucas Schoch:** Business Development Director, Ripple
- **Elaine Shi:** Professor, CMU
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