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CIT to Host Launch Lounges in San Francisco and Austin

Industry Luminaries and Leaders from Innovative Cybersecurity Start-Ups Gather for Fireside Chats, Book Signings

Herndon, VA – February 26, 2019 – The Center for Innovative Technology ([CIT](#)), CIT GAP Funds and [MACH37](#) are pleased to announce that they will host events in both San Francisco, Calif., and Austin, Texas in March 2019. CIT's Launch Lounges will offer opportunities to learn from, and network with, industry peers as well as celebrate Virginia's burgeoning cybersecurity start-up community. The events will bring together authors, entrepreneurs and luminaries from the industry's most innovative cybersecurity start-up companies. Details on each event are outlined below.

Launch Lounge San Francisco ([Register here](#))

When: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. PT

Where: Marriott Courtyard San Francisco Downtown, 299 2nd Street, Outdoor Courtyard Area, San Francisco, CA 94105

What: Fireside Chat and Book Signings, including:

Threatcare's "*Tribe of Hackers*" panel:

- Moderator: Tom Weithman, Managing Director & Vice President , CIT GAP Funds
- Panelists: Marcus Carey, Founder & CEO, Threatcare; Jeff Man, Senior Information Security Consultant, Online Business Systems; Georgia Weidman, Founder & CEO, Shevirah

Book Signing:

- "*Tribe of Hackers*", by Marcus Carey and Jennifer Jin
- "*Lean Out: The Struggle for Gender Equality in Tech and Start-up Culture*", Elissa Shevinsky
- "*Penetration Testing: A Hands-On Introduction to Hacking*", Georgia Weidman

Launch Lounge Austin ([Register here](#))

When: Thursday, March 14, 2019 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. CT

Where: Threatcare, 1309 East 7th Street, Austin, TX 78702

What: Marcus Carey, Founder and CEO of Threatcare, will talk about his startup journey. A MACH37 alumnus and co-author of "*Tribe of Hackers*", Carey is a Navy Cryptologist turned cybersecurity entrepreneur. With 20 years of experience, he has worked in penetration testing, incident response, and digital forensics with federal agencies such as NSA, DC3, DIA, and DARPA. He earned his Master's of Science in Network Security from Capitol College.

About MACH37

MACH37 is the premier accelerator for information security entrepreneurs and cyber startups. We go beyond the traditional model of typical business accelerators by bringing our innovators focused mentorship and support from our extensive network of visionaries, practitioners, and successful entrepreneurs from across the security industry. Our curriculum is designed to propel cyber startups into the marketplace, equipped with the skills to connect with customers, grow and compete for funding, and generate traction. MACH37, launched in 2013, operates under a joint venture between VentureScope LLC and the Center for Innovative Technology, in Herndon, Virginia. To learn more, please visit www.mach37.com and follow [@MACH37cyber](#) on Twitter.

About CIT GAP Funds

CIT GAP Funds makes seed-stage equity investments in Virginia-based technology, clean tech and life science companies with a high potential for achieving rapid growth and generating significant economic return for entrepreneurs, co-investors and the Commonwealth of Virginia. CIT GAP Funds' investments are overseen by the CIT GAP Funds Investment Advisory Board (IAB). This independent, third-party panel consists of leading regional entrepreneurs, angel and strategic investors, and venture capital firms such as New Enterprise Associates, Grotech Ventures, Valhalla Partners, Harbert Venture Partners HIG Ventures, Edison Ventures, In-Q-Tel, Intersouth Partners, SJF Ventures, Carilion Health Systems, Johnson & Johnson, General Electric, and Alpha Natural Resources. For more information, please visit www.citgapfunds.org.

About The Center for Innovative Technology

The Center for Innovative Technology (CIT), a nonprofit corporation, has been Virginia's primary driver of innovation and entrepreneurship since 1985. CIT accelerates the next generation of technology and technology companies through commercialization, capital formation, market development and revenue generation services. To facilitate national innovation leadership and accelerate the rate of technology adoption, CIT creates partnerships between innovative technology start-up companies and advanced technology consumers. To learn more, please visit www.cit.org. You can also follow CIT on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#).