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Terry Benzel is Managing Director of the Information Sciences Institute (ISI) at the University of Southern California and an IEEE Fellow recognized for leadership in cybersecurity experimentation. ISI is a world-renowned research organization in computing and communications technologies.

Previously, she served as Director of Networking and Cybersecurity Research at ISI, leading more than 70 researchers, faculty, students, and staff. She established and led the DETER Cybersecurity Testbed and Experimentation program, helping advance open research infrastructure for the research community.

Benzel has held leadership positions across academia, government laboratories, startups, and industry. She has led organizations of up to 150 people, managed budgets exceeding \$80 million, and serves on advisory boards.

A long-time IEEE Computer Society volunteer, Benzel has contributed through conferences, publications, technical communities, governance, and strategic initiatives. She served in roles in the Security and Privacy community before being elected to two terms on the Board of Governors. She currently serves as IEEE Computer Society Vice President, represents the Society on the multi-society CLEAR (Community-Led Ethics for Accountability in Research) Task Force, and leads the Society's Ethics and Integrity initiative. Previously, she served as Vice President for Technical and Conference Activities, Treasurer for Technical and Conference Activities, Chair of the Publications Board Integrity Committee, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Broadening Participation in Nominations, and IEEE Computer Society representative to IEEE Future Directions.

An IEEE Fellow, Benzel has received IEEE Computer Society honors, including the Golden Core Award, Outstanding Service Award, Outstanding Community Service Award, and Continuing Service Award. Her work was recognized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and she has testified before the U.S. Congress.

Benzel holds an Executive MBA from the University of California, Los Angeles, and an M.A. in Mathematics and Computer Science from Boston University. See: <https://terrybenzel.org/>