About D&A Live – January 2026

The data and analytics landscape in 2026 is evolving faster than ever. As enterprises race to operationalize AI and turn insight into real business impact, data leaders are facing new pressures, from tightening regulations to the rise of autonomous, agentic systems that act faster than humans.

D&A Live – January 28, 2026, brings together senior data, analytics, and AI executives from across North America to uncover what's truly driving progress — and what's holding it back. This one-day virtual event cuts through the noise to focus on practical strategies for scaling AI responsibly, leading through change, and building data-driven organisations that can adapt, comply, and compete.

Key themes:

- Agentic AI & Autonomous Decision-Making
- AI Governance & Regulation
- Data Leadership & Strategy
- Real-Time Analytics & Cloud Agility
- Privacy-First AI
- Data Culture & Democratization

From insight to autonomy, **D&A Live 2026** sets the tone for the year ahead — where data leadership, trust, and innovation converge.

Confirmed Speakers*

Kaycee Lai, *Vice President of Artificial Intelligence & Analytics –* **PURE STORAGE**
Edgar Nunez, *Chief AI and Analytics Officer –* **Coca-Cola FEMSA**
Troy Howard, *Vice President, Data Governance Manager –* **BANK OF AMERICA**
Akhil Khunger, *VP Quantitative Analytics –* **BARLCAYS**
Bipin Chadha, *Senior Vice President Data Science –* **CSAA**
Jeff Hainsworth, *Senior Product Marketing Manager,* **insightsoftware**
Jayson VanHook, *Associate Vice President of Data Strategy and Chief Data Officer –* **UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA**
Nitin Kumar, *Director Data Science –* **MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL**

Bickkie Solomon, *Director of Pharmacy / Residency Program Director PGY2 HSPAL* - **HCA FLORIDA NORTH FLORIDA HOSPITAL**

Benjamin Donlon, *Chief Operating Officer* – **THUMBPRINT**

Scott McKenzie, *Chief Technology Officer* – **Fort Vermilion School Division**

Gopal Renganathan, *Senior Director, Data & Analytics* – **ANYWHERE REAL ESTATE INC.**

Shubhankar Shilpi, *Software Engineering Director II* – **TRUIST BANKS**

Farid Sheikhi, *Senior Manager, Analytics Innovation & Data Enablement* - **RBCx**

Navneet Tyagi, *Senior Software Engineer*, **FINANCE OF AMERICA**

Karthikeyan Ilangovan, *Vice President, Data Analytics & AI/ML* - **MODEGLOBAL**

Rahul Zende, *Senior Principal Data Scientist* – **NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**

Rama Pilli, *Staff Data Engineer / Data & AI Architect* – **KARD**

Mohan Krishna Mannava, *Data Analytics & Business Intelligence Leader* – **TEXAS HEALTH**

Krishna Chaitanya Yarlagadda**,** Director of Data Science & AI – **Atlanticus**

Nick Rohrbaugh, Sr. Product Marketing Manager – **POSIT**

Josh Burkhow, Chief Evangelist – **ALTERYX**

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D&A LIVE ONLINE JANUARY 28TH 2026	
	Corinium Welcoming and Opening Remarks
10:00 EST	**The Future of Data & AI 2026: From Insight to Impact — Or Another Year of Overpromises?** • Why are so many enterprises still struggling to move beyond dashboards to true data-driven decision-making? • The ongoing challenge of aligning data, culture, and leadership — and why it remains the #1 barrier to scale. • Where organizations are actually seeing ROI from AI and analytics — separating measurable impact from market hype. • What data leaders must prioritize in 2026 to keep pace with autonomy, regulation, and continuous disruption. Troy Howard, *Vice President, Data Governance Manager* – **BANK OF AMERICA**
10:15 EST	**Panel Discussion: The Data Ecosystem: Modernization and Transformation. How to keep pace with an ever-changing data landscape.** • How are enterprises modernizing legacy architectures without breaking critical operations — and what usually goes wrong first?

	- What does a *truly* modern data ecosystem look like in 2026, and how do you balance cloud, lake house, and real-time pipelines without adding more complexity? - How do leaders prioritize modernization investments when budgets, talent, and timelines are all constrained? - What transformation strategies drive business value — and which ones are still stuck in "pilot purgatory"? **Moderator:** Krishna Chaitanya Yarlagadda, Director of Data Science & AI - **Atlanticus.** **Panelists:** Bicckie Solomon, *Director of Pharmacy / Residency Program Director PGY2 HSPAL* - **HCA FLORIDA NORTH FLORIDA HOSPITAL** Karthikeyan Ilangovan, *Vice President, Data Analytics & AI/ML* - **MODEGLOBAL** Rahul Zende, *Senior Principal Data Scientist* – **NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION** Rama Pilli, *Staff Data Engineer / Data & AI Architect* - **KARD**
11:00 EST	**Keynote Presentation: No-Compromise AI Analytics: Cloud, On-Prem, Hybrid—Your Architecture, Your Rules** **Session Description** Most AI analytics platforms force enterprises into an impossible choice: adopt cloud-only solutions that compromise data governance and security policies, or forgo AI capabilities entirely. For organizations with on-premises infrastructure, regulatory requirements, or data sovereignty mandates, this isn't a choice at all—it's a barrier to innovation. **In this session, you'll discover:** - Why infrastructure inflexibility kills AI adoption: The hidden deployment gap causing AI pilot failures in regulated industries, and why most vendors can't solve it with cloud-only architectures - AI analytics without architectural compromise: How Logi Symphony delivers full AI-driven analytics across any environment: cloud, on-premises, hybrid, or selfhosted, so you maintain complete control over where your data lives and how it's processed - Breaking the AI data access bottleneck: How Simba Intelligence solves the cloudonly trap that plagues most AI query tools, providing LLM-agnostic data connectivity across any deployment model without forcing infrastructure changes or vendor lock-in

	• Real-world deployment scenarios: From regulated industries requiring air-gapped environments to global enterprises managing multi-cloud strategies, see how organizations achieve AI intelligence without sacrificing infrastructure control The most powerful AI analytics strategy isn't about choosing between intelligence and control. It's about platforms flexible enough to deliver both, wherever your data needs to be. Jeff Hainsworth, *Senior Product Marketing Manager,* **insightsoftware**
11:20 EST	**Panel Discussion: AI Governance 2026: How Do You Stay Compliant When AI Moves Faster Than Regulators?** • Meeting the evolving regulatory demands across North America and beyond — AI Act, SEC, and state-level frameworks • Wrestling with bias, explainability, and transparency under growing legal and ethical scrutiny • Can innovation survive compliance — or is compliance becoming the new innovation? • How leaders are redefining governance models for faster, safer, and more auditable AI adoption • What does "responsible AI" mean in 2026 — and how to make it a competitive advantage? **Moderator:** Nick Rohrbaugh, Sr. Product Marketing Manager – **POSIT** **Panelists:** Akhil Khunger, *VP Quantitative Analytics* – **BARLCAYS** Gopal Renganathan, *Senior Director, Data & Analytics* – **ANYWHERE REAL ESTATE INC**. Navneet Tyagi, *Senior Software Engineer-* **FINANCE OF AMERICA** Shubhankar Shilpi, *Software Engineering Director II* **– TRUIST BANKS**
11:55 EST	**Keynote Presentation: Enterprise AI at Scale: Control, Cost, and Trust Beyond the Cloud** As AI transitions from innovation labs into mission-critical systems, enterprises are being forced to answer harder questions: Who controls the models? Where does sensitive data flow? How do we manage risk, cost, and compliance at scale? Join Pure Storage VP of AI, Kaycee Lai, as he explores why many organizations are reassessing cloud-only AI strategies and incorporating on-prem and private AI deployments as part of a broader governance and trust framework. The discussion will highlight how infrastructure choices directly impact AI reliability, security, and long-term

	business value and touch on the following themes: - Enterprise AI risk management and regulatory readiness - Cost predictability and performance for always-on AI systems - Private AI as a foundation for trust and IP protection - What boards and executive teams are now demanding from AI leaders Kaycee Lai, *Vice President of Artificial Intelligence & Analytics* – **PURE STORAGE**
12:10 EST	**Presentation: Agentic AI in Action: Will Autonomous Systems Deliver ROI or Chaos?** - Real-world deployments across healthcare, finance, and retail — what worked, what failed, and why - Understanding the true risks, costs, and governance challenges of scaling agentic AI responsibly - How to prioritize AI investments when budgets are tight and expectations are rising - Lessons from early adopters: where autonomy has created measurable business value - What to watch next — will 2026 be the year enterprises trust AI to act on its own? Bipin Chadha, *Senior Vice President Data Science* - **CSAA**
12:50 EST	**Presentation: Elevating customer experience in the new age of Data & AI** Customer expectations are rising, and traditional CX strategies can't keep pace. With trillions in revenue at risk and customers abandoning brands after a single poor interaction, organizations must rethink how they understand and engage their audiences. Data and AI now offer a powerful path forward - enabling unified customer views, real-time insights, and personalized, predictive experiences at scale. This session explores how leading companies are transforming CX through integrated data, advanced analytics, and AI-driven automation. This session will break down the essential components of a modern CX strategy, and the organizational shifts required to make it successful. Key discussion points: - Why legacy CX models are failing in today's environment - Building a unified 360° customer view through data integration - Turning data into actionable insights that drive measurable improvements

	• How AI enables hyper-personalization, predictive engagement, and automation • IMPACT framework for ROI measurement • Overcoming transformation challenges Mohan Krishna Mannava, *Data Analytics & Business Intelligence Leader* – **TEXAS HEALTH**
1: 25 EST	**Presentation: From Generation to Impact - How Organization Uses Agentic AI and Data to Scale Global Content with Confidence** **Session Overview:** • How Organization built its LLM tools to accelerate content creation across regions and languages • The data and analytics backbone behind AI content workflows — from multilingual datasets to performance measurement • Inside Agentic AI journey: how autonomous systems generate, translate, and evaluate content before human review • Balancing automation and quality — where human-in-the-loop ensures brand consistency and trust • Lessons learned in governance, evaluation, and data-driven decisioning while scaling AI globally Nitin Kumar, *Director Data Science* – **MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL**
1:55 EST	**Keynote Presentation: The AI-Ready Enterprise in the Age of Intelligence: Empowering People, Context & Governance to Drive Transformative Value** As AI rapidly reshapes the enterprise, success depends on more than just technology. In this session, Joshua Burkhow explores how organizations can become truly AI-ready by empowering people, embedding context, and establishing strong governance. Learn how these three pillars work together to unlock transformative value, scale AI responsibly, and turn intelligence into real business impact. In this session, you'll learn how to: • Enable teams with the skills, tools, and trust needed to confidently adopt AI • Apply context and governance to ensure AI is accurate, compliant, and scalable • Move from experimentation to enterprise-wide impact with measurable outcomes Josh Burkhow, Chief Evangelist – **ALTERYX**

2:45 EST	Roundtable: Futureproofing the Data & AI Enterprise: What Will Break First Between Now and 2030?

- Exclusive, interactive dialogue among senior executives

- How leaders balance innovation, ethics, and organizational alignment

- Are today's data architectures built to withstand the next decade of AI acceleration — or will infrastructure be the first failure point?

- How do you ensure your governance frameworks scale with AI capability, data volume, and regulatory complexity?
- What assumptions about your current data strategy are most likely to prove wrong by 2030?

- How will leaders balance performance, ethics, cost, and organizational alignment as AI becomes autonomous?

- Agility vs. stability: can enterprises afford to prioritize one over the other as AI maturity increases?

- What are the early warning signs that your data foundations are holding back AI innovation?

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4:00 EST	*Corinium Closing Remarks*