# About the Authors

**Paul Göransson** is a serial entrepreneur who has led two boot-strap start-up companies through successful acquisitions by industry giants—Qosnetics by Hewlett Packard (1999) and Meetinghouse by Cisco (2006). Göransson held management positions with Agilent Technology's Advanced Networks Division and Cisco's Wireless Networking Business Unit. He serves on the Board of Directors of Tallac Networks. Göransson received a BA in Psychology from Brandeis University in 1975, an MS in Computer Engineering from Boston University in 1981, and a PhD in Computer Science from the University of New Hampshire in 1995. He is an avid marathoner, mountaineer, triathlete, scuba diver, and outdoor enthusiast. He has completed over 100 marathons, several Ironman triathlons, numerous ultramarathons including the Leadville Trail 100, and is a PADI Scuba Instructor. He completed a Thru-Hike of the 2189 mile long Appalachian Trail in 2015 on his recently installed artificial right ankle. He has lived, studied, and worked for extensive periods in France, Algeria, Venezuela, Mexico, and Sweden. Göransson co-authored the book *Roaming Securely in 802.11 Networks* as well as articles in technical journals related to computer networking. He has often been an invited speaker at technical conferences. Göransson owns and manages a 220-acre Polled Hereford beef and hay farm in southern Maine in his spare time.

**Chuck Black** has over 35 years of experience in the field of computer networking, working in research and development labs for Hewlett-Packard for most of that time before becoming co-founder of Tallac Networks, a Software Defined Networking startup. Most recently he has been training engineering staff and customers of major networking vendors in the areas of developing SDN applications at SDN Essentials. He has been the innovator and creator of multiple networking products for HP in the area of Network Access Control and Security, and holds eleven patents in these areas. Prior to this work, he developed products in the field of Network Management for HP's software organization. In the early days of local area networking, he was author of some of the first network topology discovery applications in the industry. Black holds a BS and MS in Computer Science from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

**Timothy Culver** is a seasoned technology executive and university faculty member who has a broad base of experience in engineering, information technology, business development, sales, and marketing. He is successful and passionate about emerging technologies and has a proven track record in creating, building, and delivering global technology teams. Culver has been involved in 3 start-ups and built businesses spanning 14 countries. As professor at the University of Texas at Dallas, he has created and taught graduate courses in computer science, software engineering, and spearheaded their Software Defined Networking curriculum and program. Prior to joining the University of Texas at Dallas in the 1990s, Culver taught computer language and introduction to computer science classes for the Dallas Community College District. Culver has won the US Presidential Volunteer Service Award from 2011 through 2014 for his volunteer activities in the community. This includes working on STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) education efforts in middle and high schools. He actively and enthusiastically promotes these careers to students and serves on the Mentor Advisory Committee for WeTeachScience.org. In his personal life, Culver is a father of four children and has been married to his

wife for 30 years. After playing soccer for 25 years, Culver also earned his USSF National Coaching and US Youth Soccer National Coaching Licenses as he coached his children, Culver has refereed soccer matches in the United States and Europe. He lives on a farm in Sunnyvale, Texas, where he raises Black Angus cattle. Culver has four patents in the areas of VoIP, Internet Teleconferencing, and LDAP. He is an honor graduate of Baylor University where he earned an MIS degree. He then went on to Southern Methodist University where he earned a Master of Science in Engineering and an MBA. He has conducted post graduate research on Cloud Computing at Baylor and Walden Universities. Culver is also a Research Associate for the Open Networking Foundation.