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Tacoma AFWA presents
Artificial Intelligence:
Humans Need Not Apply
... OR Machines, Humans, & Myths
with
Erick Watson
Chief Product Officer
Quantarium

Will your job be here in 5 or 10 years, or do you need to develop new skills to stay relevant? Learn what is truth and what is myth in the current question of human or machine, as well as what jobs are most likely to be replaced by machines. Join us to become acquainted with the latest developments in artificial intelligence, blockchain technology, data science, and machine learning.

- When:** Monday, February 12, 2018
- Where:** LaQuinta Inn, 1425 East 27th Street, Tacoma, WA
- Schedule:** 5:30 Check-In, Networking
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Speaker (1 hour)

**More details and reservation information coming soon at <http://www.afwatacoma.org>
RSVP required by Thursday, February 8th, 5 pm**

Mr. Erick Watson is the Chief Product Officer for Quantarium, LLC where he drives commercialization of the company's extensive patent portfolio in data science, machine learning, artificial intelligence, and blockchain technologies. Erick has over twenty years of experience in software product development and financial services.

Before joining Quantarium, Erick served as Chief Product Officer at Moodwire, a natural language processing start-up. Prior to Moodwire, Erick spent ten years at Microsoft, where he led successful initiatives in research & development, competitive strategy, and market development. He also has several successful stints in private equity and software start-up companies.

Erick serves on the advisory boards of several early-stage startups operating in the Greater Puget Sound area, including Socedo, a Twitter-based CRM company; TimeXtender, a Danish data warehouse automation provider; and GAEMS, a console gaming hardware manufacturer.

Erick obtained his B.A. in Linguistics from Louisiana State University and was an Associate Professor of English at Xi'an Jiao Tong University in China. A published author, he has contributed to books and articles on technology and culture. Erick is a frequent speaker at conferences and summits on the topics of business culture, innovation, competition, and intellectual property in the software industry.