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I bring people together to build meaningful connections across business, government, and community. With a career rooted in public service, I've served in the C-Suite for the City of Dallas and a private nonprofit, guiding organizations to develop strategies and put plans into action. I've also worked as an analyst for USAID and USDA and a digital industries sector leader with Canada's Trade Commissioner Service.

Right now, I'm focused on Nearshoring America, helping the Dallas Market Center connect with partners across Latin America. I've also co-founded Aristo Cyber Defense, offering tailored cybersecurity solutions, and Peregrine Global, supporting makers in Mexico and beyond.

For nearly 20 years, I've co-owned a local wine and jazz club — a passion project that blends excellent music, good wine, and even better conversations.