

Speaker 1: Peter Bishop, Associate Professor, Futures Studies, University of Houston, United States

Peter Bishop is an Associate Professor in the College of Technology and Coordinator of the graduate program in Futures Studies at the University of Houston. Dr. Bishop specializes in techniques for long-term forecasting and planning. He delivers keynote addresses and conducts seminars on the future for business, government and not-for-profit organizations. He also facilitates groups in developing scenarios, visions and strategic plans for the future. Dr. Bishop's clients include IBM, the NASA Johnson Space Center, Nestle USA, Tetra Pak, the Shell Pipeline Corporation, the Defense and Central Intelligence Agencies, the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Waitt Family Foundation, the California Environmental Protection Agency, and the Center for Houston's Future. Dr. Bishop is a founding board member of the new Association of Professional Futurists, and he is President of his own firm, Strategic Foresight and Development, which offers education and training in futures thinking and techniques to the corporate market.

Dr. Bishop just transferred to the University of Houston after teaching futures studies research methods and statistics at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. While active in faculty affairs, he founded an organization of faculty leaders to participate in state government. Dr. Bishop first taught at Georgia Southern College where he specialized in social problems and political sociology. He received his doctoral degree in sociology from Michigan State University. Dr. Bishop received a bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Louis University where he also studied mathematics and physics. He grew up in St. Louis, Missouri where he was a member of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) for seven years. Dr. Bishop is married with two children and four grandchildren.