

Edlira Stefani

As the Director of Data Analytics Operations at Bentley University, Edlira leads a team responsible for designing, implementing, and maintaining a robust data ecosystem architecture to support a wide range of Enterprise Analytics. Her extensive enterprise reporting experience has played a crucial role in establishing a strong data-driven culture at the University, which aligns with its strategic goals. By clearly defining a strategy and vision, Edlira gained buy-in from management and enthusiasm from users across campus. She also played a key role in providing a clear picture of the University's cloud data ecosystem and the roadmap to achieving it.

As the former Associate Director of Application Data Management at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), she led the Data Management Program, one of four Enterprise Transformation workstreams. During her tenure, she successfully integrated Workday with over forty-five decentralized applications, built mission-critical reports, implemented Prism Analytics as the Workday extension for external data, and worked on implementing a master data management system. As the WPI's Information Governance Council co-chair, she guided a leadership team in defining and implementing a data governance strategy and policies.

In her role as the Associate Director of Analytics at WPI, Edlira also established a data analytics strategy that resulted in the implementation of Tableau at an enterprise level and the processes, policies, and rules for data extraction, transformation, and visualization for analytical needs.

Edlira is also passionate about teaching and sharing her knowledge. As an adjunct faculty at Clark University, she teaches the Foundations of Data Engineering course in the Master of Science in Data Analytics program. She received the 2022 Fiat Lux Award from Clark University's School of Professional Studies, nominated and recommended by students, which is evidence of her commitment to her craft of teaching and learning.

Edlira has been a part of the NERCOMP Program Committee for over three years, contributing to activities such as leading an unconference session, reviewing annual proposals, organizing a pre-conference session, etc. She also serves on the EDUCAUSE Data Governance Group Steering Committee. Edlira presents at NERCOMP Annual Conferences and strives to stay current with the latest industry developments while fostering strong professional relationships.

Edlira grew up with diverse experiences, allowing her to be adaptable and flexible in her personal and professional life. She values education as a lifelong investment and sees it as her mission to give back and contribute to the Higher Education community through involvement in various groups and organizations. She believes that her experiences and education will drive innovation and leadership and shape the future of NERCOMP.