

Gabriele Fariello

Gabriele Fariello is the Chief Information Officer and AVP of Information Technology at the University of Rhode Island. With more than three decades in information technology, his work has spanned higher education, nonprofit research and healthcare, federal service, and the private sector, with a consistent focus on practical outcomes, talent development, and cross-institutional collaboration.

Prior to URI, Fariello held senior leadership and faculty roles at Harvard University, where he directed machine-learning and computational research groups and served as teaching faculty and Head of Neuroinformatics for nearly a decade. He later served as the inaugural Assistant Dean for Computing and Chief Information Officer of the Harvard Engineering School, while also holding an overlapping role as Director of Clinical Research Informatics at Massachusetts General Hospital. Across these roles, he developed deep, hands-on experience with machine learning and artificial intelligence, applied in education, research, healthcare, and enterprise settings. His experience also includes leadership roles in healthcare and biotechnology focused on data systems, analytics, and IT strategy. During a period of federal service, he established four data science groups for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Center for Devices and Radiological Health.

Fariello serves on the Board of Directors of the Northeast Research and Education Network (NEREN), contributing to regional collaboration and shared infrastructure discussions across New England. He has also served on boards of startups and nonprofit organizations and has chaired international research conferences. He has participated in NERCOMP and EDUCAUSE events over the years and has supported staff participation in NERCOMP and EDUCAUSE programs, including leadership development, because of their practical value and cost effectiveness.

If elected to the NERCOMP Board of Trustees, Fariello would focus on strengthening NERCOMP's ability to help member institutions band together for greater mutual benefit. Priorities would include expanding leadership development and professional learning, supporting responsible and practical adoption of AI and data capabilities, and advancing collaboration around cybersecurity, research support, and shared services. He is also interested in strengthening synergies and joint initiatives with peer organizations, including

EDUCAUSE, regional research and education networks such as NEREN, and national partners such as Internet2, to improve coordination, reduce duplication, and help institutions respond to external pressures through shared understanding and aligned approaches.

Fariello is honored to be included on the election slate and would welcome the opportunity to serve the NERCOMP community.