

Mike Gamson, VP, Corporate Solutions, LinkedIn

Mike Gamson is the VP of Corporate Solutions of the LinkedIn Research Network at LinkedIn Corporation. A professional networking site dedicated to improving the productivity of professionals around the world, LinkedIn takes your professional network online, giving you access to people, jobs and opportunities like never before.

Built upon trusted connections and relationships, LinkedIn is the world's largest and most powerful professional network. Currently, more than 20 million professionals are on LinkedIn, including executives from every Fortune 500 company, as well as a wide range of household names from the technology, financial services, media, entertainment, and consumer goods industries.

A business manager with background in product management, product marketing, sales, and business development in enterprise software and financial services, Gamson is focused on harnessing social and professional networking to help individual professionals, as well as companies, increase their professional productivity. As the leader of LinkedIn's research business he is focused on helping companies improve their primary research process by leveraging the power of LinkedIn's global network of professionals.

A passionate advocate for the role technology can play to improve professional productivity, at the podium Gamson brings an entertaining and conversational style to his treatment of the opportunities available using digital networks and user generated content.

AT A GLANCE: A native of the Chicago area, Mike Gamson graduated, with honors, from Amherst College with a dual degree in art history and comparative religions. Prior to his career in technology, he worked in corporate finance at Bank of America and founded and ran a restaurant and boutique hotel in Costa Rica.

Gamson sold his first company at age 23 and has been building new businesses within larger corporations for the last 10 years. Prior to working at LinkedIn, Gamson headed the Trade Order Management and Compliance team at Advent Software, responsible for growing a \$20 million dollar business line in Advent's investment management group.

He lives in Evanston, IL with his wife and son.