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Welcome to "**Own Your Career**" Seminar Series!

- *Are you curious about your career options in technology sector?*
- *Do you know how you can get a job like theirs?*
- *What are the secrets to their success?*

If so, you do not want to miss this opportunity...

"Own Your Career" seminars will be given by presenters, who have excelled in their careers. These successful individuals generously accepted to share their personal career journey with us. Please join us as they describe their "typical" workday, sharing joys, challenges and annoyances in their careers, and offer advice to job seekers interested in following their career paths.

First Seminar in "Own Your Career" Series

## **Survive and Thrive in Tough Job Market**

Speaker: **Thomas Lavrisa**

When: 6pm – 8:30 pm **December 9<sup>th</sup>**

Where: **Algonquin College T Building**

Admission: **Free**

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**Tom Lavrisa** was hired as a Regulatory Program Officer at Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission in June 2009. His career has spanned three decades starting as a designer of switching power supplies for Bell Northern Research. The power electronics theme continued with similar roles at his own consulting company, Philips Electronics and Mitel Corporation. Management roles followed at Mitel, first in power electronics, followed by digital terminals then control processors. The move to Nortel involved a change to management of digital system design in the CDMA division, followed by senior roles in Regulatory Approvals for CDMA products. In addition to his present role, Tom moonlights as a consultant in transfer trip designs for connection of distributed generation to the Ontario power grid. He is an avid cyclist, an owner of a woodlot in the Kingston area and has held varied roles at IEEE Ottawa section, including Section Chair.