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TODAY'S FROM THE DIRECTOR

The 2020-21 academic year begins with a new slate of educational opportunities at Mason. As with any academic start, those opportunities are about more than just classes and courses. They also include assisting our faculty and students in learning how to navigate a world of new constraints and uncertainties. The health and safety of our students and faculty are our primary concern. Throughout the year, we’ve planned many activities, many of which are free, open to the public, and are aimed at getting Mason’s name out there in digital form. We have many more activities for events being discussed below.

RESEARCH

December 2020 CINA Annual RFP New Open for Submissions

CINA's 2021 Annual RFP now open for submissions. The CINA 2021 Annual RFP proposes that allocations remain consistent with the overall CINA mission and theme for the 2020-21 fiscal year. The RFP seeks proposals that address multiple main challenges represented by the four research themes of the CINA mission. Submissions will be accepted through January 29, 2021.

NEWS

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Gina Davis Spencer Foundation Awards $450,000 to George Mason School for New National Security Scholarships

CINA Director, Professor Kerry Riddle Recognized as CINA’s Distinguished Speaker Series:

CINA, Defense Studies, The National Defense University. Riddle’s work profile is extensive. She manages CINA’s budget, coordinates research and training, handles fiscal and purchasing requirements, coordinates events and subcontracts, and is also the liaison to the National Defense University (NDU) for the NDU Center for Criminal Investigations and Network Analysis (CINA). Her role is to coordinate the efforts of a distinguished group of researchers and professors who work across the disciplines of law enforcement, criminology, crime analysis, and digital anthropology and provide critical support for the CINA mission, including new CINA scholarship opportunities, including the new CINA scholarships.

DELL Future of Rights Cyber-Crime with Innovative Digital Tools

Innovative Digital Tools (IDT) is one of the projects that leverages the center’s work in digital forensics and its support of cybersecurity. That effort has included talking to DHS operational personnel about their future DHS workforce. As part of the second activity, the CINA Science Committee this month initiated a focused effort to look over the horizon with respect to criminal operations and the development of tools that will help them respond more effectively to those challenges. The CINA mission is supported by three core activities: help DHS with current problems, training and education.

Distinguished Speaker Series: Spring 2021 Upcoming Events

You’re invited to submit articles, photos, videos, and story ideas to include in upcoming CINA coatings. Sign up to receive our future emails. To continue receiving our emails, add us to your address book.