Biometric Identity Privacy

A person’s identity can be national, biographical or social. A person’s physical characteristics or biometrics are an increasingly powerful way of verifying their identity, whether through voice, facial recognition, fingerprinting, or other means. This raises new questions about privacy and bias, such as whether there are opportunities, such as establishing kinship. It also raises important issues about the need to preserve their rights and privacy. CINA researchers at Michigan State University are working on developing and advocating for innovative and data-driven solutions for combating human trafficking based on proven victim-centered enforcement models. In-person attendance is on a first come, first serve basis. You must register in advance to attend.

CINA Science Committee Spotlight: Mary Ellen O’Toole

Mary Ellen O’Toole is a criminal profiler, author, and professor at George Mason University. She was recently named as one of the top 50 leaders in computer forensics and critical incident response. She is the author of The Criminal Mind, the Criminal Mind 2.0, and her latest book, Advanced Behavioral Analysis. O’Toole is the founder of NorthPoint Technology, Inc., an international firm that develops computer forensics and investigative analysis tools and services. She is also the Executive Director of The Center on Illicit Networks and Organized Crime who will speak about her organization’s work in developing and advocating for innovative and data-driven strategies for combatting human trafficking based on proven victim-centered enforcement models. In-person attendance is on a first come, first serve basis. You must register in advance to attend.

Gretchen Peters: “How Organized Crime Weaponizes Social Media” - Wednesday, October 13 - Hybrid, In-person

Turner Lecture Series, December 15, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. - online

President Peters will be the guest speaker for the Blyden Turner Lecture Series. Peters’ lecture, “How Organized Crime Weaponizes Social Media,” is a call to action to counter organized crime’s use of digital platforms to disseminate propaganda and recruitment materials. The lecture is also available online and will feature Peters’ research on drug trafficking organizations and patterns of violent crime. The lecture is free to attend, but registration is required.

Lindsey Roberson: Human Trafficking – Tuesday, December 7 - Hybrid, In-person

Join us on Tuesday, December 7th at 12:00 p.m. for a discussion of human trafficking and the role of critical incident response teams in stopping human trafficking and providing survivors with the support they need. Lindsey Roberson, Executive Director of Legal Engagement at the Human Trafficking Institute, will speak about her organization’s work in combating human trafficking and the role of critical incident response teams in stopping human trafficking and providing survivors with the support they need. The lecture is free to attend, but registration is required.

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