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rights violations and identity theft.

basis for enhancing 21st-century security practices while protecting the public from potential

and providing a five-year outlook for biometrics and privacy, and their work will provide the

to preserve their rights and privacy.

higher rates of error in identifying women, or how a cigarette

face, fingermarks, DNA or other features. This raises new

person's physical characteristics or biometrics are an increasingly

A person's identity can be national, biographical or social. A

Research and capabilities that will mitigate threats we have not yet seen. Staying on top means

must continue to look over the horizon, think critically and objectively, and invest in the

disruption of a criminal enterprise. The other great lesson from the last few decades is that we

support investigators, helping them to make sense of the data they do have, and pointing to

connections and entities might be, even if we can't see them yet. The results of these efforts

teasing out the structure of criminal networks when we have scant information, guessing where

asymmetric, shadowy, and dangerous threats to our citizens and our security. We work on

tools and techniques in creative and imaginative ways to discover and understand these

and tactics as necessary, and striking or exploiting opportunities when convenient for them or

Gone are the days of assessing the threat by locating your adversary's tanks, planes, ships,

facing, and will continue to face, are increasingly asymmetric, dynamic, and lightning-quick.

that power must be augmented with imagination and creativity. The threats we have been

immeasurable. Since the middle of the last century, and especially since 2001, we've learned

are necessary, but the benefits to our citizens, the world at large, and future generations are

definitely the position you want to be in. Preparation, long-term thinking, and a lot of hard work

founding, we've learned that it is hard to get on top and even harder to stay there, but that is

and conflict have been with us since before recorded history. Most of life's valuable lessons are

ago, DHS is almost 19 years old, and our constitution was written 234 years ago...and crime

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

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

Join us on Wednesday, October 13 at 12:00 p.m. when Gretchen Peters, Executive Director of The Center on Illicit Networks and Organized Crime at George Mason University, will speak about the use of social media and predictive modeling to uncover the indicators of high-density crime areas. This event will be completely virtual.

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

Join us on Tuesday, December 7 at 12:00 p.m. when Lindsey Robertson, Director of the Human Trafficking Institute at Michigan State University, will discuss victim-focused research and strategies for combatting human trafficking based on proven victim-centered models. This event will be completely virtual.

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Mary Ellen O’Toole - Executive Director of Legal Engagement at the Human Rights and Criminal Justice Institute, recently announced that she has further established its partnership with FARO Technologies, Inc. that will result in the world’s first FARO-certified forensic science program. This FARO-Certified Forensic Science Program will strengthen the analytical capacity of the George Mason University Forensic Science Program and place as one of the nation’s premier programs in its field with a partnership with FARO Technologies, Inc. that will result in the world’s first FARO-certified forensic science program.

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