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Basis for enhancing 21st-century security practices while protecting the public from potential risks, and providing a five-year outlook for biometrics and privacy, and their work will provide the Foundation with a new strategy for research and capabilities that will mitigate threats we have not yet seen. Staying on top means that we must continue to look over the horizon, think critically and objectively, and invest in the right tools and techniques in creative and imaginative ways to discover and understand these threats.

The Center’s mission, and our research portfolio built on that mission, is to apply the latest science and technology to solving today’s challenges while also thinking about, and acting on, what’s next. It is an exciting time for CINA researchers at Michigan State University, where I lead the Forensic Science Program, to preserve their rights and 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, fingerprint, face, fingermarks, DNA or other features. This raises new questions about privacy and bias, such as whether there are higher rates of error in identifying women, or how a cigarette could be given proof of a person’s age without revealing other key biometric information, or how a criminal could use biometrics to weaponize social media. In-person attendance is on a first come first serve basis.

The CINA Center is four years old, the first DHS Center of Excellence was formed 17 years ago in 2004, and CINA received its funding in the middle of the last decade. Since then, we have learned the hard way, so what have we learned over those years? Since the country’s founding, we’ve learned that it is hard to get on top and even harder to stay there, but that is also an opportunity for us to learn from our failures and successes, and to continue to evolve and adapt to respond to the challenges we face.

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