THOUGHTS FROM THE DIRECTOR

My role at the CINA center puts me in contact with a wide variety of people at GMU and beyond. Whether it is through hosting webinars and professional development workshops, or speaking at conferences and academic venues, I have the opportunity to interact with thought leaders, community members, and leaders in the fields of criminal justice and homeland security. Each interaction is an opportunity to learn from others and contribute to knowledge sharing.

The CINA center also plays a vital role in the academic community by providing opportunities for research and development. Through partnerships with other academic institutions and governmental agencies, we are able to advance research and provide solutions to complex societal issues.

In conclusion, my role at the CINA center is a rewarding and fulfilling experience. It is an honor to work with such talented individuals and contribute to the advancement of knowledge in the fields of criminal justice and homeland security.

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NEWS

DHS Career Call for Engineering Secure Environments

The Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate’s Office of Innovation & Protection issued a new request for proposals this week. The untapped talent with other academic institutions and technology providers to work on developing innovative solutions to the nation's challenges. The Office of Innovation and Protection is seeking proposals in the area of engineering secure environments. The goal is to develop solutions that can protect critical infrastructure from cyber threats and physical attacks. Proposals are due by 4/1/2022.

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HBCU Career and Recruitment Fair

The Mason Vision Series will be live streamed through Tuesday, December 1. The event is an opportunity to engage in the discussion by submitting questions via email to host the next installment of the Mason Vision Series: Picture a Scientist with Ian Cheney and Sharon Shattuck. Dr. Shelley will describe ways sophisticated data is being used to fight transnational crime. She will also describe her National Science Foundation funded team's uses of data provide key insights into critical problems of corruption, terrorism, illicit trade, and drug trafficking.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

HRES Career and Recruitment Fair

GMU's Career and Recruitment Fair will be held on December 3 from 12 PM to 5 PM at the Center for Academic Excellence. The fair is open to students, recent graduates, and professionals in the fields of homeland security, criminal justice, and national security. The fair will feature employers from various industries and organizations, providing opportunities for networking and job opportunities.

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Distinguished Speaker Series

Gretchen Peters: “More Organized Crime Weaponized Social Media”

The Mason Vision Series: Distinguished Speaker Series continues with Gretchen Peters, a researcher and expert on organized crime. In her presentation, “More Organized Crime Weaponized Social Media,” Peters will discuss the increasing use of social media by organized crime groups to recruit members, communicate plans, and coordinate activities. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in the discussion by submitting questions via email.

Maria Tillyer: “Open Source Data and Predictive Modeling of High-Density Crime Areas”

The Mason Vision Series: Distinguished Speaker Series continues with Marie Tillyer, a researcher on organized crime. In her presentation, “Open Source Data and Predictive Modeling of High-Density Crime Areas,” Tillyer will discuss the use of open-source data to predict crime patterns and the implications for law enforcement. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in the discussion by submitting questions via email.

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