THOUGHTS FROM THE DIRECTOR

My role at Mason has been one I’ve come to enjoy with a work-life balance that allows me to balance my academic and professional responsibilities with the demands of my personal life. I’ve had the privilege to lead a new academic unit, the CINA center, and to work closely with colleagues and students at the University of Texas at Austin and Boston College.

The CINA center is dedicated to the study and analysis of criminal networks and their impact on the global economy. We conduct cutting-edge research and provide training to law enforcement agencies, policymakers, and other stakeholders. We aim to contribute to the understanding of how criminal networks operate and to develop effective strategies for their prevention and prosecution.

The University of Texas at Austin has been a partner in our research and a leader in the field. Our collaboration has enabled us to access unique data sources and to develop innovative methodologies for analyzing criminal networks. We are grateful for their support and are excited to continue our partnership.

I am also excited about the opportunity to lead a new academic department in my next role at Boston College. I look forward to working with colleagues and students there to advance the field of criminal networks.

I would like to thank my colleagues and students for their support and encouragement. I am grateful for the opportunity to lead the CINA center and to contribute to the understanding of criminal networks.

Mason Vision Series

Contents of this Month's Update

• Dialogue to encourage collaborations among participants, institutions and students.

Career fair objectives include: introducing HBCU students and alumni to career, fellowship, and leadership opportunities.

The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities is set to host a HBCU Career and Recruitment Fair.

Dr. Louise Shelley, CINA Science Committee member, is set to host the next installment of the Mason Vision Series.

The University of Texas at San Antonio discussed open source data and predictive modeling to uncover the indicators of high-density crime areas.

Jennifer Peters, Director of The Center on Illicit Networks and Transnational Organized Crime. Peters speaks about her organization’s work on the way organized crime has weaponized social media.

Dr. Shelley will describe ways sophisticated criminals evade law enforcement.

DHS forms CoE for Engineering Secure Environments

The Department of Homeland Security’s Science and Technology Directorate has announced a new Center of Excellence (CoE) focused on engineering secure environments from targeted attacks.

The CoE will work with other research entities and institutions to increase awareness, knowledge, and application of engineering principles to ensure secure computing systems.

The CoE will conduct research, develop technology, and train the next generation of cybersecurity professionals.

The CoE will host the next installment of the Mason Vision Series.

The documentary powerfully chronicles the groundswell of researchers who are writing a new chapter for women scientists.

Brenda L. Collins: "Open Source Data and Predictive Modeling for High-Density Crime Areas"

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