THOUGHTS FROM THE DIRECTOR

My role as the CINA center director is to work with a team of experts at GMU and DHS to bring data innovation to the forefront in homeland security and public safety. We all believe that fusion of technology and science, data, and creative thinking is essential for our nation to be more secure.

One of the core missions of the Criminal Investigations and Network Analysis Center (CINA) is to bring awareness to the value of data and to promote collaboration between law enforcement and academia. The most recent installment of the Mason Vision Series, "How the Smart Use of Data Is Being Used to Fight Transnational Crime," was a perfect example of both of these missions.

The role of data science is to uncover patterns and trends that can help officials make more informed decisions to keep communities safe. CINA is working on this important front through our efforts to bring together experts from across the federal government to discuss how to use data to prevent, detect, and disrupt, and to promote understanding between the departments involved.

The Mason Vision Series will be live streamed through our YouTube channel. You can check the channel for future installments or sign up for our newsletter to receive updates on upcoming events. If you have ideas for future events, please contact me directly. It is always a pleasure to hear from those who are interested in these important issues.

I recently had the pleasure of hearing a senior official explain the challenges of the intelligence community and the importance of data science in addressing those challenges. As someone who works in the fields of intelligence and counterterrorism, I am continually struck by the complexity of the issues we face and the need for innovative solutions.

The Mason Vision Series provides a forum for these discussions, and I look forward to hosting more events in the future. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

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