David Weisburd strategies for economic development and crime reduction.

Criminal activity is not uniformly distributed, but is rather highly concentrated in a small number of places. Offenders, who commit crimes, and victims, who are the targets of crime, aggregate in clusters often referred to as crime centers. This phenomenon of concentration is one that is explained through theory and empirically confirmed by research. It is also one that has the potential to be exploited for public policy in order to get the greatest returns on the expenditure of limited resources. In a recent paper, I discussed the demonstration project of the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) that used spatial data to identify crime hot spots and then address those areas with a combination of strategies. The project, called Coordinated Assessment, Investigation, and Prosecution (CAIP), was designed to test whether police strategies that focused on high-crime areas would result in reduced crime. The findings of the project are now available in an article that was published in the Journal of Criminal Justice. The paper is titled "A Demonstration of Coordinated Assessment, Investigation, and Prosecution (CAIP) in a High-Crime Neighborhood in Detroit." The article is available online at the following link: https://doi.org/10.1007/s12120-021-10036-x.

Hall added.

Tufts University, a leading national university, announced today that it has named Dr. Isaiah Hall as the new director of the Tufts Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) National Security Center (CINA). Dr. Hall will join the university on August 1, 2021, with the goal of strengthening the university's intelligence and security research capabilities and fostering collaboration across disciplines. Dr. Hall is a distinguished expert in criminal justice and public policy who has served as a senior leader in government and academia. He brings to the role a deep understanding of national security challenges and a commitment to advancing critical research and education in the field.

Dr. Hall comes to Tufts with extensive experience in national security and intelligence, including serving as the deputy assistant director for policy and analysis at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). In this role, he oversaw the agency's research and analysis efforts, focusing on issues such as terrorism, cyber threats, and homeland security policy. Dr. Hall also has a strong background in law enforcement and has served as a police officer and a district attorney in his native New York.

Dr. Hall is a graduate of Tufts University, where he received his bachelor's degree in government and politics. He went on to earn his master's and doctoral degrees in criminology and public policy from the University of Chicago. Dr. Hall has been a frequent speaker and consultant on a wide range of topics related to national security, including counterterrorism, intelligence analysis, and homeland security policy. He has published numerous articles and book chapters on these subjects, and his work has been cited by policymakers and academics alike.

Dr. Hall has received several awards for his work, including the George Mason University 2021 Outstanding Service Award. He is married to Dr. Jennifer Hall, who is also a professor at Tufts University.

The CINA Center proudly supported three projects this year through the DHS Summer Research Team Program for Minority Serving Institutions (MSI). We once again had an abundance of strong proposals, and we selected teams from the University of North Texas, Texas State University, and the University of Texas at San Antonio.

This summer, two CINA Scholars were selected for research programs and a third was selected for the CINA Scholars Internship Program. The scholars are working on projects related to the use of location data for law enforcement purposes, and they are also exploring the use of open-source data and predictive modeling to uncover the indicators of high-density crime areas.

Sierra University's Department of Law and Society is hosting a panel discussion on Friday, November 12th, focusing on the use of artificial intelligence in law enforcement. The panel will feature experts from various fields, including criminology, computer science, and law enforcement. The discussion will cover the benefits and challenges of using AI in law enforcement, as well as the ethical considerations involved.

The panel will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Sierra University campus. The event is open to the public, and registration is required. For more information, please visit the university's website or contact the Department of Law and Society directly.