thoughts from the director

Jim Jones

On August 8, 2020, I secured my 50,000th DailyScoop on our “new home” platform, and I think it’s time to reflect on the journey to get here. I’ve been working here for just over 13 years, and while I’ve been at CINA for a significant portion of my career, I’ve only been at this company for less than two years. It’s been an incredible experience to work with such a talented team and to be a part of an organization that is truly committed to advancing the field of criminal investigations and network analysis.

The annual meeting, which I attended on the 12th, was another major milestone for our team and our organization. It was a great opportunity to connect with fellow professionals and to learn about the latest research and best practices in the field. The keynote address by the former director of Homeland Security, General Mark Milley, was particularly inspiring and thought-provoking.

In the coming year, I look forward to continuing to drive the innovation and growth of the company, and to furthering our mission of advancing the field of criminal investigations and network analysis. Thank you to all of our clients and partners for your continued support.

Jim Jones, CINA Director

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new research

the evolution of human trafficking during the covid-19 pandemic - congressional research service

The rise of human trafficking has been fueled by globalization and advances in technology, and the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated these trends. The pandemic has created new vulnerabilities for human trafficking victims, as well as new opportunities for traffickers. It is important to understand the evolution of human trafficking during the pandemic, as well as the strategies that are being used to combat it.

Key findings:

- The pandemic has created new vulnerabilities for human trafficking victims, as well as new opportunities for traffickers.
- The pandemic has exacerbated existing trends in human trafficking.
- There is a need for increased awareness and funding for human trafficking prevention and response.

Speakers:

- Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 12:00pm-1:30pm
- Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 12:00pm-1:30pm
- Friday, September 18, 2020, 12:00pm-1:30pm

news

meet the eastern new mexico university cina summer research team

Eastern New Mexico University’s summer research team has been hard at work this summer, conducting research on a variety of topics related to human trafficking. The team is made up of students from the university, as well as faculty members from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Summer Research Team (SRT) Program for Minority Serving Institutions.

Key research projects:

- Drug cartels and U.S.-based gangs
- The COVID-19 Pandemic
- Human trafficking during a global pandemic

Speaker:

Louise Shelley, Foreign Relations

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events

virtual event/ finding trafficking networks in online commercial sex ads

On August 4, 2020, we held our CINA Annual Meeting under these “new normal” circumstances - a virtual conference with over 100 attendees from government, industry, and academia, view-ahead video presentations from 15 different research teams complemented with live Q&A sessions for each, an excellent keynote address from William Bryan and updates from the CINA and OUP teams, and a look at the emerging challenge landscape for the 2020 election and beyond.

Key highlights:

- A promising alternative to policing high-growth cities
- Criminal investigations and network analysis
- The evolution of human trafficking during the COVID-19 pandemic

Speaker:

Crysta Price

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