3) Gang cohesion matters for survival. Smaller gangs benefit from a mix of outside alliances and larger gangs benefit from maintaining ties within. 4) Social networks are relevant to the criminal activities of gangs, but members select their own groups. These conclusions are derived from a new analysis of gang attributes and are presented in a recent talk on the topic.

Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 12:00pm-1:30pm - Cybercrime Through the Online Banking Ecosystem

The talk highlights how criminal organizations circumvent traditional financial institutions’ risk and compliance controls by setting up fake online businesses and facilitate money laundering. The speaker will discuss how credit card transactions have increasingly become a conduit for money laundering, and how the digital transformation of financial services has created new opportunities for criminals.

Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 12:00pm-1:30pm - Online Commercial Sex Ads and Students

New Mexico University explored the connections between Mexican online commercial sex advertising and students. They conducted this research as part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) Summer Research Team.

The Annual Meeting reflected on the last 12 months during which we helped plan and execute the second COE Summit, positioned three research projects for transition, launched the COE project on cartel smuggling, moved our Distinguished Speaker Series and other events online, produced a white paper on global networks and investigations, and supported three MSI Summer Research Teams, all while managing a running website and digital archive.

On August 4, 2020, we held our CINA Annual Meeting under these “new normal” conditions. It featured updates from the CINA and OUP teams, and a look at the emerging challenge landscape. The virtual meeting format received positive feedback. Some attendees noted that the virtual format provided the opportunity to engage with the speakers and take notes during the presentation.

The event included a panel discussion on the challenges and opportunities of conducting research during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The panelists were experts in the field of cyber security and discussed the implications of the pandemic on research and the digital landscape. The panelists also shared their strategies for maintaining research productivity and collaboration during the pandemic.

Meet the Eastern New Mexico University CINA Summer Research Team

Cecilia Torres, a graduate student in the School of Policy and Government, and Nancy Hirst Endowed Chair at George Mason University Schar School of Policy and Government, think creatively, and pivot quickly, and not only survive but thrive. My two big takeaways from this last year are (1) the only constant in life is (unexpected) change and (2) operational agility should be a core value of modern research and management.

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