TO THE DIRECTOR

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CIMA's 2021 Annual RFP Open for Submissions

The CINA team would like to congratulate John Verrico, Chief of Workforce Development, American Security Today (AST) for winning the 2020 American Security Today Award for Extraordinary Leadership in Homeland Security and Public Safety.

CINA's 2021 Annual RFP invites proposals that will address main challenges represented by the four research themes of the CINA Center: Criminal Network Analysis, Dynamic Patterns of Criminal Activity, Forensics, and Criminal Investigative Processes. White paper submissions will be accepted through January 29, 2021.

Watch the interview with John Verrico about the award.


Dr. Diana Dolliver, Associate Professor, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Academic Director, George Mason University’s Center for Identity and National Security (CINA) said, “the impact of COVID-19 is far reaching, and its effects will continue for many years. In the context of international crime, transnational organized crime and cybercrime, I don’t think we will see changes that will be harmful to organized criminals, just changes in how they operate.”

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DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES:

March 17: Cryptocurrency and Criminal Investigation

April 16: Fighting Illicit Trade in the Forms of Trademark Counterfeiting and Copyright Piracy

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National Human-Trafficking Awareness Day

The National Human-Trafficking Hotline is a toll-free, 24/7 hotline that provides free and confidential support to human trafficking survivors nationwide. It is operated by the GEEN National Human Trafficking Hotline, Inc., and is supported by the Department of Justice’s Office for Victims of Crime.

This year’s National Human-Trafficking Awareness Day is February 25, 2021. The CINA Center network has four projects entering the transition phase, multiple new projects coming out of our research, and we will begin to focus on new research for the Homeland Security Enterprise.

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We ask you to take photos of yourself, friends, family, and colleagues, and share important news with the public. He takes special care to ensure government technology solutions to the nation’s greatest challenges. I work with a great team of colleagues and I am grateful to all of you who supported and executed the many tasks necessary to get to this point. I am proud of the fact that CINA is able to support such a meaningful mission, and I look forward to our continued mutual success going forward.

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I also learned that from clarity of mission comes a strategy and actions, and this gets and expands our workforce development efforts. I also learned that fighting TCOs, and supporting those that do, is even harder in a pandemic where the threat space is much larger than ever before. TCOs place their interest and their prosperity above that of the other, and this gets and expands our workforce development efforts.

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CIMA is seeking candidates for an internship with DHS through the Federal Internship Program (FIP) and/or the Center for Identity and National Security (CINA) Federal Internship through CINA & DHS. Internships are slated to begin during 2021 spring semester, with potential for an expansion to a full-time role for up to one year.

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You're invited to submit articles, photos, videos, and story ideas to include in upcoming CIMA Update.

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