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THOUGHTS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Jan Jones

Did you miss the last Distinguished Speaker Series? Watch speaker Crysta Odicci, Associate Professor, George Mason University, discuss "Hotel Franchise Brands: A Formal Model of Chain Village, in the Presence and Absence of Gang Violence." Wednesday, November 11, 2020, 12:00pm-1:30pm

Virtual Event: Social Outlaws - What Network Structure Can Tell Us About Online Commercial Sex Ads"

Dr. Devon Johnson, Professor in the Department of Criminology, Law and Society along with researchers from Trinity Washington University provided insights into the relationships of online commercial sex advertisements and online criminal networks and how they interact with the broader ecosystem (law enforcement, technology, finance, etc.). The talk on Social Outlaws will be presented virtually on Thursday, November 5, 2020, 12:00pm-1:30pm.

CINA Welcomes: 2021–22 Open-RFP White Paper Submissions

With regards to our Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) mission to develop and disseminate knowledge and best practices among Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies, CINA continues to welcome white paper submissions presenting research findings, projects, and ideas intended to address questions and challenges that CINA, DHS, or its federal partners are currently facing, or are expected to be facing in the near future. This rolling RFP provides opportunity for ideas to be submitted at any time during the RFP open period (June 1, 2020 – June 1, 2021).

Full details and submission guidelines are available in the "Guidelines for Submission of White Paper and Grants Proposals, CINA Open White Paper RFP." Submit proposals to whitepaper@cina.gmu.edu.

NEWS

Understanding False Confessions and Guilty Pleas of the Mentally Ill

NCITE, the National Center for Investigative Tirr is a Joint Venture of CINA and FLETC. NCITE is a cross-disciplinary research center that exists to bring together law enforcement, scientific and academic communities to address important and complex issues facing homeland security.

Did you miss the September panel "Beyond 9/11-Homeland Security and Social Science"? Join us on November 2, 2020, 12:00pm-1:30pm for "Beyond 9/11-Homeland Science: The Institute, the Knowledge, the Science." This event will feature a roundtable discussion with top academic experts on the front lines of homeland security.

Virtual Event: Transaction Laundering Through the Online Payment Ecosystem

The Center for Innovation and National Security (CINA) and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) present "Transaction Laundering Through the Online Payment Ecosystem." Tuesday, October 13, 2020, 12:00pm-1:30pm. This event will discuss how criminal organizations circumvent the payments and banking ecosystem's risk and compliance controls by setting up fake online businesses and storefronts to covertly process payments for illegal activity.

The discussion will feature Verginia (Vernon) Scott, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice. Vernon is a member of the CINA MSI Summer Research team from Trinity Washington University, and a member of the Department of Criminology, Law and Society at George Mason University. Vernon is also a member of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) National Center for Investigative Tirr (NCITE) and a member of the Center for Innovation and National Security (CINA). Vernon is the project manager for the Total Gang Initiative, a longitudinal study in the District of Columbia...