Social networks are the strongest predictors of gang violence. Smaller gangs benefit from outside alliances and larger gangs benefit from keeping ties within; 4) payments for illegal activity.

Credit card transactions have increasingly become a conduit for money laundering. The talk will present findings on how credit card transactions are used by criminal networks to move money. The talk will discuss how credit card transactions have been used to facilitate illegal activities such as drug trafficking, human smuggling, and other illegal activities. The talk will also provide suggestions on how to prevent credit card fraud and money laundering.