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Message from the Committee Chair

On behalf of the Intelligence and National Security Studies Program (INSS), I would like to welcome you to our inaugural issue of the INSS Newsletter. This publication will keep students, alumni, faculty, staff, and the larger UTEP community informed about the many outstanding activities of the INSS Program. INSS students have received numerous important awards, scholarships, internships, and employment opportunities. We plan to highlight these accomplishments, as well as those of our faculty and staff, in the newsletter.

The INSS Program has undergone tremendous growth in just four short years and promises to bring further academic and professional opportunities to our talented student cohort. The INSS Program is dedicated to our partnership with the Intelligence Community and developing skill sets that are in great demand among intelligence professionals. To this end, we are committed to providing the best undergraduate and graduate curriculum in intelligence and security anywhere. We also plan to expand our activities more broadly into the field of national security research in the coming years.

Together, we will continue to build a scholarly community of national distinction dedicated to intelligence and security education and research. The INSS Newsletter is an important step in this process.

If you have a newsworthy item for inclusion in the INSS Newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would very much like to hear from you!

Larry A. Valero, Ph.D.

Four INSS Students Selected for National Program

INSS students America Guevara, Miguel Ibarra, Stacy Langston, and Jesus Ortiz were selected for the prestigious 2012 National Security Analysis and Intelligence Summer Seminar (NSAISS). NSAISS is a two week program managed by the Intelligence Community Centers for Academic Excellence (IC CAE) Program Office at the Defense Intelligence Agency and is held annually at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, D.C. It is designed to give a group of outstanding graduate and undergraduate students, chosen and sponsored by the U.S. Intelligence Community, an in-depth exposure to the intelligence field with a focus on the discipline of intelligence analysis. (cont’d on page 2)
The summer seminar mixes classroom instruction with simulations, practical exercises and case studies, and it is taught by SAIS faculty and notable national security experts. The lecture portion of the program spent a considerable time covering a wide array of topics, important definitions, core missions, intelligence methodologies for collecting and analyzing information, as well as substantive issues and how those issues are chosen for priority attention. Additionally, the lectures were complemented by distinguished guest speakers who provided invaluable insight into how the policy community uses intelligence.

The program also provided students with the opportunity to visit a number of intelligence agencies and organizations that use intelligence. For example, this year’s class traveled to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the National Counterterrorism Center, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, and the headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Moreover, the students explored the site of the Battle of Antietam. The goal of this visit was to isolate the intelligence dimension of the struggle and examine the enduring lessons that emerged.

The following universities were represented at the 2012 NSAISS: Creighton University, California State University – San Bernardino, Elizabeth City State University, Florida A&M, George Mason University, Pennsylvania State University, National Defense University, Howard University, James Madison University, Miles College, Morgan State University, Norfolk State University, the University of Mississippi, the University of Maryland, Florida International University, University of Nebraska – Omaha, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, University of South Florida, Stanford, University of New Mexico, George Washington University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, the University of Texas – Pan American, and the University of Texas at El Paso.

In the past, the INSS Program has had excellent representation at NSAISS with five students representing UTEP over the previous three years. This year was our largest contingent with four students participating. Heartiest congratulations and many thanks to America, Miguel, Stacy, and Jesus for representing UTEP and INSS so admirably in Washington, D.C. this summer.

**Students Selected for National Program (cont’d from page 1)**

The International Association for Intelligence Education (IAFIE) selected UTEP as the site for its annual conference May 20-23, 2013. The College of Liberal Arts and the INSS Program will serve as the hosts for the three-day conference with the theme “Expanding the Frontiers of Intelligence Education,” which will take place in the UTEP Union.

IAFIE is the leading academic organization responsible for intelligence education. The 2013 IAFIE Conference promises to bring prominent keynote speakers including senior intelligence officials and top intelligence educators and trainers to UTEP. The conference will be a forum for cutting-edge intelligence education research.

INSS students are highly encouraged to join IAFIE in order to receive the student registration rate for the conference. There are other benefits to joining IAFIE including a student essay contest and opportunities to present student research at the conference. The details of the conference will be announced later in the year.

For more information about IAFIE, go to [http://www.iafie.org/](http://www.iafie.org/)
CONSIDER A HOMELAND SECURITY GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

The INSS Program now offers a Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security. This Graduate Certificate is intended for students interested in careers within the Department of Homeland Security (i.e. - Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Customs and Border Protection, Secret Service, Coast Guard, etc.) or associated state and local agencies. It may be used as a stand-alone Certificate or taken in conjunction with other graduate programs such as Public Administration, Leadership Studies, or Intelligence and National Security Studies.

Graduate courses offered include:

- Seminar in Homeland Security
- Crime and Border Security
- Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Emergency Management
- Legal Issues in Homeland Security
- Public Health and Homeland Security
- Risk Analysis

Contact Mr. Mark Gorman, INSS Program Coordinator for more information.

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CONGRATULATIONS 2012 INSS GRADUATES!

MASTER OF SCIENCE:

Jesus Alvarez          Robert Christensen          David Diaz            Marissa Garcia
Stephen Mulhern       Jonathan Nogueira         Barry Peterson        Antonio Resendiz
Colby Richardson      Matthew Richardson         Alfredo Rodriquez

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE:

Alfredo Ocasio         BJ Ratlief                Won Ha Gonzales        Jose Ramirez-Sanchez
Reuben Negron

UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE:

Rene Aleman            Joseph DeMaggio          Christopher Jarvis      Corrine Kaaihue
Jorge Maldonado        Sergio Mancha           Michael Martinez

MINOR:

Leydi Avila            Nicholas Díaz            Jacqueline Esparza      Ebal Galan
Ruby Grau              Trisha Munoz            Jesus Ortiz             Iliana Rosales
Brenda Salayandia

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S  2 0 1 2  I N S S  G R A D U A T E S !
The INSS Program sponsored six of its students for a week long Leadership Institute with the nation’s intelligence agencies in Washington, D.C. last April. INSS students met with representatives from the Central Intelligence Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Defense Intelligence Agency, and the Department of Homeland Security.

Mark Gorman, INSS Program Coordinator, said “this provides students the opportunity to experience the agencies that they hope to be employed by some day, talk with them one-on-one, and learn about life in the nation’s capitol.” Going to the agencies’ headquarters gives the students a real appreciation of what it would be like to work there, the challenges they might face, and the opportunities available. Representatives from each of the agencies briefed the students on their organization’s role in keeping the nation secure and answered numerous questions about quality of life and the work atmosphere, how to gain employment, and job benefits.

One of the INSS students commented, “The opportunity to tour multiple agencies and government entities around the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area allowed me to apply my coursework learning to real life settings and to explore a wider array of career possibilities that I did not know existed. This trip is an absolute MUST for motivated students seeking to jump start their entry into the Intelligence Community!” Another said, “I truly had a great time in Washington, D.C., learning and meeting those who actually work in the IC. This gave me an in-depth insight into what the agencies do and the environment in which they work. A very rewarding experience that I would recommend to anyone interested in the field of intelligence.”

The Leadership Institute was coordinated with the University of Texas Pan American (UTPA), who also sent four students. UTPA, like the INSS Program, is another Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence and offers a Global Studies program that trains students in disciplines applicable to employment within the Intelligence Community and national security organizations. This was the fourth year that students from both UTEP and UTPA had the opportunity to visit Washington, D.C. and learn about what it takes to become part of the national security team.

In addition to the time spent meeting with the Intelligence Community agencies, students had the opportunity to tour the National Mall and visit the Smithsonian museums. They visited the various war monuments, the Lincoln Memorial, and saw the White House and Congress. INSS students utilized the Metro system to visit unique Washington, D.C. neighborhoods such as Georgetown and Dupont Circle and see what it would be like to live in the city during their “off time” in the evenings.
**Boeing Donates $3,000 for INSS Scholarship**

The INSS Program is very pleased to announce that Boeing Aircraft Corporation has donated $3,000 for an INSS scholarship. The INSS Program is extremely grateful for this generous donation that will assist a deserving student pursue their education at UTEP and a career in the intelligence, defense, or security sector. Further details regarding this scholarship will be provided to all students later in the 2012-2013 academic year.

Representatives from the INSS Program visited Boeing El Paso - Electronic and Mission Systems on March 23. INSS faculty and staff had the opportunity to learn about Boeing El Paso's customers, capabilities, workforce, university relations, and community involvement. They were also given a comprehensive site tour of the Boeing El Paso facility. The INSS Program is thankful to Rosaura Corral-Perez, Deborah Koch, and Hans Sassenfeld from Boeing El Paso for providing this excellent opportunity and insight into their company's local operations.

**Welcome New INSS Graduate Students!**

- Laura Barron Gallegos
- Michael Brown
- Claudia Castro
- Leland Colburn
- Sirena Evans
- Sabrina Frassa
- Lucero Gasca
- Gloria Gomez
- Jeff Gonzalez
- Alejandro Gonzalez-Benjumea
- Eric Gutierrez
- Virga Harkness
- Adam Kern
- Yunmi Lawrence
- Elizabeth Limones
- Roundel Marin Carrero
- Jorge Marines
- Manuel Martel
- David McCraken
- Armando Meza
- Misael Navarette
- Christopher Olivares
- Alan Pratt
- Aprill Rodriguez
- Nohemi Rubio
- Conant Schoenly
- Jacqueline Tosky
- Carolyn Trussell
- Juriana Villaplano Galeano

**Terrorism Expert Visits UTEP**

The new Students in Intelligence and National Security (SINS) organization was off to a great start this year bringing one of the foremost terrorism experts in the country to UTEP. Farhana Qazi, a sought after public lecturer, graciously accepted an invitation to speak to the INSS students and share her Pakistani background and unique viewpoints into the current crisis occurring between the U.S. and the Muslim world. Her family emigrated from Pakistan to the United States when she was very young. She became the first Muslim woman to work for the U.S. Government’s counterterrorism center (now the National Counterterrorism Center).

Ms. Qazi first addressed a select group of INSS students in an informal setting on Thursday evening, April 26, 2012 in Kelly Hall to give them an in-depth look at her distinctive background. Ms. Qazi provided her observations of the Muslim community in Pakistan as well as sharing her travel experiences to various parts of the world. Her research and writing focuses on Islamic terrorism and more specifically, how Muslim women have now become an integral part of those terrorist activities.

Ms. Qazi then gave a larger lecture on Friday, April 27, 2012 in the Blumberg Auditorium to a more diverse group of UTEP students. This lecture was open to all majors within the UTEP community. Ms. Qazi’s lecture was titled “Deadly Divas: Why Women Kill”. This fascinating topic is the basis of Ms. Qazi’s research on female suicide bombers. This lecture focused on the roles women play in terrorism as well as why some eventually turn to suicide bombings. Ms. Qazi’s presentation brought to life this dangerous and captivating subject. Students and faculty alike were intrigued by the dynamic lecture.

SINS was very fortunate to have been able to bring such an outstanding terrorism expert to UTEP and the INSS Program. Ms. Qazi has been a strong supporter of the UTEP Intelligence Community Center of Academic Excellence (IC CAE) in the past having given research presentations at previous colloquia. SINS is extremely grateful to Dr. Patricia Witherspoon, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and the Institute for Policy and Economic Development (IPED) for sponsoring Ms. Qazi’s visit.

Farhana Qazi was a guest speaker at UTEP this past spring.
INSS Professor Receives Fellowship

Dr. Larry Valero, Associate Professor of Security Studies, received an academic fellowship from the Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD). The FDD fellowship involved 10 days of intensive seminars and field trips examining democratic responses to terrorism in Israel. Dr. Valero was one of 35 scholars from across the United States and Canada selected to participate in this special opportunity.

Dr. Valero attended presentations at Tel Aviv University conducted by leading scholars and security professionals on a variety of topics including religious sources of terror, terrorism and the laws of war, suicide terrorism, de-radicalization programs, the evolution of the Global jihad, and developments in improvised explosive devices. He also had the opportunity to meet with numerous Israeli military, police, and security units involved in anti-terrorism and counter-terrorism operations. One of the highlights of Dr. Valero's fellowship was the opportunity to meet face to face with convicted terrorists from Fatah, Hamas, and Islamic Jihad in an Israeli maximum security prison.

Dr. Valero looks forward to bringing the lessons learned from this outstanding fellowship experience to his INSS courses and future scholarship.

Other News Items

August 2012

- Dr. Larry Valero served as an American Council on Education (ACE) evaluator for a Navy Occupation and Course Review at the Center for Information Dominance, Corry Station, FL from August 21-24.


- Dr. Larry Valero participated in the Critical Thinking and Structured Analysis (CTSA) Workshop for CAE Professors in Linthicum, MD from July 30-August 2.

July 2012

- Dr. Larry Valero served as an American Council on Education (ACE) evaluator for a Navy Course Review at the Navy and Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center, Dam Neck Annex, VA on July 16.

June 2012

- Dr. Armin Krishnan attended the annual meeting of the Financial Intelligence and Information Sharing (FIIS) Working Group at BNP Paribas in New York on June 13. The goal of the FIIS Working Group is to provide the financial services industry and the U.S. Intelligence Community with a forum to informally discuss relevant topics, including protection of critical financial infrastructure, prevention of fraud, and obstruction of terror finance and money laundering.

May 2012

- Colby Richardson was honored as the outstanding Master of Science in Intelligence and National Security Studies graduate at the College of Liberal Arts Pre-Commencement and Hooding Ceremony on May 10. Mariwyn Light received the same honor upon her graduation from the INSS Program last December.

- Corrine Kaaihue, INSS minor, was honored as the outstanding Military Science graduate at the College of Liberal Arts Pre-Commencement and Hooding Ceremony on May 10. (cont’d on page 7)
April 2012

- Matthew Richardson was recognized at this year’s Honor’s Convocation on April 15 as the overall outstanding Master of Science in Intelligence and National Security Studies graduate for the 2011-2012 academic year. Mr. Richardson was also selected as the Banner Bearer representing the Graduate School at this year’s commencement.

- Matthew Richardson successfully defended his master's thesis titled, "Al Shabaab's American Recruits: A Comparative Analysis of Two Radicalization Pathways" on April 17. Dr. Joseph Gordon, Colin Powell Chair of Intelligence Analysis at the National Intelligence University, Washington, D.C. and Dr. Cigdem Sirin, Assistant Professor of Political Science at UTEP served on Mr. Richardson's thesis committee.

March 2012

- Miguel Ibarra, INSS graduate student, was awarded the U.S. Army Counterintelligence Agent, Staff Sgt. Richard S. Eaton Jr., Scholarship in the amount of $1,000 by the Lint Center for National Security Studies.

- Stephen Mulhern, INSS graduate student, was accepted into the Ph.D. program in Security Studies at Kansas State University this fall. Congratulations to Stephen for this outstanding achievement!

January 2012

- Three INSS graduate students received National Military Intelligence Foundation Scholarship Awards. These scholarships are for outstanding student scholars committed to careers in intelligence.
  - Miguel Ibarra ($3,000) - for full-time study
  - Bryan Card ($2,000) - for part-time study
  - Jonathan Nogueira ($2,000) - for part-time study

Recent Publications


Walsh, Patrick F. Intelligence and Intelligence Analysis. New York: Routledge, 2011.


**Upcoming Fall Events**

INSS New Graduate Student Orientation  
**Date:** Thursday, August 30  
**Time:** 6:00-8:00 pm  
**Location:** Liberal Arts 102  
**Point of Contact:** Mr. Mark Gorman, Program Coordinator  
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Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) Student Workshops  
- Asymmetric Conflict Analysis  
- Counterterrorism Analysis  
- Link Analysis  
**Dates:** Monday, September 17 - Tuesday, September 18  
**Time:** TBA  
**Location:** TBA  
**Point of Contact:** Mr. Mark Gorman, Program Coordinator  
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