As an Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence (IC CAE), the INSS Program continues to develop as an important national center for intelligence education in the United States. Some of the program’s accomplishments are highlighted in this newsletter issue. As always, we are extremely pleased and grateful to serve our talented students and assist them in pursuing their educational and professional goals, especially in UTEP’s centennial year.

The past year has been a very special one for the INSS Program. The INSS Program and the College of Liberal Arts were hosts to the 9th Annual International Association for Intelligence Education Conference. The conference was a wonderful success and firmly placed the INSS Program and its students at the forefront of current scholarly activity in the fields of intelligence and security.

The INSS Program is also delighted to announce the launch of its latest initiative—the online Master of Defense and Strategic Studies (DSS) this semester. This new graduate degree has been two years in the making and is the hard work of many outstanding course developers and instructors. We thank them all for their strenuous efforts! The DSS promises to enrich significantly our curricular efforts and engage a much broader group of students across the country and around the world. We look forward to expanding our online/distance learning efforts further and plan to establish a new online Bachelor of Arts in Security Studies in 2015.

Key to our current growth has been the addition of two new instructors to the program this year. We welcome warmly Dr. Misty Duke and Dr. Damien Van Puyvelde to the INSS Program. They are profiled prominently in this issue of the newsletter. This fall, Dr. Alexandra Luce and Dr. Sara McGuire will also be joining our faculty. We are very fortunate to have the expertise of all of these excellent scholars in the INSS Program.

The future of the INSS Program is extremely bright. Our special mission to prepare academically the most highly qualified students for future employment in the U.S. Intelligence Community and the defense and security sectors will remain paramount. We are very excited about our continuing work with our numerous partners and stakeholders in making the INSS Program the very best that it can be!

I would also like to welcome Ms. Lisa Saenz to the INSS Program. Ms. Saenz is our new Program Coordinator and we are very happy to have her on our team providing critical management and student support services.

Larry Valero, Ph.D. Director, Intelligence and National Security Studies
IAFIE CONFERENCE A SUCCESS AT UTEP

The International Association for Intelligence Education (IAFIE) held its 9th annual conference at the University of Texas El Paso last May 20-23, 2013, with the INSS Program and the College of Liberal Arts serving as hosts.

The conference was a wonderful success for IAFIE with 170 attendees from nearly a dozen countries represented. The conference theme was “Expanding the Frontiers of Intelligence Education” and it included six keynote speakers and 33 panels examining a diverse array of subjects from “Teaching Denial and Deception” to “Teaching Criminal and Financial Intelligence.”

The conference was noted by its considerable “international” presence among those attending and presenting papers. Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Britain, the Netherlands, France, Germany, Italy, Nigeria, and Israel were among the countries represented at the conference. The conference was also distinguished by significant student participation with Boston University, James Madison University, the University of New Mexico, and of course students from UTEP’s INSS Program being well represented.

The IAFIE Conference in addition to being hosted by the INSS Program received the support of the wider UTEP administration. UTEP President Diana Natalicio and Pat Witherspoon, welcomed keynote speakers at the conference.

The conference was highlighted by several keynote addresses including a highly informative presentation by Caryn Wagner, the former Undersecretary for Intelligence and Analysis at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security titled “Unfinished Business from the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004.” John Adams, the former Chief of the Communications Security Establishment Canada gave a very timely keynote address titled “Cyber Security and Cyber Aggression.”

A unique feature of the conference was a special roundtable discussion titled “Security along the U.S.-Mexico Border” with senior leaders from the Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Department of State, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Joint Task Force North (USNORTHCOM).

Conference participants who submitted their full papers had them subsequently published in the proceedings of the conference—a supplement of the Fall 2013 issue of the Journal of Strategic Security. More than 30 conference papers were published. The conference papers can be viewed at http://scholarcommons.usf.edu/jss/voi6/iss5/.

Several INSS students presented research papers at the conference, including: Gary Adkins, Esther Solis Al-Taba, Eric Gutierrez, America Guevara, Jose Jimenez, Stacy Langston, Linda Mais, and Barry Peterson.

MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING WITH DHS AND NSU

The INSS Program and the Department of Homeland Security, Intelligence Training Branch (DHS) have formalized a Memorandum of Understanding for the transfer of INSS undergraduate course credits.

The goals of the agreement are to provide a seamless transfer process and to assist DHS intelligence analysts in completing their educational objectives. The INSS Program will recognize credit for graduates of the DHS Basic Intelligence and Threat Analysis Course (BITAC).

The INSS Program and Northwestern State University (NSU) of Louisiana also signed a Memorandum of Agreement to permit full transfer credit for the INSS Program’s Homeland Security Graduate Certificate courses toward NSU’s online Master of Science degree in Homeland Security. This provides students an opportunity to pursue further graduate studies in homeland security in the distance learning format.

Northwestern State University has excellent online instructional capabilities and even offers a partial tuition exemption for students employed full-time as public safety officers. There are no increased out-of-state tuition fees for internet students and costs are very comparable to normal UTEP graduate classes.

For further information, please visit the INSS website at www.academics.utep.edu/inss.
INSS STUDENTS JOIN THE WELLS FARGO TEAM

As a multidisciplinary program, INSS is known for producing very well-rounded graduates. Thus, it comes as no surprise that two of its finest students have secured jobs with Wells Fargo’s Global Financial Institutions team.

Current INSS graduate student Barry Peterson and INSS graduate Stacy Langston (Class of 2013) work for Wells Fargo’s Global Financial Institutions (“GFI”) group as part of the Customer Risk Team. As members of the Customer Risk Team, Barry and Stacy perform work similar to that of open source and risk analysts.

Barry and Stacy research and produce reports on foreign financial institutions as part of GFI’s enhanced due diligence program. The Customer Risk Team is tasked with ensuring that the risks associated with high risk financial institutions are well documented and appropriately mitigated as required by the USA Patriot Act.

In their positions, Barry and Stacy review the activity flowing through the accounts of foreign financial institutions. If high risk activity is identified they report this to the Relationship Management teams that handle the client relationship so that Wells Fargo can understand how the institution manages the risk. Stacy and Barry also file Unusual Activity Reports on high risk activity so that Wells Fargo’s Financial Crimes Risk Management group can investigate the activity to determine if a Suspicious Activity Report should be filed with the United States Government as required by the Bank Secrecy Act.

The knowledge acquired by Barry and Stacy through the INSS has been invaluable in the discharge of their duties at Wells Fargo. The INSS Program provided them with a broad understanding of how criminal and terrorist networks use the international financial system to fund their activities or launder money. This understanding helps Barry and Stacy when analyzing thousands of wire transfers that are processed through the accounts of GFI customers.

The research skills acquired through the INSS Program are also utilized daily by Barry and Stacy as they analyze customer transactions to determine if Unusual Activity Reports should be filed. Finally, the writing skills they developed through the INSS Program are utilized daily as Barry and Stacy are required to present the results of their research in written reports. As these reports are reviewed by Senior Executives of Wells Fargo, the ability to convey their results in a clear and concise manner is critical to their success in the job.

But perhaps the most valuable skill that Barry and Stacy acquired through the INSS Program is the ability to think critically. Successful analysts on the Customer Risk Team are required to “connect the dots” between the foreign financial institution’s activity, customer base and geographic location with larger global trends and issues. This requires Barry and Stacy to look at the larger global picture to determine how it might impact the behavior of a foreign financial institution and the risks presented to Wells Fargo. For instance, if they were to analyze the activity of an institution located in Ukraine, they would need to understand how the political upheaval in the region might affect financial transactions in the country so they can formulate their review strategy for that particular institution. The critical thinking skills that Barry and Stacy developed through the INSS Program have been key to their success with Wells Fargo.

The work performed by Barry and Stacy can often be tedious and requires concentration skills as they review hundreds and even thousands of transactions. Barry recalled manually reviewing pages of wire transfer data searching for slight variations of a single name which might be indicative of an attempt by the institution’s customer to circumvent the controls or transac-

Barry Peterson (current graduate student) and Stacy Langston (Class of 2013) standing outside the Wells Fargo Building in downtown El Paso.

 tion limits of the institution and/or local jurisdiction. Compounding the difficulty is that sometimes the information provided is in a foreign language.

Everyone on the Customer Risk Team works a wide range of portfolios. One week they could be working on a project on banks in Turkey and the next they are focused on a series of banks in Central America. As the name “Global Financial Institutions” implies, the customers of this group are located throughout the world.

Barry and Stacy’s success at Wells Fargo prove that the INSS Program produces versatile and well-sought after graduates who are able to perform well in career fields not directly asso-
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Lisa Saenz and Kevin Thomson, along with many other graduate students from across the IC CAE consortia, had the opportunity to learn from and interact with former and current IC leaders. Students also participated in hands-on analytic exercises and attended lectures on new and timely knowledge about intelligence and national security. Lisa and Kevin spent two weeks at the summer seminar and found it an invaluable experience. The seminar concluded with a recruiting event with representatives from across the IC. Recruiters from CIA, FBI, NGA, and DIA were present.

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Accordingly, the INSS Program has drawn up a preliminary specific agreement covering admission standards, an exchange of course credit, and tuition costs. We have also outlined a custom program that integrates four INSS graduate courses and one ITESM research project to meet the INSS Graduate Certificate requirements. Each university would then award their own applicable graduate degree or certificate upon completion.

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THE JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE COMES TO UTEP

The INSS Program was extremely pleased to welcome Supervisory Special Agent Daniel L. Lindstrom of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and El Paso’s Joint Terrorism Task Force as a guest speaker.

Special Agent Lindstrom, who joined the FBI after a brief career in the private sector as an attorney, has served throughout the United States and internationally. He has been assigned to the J. Edgar Hoover Building in Washington D.C., while also serving in East Africa, Guantanamo Bay, Iraq, and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Special Agent Lindstrom has served in the FBI’s Counter-Terrorism and Counter-Intelligence offices. In addition to his juris doctorate, Special Agent Lindstrom received a Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence from the Joint Military Intelligence College (JMIC)—the predecessor to the National Intelligence University located at the Defense Intelligence Agency’s headquarters. Special Agent Lindstrom said that studying at a place such as JMIC was academically invaluable, as all students enrolled have TS/SCI clearances, which allow them to study and write about extremely current and timely issues.

Special Agent Lindstrom’s talk focused on the role and organizational structure of the JTTF in El Paso. Focusing on domestic and international terrorism, the JTTF in El Paso is a small cell of highly trained federal—and some local—law enforcement officials.

JTTFs are generally comprised of a combination of special agents, analysts, linguists, SWAT experts, and other specialists from dozens of US law enforcement and intelligence agencies.

An interesting aspect of the task forces is that all of the individuals working in one of the task forces have the same security clearance and access to special programs. As such, information and intelligence is allowed to be shared unencumbered across agencies.

Established in the wake of 9/11, the task forces are based in 103 cities nationwide, including at least one in each of the FBI’s 56 major field offices.

Special Agent Lindstrom iterated the need and importance of incorporating local law enforcement, and other first responders, into the task force and the overall investigative process. In addition to serving as valuable components of the JTTF, local first responders serve an operational trip-wire function.

The INSS students served as an avid audience. Special Agent Lindstrom fielded questions regarding issues ranging from threat assessments to employment opportunities. Special Agent Lindstrom even discussed the creation of a new student internship position directly with the JTTF in El Paso. Naturally, Special Agent Lindstrom ended his speech with a recruitment pitch to the INSS students. If you want to work for an agency with a wide jurisdictional purview, then consider working for the FBI.

For more information about FBI careers and internships, please visit: https://fbijobs.gov/index.asp

EL PASO POLICE DEPARTMENT FUSION CENTER HIRES INTERNS

The El Paso Police Department (MATRIX) Fusion Center hired two interns from among the INSS Program last year.

In an effort to expand their analytical capabilities within the Major Crimes Bureau, the El Paso Police Department decided to hire students with the best academic background possible in that regard.

After vetting numerous applications and holding interviews, they settled upon one undergraduate and one graduate student.

The potential for long term employment and growth in law enforcement intelligence is high for these interns. This sets another precedent for INSS students in areas that best fit their specialized education and diverse interests.

In addition to the MATRIX Fusion Center, over the past year INSS students have received internships at DHS, DEA, FBI, the US Embassy London, Sandia National Laboratories, and Ft. Bliss’ Security, Plans and Operations Division.
Representatives from the El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC) came to the UTEP campus on May 1, 2014 to announce the creation of a unique internship program at the center.

The Associate Deputy Director for Strategic Intelligence, the Principal Policy Advisor to the Director/Chief of Staff, and the Special Agent Executive Assistant to the Director came to speak to INSS students about careers as intelligence analysts with the Department of Homeland Security and the one-of-a-kind internship opportunity at EPIC.

Jose Delgado, the Associate Deputy Director, led the information briefing to a largely undergraduate class of INSS students in the Liberal Arts Building. Mr. Delgado described his career in the Intelligence Community, which started several decades earlier as an Army intelligence officer.

Mr. Delgado described the day-to-day activities of an intelligence analyst being akin to combat. He described the majority of intelligence research (reading and writing) as “grunt work.” He described intelligence work as typically routine in nature, interspersed with times of intense crisis. And, importantly, it is during these periods that the hours of perfecting analytic tradecraft pay dividends for an intelligence analyst. Mr. Delgado briefly described what it was like working on DHS Intelligence Crisis Action Team during the Boston Marathon Bombings. For two weeks, during twelve hour shifts, he and a team of other analysts compiled and analyzed lists of flights, photos, and family member profiles.

It was clear that the INSS student audience was captivated by Mr. Delgado’s presentation on what it is like to be an intelligence analyst. But the real reason for the DHS representatives’ visit was to announce an internship program for five students at EPIC.

The internship program, which is in the Border Security Division, will be open to both undergraduates and graduates. Undergraduate students will be hired on at the GS-5 pay grade, while graduate students will be hired on at the GS-7 grade.

There are a few reasons why this unique internship opportunity was created at EPIC. Mr. Delgado said that students who have grown up in the border region have the cultural and regional expertise which would otherwise be impossible to achieve. Additionally, university students, particularly those from the INSS Program, have the necessary research and analytic skills required of intelligence analysts.

Mr. Delgado emphasized the importance of a student’s capacity to conduct research and their writing capabilities in order to become a successful analyst.

The EPIC internship program will run through the academic year 2014-15 and summer 2015. During the spring and fall semesters students will work at EPIC here in El Paso. While working in El Paso, students will have a Secret clearance. When asked if students will be able to work on substantial projects with a Secret clearance, the DHS representative responded, “Of course!” Throughout the course of the internship, intelligence products produced by the selected students could be viewed at the local, state, national, and, even at the presidential level.

EPIC is a unique component of the Intelligence Community in the sense that the majority of its customers are at the unclassified level. Specifically, EPIC’s primary consumers are at the state and local level. As such, the majority of EPIC’s customers do not have security clearances. Correspondingly, the majority of the products produced by EPIC are at the unclassified or Law Enforcement Sensitive levels.

Selected students will be upgraded to a Top Secret clearance and sent to DHS Headquarters in Washington, DC during the summer of 2015. In Washington, DC, students will receive a housing stipend during the stay in the nation’s capital.

Unlike many other internship programs in both the government and private sectors, the EPIC internship offers students the opportunity to start their career in the Intelligence Community after the culmination of their assignment. After students have successfully completed a minimum of 680 work hours, they could be afforded the opportunity to be non-competitively selected as an intelligence analyst with DHS. Students with an undergraduate degree will be permanently hired on at GS-7, while those with graduate degrees will be hired on at GS-9.

Actively enrolled undergraduate and graduate students from both UTEP and New Mexico State University will be considered for these positions. The vacancy announcement for this amazing internship opportunity is expected to be posted to USAJOBS.gov within the next several weeks.
Representatives from the Central Intelligence Agency’s Directorate of Intelligence visited the UTEP campus during the first week of April 2014. In addition to hosting an informational briefing on the Directorate of Intelligence, the Agency representatives conducted a simulation exercise for INSS students.

The representatives were middle-to-high ranking analysts within the Directorate of Intelligence. Combined, the Agency representatives had more than fifty years of cumulative experience. In addition to the analysts, the group was accompanied by the Agency’s regional recruiter.

Thirty motivated INSS students participated in the simulation held in the Union Building East on campus. Shortly after students arrived and brief introductions were made, the students were broken up into several different groups. Students were then given a brief description of the intelligence problem and the tasking requirements from the “customer.”

Students were then directed to their respective “breakout” rooms. Each student group was accompanied by an Agency representative who gave the groups further instructions for the simulation. The students were told that the hypothetical customer has partial pieces of intelligence and needs the groups’ assessment and opinions regarding the situation.

Based on a real world scenario, students were given an intelligence packet which included various declassified components of HUMINT, IMINT, and OSINT. However, to make the simulation more realistic and difficult, student groups were initially only given partial bits of information.

Throughout the student simulation, the CIA analysts fed new pieces of intelligence regarding the situation to the groups. The analysts also acted as the gatekeepers of intelligence. If student groups asked appropriate and pertinent questions regarding the situation, the analysts would then feed additional information to the groups.

“The energy and excitement with each group was unmistakable,” said Lisa Saenz, INSS Program Coordinator.

At the end of the simulation exercise, the most senior analyst posed as the Director of Central Intelligence Agency. The student groups then had to present their findings to the “Director” in a five minute briefing.

Throughout the student presentations, the analysts and the “Director” would ask questions on how each group had come to their conclusions. The entire simulation was designed to give students a brief glimpse into the daily life of an intelligence analyst.

To learn more about the variety of CIA careers, please visit their employment website at https://www.cia.gov/careers/opportunities

At the culmination of the presentations, one analyst gave a presentation on the real-life scenario. Having worked on the real classified project, the analyst explained the excitement and seriousness of working with tight deadlines and in critical situations.

The simulation was an extremely beneficial exercise for the INSS students who participated, judging from the stimulating question-and-answer session that followed.

The Boeing Aircraft Corporation has donated again $3,000 in scholarship funds for a deserving INSS graduate student.

Eric Gutierrez was awarded the Boeing-INSS Scholarship worth $3,000 last August. Heartiest congratulations to Eric!

Eric’s thesis research involves a computer simulation that uses game theoretic algorithms for developing effective patrolling strategies in border security environments. He maintains a perfect 4.0 GPA in the INSS Program and his research has already been published in the Journal of Strategic Security.

The Boeing-INSS Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding INSS graduate student each academic year. Students interested in in the Boeing-INSS Scholarship should contact the UTEP Office of Scholarships at (915) 747-5478 or email schp@utep.edu.
INSS WELCOMES DR. DAMIEN VAN PUYVELDE

In Fall 2013, the INSS Program welcomed Dr. Damien Van Puyvelde to its ranks. Dr. Van Puyvelde received his doctorate and master’s degrees from Aberystwyth University in the United Kingdom. He specializes in defense and security issues. He has worked as a Research Assistant at the Centre for Intelligence and International Security Studies (CIISS) at Aberystwyth University and as an Assistant Editor for the leading intelligence studies journal in the field, Intelligence and National Security. He is co-editor of H-Intel, a discussion network on intelligence history and studies. Dr. Van Puyvelde’s main research and teaching interests include intelligence studies, the privatization of security, and democratic accountability. Dr. Van Puyvelde has published articles in journals such as Intelligence and National Security and La Revue Internationale et Stratégique. He is currently transforming his PhD dissertation into a book titled The U.S. Intelligence Community and the Private Sector: Challenges and Perspectives.

Dr. Van Puyvelde was a guitarist in a reggae/ska band. In addition to playing football (soccer), Dr. Van Puyvelde played Ultimate Frisbee while a university student. Since moving to Texas, Dr. Van Puyvelde was able to shoot his first firearm. He has also purchased his first pair of Tony Lama cowboy boots—which he still has yet to wear to class.

DR. MISTY DUKE JOINS INSS FACULTY

The INSS Program is happy to announce the addition of Dr. Misty Duke to its faculty as a Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow.

Dr. Duke received her doctorate degree in Legal Psychology and a certificate in Quantitative Methods in Psychology in 2013 from the University of Texas at El Paso. Dr. Duke’s dissertation research was funded by the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s High-Value Detainee Interrogation Group (HIG). Dr. Duke’s dissertation research focused on the development of rapport between an interviewer and source during the interview/interrogation process. In October 2013, Dr. Duke presented her findings at the 2013 HIG Symposium in Washington, DC.

As the new Postdoctoral Fellow in the program, Dr. Duke looks forward to continuing her research, applying for grants, and teaching classes.

Dr. Duke enjoys her new teaching position and the interaction with her students. Outside of academics, Dr. Duke is a mother of two young daughters and serves as a Girl Scout troop leader.

INSS HIRES NEW PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The INSS Program is also very glad to welcome its new Program Coordinator, Ms. Lisa Saenz.

Ms. Saenz, an El Paso native, completed both her undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of Texas at El Paso. She graduated from the INSS Program in 2013 with a Master of Science in Intelligence and National Security Studies and the Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security. As an undergraduate, Ms. Saenz worked with the Investigative Interviewing Research Laboratory on the UTEP campus. While completing her graduate degree, Ms. Saenz participated in the IC CAE: Summer Seminar and interned with Sandia National Laboratories’ Second Line of Defense Program.

When she is not advising INSS students or scheduling classes for the program, Ms. Saenz is training for the Spartan Race—an obstacle and endurance race in Austin, Texas.
INSS GRADUATE STUDENT INTERNS WITH NATO

INSS graduate student Jona-than Nogueira was selected as an intelligence and secu-rity intern for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Jonathan served this highly competitive international internship requiring security clearance at the NATO Head-quarters in Brussels, Belgium this past fall.

Assigned to the Geo-Section, an element of the NATO Situ-ation Center, Jonathan was responsible for creating and preparing cartographic prod-ucts for NATO personnel, mapping critical regions of terrorist concern using ArcGIS and other software tools, and analyzing ballistic missile launches from a variety of countries using the NATO Geo-Section’s map server.

Jonathan believes one of the reasons he was selected for a NATO internship was due to his completion of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) graduate courses while in the INSS Program. Jonathan became integral to the Geo-Section, even writing several technical manuals for the Situation Center that examined different GIS applications.

Jonathan’s internship allowed him to visit more than 16 European countries, including: France, England, Italy, Ireland, the Nether-lands, Germany, Czech Re-public, Slovakia, and Austria to name just a few.

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Fall 2012

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Joaquin Arce Jaime Cadena Gregory Conte America Guevara Tanya Loya Nicholl Maputol
Jonathan Moore Stephen Mulhern Eric Olvera Serhiy Panchuk Jose Quinones Penelope Serdan
Ernesto Silva Jose Soto Mark Wilson Jacqueline Vargas Marissa Gabaldon

Graduate Certificate

Cody Carter Michael Brown

Undergraduate Certificate

Andrew Duffy Gilbert Mijarez

Minor

Ana Acosta Juan Aranda Joseph Escobar Roman Estrada Josue Garza Cariiu Martinez
Andrew McLane Jennifer Ortiz Carlos Perez Tanya Rios Iliaana Rosales Fernando Rubalcaba
Louis Southard Brian Tebay

Spring 2013

Master of Science

Juana Acevedo Jeanette De Santiago Nancy Garcia Jeffrey Gonzalez Jamie Jones
Stacy Langston David Lyons Charity Montes Mark Robertson

Graduate Certificate

CONGRATULATIONS INSS GRADUATES! CONTINUED

Undergraduate Certificate
Darius Campbell  Ernest Hinojos

Minor
Hector Arrieta  Wilbur Castillo  Erik DeStefano  Brandon Giordano  Joshua Guzman  Claudia Heredia
Jaqueline Hernandez Silva  Manuel Medina  Armando Morales  Emilia Morales  Leonides Navarro
Anthony Nazario  Israel Parra  Carlos Perez  Denise Saucedo  Jerrod Williams

Summer 2013

Master of Science
Krystina Martinez  Andrew Scott

Graduate Certificate
Claudia Cardoza

Undergraduate Certificate
Alba Carrillo  Danae Hernandez-Ware  Xavier Morales  Patrick Noll  Keith Sanders

Minor
Kris Hernandez  Sandra De La Torre  Ofelia Meran  Kristian Perez  Jorge Rodriguez
Sandra Sanchez

Fall 2013

Master of Science
Gary Adkins  Jeremy Eaglebear  Mario Hernandez  Miguel Ibarra  Jose Jimenez  Linda Mais
Stefanie Montes  Richard Parga  Vania Reyes  Lisa Saenz  Hans Sassenfeld

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Caroline James  Jared Urbanek

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Noah Helmick  Peter Klundt  April Limon  Daniel McKee  Lee Nicolson  Laura Orrantia Hurtado
Erik Robles  Raul Valdez
SUCCESSFUL THESIS DEFENSES

Fall 2012

Stephen Keith Mulhern, “An Analysis of Hezbollah’s Use of Irregular Warfare.”

Spring 2013

Stacy M. Langston, “The Threat of Bioterrorism: Fact or Fiction?”
David K. Lyons, “Analyzing the Effectiveness of Al Qaeda’s Online Influence Operations by Means of Propaganda Theory.”

Fall 2013

Gary Adkins, “Utilizing Cyber Espionage to Combat Terrorism.”

Spring 2014

Eric Gutierrez, “A Visualization and Simulation Tool That Will Generate Effective Patrolling Strategies to Protect U.S. Borders from Illegal Intrusion Using Game Theoretic Methods and Models.”
Michael Yatskievych, “North Korean Supernotes: Nuclear Arms Financed By Counterfeit Currency.”

RECENT INTELLIGENCE PUBLICATIONS

Duyvesteyn, Isabelle, Ben de Jong, and Joop van Reijn, eds. The Future of Intelligence. Abingdon, UK: Routledge, 2014.
OTHER INSS NEWS

May 2014
Sean Curtis, INSS graduate student, was awarded a Campus Office of Undergraduate Research Initiatives/Provost's Summer 2014 Research Assistantship in the amount of $3,000 to conduct an open source research project titled "Exploring the Question of Rwandan Culpability in Assassination Attempts against Rwandans Abroad." Dr. Valero will serve as his mentor on this project.

Dr. Larry Valero completed the 6-week FBI Citizens’ Academy sponsored by the FBI El Paso Field Division on May 2. This special program allows community members the opportunity to better understand how FBI investigations are conducted at the local office level.

Kevin Thomson was honored as the outstanding Master of Science in Intelligence and National Security Studies graduate at the College of Liberal Arts Spring Pre-Commencement and Hooding Ceremony on May 15.

April 2014
INSS students Patricia Devine, April Rodriguez, Jacob Silva, Milan Villarreal, Joe Granados, Brian Tebay, and David Gonzalez were selected to attend the Intelligence Community Centers for Academic Excellence Summer Seminar in Washington, D.C. They were chosen in a national competition including more than 200 applicants.

Dr. Larry Valero participated in an occupational review at the U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence at Ft. Huachuca, AZ for the American Council on Education, April 21-25.

March 2014
Dr. Misty Duke's dissertation research was presented in a joint paper titled "The Development of the Rapport Scales for Investigative Interviews and Interrogations (RS3i)" at the American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA on March 7.

Dr. Damien Van Puyvelde presented a paper on “Intelligence and the Press in France: The Case of the ‘Fadettes’” in a panel on “Intelligence Beyond the Anglosphere” chaired by Julian Richards at the International Studies Association Annual Convention in Toronto, Canada on March 29.

December 2013
Hans Sassenfeld was honored as the outstanding Master of Science in Intelligence and National Security Studies graduate at the College of Liberal Arts Winter Pre-Commencement and Hooding Ceremony on December 12.

November 2013
Dr. Damien Van Puyvelde published an opinion piece in the main French speaking newspaper in Belgium La Libre Belgique on European leaders’ (fake) indignation regarding the Snowden affair. Please visit: http://www.lalibre.be/debats/opinions/espionnage-americain-fausse-indignation-europeenne-52772743b357046af569d99ae

October 2013
Dr. Larry Valero served as an American Council on Education evaluator for a U.S. Army Course Review at the Fires Center of Excellence, Ft. Still, Oklahoma from October 11-14.

Dr. Larry Valero served as an American Council on Education evaluator for an occupation review at the U.S. Marine Corps Special Operations School, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina on October 28.

September 2013

August 2013

July 2013
Mr. Mark Gorman and Dr. Larry Valero participated in the Intelligence Community Centers for Academic Excellence Professional Development Workshop titled "Approaches to Analytic Writing" at the National Conference Center in Leesburg, VA, July
INSS NEWS ITEMS

June 2013
Jesus Garcia, an MS INSS alumnus, was accepted to the University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall). Heartiest congratulations to Jesus on this wonderful achievement!

Dr. Larry Valero served as an American Council on Education evaluator for a Navy course review at the Center for Surface Combat Systems, San Diego, CA on June 23-14, 2013.

Dr. Larry Valero provided a presentation titled "Life Beyond the Grant - Sustaining the CAE" at the 2013 Intelligence Community Centers for Academic Excellence Annual Meeting at the National Conference Center in Leesburg, VA, June 3-5, 2013.

Dr. Larry Valero served as an American Council on Education evaluator for a Navy course review at the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training, Pensacola, FL on June 18-19, 2013.

May 2013
Stacy Langston was honored as the outstanding Master of Science in Intelligence and National Security Studies graduate at the College of Liberal Arts Spring Pre-Commencement and Hooding Ceremony on May 16.

Dr. Larry Valero served as an American Council on Education evaluator for a course review at the Joint Special Operations University, MacDill AFB, FL on May 29.

April 2013
Students in Intelligence and National Security (SINS) kicked off FBI month at its general meeting on April 2 by hosting Special Agent Russell Baker. Special Agent Baker gave a presentation titled "The Current Terrorism Threat" and followed up his remarks with his experiences in Afghanistan and a general Q&A session. This was followed by separate visits from Special Agents Michael Martinez and Michael Cordero later in the month to discuss FBI employment opportunities and "Drug Operations and the Cartels" respectively.

INSS graduate students, Esther Solis-Al-Tabaa and Linda Mais, delivered papers at the 3rd Annual Women's History Month Conference—"The Naked Truth: Innovative Women in the STEM Fields and the Arts" from April 2-4 here at UTEP in the Union Building East. Esther Solis-Al-Tabaa's paper examined "The Identity Effects of Terrorism for Women in Third World Countries." Linda Mais' paper was titled "Las Mujeres Hermosas pero Peligrosas del Narco: The Evolving Role of Women in the Mexican Cartels."

Dr. Larry Valero delivered a paper titled "A Theoretical Explanation of U.S. Intelligence Transformation and Reform, 1941-1953" at the 54th International Studies Association Annual Convention in San Francisco, California from April 3-6.

INSS graduate students, April Rodriguez and Robert Kevin Thomson, were selected to receive INSS Merit Awards. Congratulations to April and Kevin!

January 2013
Faculty and graduate students from the INSS Program, including Miguel Ibarra, Stacy Langston, and Linda Mais, met with Mr. Walid Fouque and Mathieu Pellerin to discuss current security issues impacting the El Paso del Norte region and France on January 17. Mr. Fouque is a Desk Officer for Counterterrorism with the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Mr. Pellerin is a researcher with the French Institute of International Relations in Paris. The visit was hosted by UTEP's Center for Inter-American and Border Studies (CIBS) and sponsored by the El Paso Council for International Visitors and the U.S. Department of State.

Miguel Ibarra, INSS graduate student, was awarded the Armed Forces Communication and Electronics Association (AFCEA) 2013 Graduate Intelligence Scholarship for the amount of $5,000.

December 2012
America Guevara was honored as the outstanding Master of Science in Intelligence and National Security Studies graduate at the College of Liberal Arts Winter Pre-Commencement and Hooding Ceremony on December 13.

November 2012
Nancy Garcia was awarded by the UTEP Office of Scholarships the first Boeing-INSS Scholarship worth $3,000. Heartiest congratulations to Nancy on the well-deserved award!
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The mission of the Intelligence and National Security Studies Program (INSS) at the University of Texas at El Paso is to develop eligible talent with the competencies critical to accomplishing the missions of the United States Intelligence Community and the national security enterprise. The INSS Program promotes a competitive and diverse student cohort who possess geographic and cultural awareness, global skill sets, and critical language proficiency.

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