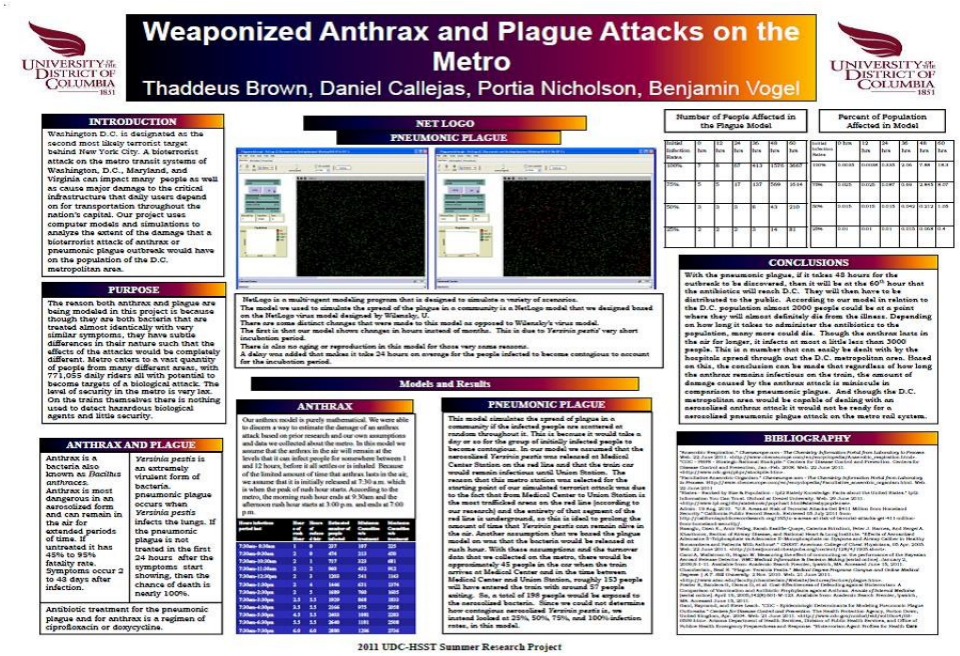
Homeland Security at the University of the District of Columbia

Summer 2013

Students' Poster Presentation



2011 UDC-HSST Summer Research Project

UDC—Homeland Security Summer Student Research Assistantship Program Begins

The University of the District of Columbia's Institute for Public Safety & Justice, housed in the College of Arts and Sciences, had 59 applicants from 35 different Universities for the 2013 summer Homeland Security Student Research Assistantship Program (SSRA). This program funded by the Department of Homeland Security, Division of Science and Technology, Office of University Programs provides students with an opportunity for a six-week summer internship working in interdisciplinary student teams on a project related to one of the priority research areas in homeland security science and technology. It is part of the Institute's larger DHS UDC HS-STEM grant for Minority Serving Institutions.

Nineteen students were selected representing 13 different Universities. Their internship period runs from June 5 - July 16, 2013. Following three orientation days of presentations on the variety of research areas and issues in HS-STEM, as well as explanations of the different computer software which can be used; the students will begin work in their research teams each with a different case study. They will have the opportunity to conduct student driven research. The students will build computer models simulating an experimental approach to their research questions, analyze the data generated by their models and develop a Fact Sheet outlining their research and describing their findings. The summer program will conclude with a Poster Session and Presentations by the students of their research projects.

The Institute for Public Safety & Justice is an integral component of the University's Criminal Justice program, with a tripartite mission of research, training, and outreach intended to support students in the undergraduate Administration of Justice program, the undergraduate HS-STEM program, and the graduate Homeland Security program, as well as related local and federal government agencies, private sector partners and communities in the District of Columbia. www.ipsj.org

Updates: M.S.in Homeland Security, UDC

Six students from the M.S. in Homeland Security Program were inducted in The Order of the Sword and Shield, the National Honor Society for Homeland Security students, alumni, and professionals on Friday, May 3rd. Membership requires that a student have completed 1/2 of their homeland security credits and for graduate students, have a 3.5 GPA.

The following week, the M.S. in Homeland Security program graduated its first seven graduates. The program which began in January 2011 is now the second largest graduate program at the University of the District of Columbia.

The students include a mix of homeland security and emergency management professionals, and students just completing their undergraduate education. The program includes a range of concentrations, but the two most popular concentrations are Emergency Management and Cyber security.

The M.S. in Homeland Security is the graduate degree offered by the Criminal Justice Program at the University of the District of Columbia. The Program includes a Bachelors in the Administration of Justice (which is the University's 4th largest undergraduate program), and an undergraduate concentration in Homeland Security Science & Technology (HSST).

Student Internships

Three UDC undergraduate HS-STEM students (Mustafa Allahrakha, Stephanie Perry, and Aerec Orange) were awarded summer internships with the DHS Center of Excellence at the University of Maryland—The National Center for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START). Ebony Tillery, a graduate Homeland Security student was awarded a summer internship with the D.C. Homeland Security & Emergency Management Agency.

National Legal Preparedness Training Program Offered Nationally

The Institute of Public Safety & Justice at the District of Columbia's National Legal Preparedness Program completed its five year Department of Homeland Security—Federal Emergency Management Agency grant for $2.9 million with the successful completion and delivery of the Instructor-led Training course *Legal Issues and Disasters: Things you Should Know*. Fifty-six training deliveries across the country were required by the grant. This was exceeded by one for a total of 57 actual training deliveries ranging from nearby Maryland and Virginia to as far away as Guam.

Approximately 1,500 Emergency Managers and First Responders were trained during the final grant period and this course was extremely popular. It was not uncommon to have multiple courses being offered on the same day in different parts of the country. By the end of the grant several jurisdictions had to be turned down for deliveries.

The Training Manual was authored by Dr. Deborah Robinson and Dr. Angelyn Spaulding Flowers, Esq. The Curriculum Development Team also included: Mr. Ernie Abbott, Esq.; Mr. Otto Hetzel, Esq.; Dr. Sylvia I.B. Hill, Mr. Michael Hodge, Esq.; Mr. Timothy Jenkins, Esq.; and Dr. Sinclair Jeter.

Since serving as the Executive Director of the National Legal Preparedness Program, Dr. Deborah Robinson was hired as Director and Assistant Professor to develop an online Emergency Management Program at the George Meany National Labor College in Silver Spring.

This course is now listed as a District of Columbia course offering in the *Federal Emergency Management Agency, National Preparedness Directorate, National Training and Education, National Training and Education Division, State/Federal Sponsored Course Catalog* (page 10). https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/catalog.do?a=state_federal

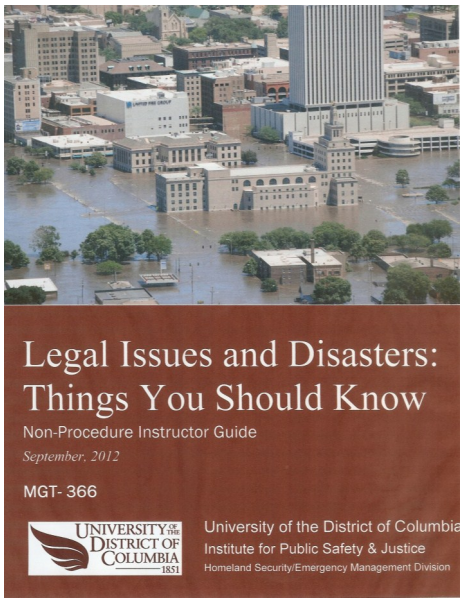
Faculty Publications

"Cybersecurity and U.S. Efforts to address Cybercrime" was published in the *Journal of Homeland Security and Emergency Management* (Vol 10:Issue 1) authored by Dr. Angelyn Flowers (Homeland Security Program), Dr. Sherali Zeadally (Computer Science Department) and Acklyn Murray (M.S. Computer Science).

Ambassador Curtis Ward, Adjunct Professor in the Graduate Program in Homeland Security had a prescient article published in March on **"U.S. Policy on Boko Haram a Nigerian Islamic Group" in Defence (sic) Intelligence: Air, Land and Sea Defence**. http://www.defenceiq.com/air-land-and-sea-defence-services/articles/u-s-policy-on-boko-haram/#.UVSIuFeE03I

"Terrorist Presence in Virtual Worlds: Using Second Life as a Case Study" authored by Dr. Sinclair Jeter and Darris Taylor, Jr. was published in the *International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences*, Volume 6,Issue 10, pp.1-6. Darris Taylor, Jr. is a computer science major who participated in the Homeland Security summer research assistantship program and subsequently was a Homeland Security Fellow with the Institute for Public Safety & Justice.

Michael A. Hodge, JD (Adjunct Professor, Criminal Justice) published two books: **Domestic Violence Plan: *Victor Before Victim*** http://www.amazon.com/Domestic-Violence-Plan-Victor-ebook/dp/B00CGZCJWY/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1369752397&sr=1-1&keywords=michael+hodge+domestic+violence and ***The Timekeeper*: A Cameron Kane novel** http://www.amazon.com/The-Timekeeper-Cameron-Kane-ebook/dp/B00AL1STZ6/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1369752353&sr=1-1&keywords=michael+hodge



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Faculty Awards

Dr. Margaret Moore (Criminal Justice) was awarded the **2013 Living Legacy Award** by the Association for the Study of American Life and History (ASALH). It was due in part to recognition of her achievements as the first African-American woman to head the D,C. Department of Corrections. This was preceded by "firsts" in the State of Pennsylvania Corrections System, including: Deputy Commissioner for the Central Region; Director of Treatment & Director of a Community Corrections Center for Women.