

# The Graduate School of Management at the University of Dallas



Center for Academic Excellence in Information Assurance

PROTECTING, DEFENDING AND SECURING THE DIGITAL WORLD

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June 2009

## University of Dallas Center for Academic Excellence in Information Assurance receives top awards at the 13th Annual Colloquium for Information System Security Education (CISSE)



Hello All,

I wanted to share an update on a recent trip to the CISSE in Seattle, WA on behalf of the University of Dallas - IA program.

The 13th Annual Colloquium for Information System Security Education (CISSE) was held in Seattle, Washington from May 30 - June 3. The CISSE is a joint partnership between government, academic and business organizations. Each year security experts in the three partnership groups come together to discuss ways that each group can contribute to keeping our country safe from cyber criminals.

The keynote speaker was Scott Charney, Microsoft Corporate VP, Trustworthy

Computing Group. Scott's basic message paraphrased was that we all need to keep in mind that there is always a portion of the population "up to no good" from an Information Security perspective. The Internet, the global society that we operate in, the fact that bad people can operate in an anonymous and untraceable way and the political terrorist mission of some - makes our jobs as security experts extremely important and much more difficult. Scott spoke about building threat models and solutions to the vulnerabilities, using a proven system delivery life cycle approach and a trusted system process as some of the possible ways to counter the cyber threats.

Individuals from the NSA recruitment and staffing organization were in the meetings and discussed IA opportunities within the NSA. Their message was that there are summer internship and full time positions available for qualified IA American citizens and individuals willing to relocate. The NSA web site is [www.nsa.gov/careers](http://www.nsa.gov/careers) or you may call 1-866-NSA-HIRE for more information.

Other topics that were discussed at the CISSE were in the areas of hacker curriculum, security visualization, security virtualization, digital forensics, and many others.

There were two awards provided at the closing ceremony that I accepted on behalf of The University of Dallas. The first award re-designated UD as a National Center of Academic Excellence (CAE) in Information Assurance Education. With the second award the UD IA courseware was recertified by the NSA. Therefore, the UD IA courseware meets or exceeds the national training and education standards for the duties and responsibilities for the following positions:

- Information systems Security Professionals - CNSS\* 4011
- Senior System Managers - CNSS 4012
- System Administrators - CNSS 4013
- Information Systems Security Officers - CNSS 4014
- System Certifiers - CNSS 4015

\* Committee on National Security Systems (CNSS)

\*\* The UD CNSS 4016 Risk Analyst courseware is approved for the years 2007-2012.

With these recent awards it is important to note that UD remains 1 of only 7 CAEs worldwide and the only school in TX that map to all six CNSS (4011-4016) standards" Everyone at UD can be proud of these facts.

I am especially proud to accept these awards on behalf of UD, share these highlights of the CISSE meeting and be a part of the team with Dr. Brett Landry IA Program Director, our adjunct professors, and the support staff that make this IA program a success.

Best regards,

Dr. Sandra Blanke, CISSP  
Assistant Professor  
University Dallas

## Dr. Brett Landry and Dr. Sue Conger Paper Accepted for Presentation

Graduate School of Management Associate Professors Dr. Brett Landry and Dr. Sue Conger have had a paper, "Creating an Infrastructure Maturity Model," accepted for presentation at the 2009 DSI Conference. Landry will also deliver an invited panel titled, Current Status and Issues in Wireless/Mobile and Virtual Networks.



### Upcoming Dates:

#### **Graduation:**

August 14, 2009  
7:00 p.m.  
Maher Athletic Center

#### **Intermester**

#### **Classes End :**

August 16, 2009

#### **Graduation**

#### **Application Deadline:**

August 14, 2009

#### **Web-Assisted**

#### **Walk-In Registration**

(Irving Campus):  
August 17 - 21, 2009

#### **New International**

Student Orientation:

August 19, 2009

#### **Dean's Reception**

for New Students:

August 19, 2009

6:00 p.m.

Gorman Lecture Hall

#### **Fall I & Foundation I**

Classes Begin:

August 22, 2009

### **Summer IA Reading: Suggestions Needed.**

Summer is here and it is the perfect time to catch up on your reading. Let us know what you are reading this summer that is IA related and we will share it in July's newsletter.



Please email your must reads to Erin at [eangelico@gsm.udallas.edu](mailto:eangelico@gsm.udallas.edu)



## Calling all Alumni

We are looking for a few Alumni to submit articles to the IA monthly newsletter. If you are interested, please contact Erin at [eangelico@gsm.udallas.edu](mailto:eangelico@gsm.udallas.edu)

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