# **Director's Notes**

**CFITS** 

Center for Forensics, Information Technology, and Security



#### **DATA SCIENCE**

**Every Other** Wednesday

4:45 to 6:00PM Shelby Hall Rm 3104

SYSTEMS PROTECTION AND EXPLOITATION RESEARCH GROUP (SPERG)

Every Friday 10 – 11 a.m. @Shelby Hall Rm 2327 www.soc.southalabama.e du/sperg/

#### PARTNER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Contact Keith Lynn at 251-460-7643. For scheduling HOLLA click on the link below.

**Schedule HOLLA** 

#### Quote of the Month

"Constantly think about how you could be doing things better and keep questioning yourself"

Elon Musk, Founder and CEO of SpaceX and CEO of Tesla

#### **CFITS LECTURE SERIES**

Psychological Operations – Election 2020 and Beyond How to use technology and social media to change public opinion, create dissent, and sow doubt in an election process.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb @ 2:30PM Room-2121 Shelby Hall

### **CFITS Speaker Profile**

600 (600) A00

**Brent Hutfless** 

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Brent leads the information security program for Wind Creek Hospitality, the gaming and hospitality enterprise of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. Wind Creek employs 7000 team members at a variety of hotel, casino, dining, shopping, and entertainment venues located throughout Alabama, Pennsylvania, Florida, Nevada, Aruba, and Curacao. His security experience spans 25 years and includes leadership roles at a Top 100 US Federal contractor and US Navy headquarters-level commands. A graduate of Troy University and UWF, he holds degrees in Computer Science, Software Engineering and certificate in Medical Informatics. Passionate about security and technology, he enjoys research, presenting, writing, mentoring, and collaborating with others on innovative business solutions.

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#### February 2020

## Faculty Profile Dr. Michael Black

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Dr. Michael Black is an Assistant Professor in the School of Computing. He received his PhD. in Information Assurance & Security from Capella University in 2015. He has consulted as a network security/design engineer with several manufacturers including Uncles Ben's Rice, M & M Mars, Pedigree, Oreck and DuPont. He has also conducted numerous digital forensics investigations for clients and regularly testifies as a digital forensics' expert in legal proceedings for both state and federal court. He has conducted workshops on Digital Forensics at SigITE. He holds several industry certifications related to digital forensics and network security. He aided in the design of the Network Focus Track within the ITE department, and recently developed the Digital Forensic Track, which started in 2009. In 2010, he started the development of the Information Assurance (IA)courses for the IS Master's Program which started in 2012. His research involves Information Assurance, advanced data carving methods, virtualization security, and SCADA security. His research in Digital Forensics and Cybersecurity has been funded by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), Defense Biometric Forensic Office (DBFO), Cisco, Airbus, and Nfina Corporation.

School of computing Events	
Saturday, February 08	USA Day, Campus Fair
Tuesday, February 11	Takeover Tuesday (National Alumni Association)
Friday, February 14	USA give day
Wednesday, February 19	CFITS Lecture Series, Shelby Hall- 2121
Monday, February 24	MacQueen Alumni center open house/Ribbon cutting
Tuesday, February 25	Mardi Gras Holiday for Students, Faculty, Staff and Administration
Thursday, February 27	2020 south fund kick-off breakfast – Student Center