### Director's Notes CFITS Center for Forensics, Information Technology, and Security

#### DATA SCIENCE

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Every Other Wednesday

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

### SYSTEMS PROTECTION AND EXPLOITATION RESEARCH

<u>GROUP (SPERG)</u>

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

"Computers are getting smarter all the time. Scientist tell us that soon they will be able to talk to us. (And by "they", I mean 'computers'. I doubt scientist will ever be able to talk to us.)

**Dave Barry** (American Author)

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### **Faculty Profile**

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Dr. Matt Campbell is an Associate Professor of Information Systems and Technology at the University of South Alabama and serves as the coordinator for the Health Informatics program.

His research centers on end user impacts on security, serious gaming, and health informatics.

He was recently rewarded a preliminary patent along with two other USA researchers for their work in using technology to reduce medication errors in hospitals.

Dr. Campbell has published in numerous journals and has received funding from the US Department of Health and Human Services and the CIA.

Dr. Campbell completed his PhD in Business Information Systems from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He received his MBA and BS degrees from Tennessee Tech University.

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As well as Memorial Day

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# Alumni Profile

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Mohammad Alshaer graduated from USA in December, 2012 with a bachelor's degree in Information Technology-Networks. He is now working at the biggest ICT company in the middle east and north Africa, "STC", formerly known as Saudi Telecom Company as an Operations Technical Support Section Manager. One of his biggest achievements is that he led a program of digital transformation and it was a success story. He completed his master's degree in Information Security from the "Saudi Electronic University in cooperation with Colorado State University" and his research paper was published to IEEE Xplore under the subject "Security-Aware Deployment of SDN-NFV in TELCOS Networks" While he was at the University of South Alabama he remembers one day when he had a bad grade in one of his courses, he was feeling awful and Dr. Bob Sweeney who was his advisor at the time looked him in the eyes and said "I think you can do it" and that was a big motivator for him. One of his best achievements while he was at the University of South Alabama was a paper he did with two fellow students in a technical writing course back in 2010, a proposal to the School of Computing to use CISCO Webex for online courses. He was president of the Saudi Student Association in 2010-2011 and found full support from the University of South Alabama in all of their on-campus events. He recalls all his professors who were professional and made him feel at home. He never felt like a foreign student. Dr. Michael Black who was his favorite teacher was always challenging them with new subjects and out of the box ways of teaching and practicing real life scenarios in Networking. Dr. David Langan who made him love programming had a charming way of delivering the concepts and ideas of programming and he was always challenging them and motivating them at the same time. Dr. Bob Sweeney, his advisor was impressed that he spoke English as a second language, trying hard to keep up with his fellow American students in all classes and Dr. Sweeney kept motivating him until he graduated. He was there in his senior demo as a professor along with Dr. Black to discuss the project he did. Dr. David Feinstein was one of his favorite professors and he was also the professor for his senior project which he proudly did with two fellow students for the U.S. Coast Guard Aviation Association. He felt like it was a small favor that he could do for this great country that hosted him for several years and gave him a lot of education, culture, and many other things. Dr. Alec Yasinsac who became the dean while he was in his senior year was always happy and supportive to see international students succeed in the School of Computing. Mohammad would also like to thank all the teachers and staff who were there for him such as: Ms. Vickie Speed and her amazing smile, Dr. Roy Diagle, Ms. Melissa Smith, Dr. Jeff Landry, Mr. Paul Overstreet, Dr. Tom Johnsten & Dr. Debra Chapman.

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