Director's Notes

CFITS

Center for Forensics, Information Technology, and Security

School of Computing
September 2020

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.edu/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

"The computing scientist's main challenge is not to get confused by the complexities of his own making"

Edsger W. Dijkstra
(Dutch Computer Scientist)

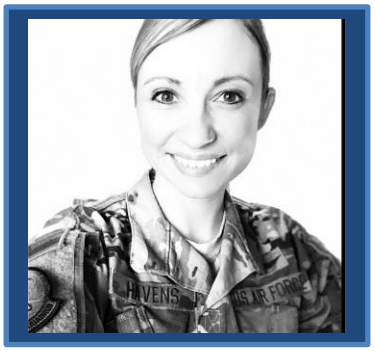
~May 1930- Aug 2002~

CFITS Lecture Series Returns: Wednesday, September 16th at 2:30 pm

Virtual lecture: Zoom link: https://southalabama.zoom.us/j/91918925501

Speaker Profile

Kristen Havens
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1st Lt Kris Havens is an instructor for Undergraduate Cyber Training at the 333d Training Squadron, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. As an instructor, she provides mentorship, guidance, and knowledge to over 400 officer and civilian students annually to produce highly competent and qualified Cyberspace operators.

Lt Havens earned her commission through Total Force Officer Training in 2018. Prior to commissioning Lt Havens served as an enlisted member in both the Finance and Cyber Operations career fields beginning in 2001. She has been deployed and been stationed around the world including Japan, Pakistan and throughout the United States.

Prior to her current position, Lt Havens was a member of the Washington Air National Guard stationed at Fairchild Air Force Base as a Combat Communications Mission Planner. She currently holds two Associates in Applied Science in Financial Management and Information Technology and a Bachelor of Science in Information Systems Management as well as multiple cyber certifications.

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Faculty Profile

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Rhonda Lucas has served the university community since 2015 as an Information Systems and Technology Instructor in the School of Computing. She holds a Master of Science in Computer Information Systems and a Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems both from the University of South Alabama. She is also a Ph.D. candidate in Computing at USA with research interests focusing on cybersecurity, computer education, and the recruitment and retention of underrepresented groups in STEM (primarily computing) outreach.

Rhonda's mantra is, "A passion to teach, to learn, and to serve...". As a first-generation college student, she has been able to give back to her community in various capacities. She volunteers her time and talents through her public service sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated where she has served as an officer and chair of several committees. She also works and/or volunteers with many youth initiatives such as Girl Scouts of America (Computing Day), serves on the Honors College committee, Jaguar Women in Technology (JWIT), Upward Bound, Educational Talent Search, Stars and Stripes, and the Southwest Alabama Workforce Development Council (SAWDC) Worlds of Opportunity Career Day.

Rhonda is the recipient of the Black Girls Rock Award (2020) for campus service, Beth and Don Davis National Alumni Association Award (2019), School of Computing Outstanding Advisor of the Year Award (2019), the National Society of Leadership and Success Excellence in Teaching Award (2018), and the Active Learning Initiative at South Alabama Grant (2017). She is a Yale Center for Teaching and Learning Scientific Teaching Fellow and a National Science Foundation Innovation (I-Corps) Scholar. Rhonda is a member of the following honor societies: Abeneefoo Kuo Honor Society (ABK), Upsilon Pi Epsilon Honor Society for the Computing and Information Disciplines, the Sigma Beta Delta Business Honor Society, and the Delta Mu Delta Business Honor Society.

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