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Program Metrics Update – Figures of Success:

Intercollege Master of Professional Studies in Homeland Security (iMPS-HLS)

The program is based on an all-hazards approach designed to prepare professionals and develop leaders for the field of homeland security by providing exceptional graduate education that includes an integrated curriculum, expert faculty, and student interaction. It is delivered via distance education through the Penn State World Campus.

The program provides select graduate students with an integrated, cross-disciplinary curriculum that is focused on a set of unified educational goals to help them understand and manage the complexities of homeland security in a global environment.

- Number of applicants to the iMPS-HLS program as a whole has increased 72 percent since the academic year 2011-12
- Top employment sectors where applicants come from are private sector (28%), government (24%), and military (22%)
- Applicants with a military affiliation have doubled since the academic year 2011-12
- Total intercollegiate program faculty of ≈72
- Almost 4/5 of faculty hold a Ph.D.
- ≈ 900 current students in total
- ≈ 590 graduates so far
- Time to degree 2.5 years (median)
- Overage graduating students cumulative GPA: 3.80
- To date, 34 students from the program have been inducted to the Order of the Shield and Sword Honors Society
 - ◊ To be eligible, graduate students among other criteria must have a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher, or be in the top 20% of their class standing

Learn more: <http://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/hls>

Penn State Homeland Security Research

Pennsylvanians' Perception of Homeland Security

Recent Representative Poll Shows Majority of Pennsylvania Residents View Homeland Security Positively

A new Penn State Harrisburg School of Public Affairs poll shows that Pennsylvanians primarily see homeland security as a comprehensive effort of the federal government to fight terrorism at home and abroad. However, while it most often has a positive connotation, the multi-faceted mission space of homeland security is widely unknown.

Homeland security is strategically defined as a concerted national effort: a nation-wide comprehensive activity, including all of government across federal, state, local, territorial and tribal tiers; the public and the private sector; and the whole community of first responders and vigilant citizens. The effort is further based on an all-hazards approach, addressing the full range of risks from terrorism to industrial accidents and natural disasters.

For example, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that today is a component of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security was established after the accident at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant in 1979. Three Mile Island is in close proximity of Penn State Harrisburg Campus, demonstrating how parts of what today is known as homeland security originated in Pennsylvania long before 9/11.

While homeland security in addition to government agencies from federal to local levels and the private sector counts on each single citizen, little is known about how it actually resonates with citizens. Thanks to a recent representative phone poll we are now able to assess Pennsylvanians' perception of homeland security, which has not been studied in this depth

before. The poll will help determine how homeland security arrives at the level of the citizen, where the gaps are, and how homeland security policy can be taken to the next level of a comprehensive national effort.

Data consists of responses from 660 randomly selected adult Pennsylvania residents, who participated in the School of Public Affairs' Pennsylvania Pre-election Poll on Policy and Governance. This was an omnibus survey administered by telephone through the Center for Survey Research at Penn State Harrisburg between August 18 and October 15, 2016.

How Citizens Define Homeland Security

Results show that a clear majority of Pennsylvanians (64 percent) define homeland security as something of positive value that provides needed protection to U.S. citizens, while a minority (7 percent) see it as something negative, citing surveillance and infringement of liberty, huge bureaucracy, or waste of taxpayers' money as reasons. Not a lot of Pennsylvanians are aware that Homeland Security actually transcends the federal level of government, but just very few (2 percent) inaccurately believe it relates to military action abroad (which is governed by defense policy and strategy).

What Homeland Security Protects From

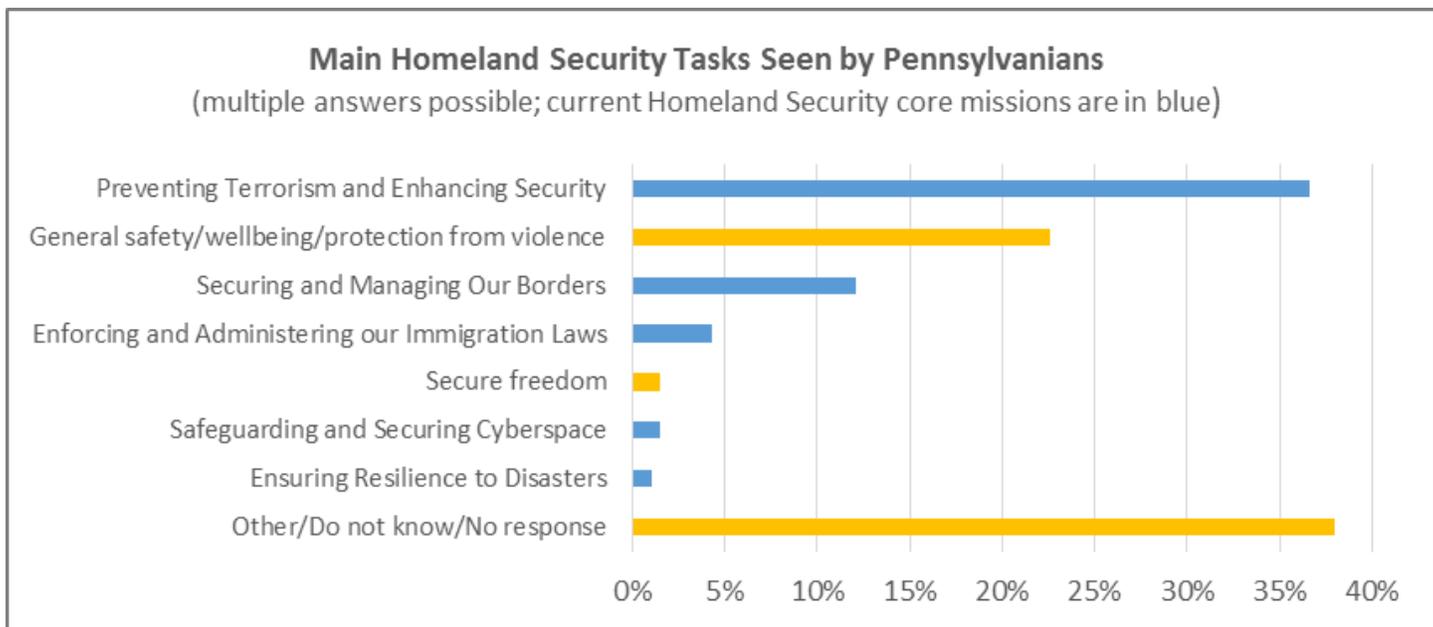
Few Pennsylvanians (16 percent of respondents) know the all-hazards approach to homeland security and that its mission space extends beyond preventing terrorism. There are in fact five core missions for the Homeland Security Enterprise as a whole.

The founding core mission of "Preventing Terrorism and Enhancing Security" is cited by more than a third (37 percent).

Not as much recognition exists for the other four core missions. In any case, 12 percent cite the core mission of "Securing and Managing Our Borders,"

whereas only 4 percent refer to the core mission of “Enforcing and Immigration Laws.” That “Safeguarding and Securing Cyberspace” and “Ensuring Resilience to Disaster” are homeland security core missions is largely unknown to Pennsylvanians. Yet nearly a quarter (23 percent) see an additional main mission in homeland security: ensuring general safety, wellbeing of the people, and protection from violence. These findings are illustrated in the chart below.

through the “If You See Something, Say Something” campaign, cyber security awareness, or active shooter preparedness. While most Pennsylvanians (70 percent) are not sure about the effect of Homeland Security on their daily lives, almost a quarter (23 percent) feel homeland security affects their daily lives somehow – such as by ensuring safe and secure neighborhoods; via the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) when travelling on a plane, through security



Who Provides Homeland Security

The majority of Pennsylvanians (63 percent) regard the federal government as the main provider of homeland security. At the same time, 17 percent recognize that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is involved in providing homeland security to the citizens. The concept of the whole-community approach only has reached a few: just 1 percent refer to collaboration among several actors beyond the federal government, and those who do most often cite police as an example, followed by airlines.

How Homeland Security Affects Daily Life

Potentially, homeland security affects or even involves citizens on a daily basis. Examples would be suspicious activity reporting, as encouraged

precautions in public transportation generally; or by encouragement to report suspicious activity. Only 7 percent believe Homeland Security has nothing to do with their daily lives.

Conclusion

Pennsylvanians appreciate homeland security as something that the country does as a whole to protect the right to be an American, by exercising a way of life and following values, while feeling safe against external and internal threats. No more than a few, though, are aware that they themselves, as citizens, are part of the national effort. Increased citizen-involving campaigns are needed, placed within a common framework to increase homeland security recognition consistent with the whole-community approach.

Recommendation

More citizen-involving campaigns are needed, placed within a common framework to increase homeland security recognition consistent with the whole-community approach. National campaigns such as “See Something, Say Something,” state campaigns such as “Ready.pa,” and sector-specific campaigns such as by AMTRAK should be more visibly co-branded with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to put them into a strategic citizen-involving context.

The research leading to this results was conducted by Dr. Alexander Siedschlag, professor of homeland security at Penn State Harrisburg and chair of Penn State’s homeland security programs, and sponsored by Penn State Harrisburg School of Public Affairs in partnership with Penn State Justice and Safety Institute.

- Read the Research Brief published on Penn State ScholarSphere:
<https://scholarsphere.psu.edu/files/9s1616253>.
- Learn more about the School of Public Affairs:
<https://harrisburg.psu.edu/public-affairs>

New Faculty in the Intercollege Master of Professional Studies in Homeland Security Program

Azamat Sakiev, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Homeland Security , Penn State Harrisburg School of Public Affairs



Azamat Sakiev has received his graduate (Ph.D. and Masters) degree from Syracuse University’s Maxwell School of Citizenship. He also holds a graduate (Masters) degree in International and European Studies from Central European University.

His undergraduate studies have been completed at the American University of Central Asia. Prior to joining Penn State Harrisburg he held faculty positions at the University of Wyoming and University of North Georgia (a senior military college).

Dr. Sakiev’s research has focused on political leadership, (non)transition, security and governance. He examines entities (such as violent and non-violent groups and crisis prone governments) based on synthesis of individual leadership trait, subject matter expert and meta-data analyses.

Dr. Sakiev’s publications include:

- (with Margaret Hermann) “Leadership, Terrorism, and Use of Violence,” *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict*, Vol. 4, No. 2 (2011): 126-134.
- (with Margaret Hermann et al.) “Crisis-Prone Governments: A Study of 29 Pacific Rim Countries,” Syracuse, NY: Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, 2009.

In the Intercollege Master of Professional Studies Program in Homeland Security, he currently teaches HLS 802: Multifaceted Approaches to Homeland Security.

In Spring 2017, Dr. Sakiev will be teaching:

- HLS 804: Strategic Planning and Organizational Imperatives in Homeland Defense and Security (World Campus – online)
- and
- PUB PL 483: Seminar in National Security Policy, a residential class on Penn State Harrisburg Campus.

This advanced undergraduate class counts for the Undergraduate Minor in Homeland Security and as an elective in the Intercollege Master of Professional Studies in Homeland Security Program.

New Online Course on U.S. Homeland Security Law Starting in Spring 2017

Now open for registration as PADM 897

This course assesses the controlling authorities that pertain to homeland security, from the U.S. Constitution to major federal statutes, court decisions, and executive directives. Beyond an analysis of the universal relevance of law to homeland security, specific issues are considered in detail, based on their relationship to U.S. vital national interests.

The course also emphasizes the compelling standard that government organizations, as well as the professional practitioner, perform competently in all situations. It provides current and future homeland security practitioners with established knowledge and methodologies in the field of the study of U.S. homeland security law, as applied to practice. It focuses on the essential role that law plays in providing practical solutions for homeland security problems across all preparedness capabilities, from prevention and protection to response and recovery.

Beyond application of knowledge from the many dimensions of homeland security law in the context of providing pragmatic solutions for professionals, the course is designed to stimulate critical thinking and improve students' leadership attributes in order to support them in becoming accomplished practitioners, while reaffirming their commitment to the de facto and de jure requirement to preserve fundamental rights and freedoms.

The course will be offered online in Spring 2017 as PADM 897. It will count as an elective in the Base Program of the Intercollege Master of Professional Studies in Homeland Security and may be recognized as an elective by Options in the program. The course will also count as an elective in the Homeland Security Graduate Certificate.

New Online Course ENGR 802 – Engineering Across Cultures and Nations in Spring 2017

Explores cultural differences and their impact on business practices, communication, and team dynamics while working on virtual project teams with students from a partner university in Belgium. Students do not have to be an engineer to take this course as it is geared around technical cross-cultural teaming.

This course is offered online but is jointly taught by faculty at KU Leuven in Brussels, Belgium and PSU students work in virtual international project teams with students in Belgium.

If you have any questions, please contact the instructor, Dena Lang, tcl133@psu.edu.

Seminar and Table Top Exercise in Summer 2017: Contemporary Crisis Management in Homeland Security

July 31 - August 4, 2017 on Penn State Harrisburg Campus

Penn State Homeland Security Programs are combining their successful models of a Table Top Exercise and a Summer Short Course into one new offering: in a week-long residential intensive course, participants will explore current challenges in contemporary crisis management in homeland security, in an all-hazards perspective.

After briefings on current topics from well-known homeland security experts and practitioners, participants will prepare in syndicate group work and then conduct a table top exercise based on a complex crisis scenario. Participants will practice core capabilities such as planning, operational coordination, information sharing, as well as public information and warning. Short excursions to relevant agencies in the Harrisburg area provide additional value to the program. The

course may be taken for Continuing Education Units or, by completing additional assignments, for 3 800-level credits. The course may be counted as an elective in the Intercollege Master of Professional Studies in Homeland Security Program, as well as in the Homeland Security Graduate Certificate. Our alumni are welcome to take the course as a refresher. Professional Development options includes a five-day or two-day experience.

For more information, please contact Brenda Firestone, Ed.D., e-mail blf3@psu.edu, phone 717-948-6538.

Sponsored Workshops on Penn State Harrisburg Campus with the Pennsylvania Department Human Services

Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and Department of Health, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness

- Part I. Responder Safety and Prevention Collective Violence: Group, Crowd and Mob Aggression, March 2017 (TBD).

This half day program is being offered to expand skills of those involved in an organization's efforts to effectively prevent, respond to, and recover from violence, disasters and other dangerous or threatening events. Emergency managers, law enforcement and security executives, risk, crisis and emergency management, health and safety, human resources and legal professionals will benefit from attending this program.

- Part II. Behavioral Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRN) Terrorism, March 2017 (TBD).

This half day program is being offered to expand skills of those involved in an organization's efforts to effectively prevent,

respond to, and recover from violence, disasters and other dangerous or threatening events. Emergency managers, law enforcement and security executives, risk, crisis and emergency management, health and safety, human resources and legal professionals will benefit from attending this program.

- Psychological First Aid Training, July/August 2017 (TBD).

The program is being offered to expand the skills of behavioral health and emergency/disaster responders across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This includes Disaster Crisis Outreach and Referral Team (DCORT) County Coordinators, DCORT members, and other emergency/disaster response personnel.

For more information, please contact Alison Shuler, e-mail ajs28@psu.edu, phone 717-948-6388.

Call for Contributions: Edited Volume on *Homeland Security Culture(s)*

Andrea Jerkovic (CEUSS | Center of European Security Studies, Vienna) and Alexander Siedschlag (Penn State)

The purpose of the volume is to address strategic, organizational, and operational culture(s) in the U.S. Homeland Security Enterprise, with select international perspectives invited also. The focus of contributions should be on how knowledge and interpretation, common symbols, action repertoires, and/or normative values inform the evolution of the homeland security mission space and the carrying out of homeland security core missions as well as addressing of risk-informed priorities.

Contributions addressing institutional change to foster a more coherent homeland security culture (as the operational code for a "networked

homeland security community”) are welcome as well.

In addition of what we already have, we are in particular looking for contributions addressing the following:

- Homeland security and civic culture;
- Cultural aspects in counterterrorism;
- The cultural challenge of countering violent extremism;
- Border management cultures, or cultural issues in border management;
- Cybersecurity cultures (comprehensive addressing of the bandwidth from good user cultures to a strategic culture of cybersecurity);
- Emergency/disaster response cultures, or cultural issues in emergency management and disaster response;
- Select organizational cultures within the Homeland Security Enterprise

Inquiries and proposals for related book chapters, with author name and affiliation, tentative title, and an abstract, should be submitted **by December 16, 2016** to:

siedschlag@psu.edu and jerkovic@european-security.info

Security Research Briefs

Penn State Harrisburg’s School of Public Affairs Pennsylvania 2016 Pre-Election Poll on Policy and Governance Explores Citizens’ Attitude on Civil Security Aspects

In addition to the Homeland Security part of the poll as featured in this newsletter (pp. 2-3), research briefs address PA residents’ trust in local law enforcement and feelings about Syrian refugees:

- ***Criminal Justice Research Brief:***

More than 8 out of 10 PA residents trust their local police

Public attitude toward police reflects public attitude toward the federal and state government. While support from the general public is high, there are mitigating factors of individual attitudes. Read more: <https://harrisburg.psu.edu/sites/default/files/research-brief-crimj.pdf>

- ***Political Science and Public Policy Research Brief:***

Pennsylvanians say “yes” to Syrian refugees but are concerned over screening

A majority (54%) of Pennsylvanians support accepting more Syrian refugees, but the issue is polarizing; while many Republicans strongly oppose this policy due to security concerns, Democrats strongly support it based on U.S. core values. Both sides cite concerns over screening. Read more: <https://harrisburg.psu.edu/sites/default/files/research-brief-polisci-pub-policy.pdf>

Internship Opportunities at the DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

Students may apply on a rolling basis by electronically submitting resumes, cover letters, transcripts, writing samples, and preference sheets to CRCLintern@hq.dhs.gov. Priority considerations are given to students who apply by the priority deadline (June 1 for fall, October 1 for spring, and March 1 for summer). Cover letters may be addressed to: Deana Amendolia, Executive Officer U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C. 20528. Students in the iMPS-HLS program may combine this with the 3-6 credits course HLS 595A – Internship Experience in the Homeland Security Enterprise and should contact Alison Shuler, e-mail ajs28@psu.edu.

Upcoming Conferences

- ◇ *January 9, 2017* GEOINT Community Job Fair, Herndon, VA – <http://usgif.org/events/JobFair>
- ◇ *January 31 - February 1, 2017* U.S. Border Security & Intelligence Summit, Alexandria, VA, <http://bordersecuritysummit.dsigroup.org>
- ◇ *February 13-17, 2017* RSA Conference, on Information Security, San Francisco, CA – <https://www.rsaconference.com/events/us16>
- ◇ *March 7-9, 2017* RES/CON International Disaster Conference and Expo, New Orleans, LA, <http://resconnola.com>
- ◇ *March 23-24, 2017* 54th Annual Homeland Defense & Security Summit, Arlington, VA, <https://www.uapi.us/programs/2077>
- ◇ *June 5-8, 2017* 19th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium, Emmitsburg, MD, <https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/educonference17.aspx>

Important Dates

- ◇ **Friday, December 16, 2016, 6-8 pm**
Fall 2016 World Campus graduation celebration:
<https://student.worldcampus.psu.edu/your-courses-how-to-guide/graduation/graduation-celebration>
- ◇ **Saturday, December 17, 2016**
Penn State Commencement Ceremony
<http://commencement.psu.edu/gradfallinstr.html>
- ◇ **Monday, January 9, 2017**
Spring semester 2017 begins:

Complete Spring 2017 Academic Calendar

<http://registrar.psu.edu/academic/calendar/spring17.cfm>

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