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

DIGITAL FORENSICS INFORMATION INTELLIGENCE RESEARCHGROUP
Every Tuesday
4:00—5:00 p.m.
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

"I think that's the single best piece of advice: constantly think about how you could be doing things better and questioning yourself"

Elon Musk
CEO of Tesla Motors,
CEO of SpaceX
CEO of Neuralink

CFITS LECTURE SERIES
Wednesday Lecture and Network Forum

SPEAKER: PATRICK HILGENDORF
IT Security Manager - Austal

Wednesday Jan 16th @ 2:30PM
Room-2121
Shelby Hall

Alumni Profile
Benjamin Hurst
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Ben Hurst graduated in 2003 in Information Technology. He states that Dr. William Owen was his favorite instructor because, "He always had good stories. They dealt with the changing of technology, life outside of work, different jobs he worked. He also would throw a party at his house for all the seniors. It was really a good time to just relax and get to know different instructors outside of class."

While in the School of Computing, Ben's favorite class was ITE 380 because of its focus on message and audience analysis – an objective which he has found useful in his own professional career. Ben says, "I cannot tell you how many times I have seen presentations trying to explain a topic, with technology, but instead the tools are over used, and the topic loses its significance."

Currently working in network operations for Windstream, Ben affirms that his South Alabama degree helped to expand his communication and analytical skills along with problem solving and multitasking abilities.

Ben's professional accomplishments include developing web-based solutions for a regional company who wanted to implement a system for their dual focused business strategy of a gasoline and oil distributorship and multi-location convenience stores. He also designed and implemented a database for a telecommunications company to assist with the storing of customer information regarding voicemail features. Presently, he is involved with the design and implementation of a nationwide long-haul WAN, which can distribute photonic integrated circuits over a multi-terabit network.

Outside of work, Ben has volunteered with Feeding the Gulf Coast and Mobile Bay keepers. For the last nine years, he has worked with the Mobile Area Council Boy Scouts helping his son, Greyson, and other youth to set and achieve goals in Scouting and in life and to practice the Scouting qualities of character, citizenship and fitness.

Faculty Profile

Dr. Matt Campbell, Ph.D.
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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 and he was recently awarded 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 University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He received his MBA and BS degrees from Tennessee Tech University.

School of Computing Events	
Tuesday, January 01	Winter Holidays for Staff /Adm
Wednesday, January 02	Faculty, Staff and Administration return from holidays
Friday, January 04	Graduate Student Orientation
Monday, January 07	Spring Semester Classes begin
Thursday, January 10	Faculty deadline to report previous month's leave through PAWS
Wednesday, January 16	CFITS Lecture Series
Monday, January 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – SoC office closed
Thursday, January 31	Employee Annual Giving Campaigns begins