

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
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PARTNER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Contact Keith Lynn
at 251-460-7643. For
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Schedule HOLLA

Quote of the Month

“A good programmer
is someone who
always looks both
ways before crossing
a one-way street.”

Doug Linder

(American author,
narrator & historian)

CFITS Lecture Series Returns:

(This is a rescheduled lecture from September)

Wednesday, January 20th at 2:30 pm

Virtual lecture: Zoom link:

<https://southalabama.zoom.us/j/95873039302>

Speaker Profile

Kristen Havens

Keesler Air Force Base

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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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

CFITS

January 2021

Alumni Profile

Josh Calhoun

EBSCO Information Services

Scrum Master

2006 Graduate of USA SoC

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Joshua Calhoun graduated in May of 2006 with a bachelor's degree in Information Systems and speaks very highly of his South Alabama education to anyone who will listen as he believes its CIS program is second to none. Dr. Leo Denton was Josh's first professor in his first college class and introduced him to his first line of code. He was inspiring and encouraging in that freshman year when the going could be a little tough for someone with no programming experience. During his junior year, Dr. Bart Longenecker really painted the picture of what a career in CIS would look like and taught his students important professional and general "adult" life lessons that Josh still vividly remembers. Even though it had been many years since he'd spoken to or seen Dr. Longenecker, the news of his death hit very hard because of the great man he was and the personal impact he had on Josh as did many of his other professors in the CIS department. The department really was like a family and the faculty knows who you are and cares about your success.

Josh is a Mobile, AL native and began his professional career right here at home with Bowhead Technical and Professional Services (a contractor working with the Army Corp of Engineers) as part of a senior year internship that later became a full-time position as a software developer. Three years after graduating, he moved to Birmingham, AL to continue furthering his software development career. After twelve years as a developer, he began pursuing a career transition by getting certified as a Scrum Master and Project Manager. His technical background as a developer has helped him be successful in this new role as he guides his teams in the art of agile development. He is currently working as a Scrum Master for EBSCO Information Services in a scaled agile environment using the SAFe® framework.

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