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Director of National Intelligence Fellows Award Winners Announced

Director of National Intelligence, John D. Negroponte, along with Associate Director of National Intelligence for Science and Technology, Dr. Eric C. Haseltine, presented the second annual DNI Fellows Awards to 10 renowned members of the Intelligence Community today at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence headquarters. The DNI Fellows Awards program recognizes and rewards outstanding technical achievement within the Intelligence Community.

"Today we're honoring 10 individuals who have distinguished themselves in a field that's critical to our intelligence mission—science and technology," said John D. Negroponte. "I'm confident that their research efforts will be fruitful and that the collaboration and community fostered by this program will energize and optimize our S and T efforts and position us well for the future."

A $200,000 research grant is awarded to each Fellow to perform government intelligence technology research. Grants may be applied to fund current or future research initiatives and may be used to support research assistants within their organization, contract to external research groups, or to inaugurate new research programs.

"We expected that the inaugural Fellows, as superstars, would amaze us with their work over the past year, and we weren't disappointed," said Dr. Eric C. Haseltine. "For example, the Fellows made significant progress with technology to locate terrorists and to extract intelligence from remote areas. But some of the Fellows' biggest contributions came from work we did not expect: spontaneous collaborations that attacked some of our Nation's toughest intelligence challenges."

DNI Fellows are nominated by the science and technology organizations of the Intelligence Community and selected annually by the Office of the Associate Director of National Intelligence for Science and Technology. They are chosen based upon their outstanding technical contributions, the expectation of significant technical advances based upon their track record of achievement, and the potential for the fellowship to facilitate subsequent technical work and collaboration across the Intelligence Community.

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This year's award recipients are:

Carey Buxton, Ph.D.
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dr. Buxton is an electronics engineer at the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is working on the development of antennas for communication systems. She earned a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Kentucky and her Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Daniel Cress, Ph.D.
Central Intelligence Agency

Dr. Cress is a Program Manager assigned to the Intelligence Technology Innovation Center (ITIC) at the Central Intelligence Agency and works with active and passive airborne sensing and ground-based seismic, acoustic and low-frequency electromagnetic sensing. Dr. Cress received his Bachelor of Science degree in Physics and Mathematics from Southern Colorado State College and his Ph.D. in Physics from Texas Tech University.

John Egan, Ph.D.
National Reconnaissance Office

Dr. Egan serves as Chief Scientist in the Advanced Systems and Technology Directorate at the National Reconnaissance Office and has a leadership role in strategic planning activities in support of Intelligence Community goals. Dr. Egan received his Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from Southern Illinois University and his Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Wisconsin.

Steven Gotoff
Defense Intelligence Agency

Mr. Gotoff currently oversees technology development and fielding efforts for the Directorate of Measurement and Signature Intelligence and Technical Collection at the Defense Intelligence Agency. Mr. Gotoff received a Bachelor of Science in Zoology and Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Maryland.

Michelle Keeney, Ph.D.
Department of Homeland Security

Dr. Keeney is a Science Advisor within the Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate focusing on social and behavioral science research. Dr. Keeney earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Salisbury University and a Juris Doctor degree from Villanova University. She received a Master of Arts and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the Medical College of Pennsylvania [Hahnemann University].

Stephen Malys
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

Mr. Malys serves as Senior Scientist for Geodesy and Geophysics for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. Mr. Malys received his Bachelor of Science degree in Earth Sciences from Pennsylvania State University and a Master of Science in Geodetic Sciences from The Ohio State University.

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<u>Catherine Marsh, Ph.D.</u>
Central Intelligence Agency

Dr. Marsh is Senior Scientist in the Power Sources Center, Advanced Technologies and Programs, Directorate of Science and Technology at the Central Intelligence Agency. Dr. Marsh received her Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and Ph.D. in Analytical and Inorganic Chemistry from Brown University.

<u>Timothy Persons, Ph.D.</u>
National Security Agency

Dr. Persons is Technical Director and Chief Scientist for the Disruptive Technology Office (DTO) at the National Security Agency. Dr. Persons earned his Bachelor of Science in Physics from James Madison University and a Master of Science degree in Nuclear Physics from Emory University. He earned a Master of Science in Computer Science and a Ph.D. in Image Systems Engineering from Wake Forest University.

<u>Kirsten Whitley, Ph.D.</u>
National Security Agency

Dr. Whitley is a Senior Researcher in the Office of Defensive Computing Research, National Information Assurance Research Laboratory, working on cognitive analysis and visualization at the National Security Agency. Dr. Whitley received her Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from Birmingham-Southern College and her Master of Science and Ph.D. degrees in Computer Science from Vanderbilt University.

Note: The name of one DNI Fellow award recipient is not included in this news release because of the sensitive position he occupies in his organization.

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