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Some of the nation's foremost experts on homeland security will join academics from across the country for the sixth annual Homeland Defense and Security Education Summit Sept 26-28 at the National Guard's Homeland Security Institute near Lexington, Mass.

With the theme titled "Developing an Adaptive Homeland Security Environment," the event is hosted by the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security's (CHDS) University and Agency Partnership Initiative (UAPI) in partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency Region I, the Homeland Security Institute as well as Northeastern University and its recently established Kostas Center for National Policy.

UAPI hosts the summits to promote and mature the homeland security field as an academic discipline, provide a forum for discussion of important course content issues, and promote linkage to homeland security practitioners. UAPI was established in 2006 with the goal of sharing CHDS curriculum with colleges and universities free of charge to spread homeland security education beyond the Center. UAPI currently has more than 300 academic and agency partners.

This year is the first time in the summit's history that the event will be held outside the Washington, D.C., area. The new location will make for timely discussion as a law enforcement panel on the Boston incident will include CHDS master's degree graduates Timothy Alben, superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police, and David Carabin, director of the Boston Regional Intelligence Center, the commonwealth's fusion center.

"Certainly Boston is an appropriate place considering what has happened there during the past several months," UAPI Co-Director Stan Supinski said, referring to the April 15 Boston Marathon bombings. "It seems like anytime there is a major event in the United States our graduates are there. It really speaks to the importance of our program and its significance and the impact we have had."

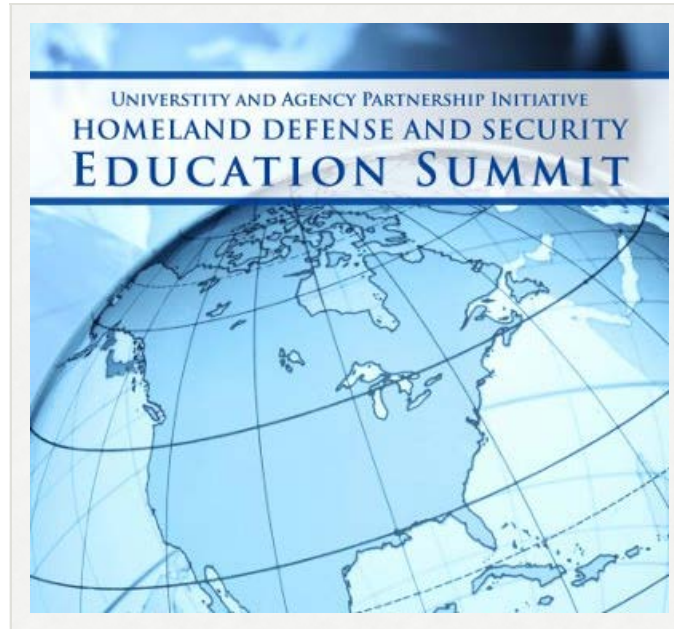
Typically, the Summit will cover four tracks: Terrorism in 2013 and Beyond; Building the Practitioner-Scholar Relationship; Enabling and Sustaining Collaborative, Mutually Reinforcing Communities of Interest and Supporting the "Whole Community;" Cybersecurity: Developing Relevance in Higher Education Programs for Technical and Nontechnical Professionals; Forming the Discipline of Homeland Security.

One thing that will not change is the line-up of guest speakers who are renowned in the homeland security field. Tentatively, scheduled guest speakers for the event include:

- Ed Davis, Boston Police Chief.
- Juliette Kayyem, CNN National Security Correspondent.
- Rich Serino, FEMA Deputy Director and graduate of the CHDS Executive Leaders Program.
- Steven Flynn, Director of the Kostas Center for National Policy.
- Tim Alben, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police and a graduate of the CHDS Master's Degree program.
- Paul Stockton, former Assistant Secretary of Defense and one of the founders of CHDS.

Bringing in high-profile practitioners aids academics in keeping course content salient, said Michelle Majewski of Marian University, and Editor in Chief of the [Journal of Homeland Security Education](#).

"They discuss relevant issues," Majewski noted. "One of the tasks for us in homeland security education is to continue to



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facilitate the nexus between homeland security practice and homeland security education. Crucial to practitioners and educators, this connection is crucial, much like train cars needing to be connected to the engine or they are potentially going down separate tracks."

As Marian University has developed its homeland security curriculum the school has based its decisions in part on ideas and discussions from previous education summits, Majewski added.

Schools attending the event reflect the range of homeland security education from the bachelor degree level to graduate degrees and even law degrees, such as the program at Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan, directed by CHDS alumnus Michael McDaniel.

McDaniel agreed that the summits enable educators to stay abreast of emerging topics and approaches and that UAPI ensures the programs retain quality.

"It's a dynamic field, so there is always something changing in law and policy," he said. "And there will always be new homeland security incidents that we have to respond to and as a result, we have to assure that homeland security as an academic discipline maintains currency and at the same time maintains consistency. That is what CHDS does with UAPI - it sets the standard and helps everyone meet that standard."

In addition to guest speakers, there will be 27 breakout sessions presented by academics on topics associated with the summit. UAPI is in the process of accepting and evaluating those presentations.

For information, please visit <https://www.chds.us/?shortcourses>. For immediate information, contact Steve Recca (sprecca@nps.edu, 719-640-4346) or Dr. Stan Supinski (sbsupins@nps.edu, 719-482-6816) at the Center for Homeland Defense and Security.

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