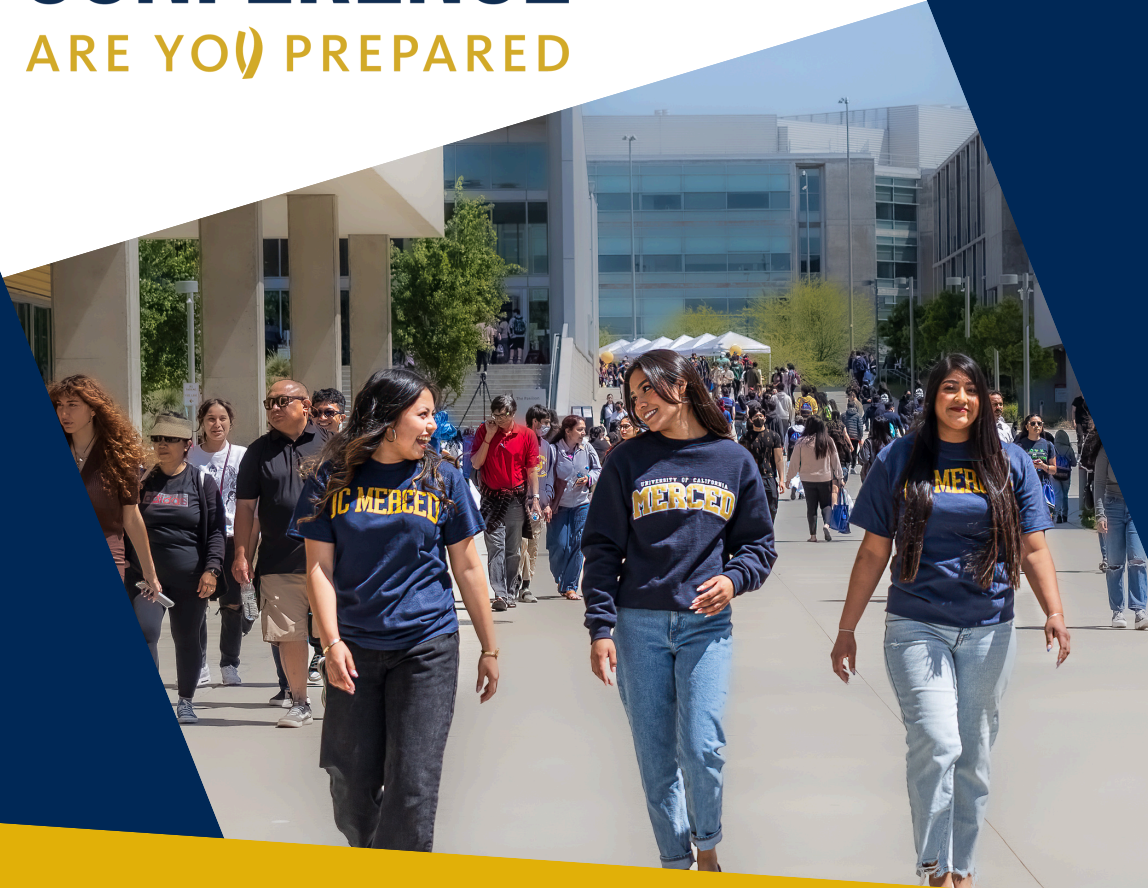




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Conference Schedule

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

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8:30 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.	Opening Remarks	Conference Center Ballroom
8:50 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.	Keynote Speaker Garrett Therolf *Optional Campus Tour	Conference Center Ballroom
10:20 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	Exhibit Break	Conference Center Lobby
10:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.	Breakout Session – Group 1	Conference Center Administration Building
12:10 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch and Exhibit Break	Conference Center Lobby
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Breakout Session – Group 2	Conference Center Administration Building
3:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	Exhibit Break	Conference Center Lobby
3:20 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	Breakout Session – Group 3	Conference Center: 105, 110, Administration Building: 306 Welcome Center: 155
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Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Time	Event	Location
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9:00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.	Exhibit Break	Conference Center Lobby
9:20 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	Breakout Session – Group 4	Conference Center Administration Building
10:50 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.	Exhibit Break	
11:10 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.	Breakout Session – Group 5	Conference Center Administration Building
12:40 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch & Closing Remarks	Conference Center Ballroom

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Time	Event	Location
3:20 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	Breakout Session – Group 3	
	1. Examining the Behavioral Background of the Marysville Pilchuck High School Attacker	1. Administration Building RM: 306
	2. Online Child Exploitation: A Law Enforcement Perspective	2. Conference Center RM: 105
	3. Animal Assisted Interventions	3. Conference Center RM: 210
	4. Understanding Human Trafficking: A Victim Centered Approach	4. Conference Center RM: 110
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Safety After Hours Networking Evening	UC Merced on Main Street 1635 M St, Merced, CA 95340

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Time	Event	Location
9:20 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	Breakout Session – Group 4	
	1. Crisis Communications: Insights from the Newsroom	1. Administration Building RM: 306
	2. Animal Assisted Therapy	2. Conference Center RM: 210
	3. Understanding Human Trafficking: A Victim Centered Approach	3. Conference Center RM: 110
	4. Online Child Exploitation: A Law Enforcement Perspective	4. Conference Center RM: 105
	5. AI and Cyber Enabled Fraud	5. Administration Building RM: 155
	6. Mass Attacks at Entertainment Venues: A Case Study Comparison in Planning, Targeting, and Pre-Attack Behavioral Change	6. Conference Center Ballroom
	7. Campus Tour with the Campus Engineer	
10:50 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.	Exhibit Break	
11:10 a.m.– 12:40 p.m.	Breakout Session – Group 5	
	1. Crisis Communications: Insights from the Newsroom	1. Administration Building RM: 306
	2. Animal Assisted Therapy	2. Conference Center RM: 210
	3. Understanding Human Trafficking: A Victim Centered Approach	3. Conference Center RM: 110
	4. Online Child Exploitation: A Law Enforcement Perspective	4. Conference Center RM: 105
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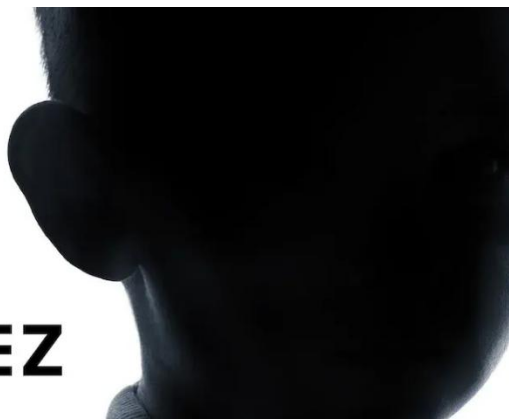
Speaking Agencies: UC Merced, UC Berkeley, ABC 30, American Medical Response, Central California Intelligence Center, United States Federal Bureau of Investigations, United States Secret Service, United States Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency, Los Angeles County Office of the District Attorney, Los Angeles Police Department, Paradise Unified School District, Critical Arc, MM Psychology and Solutions

Keynote Speaker – Garrett Therolf

Garrett Therolf is a senior reporter and contributing editor at UC Berkeley's Investigative Reporting Program. During his time here, he has written for The Atlantic, the Los Angeles Times, and The New York Times. He was a producer and lead reporter for The Trials of Gabriel Fernandez, a 6-part docuseries that spent weeks atop Netflix's list of most-watched titles. He previously was a staff writer for the Los Angeles Times for a decade, focusing on the foster care system. He also completed assignments for The Times in Iraq following the fall of Saddam Hussein and in Egypt during the Arab Spring. Prior to that, he worked for the St. Petersburg Times (now the Tampa Bay Times), The Tampa Tribune, The (Allentown, Pa.) Morning Call and the Associated Press. Therolf received the Los Angeles Times' award for best explanatory reporting, the Price Child Health and Welfare Journalism Prize three times, and recognition as a Livingston Award finalist twice. He is a graduate of the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. He lives in Berkeley with his partner, Diego, and their Great Dane, Roma.



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General Sessions

Artificial Intelligence and Cyber-Enabled Fraud

Presented By: Jacob Ricks, Holly Peacock, Adrian Ramirez-Cazares, and Scott Alford, FBI

Date	Tuesday, Sept. 23	Wednesday, Sept. 24
Time	3:20 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	9:20 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.
		11:10 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

This presentation will be broken down in two segments. The first segment will discuss A.I. and the age of misinformation, and the challenges of finding the truth in the modern world. The second segment will discuss current trends in fraud, how to prevent victimization, and what to do if victimized. Learning about these important topics will help keep you and your loved ones safe as bad actors utilize modern technology to steal your time, money, and information.

Animal Assisted Interventions: Therapy, Crisis Response, and Facility Dogs

Presented By: Daniel Iñigues and Peter Hastings, AMR

Date	Tuesday, Sept. 23	Wednesday, Sept. 24
Time	10:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.	9:20 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.
	3:20 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	11:10 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

This session explores how animal-assisted interventions can enhance wellness programs through therapy dogs, crisis response canines, and facility dogs. Participants will learn the differences between these roles, practical steps for implementation, and key considerations for sustainability, funding, and handler responsibilities. Real-world examples and a live demonstration will highlight best practices for integrating animals into support and recovery efforts across diverse settings.

Behind the Headlines: Practical Tools and Hard Lessons from Child Fatality Investigations

Presented By: Garrett Therolf

Date	Tuesday, Sept. 23	Wednesday, Sept. 24
Time	10:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.	

In this interactive session, Garrett Therolf will move beyond the headlines to share practical, lesser-known findings from California's child fatality cases. Together, we'll explore how court filings have reshaped the discretion that social workers have on child abuse cases. We'll also discuss lesser-known mechanisms in state law and regulation that allow mandated reporters and other stakeholders to better protect children.



This session is designed for dialogue: participants will have the opportunity to share lessons from the front lines—what has worked, what hasn't, and what professionals wish reporters and policymakers better understood. Attendees will leave with concrete tools, legal references, and a clearer picture of how systems succeed and fail when children's lives are at stake.

Campus Tour with the Campus Engineer

Presented By: James Brugger, Campus Engineer

Date	Tuesday, Sept. 23	Wednesday, Sept. 24
Time	8:50 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.	9:20 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Take a behind-the-scenes look at campus safety and infrastructure on a guided tour led by the campus engineer. This interactive session will highlight building systems, emergency features, and resiliency measures that support daily operations and crisis response. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of how facilities planning, maintenance, and engineering play a critical role in creating a safe, sustainable, and prepared campus environment.

Clery Compliance and Hazing: Strengthening Campus Safety and Accountability

Presented By: James Moore, Critical Arc

Date	Tuesday, Sept. 23	Wednesday, Sept. 24
Time	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	

This session will focus on the basic requirements of the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act, including new provisions added by the Stop Campus Hazing Act. More importantly, attendees will learn the many ways that the campus safety and crime prevention functions are often misaligned in American higher education. Campus safety leaders often find themselves reporting to members of the executive team who have little, if any, relevant knowledge or experience. The problem is often made worse by the mismatches that can arise because campus safety doesn't necessarily fit neatly into the typical organizational chart of an educational institution. We will introduce strategies that can literally help campus safety professionals and thought leaders get that coveted seat at the table.

The session will also emphasize why the campus safety function must be elevated within institutions to better ensure that campus safety policies, procedures, and programming are consistent with the institution's mission, vision, and values and the needs of the campus community.

Finally, the session will introduce the concept of Enterprise Risk Management as an organizing principle for campus safety, crime prevention, and student wellness. In the final analysis, the universities of today are, in fact, little more than giant knots of risk. The presenter will provide practical advice to help schools identify and mitigate these risks and meet the true charge of the Clery Act which is best reflected in the words of Connie Clery herself, who once said, “the best education in the world is useless if a student doesn’t survive with a healthy body and mind.”

Crisis Communications: Insights from the Newsroom

Presented By: Jessica Harrington, ABC 30

Date	Tuesday, Sept. 23	Wednesday, Sept. 24
Time		9:20 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. 11:10 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

In a crisis, how information is communicated can shape public trust, organizational reputation, and community response. In this session, a seasoned news anchor shares firsthand perspectives on how the media approaches breaking news, what journalists need from organizations in high-pressure situations, and common pitfalls that can escalate a crisis. Participants will gain practical strategies for crafting clear messages, building relationships with the press, and delivering timely updates that resonate with both media and the public.

Examining the Behavioral Background of the Marysville Pilchuck High School Attacker

**Presented By: Arlene Macias and Kristy Domingues,
U.S. Secret Service-NTAC**

Date	Tuesday, Sept. 23	Wednesday, Sept. 24
Time	10:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. 3:20 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	

This case study utilizes the Systems Approach based on an attacker who perpetrated the 2014 school attack at Marysville Pilchuck High School in Marysville, WA. The Systems Approach is an effective way to gather information as part of a threat assessment, as it identifies sources (e.g., law enforcement, employment, community, family, etc.) that may have information on the individual of concern’s actions, stressors, changes in their life, and behaviors that may have concerned others. In utilizing post attack interviews and open-source information, this case provides a plethora of information about the attacker in the weeks and days leading

up to the attack. The information collected from the attacker’s systems provide insight as his feelings, thoughts, and behaviors grew more concerning in the week before the attack. Additionally, this case highlights the importance of collecting information from multiple sources and corroborating the information, as some sources had contradictory information (e.g., some observed nothing out of the ordinary with the attacker, whereas others stated they noticed significant changes in his actions and thoughts). When gathering information for a threat assessment, it is essential for public safety professionals to be able to identify these systems, use their training and knowledge on the best information to collect, and recognize potential opportunities of support within these systems.

Mass Attacks at Entertainment Venues: A Case Study Comparison in Planning, Targeting, and Pre-Attack Behavioral Change

Presented By: Arlene Macias and Kristy Domingues, U.S. Secret Service-NTAC

Date	Tuesday, Sept. 23	Wednesday, Sept. 24
Time		9:20 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. 11:10 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

This presentation examines the pre-attack behaviors of attackers targeting high profile entertainment venues that were studied in NTAC’s *Mass Attacks in Public Spaces, 2016-2020*. The presentation will cover the attacker’s planning behaviors, including weapons and gear acquisition and research; targeting behaviors, including location and victim selection; and the behavioral changes exhibited by each attacker before their attack, including changes in appearance, mental well-being, and social behaviors. The presentation will include a discussion of key takeaways for violence prevention founded in NTAC’s research.

Online Child Exploitation: A Law Enforcement Perspective

Presented By: Adam Chang, Rebecca Jackson, and Victor Gee, LA County District Attorney’s Office

Date	Tuesday, Sept. 23	Wednesday, Sept. 24
Time	10:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. 3:20 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	9:20 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. 11:10 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

Investigators from the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office, Cyber Crime Section will present lessons learned in real world cases of online child exploitation, trafficking of Child Sexual Abuse Materials, and victimization of our youth.



Positioning Your BIT Program as a Responsive Resource

Presented By: Monique Mendoza, MM Psychological & Solutions

Date	Tuesday, Sept. 23	Wednesday, Sept. 24
Time	10:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.	
	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	

This presentation covers essential practices for campus-based Behavioral Intervention Teams across all educational settings. Learn to proactively identify, assess, and address behavioral concerns while developing your program as an effective campus resource. Explore case intake processes, incident routing, stakeholder communication, and de-escalation strategies through real-world scenarios and guided discussions.

By the end of these sessions, attendees will be able to:

- Identify essential elements and evaluate the effectiveness of campus behavioral intervention teams
- Establish clear reporting policies and distinguish between classroom management and disruptive behavior
- Implement best practices, develop internal toolkits, and enhance collaboration to support student well-being
- Effectively intake, triage, and route cases while communicating with concerned parties

Reinventing School-Based Mental Health After Disaster: A Case Study of Paradise Unified

Presented By: Carrie Dawes and Robert Lester, Paradise Unified School District

Date	Tuesday, Sept. 23	Wednesday, Sept. 24
Time	10:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.	
	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	

School districts play a vital role in addressing the complex and evolving needs of communities experiencing trauma. Following the devastating wildfire that destroyed much of Paradise, California, including eight of the district's nine schools, Paradise Unified School District (PUSD), in collaboration with countywide response efforts, acted swiftly to support



students, staff, and families. Guided by empathy, PUSD worked to remove barriers impacting all aspects of life within its capacity.

From the morning of November 8, 2018, the district operated in triage mode—transitioning from immediate crisis response to long-term recovery. Efforts included embedding mental health clinicians and wellness coaches in schools and establishing a districtwide Health and Wellness Resource Center to serve students and families. These initiatives reflect PUSD’s ongoing commitment to fostering resilience, healing, and well-being in the aftermath of unprecedented loss.

Understanding Human Trafficking: A Victim Centered Approach

Presented By: Michael Dickes, LA County District Attorney’s Office and Gabriel Escutia, LA Police Department

Date	Tuesday, Sept. 23	Wednesday, Sept. 24
Time	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	9:20 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.
	3:20 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	11:10 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

This session provides a comprehensive overview of domestic commercial sex trafficking, with a focus on dispelling common myths and highlighting the realities of this hidden crime. Participants will explore the types of commercial sex activity and trafficking, learn to recognize potential indicators, and gain insight into the terminology, symbols, and rules used within the pimping subculture.

The session will also address how traffickers recruit, groom, and brand victims through manipulation and isolation, as well as the overlap between human trafficking and other crimes such as domestic violence, kidnapping, and sexual assault.

Attendees will discuss the critical role of NGOs and community resources, the importance of a victim-centered approach for first responders and mandated reporters, and best practices for interviewing versus interrogation. Finally, the session will cover methods of corroborating statements

Vulnerability Assessments for School Facilities

Presented By: Rod Rifredi, Central California Intelligence Center

Date	Tuesday, Sept. 23	Wednesday, Sept. 24
Time	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	

This session will provide participants with an overview of the basic concepts used in conducting basic non-regulatory assessments for K-12



Schools. The same concepts are the foundation of the 8-hour course that combines facilitated conversation and an actual assessment walk through. Vulnerability assessments assist school security stakeholders in identifying vulnerabilities and offering mitigation options to enhance security and protection of staff, visitors and students.

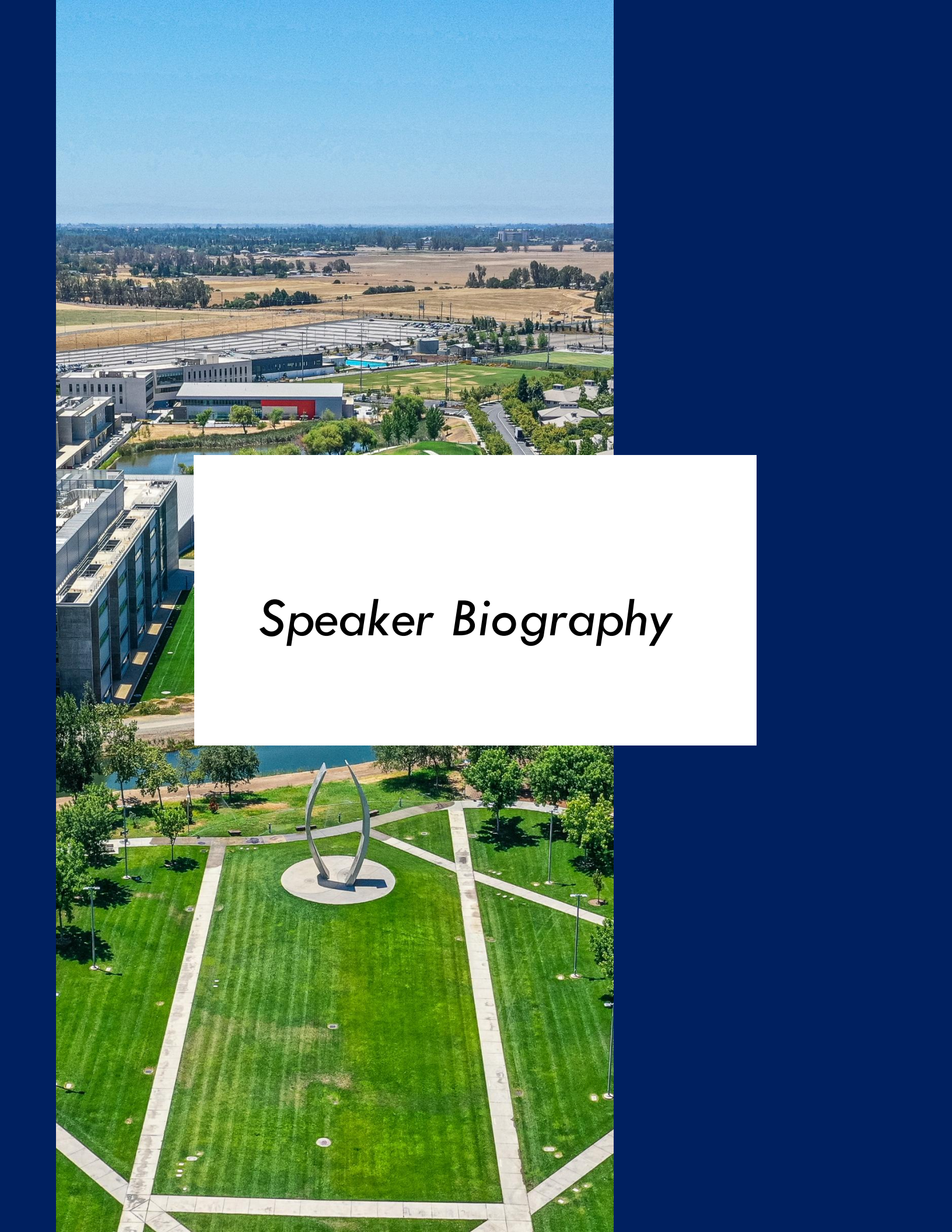
Wonders and Dangers of Artificial Intelligence

Presented By: Christopher Kello, UC Merced

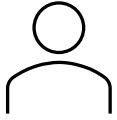
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AI is disrupting society faster than any prior technology and challenging us with unprecedented opportunities and dangers. In this talk, I will explain AI enough to appreciate what we know and don't know about how it works, and where it might be going. We'll consider current and future dangers of AI with special attention to higher education and safety.



The image is a composite of two aerial photographs of a university campus. The top photograph shows a wide view of the campus, including modern academic buildings, a large parking lot, a lake, and surrounding fields under a clear blue sky. The bottom photograph is a closer view of a large, green lawn with a prominent, abstract sculpture in the center. The sculpture consists of two curved, metallic-looking bands that form a circular shape. The lawn is divided by concrete walkways, and there are trees and light poles around the area.

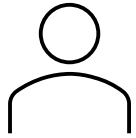
Speaker Biography



Adam Chang

Sergeant
Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Adam Chang is a Sergeant with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Investigation, and assigned to the Cyber Crime Investigation Section. He is also a Task Force Officer with the United States Secret Service Cyber Fraud Task Force. He has investigated cases involving online child exploitation, trafficking of child sexual abuse materials, network intrusions, and cyber related fraud. Adam is a proud alumni of UC San Diego, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science/International Relations. He holds a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from California Coast University. He is a veteran of the United State Marine Corps and was deployed as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is a CompTIA certified IT Operations Specialist and teaches High Tech Investigations for the California Department of Justice Advanced Training Center.



Arlene Macias

Domestic Security Strategist
National Threat Assessment Center
U.S. Secret Service

Arlene Macias is a Domestic Security Strategist (DSS) for the U. S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC), where she collaborates with community safety partners to facilitate NTAC's trainings, consultations, and bolster the awareness and education of NTAC's resources related to domestic security and targeted violence prevention. She provides NTAC briefings and assists with policy and complex threat assessment consultations. Ms. Macias is regionally stationed at the U.S. Secret Service Los Angeles Field Office and her area of responsibility includes thirteen western states.

Ms. Macias has over 30 years of experience with the Secret Service, which began in the Los Angeles Field Office, where she provided support in counterfeit, financial crimes, forgery, background investigations, and protection functions before transferring to Washington, D.C. in 1998. While in D.C., she served as the Staff Assistant for the Office of Professional Responsibility. During her assignment in the Office of Professional Responsibility, she was responsible for planning, directing, and coordinating the inspection and internal security of all Secret Service field, protective, and headquarter offices and employees to appraise the effectiveness of operations, assess the quality of management and supervision, and determine adherence to Secret Service policies, regulations, and procedures. She also provided support in special investigations and surveys involving the agency's role in major criminal cases, protective functions, and employee misconduct.

Ms. Macias received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Southern New Hampshire.



Carrie Dawes

Safety and Wellness Coordinator
Paradise Unified School District

Carrie Dawes has served the Paradise Unified School District in rural Northern California for over two decades, with leadership experience as a principal at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. On November 8, 2018, while serving as an administrator in the Student Services Department, she helped lead the successful evacuation of all 3,401 students during the Camp Fire, the most destructive wildfire in California history. In the aftermath, Carrie became an Administrator on Special Assignment, collaborating with county mental health agencies, writing grants for necessary services, and developing funding streams to address the significant challenges of providing mental health services in a rural community. Her work focuses on ensuring access to essential support for all students and staff, and long-term recovery despite limited resources.



Christopher Kello

Professor of Cognitive and Information Science
University of California Merced

Chris Kello is a Professor of Cognitive and Information Sciences at UC Merced. He started studying AI as an undergraduate at the University of Rochester in the late 1980s and spent the next 20 years or so doing research on artificial neural networks as computational models of human language and cognition, as a PhD student at UC Santa Cruz, a postdoc at Carnegie Mellon University, and a professor at George Mason University before joining UC Merced in 2008. Dr. Kello was also a Program Director at the National Science Foundation where he oversaw millions of dollars of funding for research on AI and cognitive science.

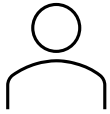


Daniel Iniguez

Regional Director
Global Medical Response

Daniel Iniguez has worked in EMS leadership for 24 year with 20 of those being with American Medical Response. Daniel is the current Regional Director for Global Medical response in San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Merced County where he oversees both emergency air and ground services for AMR and Reach air medical.

Daniel Is a Peer support leader for the Pacific where he has led multiple wellness programs. Daniel has been a Therapy dog handler for GMR for 5 years.



Gabriel Escutia

Police Officer
Los Angeles Police Department

Gabriel Escutia is a Police Officer with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). He is currently assigned to the Operations South Bureau Human Trafficking Task Force (HTTF).

With a 12-year career with the LAPD, Gabriel has served in multiple units before becoming a human trafficking investigator. While working in LAPD Hollywood Division, he was assigned to patrol before being assigned to the Hollywood Entertainment District Crime Suppression Unit (HED). It was here Gabriel first developed his skills to become a better officer.

Gabriel went on to work Southwest Division where he patrolled portions of South Los Angeles. He was later assigned to the University Park Task Force Crime Suppression Unit (UPTF). While there, Gabriel served the community members and students that surrounded the University of Southern California (USC) area. After showing his leadership abilities back on patrol, Gabriel was recruited to join the Southwest VICE Unit. There, Gabriel assisted and lead undercover operations for various prostitution related crimes including human trafficking, pimping, pandering, and prostitution.

After developing his skills as a VICE Investigator, Gabriel moved on to HTTF. Since being a member of the unit, Gabriel has forged relationships with various federal, state, and local agencies to rescue victims of human trafficking and apprehend human trafficking suspects. Gabriel has investigated countless cases of human trafficking that has taken him across state lines. As a member of HTTF, Gabriel has gone on to become a POST Certified Instructor and a Robert Presley Institute of Criminal Investigation Instructor (ICI). Gabriel instructs portions of the LAPD VICE School and facilitates instruction on Human Trafficking when he instructs the LAPD's Police Service Leadership Course (PSL). He has given presentations to city leaders and members of the community regarding human trafficking.



James Moore

Senior Executive Consultant
Critical Arc

Jim Moore is a Senior Executive Consultant with CriticalArc, a campus safety technology and consulting firm. CriticalArc provides best-in-business safety solutions to institutions across the higher education spectrum, including state-of-the-art technology, consulting services, safety assessments, training, and technical assistance.

Prior to joining the company, Mr. Moore served as the Senior Advisor for Clery Act Compliance and Campus Safety Operations at the U.S. Department of Education. There, he served as the federal government's leading expert on the Clery Act, the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, and other campus safety and crime prevention initiatives. Jim led numerous high-profile investigations, including the Department's examinations of the Jerry Sandusky and Larry Nassar scandals at Penn State and Michigan State, respectively. He also led the federal investigation of the mass shooting at Virginia Tech and the Department's review of Liberty University in 2024. Jim has also worked with institutions to design and implement sexual assault prevention programs focused on primary prevention, bystander intervention, and risk reduction.

Drawing on nearly three decades of accumulated expertise and experience, Jim Moore is a nationally recognized leader in higher education, campus safety, crime prevention, threat assessment, and civil rights compliance. At CriticalArc, he provides strategic campus safety consulting, physical security solutions, threat assessment support, technical assistance, training, and public speaking services to institutions across the spectrum of higher education and professional organizations across the country.

Throughout his federal tenure, Jim led numerous high-profile investigations, collaborated with senior leadership and executives to shape campus security policies, and supported the development of effective sexual assault prevention and response programs. He has served as a subject-matter expert to the Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Department of Defense (DOD), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and other federal and state agencies on a wide array of higher education, public safety, and public health matters.

Working together with colleagues across government, Mr. Moore is responsible for more than \$500 million in assessed liabilities, civil monetary penalties, and program savings and never lost a case. Jim has been instrumental in the development and implementation of Federal statutes and regulations on a range of issues related to campus safety, student wellness, and consumer protection. He is a recognized leader in building comprehensive enterprise risk management systems and advising and collaborating with executives and stakeholder groups on a range of core higher education matters. Jim continues to develop innovative and engaging training programs and exercise modules on sexual violence prevention and response, substance abuse prevention, and emergency management, and is now focused on assisting institutions and sharing his vast knowledge and operational expertise on these and other topics.

As a senior leader in government and a thought leader in the campus safety space, Jim led the Department's innovative training, technical assistance, and outreach initiatives. He is a frequent speaker and trainer on the topics of emergency management, threat assessment, and anti-hazing programming. A prolific and highly sought-after speaker, writer, and researcher, Jim continues to lead impactful programs and training initiatives and provides institutions with actionable insights. His leadership has earned him key appointments, including service on the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault from 2014-2017 and was named to the ED-DOJ-HHS Task Force on Sexual Violence in Education and the Violence Against Women Act Interagency Working Group in 2022. Jim is a member of the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals.



Jessica Harrington

News Anchor
ABC 30

Jessica Harrington is an anchor on Action News AM Live at KFSN-ABC30 in Fresno. She joined the Action News team in February of 2021. During her first two years with the station she was a general assignment reporter who heavily covered crime throughout the Central Valley. Prior to her arrival in Fresno she worked at KERO-23ABC in Bakersfield. She began as a general assignment reporter who consistently covered crime and court cases before shifting into a main anchor and investigative reporter role. During that time she focused on police wrongdoings and the mishandling of taxpayer funds.

Jessica has her Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communication and Journalism from Fresno State and her Master's Degree in Journalism from the University of Southern California.

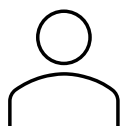
She was raised in the Central Valley, she is happy to be back in the place she's called home most of her life.



Jim Brugger

Campus Engineer
University of California Merced

Jim Brugger is a Mechanical Engineer with over 30 years of HVAC experience and currently serves as Director of Campus Engineering Services at UC Merced. For the past 14 years, he has managed campus utilities, on-site renewable energy systems, and provided design guidance for LEED-certified and high-performance buildings. He collaborates closely with skilled trades staff to ensure efficient, reliable operations and is a strong advocate for community education, regularly leading tours of the campus's central plant to inspire curiosity about energy systems and sustainability.



Kristy Domingues:

Supervisory Social Science Research Specialist
National Threat Assessment Center
U.S. Secret Service

Kristy Domingues brings a diverse set of experiences integral to threat assessment in her role as a Supervisory Social Science Research Specialist with the U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC). In her current position, Ms. Domingues conducts research and training in the field of targeted violence and threat assessment. Ms. Domingues also provides operational support and coordination to NTAC's Consultation Program, by providing feedback on threat assessment programs, policies, and operational procedures, as well as complex threat cases.

Previously, Ms. Domingues served as a Community Supervision Officer (parole and probation officer) supervising high-risk high-need offenders, including as part of a specialized sex offender team in Washington, D.C. This experience enabled her to understand the unique challenges that law enforcement face. As the supervisor overseeing a specialized behavioral health team serving high-risk offenders with severe mental illness, Ms. Domingues developed a broad understanding of the role that mental health plays in law enforcement and public safety.

Ms. Domingues combined her front-line law enforcement experience with broader experience in program development, research and leadership training at the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency. Ms. Domingues was responsible for policy and program development, and providing case management, risk assessment, motivational interviewing, and cognitive-behavioral-skills training to federal probation and parole officers. In this role, Ms. Domingues developed and facilitated an executive leadership education program that trained leaders to achieve their objectives.

Ms. Domingues holds a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati and a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology & Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland.



Mike Dickes

District Attorney Investigator
Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Michael Dickes is a District Attorney Investigator with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office (LADA). He is assigned to the Special Operations Division, where he works with the Human Trafficking and Sexually Violent Predator Units.

With a distinguished career spanning more than 26 years with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Michael served in various operational assignments before becoming a District Attorney Investigator. His experience includes patrol, training, investigations, and undercover operations, with over 19 years dedicated to working as a Vice and Human Trafficking Investigator.

As part of his last assignment with the LAPD, Michael spent 6 years on the South Bureau Human Trafficking Task Force. In this role, he worked alongside state and federal agencies, focusing on rescuing human trafficking victims and arresting suspects. He also served as a Federal Marshal on the Los Angeles "Innocence Lost Task Force," investigating interstate juvenile commercial sex crimes. Michael has also completed extensive FBI training in forensic interviewing for commercially exploited children. Michael is a recognized Human Trafficking court expert and has provided expert testimony in numerous criminal cases.

With extensive instructional experience, Michael has been the lead instructor for the Los Angeles Region ICI Human Trafficking course for the past three years. Prior to this, he dedicated 18 years to teaching the LAPD's Vice School.



Monique Mendoza, PhD

CEO
MM Psychology and Solutions

Dr. Monique Mendoza positions threat management solutions as strategic business advantages rather than just problem-solving, emphasizing a shift from reactive to proactive approaches. As a psychologist and strategic partner, she offers a unique trauma-informed perspective to workplace violence prevention, aimed at improving operational resilience and responsive community support.

- 11+ years in threat management and workplace safety
- 13+ years Licensed Psychologist in California
- Extensive background in high-risk environments
- Specializing in public education and Fortune 100 organizations

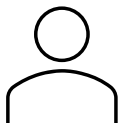


Peter Hastings

Paramedic Supervisor
American Medical Response

AMR Paramedic Supervisor Peter Hastings has 26 years in EMS with AMR. Peter has 30+ Disaster deployments such as California Fires, COVID deployments, and multiple hurricanes. Peter joined the GMR therapy dog program 3 years ago and is the primary handler for Daisy. Peter is also part of the AMR peer support team and trained in GRIN trained assisting Groups in crisis and Individuals in crisis intervention.

Pictured above, Daisy, part of the workforce of Stanislaus County, she has five wellness deployments with other larger missions.



Rebecca Jackson

Senior Investigator
Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Rebecca Jackson is a Senior Investigator with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Investigation and currently assigned to the Cyber Crime Investigation Section. She is a Task Force Officer with the United States Secret Service Cyber Fraud Task Force. While at the LADA's office she has worked various units including Elder Abuse, Consumer Protection, and Internal Affairs. Prior to her joining the LADA's office she was a Police Officer at the Glendale Police Department. While at the Glendale Police Department, Rebecca spent five years as one of the two School Resource Officers, covering all schools within the city of Glendale. She also ran GPD's at-risk youth program and facilitated various youth programs there. Rebecca attended UC Santa Barbara and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Economics.



Robert Lester

Licensed Family Therapist
Paradise Unified School District

Robert Lester is a licensed family therapist with a doctorate in counselor education and supervision. His research examines change processes in counseling with treatment-resistant youth. His clinical background primarily focuses on rural youth mental health. He has worked in Paradise Unified School District since 2020, first as part of Butte County's post-Camp Fire recovery response and now as a district clinician employed by PUSD. In addition, Robert leads the school district's social-emotional training initiatives for staff, counselors, and wellness coaches.



Rod Rifredi

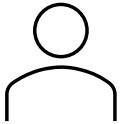
Critical Infrastructure Protection Program Manager
Central California Intelligence Center

Rod has spent 45 years in public service. He was a volunteer fire fighter until going into the Marine Corps, where he served in a few positions including airfield crash rescue. Upon getting out of the Marines, he worked in the fire service for 13 years holding several positions including, firefighter, EMT, captain and senior captain.

In 1999 Rod moved to law enforcement where he held various positions such as patrol officer, motor officer, field training officer, arson investigator, sergeant and field training administrator. Rod retired from the Davis Police Department in 2019 at the rank of sergeant.

Upon retirement Rod went to work for Louisiana State University/National Center of Biometric Research and Training's Counter Terrorism Academy as an adjunct facilitator. Here he continues to teach courses on Active Threat Integrated Response, Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks and De-Escalation.

While Rod continues to work for LSU/NCBRT, became a team member at the Central California Intelligence Center in 2023 where he works as a Critical Infrastructure Protection Program Manager. Rod is able to use his training and experiences of his prior careers to help fortify otherwise vulnerable targets.



Scott Alford

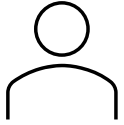
Critical Infrastructure Protection Program Manager
Central California Intelligence Center

Scott Alford serves as a Cybersecurity Advisor at the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), where he assists government leaders and critical infrastructure partners in fortifying their defenses against ransomware, AI-driven threats, and other emerging cyber risks.

He brings over a decade of operational experience, including his service in the U.S. Navy as a senior combat systems engineer. During his military career, Scott led advanced combat systems operations supporting the U.S. Navy's Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Fleets. He deployed to high-threat environments across the Middle East, Europe, and the Indo-Pacific—including Yemen, Poland, and Japan—where he trained and led allied forces in electronic warfare. Additionally, he worked closely with NATO on maritime security efforts in the South China Sea.

At CISA, Scott leverages his technical expertise to assist federal, state, and local agencies in enhancing cyber resilience. He supports the implementation of the NIST Cybersecurity Framework, advises on AI and ICS security strategies, and acts as a liaison between the public and private sectors.

Scott holds a Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity, a Master of Science in Cyber Engineering, and is pursuing a Juris Doctor in Cybersecurity and Privacy Law. He is certified as a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) and Offensive Security Certified Professional (OSCP). His service has been recognized with multiple awards, including the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (NAM), National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Sea Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist insignia.

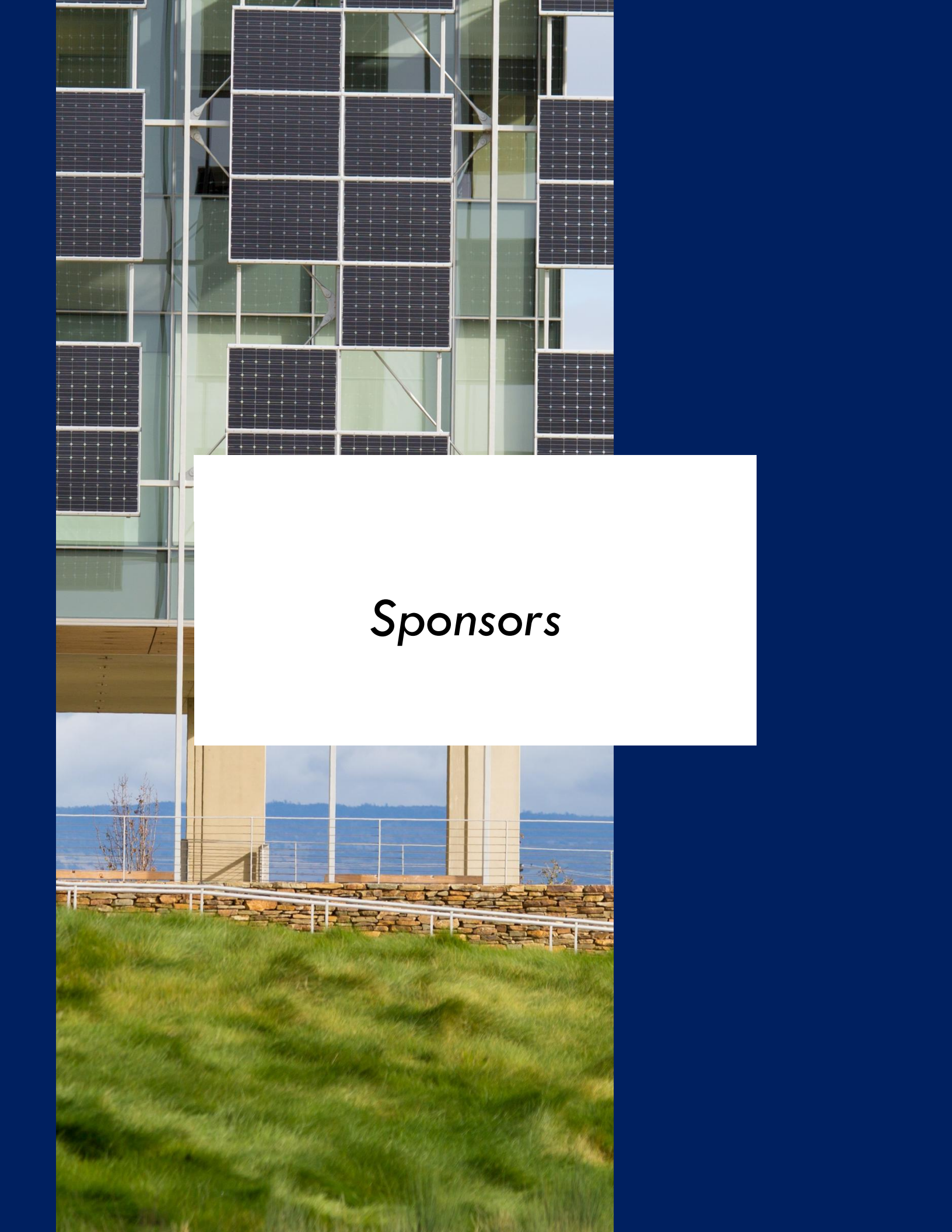


Victor Gee

Senior Investigator

Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

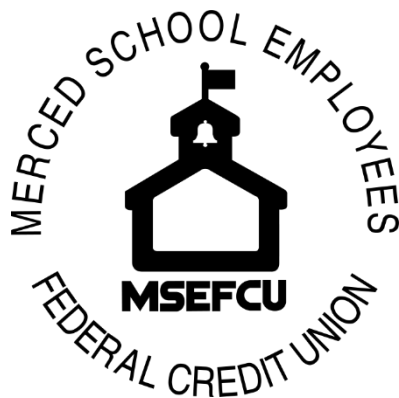
Victor Gee is a Senior Investigator with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation and is currently assigned to the Homeland Security Investigations El Camino Real Financial Crimes Task Force. He was previously assigned to the Cyber Crimes Investigations Section and was a Task Force Officer with the United States Secret Service Cyber Fraud Task Force. In his tenure with cyber-crimes, Victor has investigated cases related to child sexual abuse material and various fraud schemes to include credit card bust out, impersonation, and electronic benefits transfer fraud.

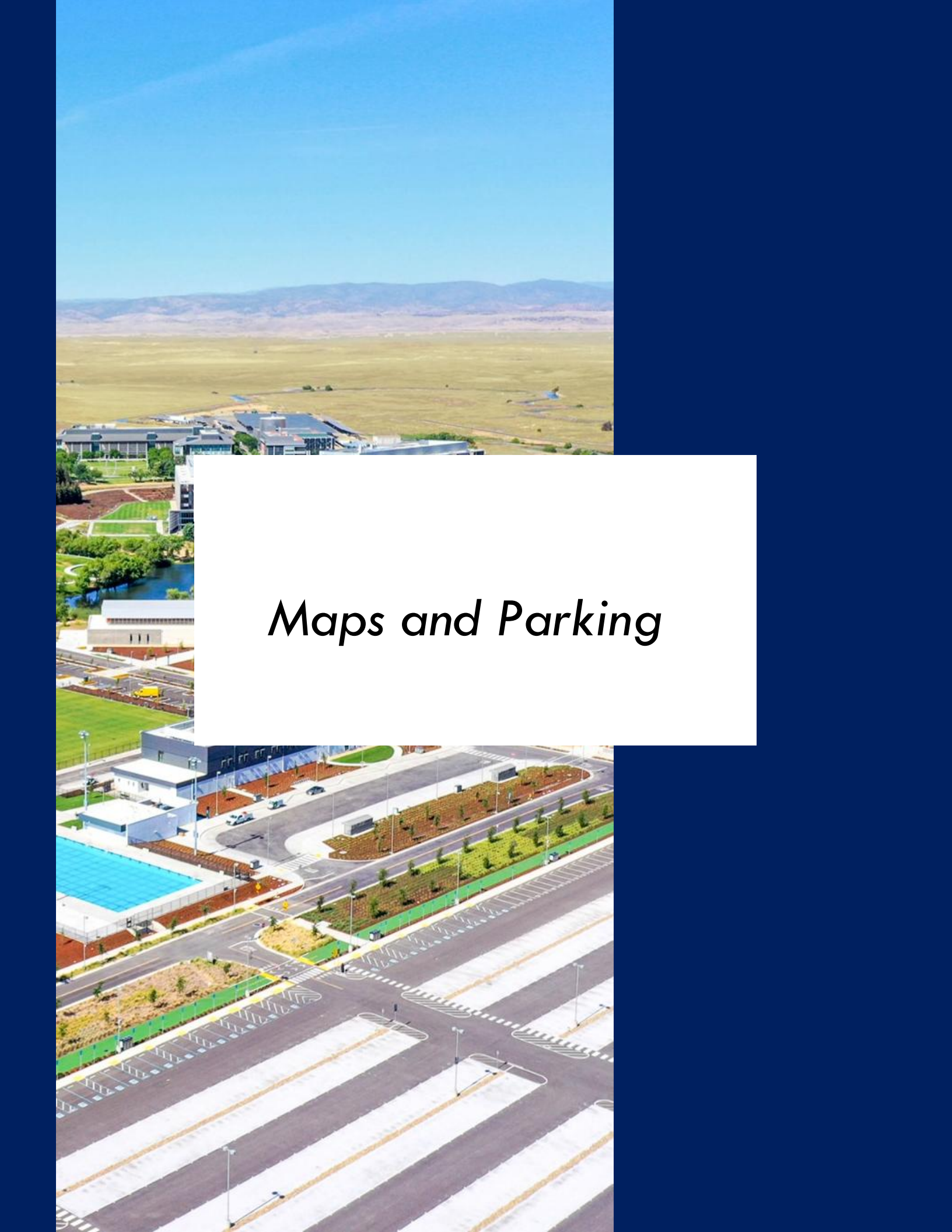
The background of the slide is a photograph of a modern building with large glass windows and solar panels. The building is situated on a grassy hill overlooking a body of water and mountains in the distance. A white railing runs along the edge of the hill in the foreground. The word "Sponsors" is centered in a white box in the middle of the image.

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An aerial photograph of a modern campus. In the foreground, there is a large, rectangular swimming pool with a blue cover. To the right of the pool is a wide, multi-lane road with a median strip. Further back, there are several large, modern buildings with glass facades. The campus is surrounded by a vast, flat, green landscape under a clear blue sky. A white rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the text "Maps and Parking".

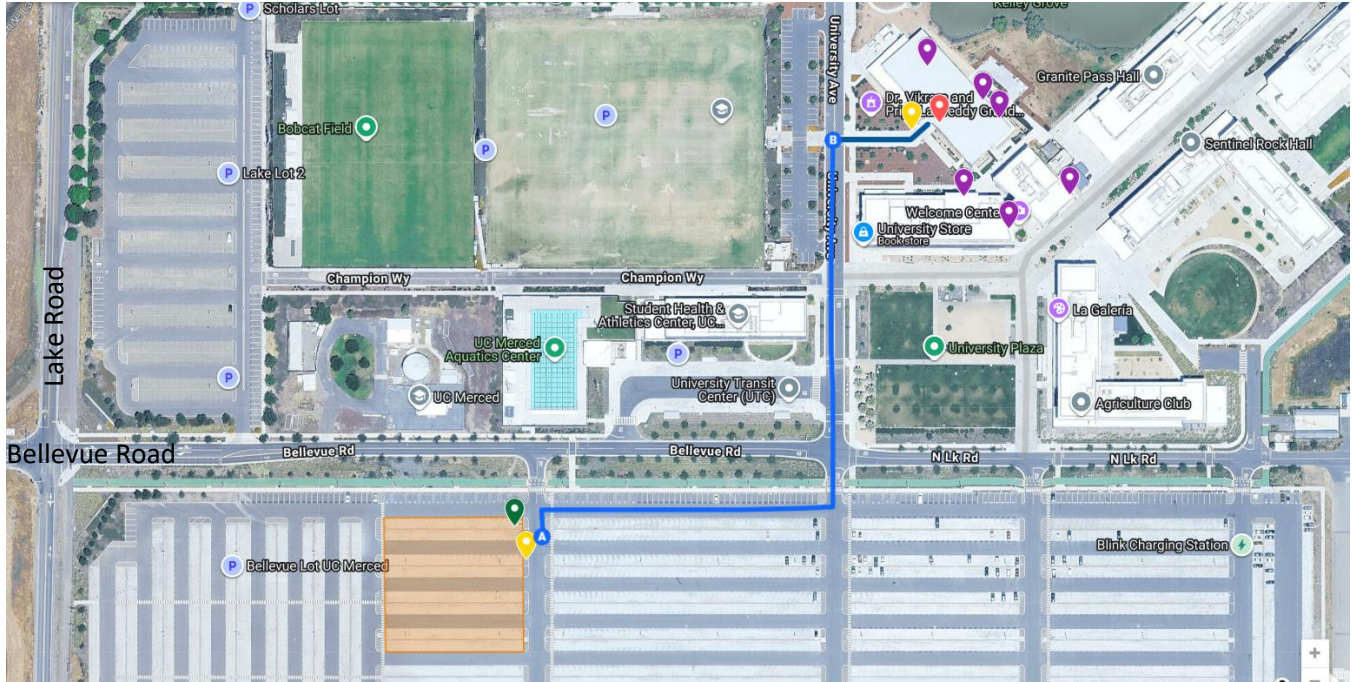
Maps and Parking

Maps

Click on the image below for an interactive map.

When starting your route, select the GREEN parking pin for easy navigating to campus.

UC Merced Main Campus (5200 N Lake Rd. Merced, CA)



Safety Conference After Hours – Networking Event

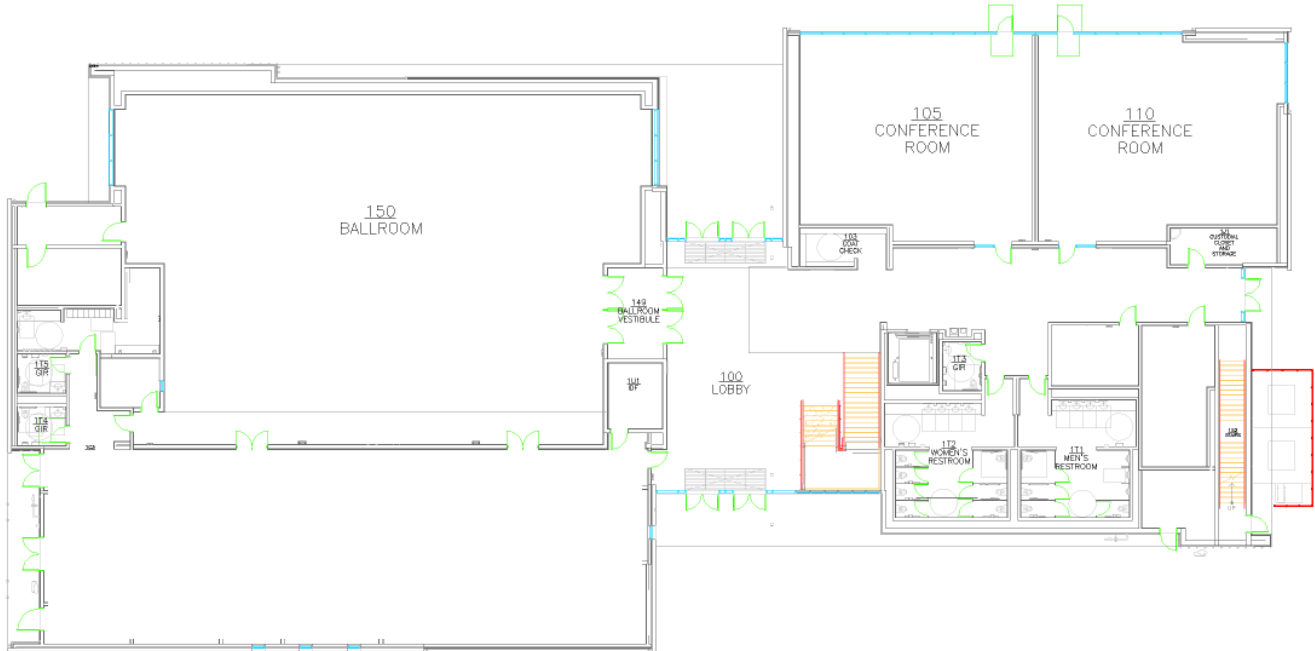
Must be 21 years and older to attend

UC Merced on Main Street (1635 M St. Merced, CA)

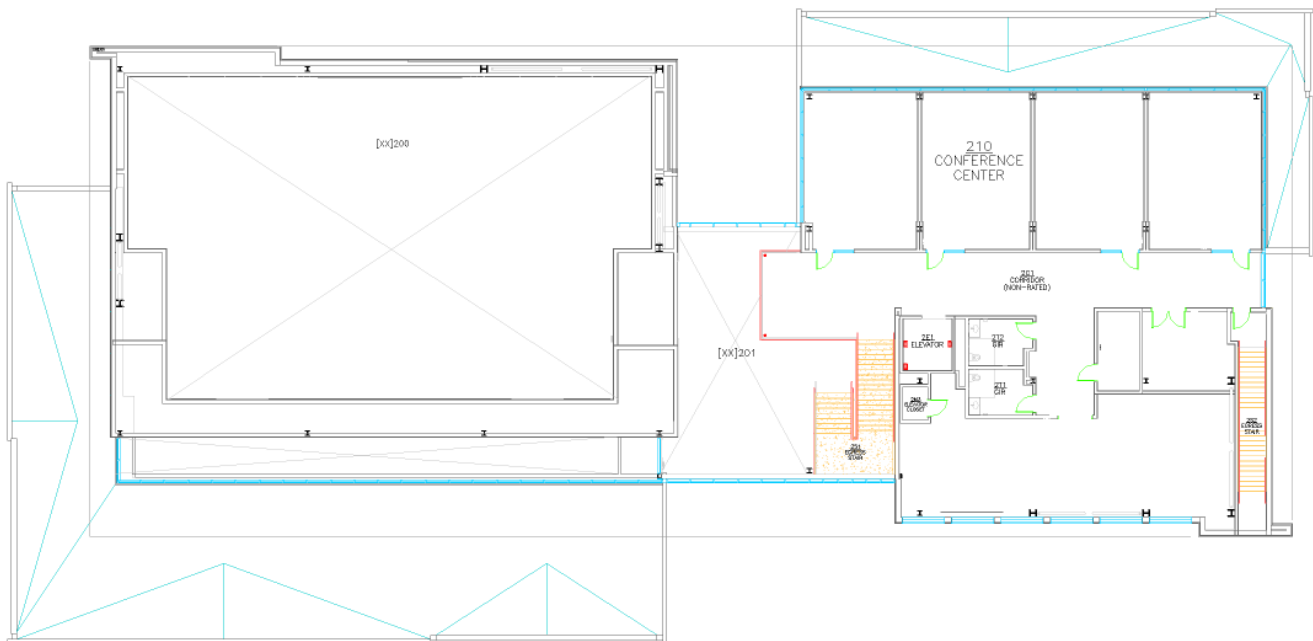


Conference Center Rooms

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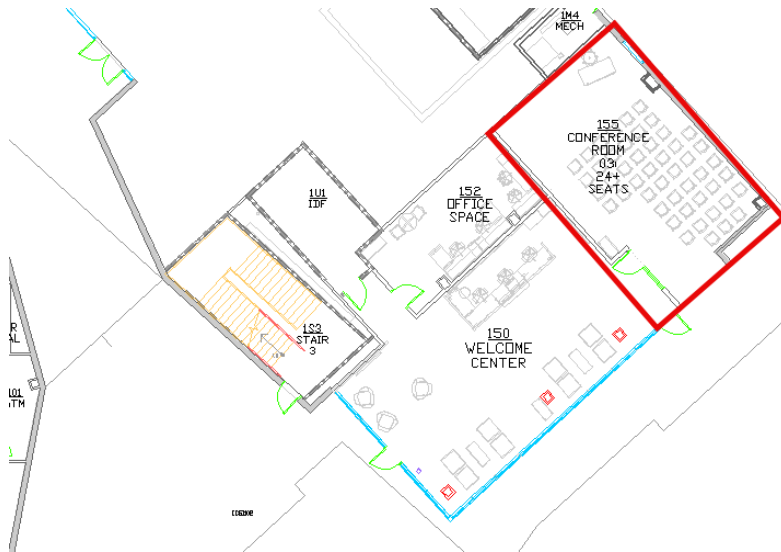


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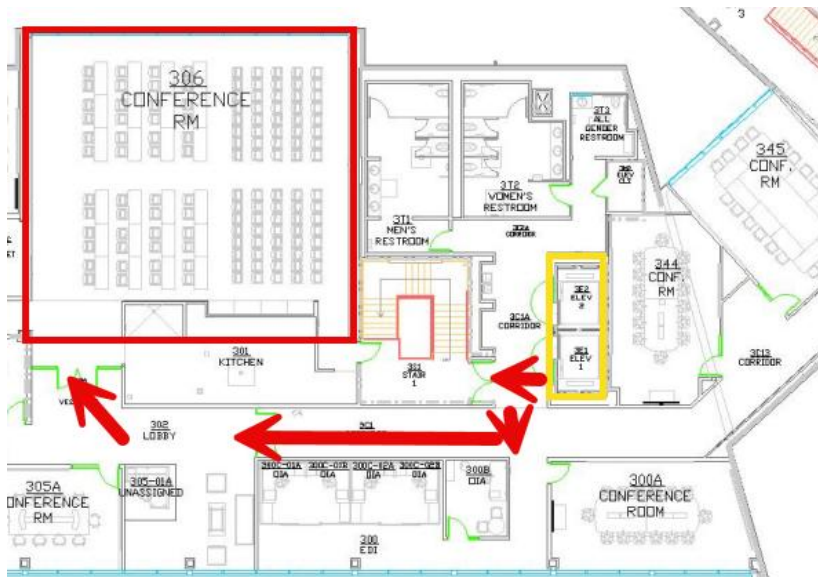


Administration Building Rooms

Admin First Floor



Admin Third Floor



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