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Dear (b) (6),

We are pleased to invite you to START's Annual Symposium, scheduled for **Thursday, October 15, 2015** at The W Hotel in Washington, D.C., located three blocks from the Metro Center metro station at 515 15th Street NW.

Registration will be held from 8-9 a.m. and we will adjourn at 4:30 – feel free to stay for the whole event or come to the sessions that most interest you.

AGENDA

PANEL DISCUSSIONS: This year we have organized three panel discussions on selected topics. These sessions will give us the opportunity to draw attention to projects examining counterterrorism, extremist organizations and individual radicalization. Researchers for the selected projects will present on their work including methodology and findings.

PANEL DISCUSSION: COUNTERTERRORISM (9:30 a.m.)

- Comparing Failed, Foiled, Completed and Successful Terrorist Attacks, Martha Crenshaw
- Dynamics of Terrorism and Counterterrorism, Joseph Young
- New Survey Methods Tracking Attitudes within American Subcultures, Sophia Moskalenko

PANEL DISCUSSION: EXTREMIST ORGANIZATIONS (2:30 p.m.)

- ISIL: Branding, Leadership Culture and Lethal Attraction, Gina Ligon
- An Assessment of Boko Haram: Strengths, Vulnerabilities and Policy Options, Amy Pate
- Tracing the Unconventional Threat Nexus, Gary Ackerman

PANEL DISCUSSION: INDIVIDUAL RADICALIZATION (3:30 p.m.)

- Profiles of Individual Radicalization in the United States (PIRUS), Michael Jensen
- Psychology of Terrorism and Terrorist Motivations, Anthony Lemieux
- Deradicalization of Extremists, David Webber
- Childhood Trauma and Adolescent Misconduct as Precursors to Violent Extremism, Pete Simi

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NETWORKING STATIONS (10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.): In a change from past years, we will feature a number of individual booths, or stations, each featuring a START project or transition effort. This will give attendees a chance to explore in-depth whatever topics or projects interest them most, in addition to networking directly with the project researcher(s). These stations will cover the following topics/projects:

- Training in Risk and Crisis Communication (TRACC)
- Countering Violent Extremism (CVE)
- Unconventional Weapons and Technology (UWT)
- START Training and Education
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Big, Allied and Dangerous (BAAD), a dataset on terrorist organizations over time
- Transnational Criminality
- Terrorist and Extremist Violence in the United States (TEVUS) database
- Global Terrorism Database (GTD)
- Comparing Failed, Foiled, Completed and Successful Terrorist Attacks
- Radicalization

KEY-NOTE SPEAKER: START Director, Dr. Gary LaFree, will deliver this year's key-note speech looking back at 10 years of START research to mark START's 10th Anniversary.

RSVP:

Please take a moment now to register for the symposium online at <https://www.start.umd.edu/webform/start-2015-symposium-registration> by Monday, Sep. 14.

Please feel free to pass along this invitation to any colleagues you think may be interested in attending this event.

We look forward to seeing you shortly. Please let us know if you have any queries.

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