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NATIONAL COUNTERTERRORISM,
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NCITE investigators are available to speak to ideological and political violence.

Interviews can be arranged through NCITE.

SECURITY OR THREAT ASSESSMENT IN GENERAL

- **Gina Ligon, NCITE director, industrial psychologist, professor of collaboration science**
 - Expertise in organizational dynamics and practices of Salafi-jihadist and extremism in the United States. Runs Homeland Security's Center of Excellence for counterterrorism and targeted violence studies.
- **Mario Scalora, professor of psychology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln**
 - Expertise in threat assessment, terrorism and extremist violence. NCITE scientific theme lead on National Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative research.

VIOLENT EXTREMISTS

- **Pete Simi, associate professor of sociology at Chapman University**
 - Research background in domestic extremist groups and right-wing violence.
 - Serves as an expert legal consultant on criminal cases related to political extremism.
 - NCITE scientific theme lead on National Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative.
- **Seamus Hughes, deputy director of the Program on Extremism at George Washington University**
 - Expertise on homegrown violent extremism and ISIS in America.
- **Steven Windisch, assistant professor in criminal justice at Temple University**
 - Expertise in domestic extremist violence, terrorism, radical beliefs and behaviors, hate crimes, and violent groups and movements.
- **Iris Malone, assistant professor of political science and international affairs at George Washington University**
 - Expertise in militant formation and organizational attack behavior.
- **Steve Chermak, professor of criminal justice at Michigan State University**
 - Expertise in terrorism, school shootings and violence committed by members of the far right, far left and jihadists.

- **Josh Freilich, professor in the Criminal Justice Department at John Jay College**
 - Expertise in school shootings and domestic terrorism, including far-right, left-wing and al-Qaeda and ISIS extremists in the U.S.

ONLINE MESSAGING FROM VIOLENT EXTREMIST GROUPS

- **Matthew Jensen, associate professor of Management Information Systems**
 - Research interests include natural language processing and sentiment analysis of ideological groups and computer-mediated communication.

CYBER HACKS, ATTACKS, DEFACEMENTS

- **Tom Holt, director of the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University**
 - Expertise in computer hacking, role of the Internet in crime and deviance. NCITE theme lead in the nature of counterterrorism operations.

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ABOUT NCITE

The **National Counterterrorism, Innovation, Technology, and Education (NCITE) Center** is an academic research hub composed of 50-plus researchers at 18 institutions. It is based at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and is funded principally by the Department of Homeland Security as a Center of Excellence for counterterrorism research. NCITE's aim is to study the complexities around violent extremism and translate those studies into knowledge or technological products to help the Homeland Security Enterprise.

