Hello, Friends of OUR! The annual Dennis Dean Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship Conference is on the horizon! This conference is open to all majors and is a great place for undergraduate researchers to present and get recognized for their research. Please encourage your students to apply by **April 10** through the portal [here](#). We offer support to faculty/staff who are managing organized research programs in the summer. Also, any student doing research will have access to free programming offered by the OUR. You can learn more about these programs [here](#).

Commonwealth Cyber Initiative (CCI) is hosting an Integrated Security Seminar with two sessions.

**Session 1: Expanding beyond Capture the Flag – developing workforce skills in realistic team scenarios**

Speaker: Stephanie Travis, CCI Fellow & director of the Senior Military College Cyber Institute, Intelligent Systems Lab at the Hume Center for National Security and Technology.

**Session 2: Robots that learn to influence humans**

Speaker: Dylan Losey, assistant professor of mechanical engineering at Virginia Tech. Click [here](#) to register.
A message about a new RCR training tracking system for Virginia Tech researchers was received from Kory Trott, JD, MPH, Director for the Research Integrity and Consultation, Scholarly Integrity & Research Compliance. The message is listed below:

While all members of the Virginia Tech research community are invited to attend Investigator Series seminars, some researchers attend in order to satisfy the NIH’s requirement for 8-hours of in-person responsible conduct of research (RCR) training. The Research Integrity and Consultation Program, which sponsors the Investigator Series, recently developed a tracking system that will allow researchers to track the in-person RCR training hours that they've received through the Instigator Series. You may have already received automated notification emails from Canvas and Badgr related to this new system, but the use of the new training tracking system is entirely voluntary.

The new training tracking system can be accessed via the “Investigator Series Hub” in Canvas. The “Investigator Series Hub” is home to the “NIH RCR Training Requirements Pathway”. For each hour of participation in the Investigator Series, participants are awarded a “Badge”. Once a participant completes 8-hours of in-person RCR training they will be awarded a “Completion Badge”. If you believe there are errors in your training
record please inform Kory at KTrott@vt.edu so that we can rectify any discrepancies. As a reminder, you are welcome to attend more than 8-hours of the Investigator Series content. Since the “Investigator Series Hub” and the “NIH RCR Training Requirements Pathway” were recently created you may receive emails related to training that you completed upwards of two years ago. These backdated training notifications do not impact the training status of researchers who successfully completed their 8-hours of in-person RCR training prior to 3/28/2022. All prior expiration and re-training dates are still in effect and official RCR training completion records will continue to be tracked via a separate system. That said, we hope that you’ll find this new training tracking tool helpful as you track your in-person RCR training progress. Online RCR training completed via CITI will not be tracked via this new system.

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