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Center for Security Studies

I am pleased to announce the inaugural edition of *The Journal of Homeland and National Security Perspectives*. The journal is a student-led electronic journal comprising original research that students of the Center for Security Studies (CSS) will administer. The Journal has several goals:

- Familiarize students with the process of publication
- Enable dialogue between CSS emerging scholars and the larger community
- Contribute to the discourse of a variety of current issues dealing with national and international security
- Promote collegiality and interdisciplinary awareness
- Create a process for networking and collaboration
- Contribute to the publication record of our students
- Highlight student and faculty research, scholarship, and community service

For our first edition, three of our students wrote articles. Timothy Lo offers his ideas on ways to address the ongoing conflict in Syria between forces loyal to the Ba'ath government and those seeking to oust the regime. Jason Mabry writes about the effect globalization has on weak and failing states, and Ashley Tanner examines the need for a cyber-intelligence discipline.

CSS faculty member Manuel F. Zamora, Assistant Professor of Homeland Security and Criminal Justice, offers his insights about intelligence failures in matters of homeland and national security. He also co-authored an article with Linda Zamora entitled *The Strait of Hormuz as a Global and U.S. Security Concern: A Transportation and Maritime Security Case Illustration*.

I am confident that *The Journal of Homeland and National Security Perspectives* will attain its goals. I am also confident that you will enjoy reading our journal.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Laurence F. Jones'.

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