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University of Nebraska at Omaha Criss Library
• 13-week graduate education-level leader development program for USSTRATCOM civilian employees
• Housed full time in UNO’s College of Business Administration Strategic Leadership Laboratory
• Projects geared at increasing core competencies related to diverse issues of National Security
• Clearance not required
AND HOW CAN THE LIBRARY HELP...?

Publishable Manuscript

- Countering CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear)
- Anticipating threats to National Security
- Interpreting existing cyber and space law
- Coordinating responses to chemical and biological attacks
- Assessing the threats from transnational Violent Extremist Organizations (VEO) and identifying vulnerabilities in cyber infrastructure

Meeting the Fellows
SENSITIVE TOPICS AND STARBUCKS

Group Orientation

- 1-hour library orientation
  - Library accounts set up
  - ILL accounts set up
  - USSTRATCOM LibGuide reviewed
  - Where to publish research
- 30-minute library tour including study spaces, Research Help desk
- Making a research game plan
  - Many Fellows had never done research at the grad level or had only used a card catalog many years before!

Individual Help

- Met with 2 Fellows individually and 2 as a pair for in-depth research guidance (to date)
- Official gov’t terminology < Database terminology
  - REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS
  - RESISTANCE MOVEMENTS
  - JIHAD
  - JIHADISM
  - MARTYRS
  - MARTYRDOM
  - POLITICAL PROTEST
  - IDEOLOGY
  - COUNTERTERRORISM
Gathering info:
  - Gov Docs
  - Nothing classified!!!
  - Criminal justice
  - Public administration
  - Information systems
  - Computer science

Being careful with current events
  - Staying flexible
  - Just-in-time help
  - Access after “graduation”
THANKS FOR COMING!

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