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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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