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## Simons Center National Security Forum: Counter Human Trafficking Efforts in the U.S.

Thursday • May 20, 2021 • 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The Des Moines Embassy Club West • 520 Market Street • West Des Moines, Iowa 50266

In this session of the forum, Lieutenant Colonel John J. Nelson, U.S. Army Retired, Chief Executive Officer of Morris, Nelson & Associates, LLC, and a Senior Research Fellow of the Arthur D. Simons Center, will deliver a presentation on Counter Human Trafficking efforts in the United States.

Nelson will provide an overview of the human trafficking problem in terms of its scope and impact. He will describe the root causes that lead to the victimization of vulnerable persons in our society and the factors that promote individuals becoming traffickers, as well as provide insight into what motivates buyers. He will explore how this modern form of slavery operates as a highly profitable business with complex mechanisms of recruiting, grooming, exploitation, and geography, and its linkages to both gang activity and transnational organized crime. In addition, Nelson will discuss the legal, jurisdictional, mission, funding, and capability challenges facing the various federal, state, local, and non-governmental agencies conducting the interagency fight.



John J. Nelson

Lieutenant Colonel Nelson is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and holds master's degrees in both Training Simulations and Engineering Management. Following his career in the Army, he has been developing analytical approaches, simulations, models, and strategies for federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and non-profit organizations fighting transnational organized crime. He has presented at numerous conferences and written or co-written several papers and research publications.

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