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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH SECURITY

Securing Mobile Devices during Holiday Travel.

As the holiday season begins, many people will travel with their mobile devices. Although these devices—such as smart phones, tablets, and laptops—offer a range of conveniences, users should be mindful of potential threats and vulnerabilities while traveling with them.

Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) encourages users to review the *Tips on Holiday Traveling with Personal Internet-Enabled Devices and Cybersecurity for Electronic Devices*. The suggested security practices in these tips will help travelers secure their portable devices during the holiday season and throughout the year.

Know the risks. Your smartphone, tablet, or other device is usually a networked device. It is susceptible to risks inherent in online transactions. When shopping, banking, or sharing personal information online, take the same precautions with your smartphone or other device that you do with your personal computer — and then some. The mobile nature of these devices means that you should also take precautions for the physical security of your device, and consider the way you are accessing the internet.

To read the full article - <https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/current-activity/2018/11/20/Securing-Mobile-Devices-During-Holiday-Travel>

Refresher Security Trainings for 2018:

Monday, December 3, 2018 – 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Monday, December 3, 2018 – 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 pm

Wednesday, December 5, 2018 – 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Wednesday, December 5, 2018 – 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 pm

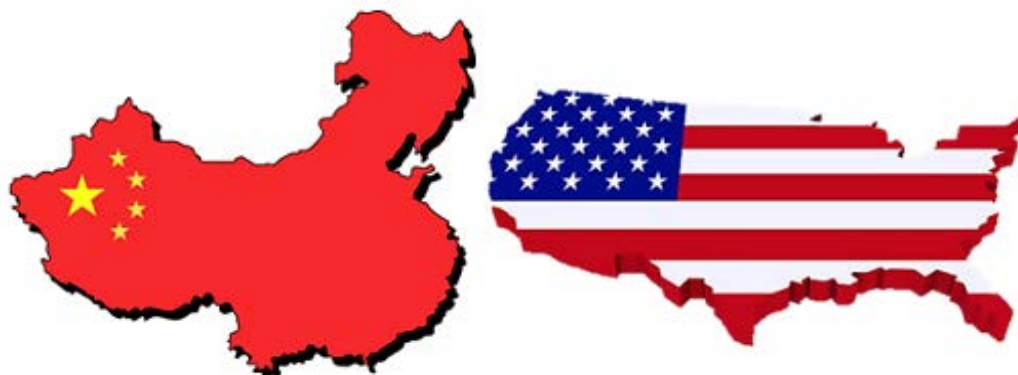
Thursday, December 6, 2018 – 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Thursday, December 6, 2018 – 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 pm

Location: ORS Conference Room, VBH Annex

These are the last sessions for 2018





Political Tensions with China Put Pressure on American Universities' Research Commitments.

This semester, a professor at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte approached the university with a dilemma.

He had been identified for an award in China, and he was unsure of whether he should take it, given the heightened geopolitical tensions, said Joan F. Lorden, the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs UNC, at Charlotte.

“In the past, he would have treated that as an honor and probably would have accepted it without concern,” she said. “The question now is, what do we tell folks?”

The exchange demonstrates the increasingly tricky path that American research universities have had to navigate in recent months: They must heed U.S. warnings of Chinese espionage and intellectual-property theft while also tending to longstanding practices that support campuses' ideals of openness — and that bolster their budgets.

To read the full article - <https://www.chronicle.com/article/Political-Tensions-With-China/245105>