Re: The next guest speaker

dstolkowski@usaid.gov Daniel Stolkowski Thursday, November 25, 2021 at 1:01:59 PM Eastern Standard Time

To: lruth@usaid.gov Leo Ruth

No problem.

I'm going to check in with DDI and see if they want to "co-sponsor" the event. (We do the work, they cough up the cash.)

Otherwise, I'll sort it out with the speaker and or find someone else.

I'll keep you posted.

-Daniel

On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 11:04 AM Leo Ruth <lruth@usaid.gov> wrote:

> Unfortunately, we can't afford to pay the speaker.
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> On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 8:52 AM Daniel Stolkowski <dstolkowski@usaid.gov> wrote:
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> > Thanks. -- Let me know what you hear back so I can finalize things with the speaker.
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> > -Daniel
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> > On Mon, Nov 22, 2021 at 1:58 PM Leo Ruth <lruth@usaid.gov> wrote:
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> > > I don't know...let me check.
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> > > On Mon, Nov 22, 2021 at 1:51 PM Daniel Stolkowski <dstolkowski@usaid.gov> wrote:
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> > > > Leo,
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> > > > I just finished another Google Meeting with Dr. Rogers to be sure that he knows we want a talk on Disinformation + Authoritarianism ....and what we (private citizens) can do about it. I also made sure that he didn't use this talk as an opportunity to sell us something and/or bash any "competitors" out there.

He mentioned that other government agencies (e.g., the Naval Postgraduate School) have provided him a speaker fee/honorarium. He said they paid him $1000 for his presentation. I mentioned we likely could not match that dollar amount, but I would ask.

What do you think? Can we offer him a smaller honorarium for this webinar? I think something under $500 would be a fair offer. I could also try to see if my contacts in DDI (Digital Apex) might want to co-sponsor this.

Let me know your thoughts.

Thanks,

Daniel

On Mon, Nov 15, 2021 at 8:15 AM Leo Ruth <lruth@usaid.gov> wrote:

> sounds like a great idea.
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> On Sun, Nov 14, 2021 at 9:41 PM Daniel Stolkowski <dstolkowski@usaid.gov> wrote:
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> > Disinformation and its relationship with authoritarianism. This would tie in USAID's work on Non Permissive Environments.
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> > On Sun, Nov 14, 2021 at 9:29 PM Leo Ruth <lruth@usaid.gov> wrote:
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> > > What topic do you think he should discuss during the webinar?
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> > > On Sun, Nov 14, 2021 at 9:11 PM Daniel Stolkowski <dstolkowski@usaid.gov> wrote:
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> > > > Hi Leo,
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> > > > I'd like to run this by you ...and then have you present the idea to John.
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> > > > As you know, the SEC Guest Speaker Series aims to help USAID better understand security-related issues impacting our work. Our speakers so far this year have been Peter Lord, VP of Strategic Initiatives @ Oracle; Jonathan Hillman from the Reconnecting Asia Project at CSIS; and we also hosted the authors of this paper from RAND.
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> > > > For our next talk, I would like to invite Dr. Danny Rogers. I have known him since the days I worked for the U.S. Army (INSCOM) and he worked at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory. Danny is a physicist, an author, and an expert in **cryptography, cybercrime, disinformation, and security**. He currently teaches in the Cybercrime and Global Security Masters Program at New York

University's Center for Global Affairs and is a Security Fellow at the Truman Project on National Security. He currently works at the Global Disinformation Index. I've seen some of his webinars, and I think he's a good web-speaker. (That's him speaking in the video.) He recently also testified on the subject at the U.S. Capital.

I've reached out to him, and he could be available to do a custom webinar for USAID some time in mid December.

Let me know if I should continue to pursue this. As I did with Peter Lord and the RAND team, I'll do all the behind the scenes work (notification to USAID staff, prep slides with the speaker, write up an intro, post the recording on the SEC website, etc.).

Let me know if/when I get the green light for this.

Thanks,

Daniel