

Hello! I am Dr. Lenora Peters Gant, Deputy Assistant Director of National Intelligence for Human Capital (DADNI/HC) and Director, Office of the Intelligence Community Centers of Academic Excellence in National Security Studies (IC CAE), in the Office of the director of National Intelligence (ODNI).

On behalf of the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) James Clapper, Lt Gen Air Force (Ret), and MS Paula Roberts, Assistant Director of National Intelligence for Human Capital, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the Spring 2011 Regional Intelligence Community Colloquium at the University of Missouri (MU).

Thanks to the concerted efforts of the MU leadership team, Dr. Annette Sobel in the Provost's Office at MU, and at the invitation of your Chancellor, Dr. Brady Deaton, we will offer an exciting program designed to acquaint you with some of the "hot topics" in national security that directly affect America's security, stability and, ultimately, affect our daily lives.

The purpose of the Regional Colloquium is to demystify the business of the Intelligence Community for the American public and, frankly, to hopefully inspire some of you to consider the intelligence enterprise as an employer of choice.

Thank you for your interest in the intelligence community (IC) and for your willingness to dedicate some time to learning about America's national security issues and challenges.

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