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Science Distilled event will explore the future of fighting cybercrime

What do cybersecurity and paintball have in common?

Reno, Nev. (April 16, 2018) – How are technologies used to influence public opinion? Are we willing to bet our democracy on the technology alone? What are scientists doing about it? What can you do at home? Science Distilled: The future of fighting cybercrime will cover these topics and more on Wednesday, April 25 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Patagonia Outlet, 130 S. Center St. in downtown Reno.

Special guest speakers Chris Ipsen, Assistant Vice President for Information Technology and Research Computing at DRI, and Brandon Peterson, Chief Information Security Officer at DRI will discuss where the major challenges of cybersecurity may lie, what the face of the new cybersecurity expert looks like and ways that we can increase community resilience to cybersecurity vulnerabilities.

The Science Distilled lecture series, created by the Desert Research Institute (DRI) and the Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum (The Discovery), makes cutting-edge science approachable through presentations on current and curious topics held at hip locations in a social atmosphere. Started in 2016, Science Distilled has grown to five events this year, covering topics ranging from the air we breathe to personal energy independence.

Tickets for Science Distilled are \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit sciencedistilled.org.

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About The Discovery

The Discovery creates interest and engagement in science for all. Through unique, hands-on programs and exhibits, The Discovery creates learning experiences that range from simple curiosity to deep understanding, empowering a community of critical thinkers. The Discovery is a locally founded nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. To learn more about The Discovery and how you can help support the museum's mission, please visit www.nvdm.org.

About DRI

The Desert Research Institute (DRI) is a recognized world leader in investigating the effects of natural and human-induced environmental change and advancing technologies aimed at assessing a changing planet. For more than 50 years DRI research faculty, students, and staff have applied scientific understanding to support the effective management of natural resources while meeting Nevada's needs for economic diversification and science-based educational opportunities. With campuses in Reno and Las Vegas, DRI serves as the non-profit environmental research arm of the Nevada System of Higher Education. For more information, please visit www.dri.edu.