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CELEBRATING

# EIGHT YEARS



FEDERAL FORESIGHT COMMUNITY OF INTEREST

*"The inability to speak with precision and certainty about the future is no excuse for silence...it is more important to be imaginative and insightful than to be one hundred percent 'right.'" - Alvin Toffler, Future Shock*

300+

Membership



145

Twitter Followers



327

LinkedIn Connections



115+

Speakers



10+

International Connections



**FFCOI FOCUS** Focusing on the latest news and events affecting the FFCOI community January 2021

**Happenings**

**TRAINING:** Looking to stay focused or learn a new set of skills during the 2021 year? FFCOI has rounded up a training list that members of our community have attended and recommend. While the list is not all-inclusive, you will find many trusted resources. We hope this helps jump start your learning - be sure to share back with the community any additional opportunities. If you have questions, please direct them to the training entity.

**STRATEGY:**

- Association for Strategic Planners: Annual Conference (virtual) May 2021
- LIS: Strategic: various strategy courses, ongoing
- Balance Scorecard Institute: various strategy courses, ongoing

**FORESIGHT:**

- Present: Foresight Sandbox: 2-day course, next date February 2021
- Institute for the Future: various courses, ongoing
- Kedge Futures School: various courses, ongoing
- University of Houston: 5-day seminar in April and August 2021

**Admin & Announcements**

**NEXT MEETING:** Join us on **January 12th** as Lt Col Jake Subitradis, USAF, PhD discusses "Developing our Cognitive Operating System for National Security." His talk will address how to re-calibrate a "cognitive operating system," as well as embrace analytic complexity in our strategic planning. Be sure to RSVP at [ffcoi.org](https://ffcoi.org) by 1/6/2021.

**YEAR AHEAD AND BEYOND:** Happy New Year, welcome to 2021 - a year full of hope! As we start a new year, we want to welcome all new and seasoned members. Allow us to introduce, or in case you need a refresh, let us reintroduce ourselves: FFCOI is fortunate to have three co-chairs: Sharaelle A. Grzesiak (GAO), Robin Champ (OIG), and Eric Popel (OPM); along with Council Member Joseph Greenberg (EPIC). The council is comprised of Federal Employees both in the Executive and Legislative branch. Membership is open to all federal employees who work in areas of foresight, futures, strategic planning, innovation, strategy, and risk management. Our membership also spans to strategic partners from the private sector and international communities. To stay connected or learn more about FFCOI be sure to check out our website ([ffcoi.org](https://ffcoi.org)) and follow our social media platforms on LinkedIn and Twitter to get the latest news and happenings. For 2021, we will continue to host virtual meetings and we have an exciting line up. As always, we welcome ideas for future speakers or content for FFCOI. Send us an email or a message on LinkedIn. (POC: Sharaelle A. Grzesiak, Robin Champ, Eric Popel).

**EMERGING TRENDS**

COVID Vaccine

Innovative Health Care

Reinvesting Education

**GET INVOLVED!**

Have an interesting topic you'd like to share with our community? Send us an email with all of the details.

**JOIN US!**

Become a member of our LinkedIn community @FFCOI

Follow FFCOI news on our Twitter channel @FFCOI

Check out our Website

**OUR NEXT MEETING**

January 12, 2021

During the past eight years, the Federal Foresight Community of Interest has doubled in size. The growth can be attributed to the strength of the network, the community's desire to expand, and their resolve to learn and apply their knowledge in impactful ways. Over the years there have been countless connections with both old and new members. This networking has allowed the group to share best practices and leverage resources.

Our network and stories are strong and memorable. But what resonates the most is the support the group has for one another in a time of need; even during a worldwide pandemic. FFCOI's success over the years is a direct result of the community's ability to not just attend, but also contribute to the quarterly meetings and webinars, and to lend helping hands to one another.

Now more than ever we see the importance of our work in foresight and the impact it has had on organizations. Moving forward together, we are advancing our respective organization's missions in preparing for tomorrow. Let's continue to leverage our network and find ways to broaden the reach of foresight to make it an established discipline for the organizations we serve.

Cheers to the future!

## History

The FFCOI was established by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in January 2013 by Mr. James-Christian Blockwood. The FFCOI held its inaugural meeting on March 27, 2013 and continues to hold quarterly meetings. The VA later partnered with the U.S. Bureau of Prisons in 2015 to expand the group's reach and advance the overall goal of using foresight methodologies to improve decision-making in government and institutionalize foresight within the Federal Government.

## Reach and Impact

The FFCOI is a centralized connection point for agencies to share best practices, foster cross-agency support, and develop new and innovative ways to apply and improve the use of Strategic Foresight within the Federal Government.

By sharing best practices, our community of federal foresight practitioners has contributed to many projects in the federal and private sectors extending even internationally.

## FFCOI In the Media

[Creating Strategic Foresight in Government](#)  
John Kamensky, 8 April 2013, Govloop

[With Foresight Collaborations, Government Is Thinking Big, Bold, and Beyond 2050](#)  
Lori Gordon, May 2018, Homeland Security Today

[The Long Road to Strategic Foresight in the Federal Government](#)  
James-Christian Blockwood, 26 August 2016, National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA)

*Our community continues to grow and we are seeking individuals who can help the leadership team as we look forward to expanding our reach in the next 8 years!*