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## OUR NEXT MEETING

**Webinar**  
**January 11**  
**11:00 am –**  
**12:30 pm ET**

## Happenings

**TRAINING ROUNDUP:** New year, new foresight skills and accomplishments! FFCOI members who have attended training recommend the following organizations and courses. This list is by no means exhaustive, so if we have missed your favorite, please let us know so we can include it in future newsletters. If you have questions, please direct them to the training entity.

- **TFSX:** *Foundations in Natural Foresight® Think Tank* back in-person (Mexico City, Mexico on March 19-21 and Dallas, Texas on May 14-16)
- **LBL Strategies:** *Mastering Foresight: Scenario-Based Planning certification program*, endorsed by GW University and The Baldrige Foundation (via Zoom Mar 18-22 and Sep 16-20)
- **Institute for the Future:** Course offerings include Fundamentals of Foresight, Three Horizons of AI, and Foresight Awareness for Philanthropy
- **University of Houston:** *Professional Certificate in Foresight* (Aug 12 – 16 in Houston TX; or virtual April 24 – May 22 and Oct 2 -30)
- **Center for Strategic & International Studies:** *Global Foresight: Preparing for Future Trends* (in DC April 8 – 11)

## Admin & Announcements

**NEW FFCOI BOARD MEMBERS:** The FFCOI Board is excited to welcome incoming Assistant Chairs for 2024, Jeremiah Cottle and Grant Rafter.

**Jeremiah Cottle** is the lead analyst in the Secret Service's Office of Strategic Planning and Policy, Enterprise Strategy Division. In this role, Jeremiah leads the agency's foresight activities to inform decision-making and strategic planning for future operations. He holds foresight certifications from the Institute for the Future, TFSX, and the University of Houston.

**Grant Rafter** currently serves as the Deputy Director for Force Design, Integration and Wargaming for the Air Force Futures. Grant was formerly the Air Force Futures' Chief of Futures and Foresight. He brings a wealth of expertise and experience to the FFCOI.

Please help us welcome Jeremiah and Grant when you see them at FFCOI events.

**FFCOI WEBINAR (January 11, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm ET):** Plan to join us for this month's webinar, at 11am (EST) as we host **Tim Woodard**, a Senior Solutions Architect with NVDA's Professional Visualization Group. Tim will discuss digital twins' promise to be more efficient in design, manufacturing, and the operation of complex systems. While the concept is not new, the ways in which digital twins are built is rapidly evolving. Learn about the latest advancements in digital twin technologies and data standards, including OpenUSD, full-fidelity real-time visualization, Omniverse, and how they apply to the construction of digital twins. **If you want to attend and have not received the calendar invite, please email [Sharaele Grzesiak](#)** to request it.

**FFCOI SPRING SUMMIT (April 17-18):** Save the dates and plan to attend our in-person symposium in Alexandria, Virginia. Meet fellow futurists from across government and hear from speakers at the cutting edge of topics including space, AI, and workforce futures. More details to come.

**CONNECT:** Stay connected to learn more about FFCOI! Our website ([FFCoI.org](#)) is currently under construction, so follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#) to get the latest news and happenings. Send us an [email](#) or a message on LinkedIn with ideas for future speakers and content. (POCs: [Sharaele A. Grzesiak](#), [Eric Popiel](#), [Jeremiah Cottle](#), and [Grant Rafter](#)).