

The Fog of (the fraud) War: A Weapons Upgrade for Detecting Fraud, Waste and Abuse

Recent research has challenged the validity of the investigative tools we currently use for the detection of fraud, waste and abuse as outdated and unreliable in the current, fast changing environment. Some of the weapons believed most effective may instead be counterproductive and lead us to miss the very cues they were designed to detect. This session will review the latest research that identifies weaknesses in our investigative weaponry and flaws in our deterrence armor and suggest new tools and methods to improve our effectiveness.

*Optional - This session offers a powerful, live EEG demonstration (visual representation of brain activity) allowing attendees to witness the cognitive patterns that correspond with detecting deception and effective evidentiary analysis.

Major Subjects:

- A critical review of current investigative tools and models
- Identifying accurate screening procedures
- Cognitive tools for effective interpretation
- Why we overlook obvious red flags
- How our intuition and assumptions can lead us astray
- The hidden psychology of professional skepticism

Learning objectives: Attendees will challenge superficial assumptions regarding fraud and deception and gain a deeper understanding of effective cognitive tools to screen evidence, assess cultural influences, critically review investigative tools, and recognize the relevance of criteria.

Level: Basic

Prerequisites: None

Advanced preparation: Not required

Hours: 1-4. Session available in 1-2 hour keynote format, a 1-4 hour presentation format or 2-4 hour workshop format.

Designed for: All organizational members will benefit from this session but particularly analysts, auditors, governance and security and compliance professionals, and those working in the IT, HR, legal, and medical professions as well as executives, policymakers and other decision makers interested in a deeper understanding of fraud and related threats.

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