

New Faculty Spotlight

Dr. William Bradley Glisson

Department of Computer Science



Dr. William Bradley (Brad) Glisson is the newly appointed Director of the Cyber Forensics Intelligence Center (CFIC) at Sam Houston State University and an Associate Professor in the Computer Science Department. He is currently teaching a Network Forensics Science class at the doctoral level. Dr. Glisson earned his first bachelors degree in Management and then continued his education by obtaining another bachelors degree in Information Systems, both at the University of North Carolina, in Greensboro. He earned his masters degree in Information Management from the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland. Dr. Glisson then concluded his formal education by obtaining his Ph.D in Computing Science from the University of Glasgow, Scotland.

Dr. Glisson came to work for SHSU because he wants to help build the Cyber Forensics Intelligence Center to become a leading research and informational center in digital forensics. He is currently working on several grants and helping the Computer Science Department get a National Center of Academic Excellence certification. As the director of the Cyber Forensics Intelligence Center, he has multiple responsibilities such as pursuing grant opportunities, forming student internships with industry partners, encouraging students to participate in various hackathons and the National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition, and developing a vigorous research program for students in the CFIC program.

His research interests are Digital Forensics, Information Assurance, Software Engineering, and Applied Computing Science. His biggest career-related achievements have been implementing an Industry–University Cooperative Research Center (IUCRC) Program at his previous university, participating in hands on digital forensic programs for middle and high school students in the summer, and having the opportunity to expand his students’ knowledge while bringing new research ideas to the table.

Fun facts

Do you have any advice for Undergraduates?

“Consider a career in Cyber Security and Digital Forensics because it is in heavy demand, it’s fun, and this field is always evolving. You will not get bored in this industry.”

Where is the best place you have ever been?

“I have traveled a fair amount in Europe and the USA. I have lived in Scotland, Alabama, North Carolina, and now Texas. I’d have to say that my favorite country outside of the U.S. is Scotland, and my favorite city in the U.S. would be New Orleans.”

What was your first job?

“I was hired to be on the stage crew in high school. My high school rented out the auditorium and they would have new events there weekly. I helped to operate the light board and set the stage.”

What do you do in your free time/any hobbies?

“That’s a myth, but when I do have down time, I spend it with family and traveling. My fiancé and I like to attend concerts. We have seen the Revivalists and we currently have tickets to see Hootie & The Blowfish, and Eric Church. I love spending time with my six-month-old puppy; she is a Bernedoodle, a cross between a Poodle and a Bernese mountain dog. I also enjoy taking an occasional Krav Maga self-defense class”.

What did you do in college? Organizations, clubs?

“I was a part of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity while I worked on my first degree at UNCG, a Rotary Ambassador during my masters at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, and was a security consultant in the financial industry while pursuing my doctorate at the University of Glasgow in Scotland.”