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Jenny Kelley Joins IDA as Director, Center for Computing Sciences

ALEXANDRIA, VA (September 2023) – Jenny Kelley assumed duties today as director, Center for Computing Sciences.

“I’m delighted to welcome Jenny Kelley to IDA’s leadership team,” said IDA President Norty Schwartz. “She has more than 10 years’ experience designing and conducting complex operations at federal defense and intelligence agencies; building strong mission partnerships with industry, government and foreign partners; and delivering intelligence and effects with meaningful impact on U.S. policy objectives.”

In her new role, Kelley leads a team of computer scientists, mathematicians and engineers in developing new science to solve intelligence-related problems. “I look forward to working with this team on difficult scientific problems — the solutions to which are vital to the nation’s security.”

Kelley comes to IDA from the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (APL) in Laurel, Maryland, where she most recently served as global operations program manager. While at APL, she led the engineering staff at a major sponsor site providing offensive cyber, communications, microelectronics and systems engineering expertise to the host organization. Kelley previously served as APL’s chief scientist for Cyber Warfare Systems, Asymmetric Operations Sector.

Prior to joining APL, Kelley was the chief, cyber-resilience attack scenario development at Morgan Stanley, where she built a new program to improve resilience to destructive cyberattacks. Before that, she worked for the National Security Agency in a number of roles, ending as deputy technical director of Tailored Access Operations.

Kelley earned her bachelor’s degree in mathematics and European history from Washington and Lee University and her doctorate in mathematics from Rutgers University. She completed postdoctoral work at Texas A&M University.

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