

# BTI Institute

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From all of us at the Borders, Trade, and Immigration Institute,

We wish you an innovative and prosperous New Year. We thank all the researchers, industry partners and, especially, the men and women serving on the front lines of our National Security who have supported us through 2018 and look forward to continuing to work hand-in-hand in 2019.

Sincerely,  
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## Special Announcement | Border Security Expo 2019



March 26-27, 2019  
Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center  
San Antonio, TX

The BTI Institute will be presenting a booth at the Border Security Expo 2019 in San Antonio. We will be presenting current research and education initiatives including recent project deliverables. We are booth 739 across from Customs and Border Protection. More information on the conference can be found here:

<http://www.bordersecurityexpo.com/event-info/schedule-at-a-glance>

## Administrative Highlights

### Welcome to the Team

The BTI Institute welcomed two new members of our administrative team this past quarter:

Abria Magee, PhD, joined the Institute as the lead for Research and Development. Prior to joining the Institute, Abria was the Research Development Specialist at the University of Texas Medical Branch. Her bio can be found [here](#).



Maura Leon, PhD, joined the Institute as the lead for Education and Training. Prior to joining the Institute, Maura was a Senior Researcher at the Center for ADVANCING Faculty Success at the University of Houston. Her bio can be found [here](#).

