The complexity of our national security challenges continues to grow in a world that is multilateral. The threats we face are evolving at a rapid pace and America’s ability to get ahead of the rapidly changing international environment and how the U.S. responds matters not only in how we protect the homeland, but it matters to our friends and allies around the globe. There are myriad opportunities to improve our intelligence and security cooperation with close neighbors such as Mexico and more broadly Latin America, while we continue to face significant national security challenges in the Middle East, North Korea, Iran, Russia and China as well as from transnational threats such as terrorism and cyber-attacks. In this talk, Mr. Shedd will discuss the importance of intelligence in addressing both the threats and opportunities for US national security.

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