

## James Ramsay appointed editor-in-chief of leading homeland security journal

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[James Ramsay](#), professor of [security studies](#) and founding chair of the Department of Security Studies at the University of New Hampshire, has been appointed as editor-in-chief of the [Journal of Homeland Security and Emergency Management](#) (JHSEM), a leading academic journal publishing original and timely articles on research and practice in the fields of homeland security and emergency management as well as encouraging the exploration of underlying relationships, interactions, and synergies between them.

As editor-in-chief, Ramsay is embedded into the latest developments in national and global issues surrounding homeland security and emergency management—and he brings them to light in his classroom.

“The security enterprise includes an incredibly broad array of stakeholders, agencies and organizations focusing on mitigating wicked problems that challenge liberty or commerce,” Ramsay says. “JHSEM publishes theoretical, basic and applied research in the fields of homeland security, terrorism, intelligence, cybersecurity and emergency management that helps our students better understand the complexity of security

challenges such as climate change, countering violent extremism or the advanced persistent threat.”

Created in 2004, JHSEM features peer-reviewed articles as well as opinion, news and reviews geared toward researchers, practitioners and public safety officials involved with crisis preparedness and response, homeland security and natural- or human-induced disasters.

Ramsay is currently working on a special issue of the journal titled Cross-Border and Transboundary Resilience, which seeks to answer how nations can strengthen their resilience during a crisis by addressing intercultural and inter-organizational challenges from a scientific point of view.

“Immigration and cross border coordination in crisis management remain vexing challenges for border states and nations. Language barriers, organizational interoperability issues and diverse legislative requirements are just some of the challenges that need to be overcome,” Ramsay says. “We hope this special issue will help us better understand pathways to a more secure and resilient borders especially regarding critical success factors, how to remove obstacles and how to sustain potential levers of cross-border and international cooperation in the context of crisis management.”

With more than two decades of experience in security studies, environmental and public health, emergency management and occupational safety, Ramsay is widely published on issues from security theory, climate security and national security strategic planning to homeland security, intelligence and emergency management education.

Ramsay joined UNH in 2015 to lead the creation of the [homeland security bachelor's degree program](#), which was the foundation for UNH earning its designation as a [Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education](#) by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and National Security Agency.

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