

**ANNOUNCEMENT: The 2019 RCPS Kaleidoscope Award Recipient**

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NEWARK, NJ – The Rutgers Center on Public Security (RCPS; [rutgerscps.org](http://rutgerscps.org)) presents the Kaleidoscope Award each year to a recipient who has demonstrated innovative applications of Risk Terrain Modeling that advance research and practice for the public good.

**Congratulations to:**

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**Ismail Onat**  
**University of Scranton**

Dr. Onat is an Assistant Professor of Sociology/Criminal Justice at the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania. As a police practitioner turned professional researcher and teacher, Dr. Onat has advanced Risk Terrain Modeling (RTM) through innovative applications to terrorism, drugs and crime analysis from an international perspective. He incorporates professional judgment into risk analysis and research projects that are place-based and actionable, and has demonstrated a unique ability to help practitioners maximize local resources and expertise to solve problems. This is exemplified in his participation with The Center for the Analysis and Prevention of Crime—housed in the University of Scranton’s Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Criminology department—where he combines his RTM knowledge with practitioner insight and student learning to enhance the technological and analytical capabilities of students, police officers, and other criminal justice agencies in the regional community. Dr. Onat’s RTM scholarship crosses multiple practitioner, academic, and geopolitical boundaries.

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