You’ve probably heard of “zoom bombing,” a kind of cyberattack in which unwanted individual(s) disrupt Zoom meetings. Oftentimes, zoom bombers are trying to disrupt a presentation or distract meeting hosts and participants. But on occasion, their distractions are more malicious. This can occur if someone registers for the conference and proceeds to act disruptively in the chat or by hacking the Zoom session and taking over the video component and sharing their own screen or video. If this occurs during your Zoom session, try to remain as calm as possible.

1. Prepare in advance. Conference organizers will discuss with you the protocol in case a zoom-bombing incident occurs. The webinar host will handle how to communicate to participants and panelists during and after the incident and preserve any needed information. You will receive information ahead of time on where to meet virtually after an incident, particularly if we need to end a session early.

2. During the Zoom webinar, the webinar host will take the following steps to remove an unwelcome attendee so the presentations can continue:
   - Remove them from the meeting.
   - Push anything written in the chat by a zoom-bomber out of the immediate view.
   - Prevent them from coming back in.

Pending the success of the above steps and the type of zoom bombing, we may need to end the session early.

3. In order to assist in tracking and responding to zoom-bombing incidents, it may be necessary to preserve what occurred. In this situation, the webinar host will save the chat and/or take screenshots before ending the meeting.

4. In advance of the conference, we will send out specific instructions to each panel grouping with next steps in case a zoom bombing incident occurs. Keep those instructions handy so that you know how to regroup with conference organizers and your fellow panelists.