March 31st Newsletter

To: All CS Undergraduates
From: the CS Academic Office

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Advising and Course Information

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https://agora.cs.uiuc.edu/display/undergradProg/Early+Registration+for+Fall+and+Summer+2008+and+Advising+Information

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Contact: Samantha (sdchan@uiuc.edu) or Sonya (lharris2@uiuc.edu)

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Career Info: Jobs, Internships, Corporate Events, Contests and other opportunities

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ADVISING AND COURSE INFORMATION

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STAND UP OR SHUT UP!

April 3rd, 7:00pm
2405 SiebelCenter

Come hear what other students are experiencing, let the department know of your own personal experiences, and tell us what you think should be done to fix it.

Then enjoy FREE DINNER!

Don't worry, your professors won't be there, so feel free to say anything and everything. After 45 minutes of student-only talking, members from the highest level in the department will be present to address your comments and concerns, and hear what you have to say. Last year many changes were made purely because of the townhall, so please come share your opinions.

And don't forget to stick around for the free dinner.

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How difficult is CS _? What can I expect from Professor _? Should I take CS ___ with another course? What can I do to survive CS _73? Should I take Math 461 or 463? Is there a student organization that does _? When should I study abroad? How do I get an internship? How can I get an apartment near SiebelCenter next year?

If you have questions like these, you can direct them to the people best equipped to answer them - your peers! Fellow CS students have volunteered to answer emails. Here's a link to the list of peer advisors for Spring 2008. If you are interested in becoming a peer advisor, please contact Steve Herzog. You might also check out student reviews of CS courses (and submit your own) on iCourseguide by iBANG

* CS 273 is being renumbered to CS 373 effective Fall 2008 - no change in content or credit Note: This change is strictly a renumbering. There is no change in content or credit. This change will not affect anyone who is currently taking the course or has taken it in the
past as CS 273. The reason for the renumbering is to indicate to students that this course is normally taken during the junior year.

* Drop deadline for MATH 416, 417, 425, 444 and 447 (these courses only!) extended to April 11, 2008

**LAS and Engineering students** enrolled in Mathematics 416, 417, 425, 444, and 447 are permitted to drop from these courses without academic penalty and without petition through the end of the 13th week of the semester. Thus, Friday, April 11, 2008, is the drop deadline for these courses in Spring 2008.

**LAS students** who wish to drop the course(s) should see the receptionist in the LAS office and ask to be directed to a COAR user, who will process the late drop without a grade of “W”. **Engineering students** should be directed to the Engineering College Office, 206 Engineering Hall, for assistance with the late drop. Students in other colleges may need to petition their college office for this policy to be applied, but the math department would support it.

Any request to drop Math 416, 417, 425, 444, and 447 after April 11, 2008, will be considered a late drop request, and the student will be required to submit a written petition to the Late Add / Drop Committee consistent with normal policy.

* NEW COURSE for Fall 2008 -- **CS 481 Stochastic Processes & Applications**

Note: This course replaces CS 498 SJ3 and SJ4!

STOCHASTIC PROCESSES AND THEIR APPLICATIONS

Course Objective: This course is intended to be an introduction to and survey of stochastic models, with applications to systems found in a computer and industrial engineering systems. The student should complete this course with the ability to identify problems that can be addressed using stochastic models, as well as to use such models to solve and gain insights into such problems.

See also for Spring 2009:

**CS 482 Simulation**

COMPUTER SIMULATION MODELING

Course Objective: This course is intended to be an introduction to and survey of discrete event computer simulation. The student should complete this course with the ability to structure and program a discrete event computer simulation model, as well as use the model to solve problems in system design and evaluation. You should also complete the course with the ability to learn any commercially available simulation software package, since the course focuses on fundamentals rather than specific models or software. The course is structured to educate and train you in the practice and philosophy of simulation. Designing (building) simulation models is an art; analyzing a simulation model is a science.

* New Requirements Flowcharts on the CS Undergraduate Programs Wiki

Want a quick and easy way to see how you’re progressing through the requirements for your major? Check out the new requirements flowcharts site on the Undergraduate Programs Wiki:

https://agora.cs.uiuc.edu/display/undergradProg/Requirements+Flowcharts

** "Declaring” your Technical Track (and Concentration) or Application Sequence**

Does your DARS have your Technical Track (for students following the "new" CS requirements) or Application Sequence (for students following the "old" CS requirements) listed? You can "declare" your technical track and concentration or your application sequence by emailing Steve Herzog (smherzog). Please include your UIN and, for the application sequence, the courses you plan to use to satisfy the requirement.

* Graduating in May?

If you plan on graduating in May, you should check your DARS to make sure you’re taking care of all requirements. You should see a message at the top of your DARS that says "ALL REQUIREMENTS COMPLETE USING IN-PROGRESS COURSE". If you don’t, something's missing. If you can’t figure out what that is, check with Steve Herzog (smherzog) ASAP.

Also, if you haven’t already done so, be sure to declare your intent to graduate in UI Enterprise Applications (Banner).

* Important Dates for Spring 2008

See the following website for important academic deadlines for the Spring 2008 semester:

http://www.oar.uiuc.edu/current/registration/deadlines_SPRING.html

* Information about transferring into the College of Business

We are about to enter the spring ICT period for the CollegeofBusiness. You can find a Business ICT fact sheet that summarizes both processes and more detailed information on our Web site at:

http://www.business.uiuc.edu/undergrad/prospective_students/inter_college.html
Additionally, due to limited staff resources we are not able to schedule appointments with College of Business advisors for non-business students. Instead, we encourage all students interested in transferring into the College of Business to attend one of our informational meetings. At these meetings, students will be provided information on requirements and application procedures and have a chance to ask any questions.

We have 2 upcoming ICT meetings scheduled:

* Tuesday, April 15, 10:00 a.m.: TBD
* Wednesday, April 23, 2:00 p.m.: TBD

* New course, "Creativity, Innovation and Vision" for Fall 2008 -- ENG 198 - CIV, CRN: 51915, 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM TR

* Creativity, Innovation and Vision. 4 credit hours. Creativity is a skill that you can use often, and this course will help you increase your creativity. Studying a mix of theory and practice, you will explore the nature of creativity, how creativity works and how vision becomes reality. You will practice techniques to enhance personal and group creativity. A major semester project will allow you the opportunity to (a) create a product, process or service or (b) create solutions for a nonprofit organization with a self-defined need or opportunity. Open to all majors and levels. For more information, see: http://www.engr.uiuc.edu/moodle/course/

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A group of professors in Physics and Chemistry wish to form two teams of driven engineering and computer science students to propel unique technologies to new tiers of performance at the Institute of Genomic Biology (IGB). We in the Precision Proteomics Theme seek talented undergraduates and graduate students with interests in refining molecular-level measurements using single-molecule fluorescence and ultra-high performance mass spectrometry. Skills in computer control over scientific hardware, automation, and data reduction/processing algorithms will be involved.

With any questions, contact Prof. Neil Kelleher, kelleher@scs.uiuc.edu

* Summer research opportunity at UIUC!

The University of Illinois Department of Computer Science is looking for students interested in a PAID in-depth experience in Machine Learning; Natural Language Processing; Data Mining; Computer Vision; and Information Retrieval, to participate in a summer research institute May 19-July 11, 2008.

The Data Sciences Summer Institute (DSSI) is an 8-week program combining intensive mathematical studies with collaborative research projects and immersive tutorials in the specific areas of: databases and information integration, natural language processing and information extraction, computer vision, information retrieval and web information access, and machine learning and data mining.

Stipend, room, and board are available. Applications will be reviewed beginning April 1, though there is no application deadline.

If you would like to:

Contribute side-by-side with world-renowned researchers on an authentic research project in information science and practical experience in these areas of study

Participate in an intensive study in the mathematical foundations of information science then please join us this summer.

More information and the DSSI08 application is available at http://mias.uiuc.edu

If you have questions, please contact Cinda at heeren@cs.uiuc.edu
* Apply to serve on the UIUC Provost Student Advisory Board or as a Provost Student Intern -- application deadline, Monday April 7, 2008

**PROVOST STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD**

The Office of the Provost seeks applications for students to serve on a Student Advisory Board that would meet approximately 2 times per month with Provost Katehi. The board will serve to not only inform students about what is going on at the Office of the Provost, but also to get feedback from students about current strategic initiatives that the University is undertaking. The purpose of the Provost Student Advisory Board is to advise the Office of the Provost on major initiatives that impact the academic student experience on issues such as enrollment, research and creative activity, diversity, international experiences, advising, and others.

Members are expected to serve for the entire 2008-2009 school year and attend meetings twice a month. Current freshmen through juniors from all majors are encouraged to apply. For graduating seniors staying at UI for graduate school there is also a Graduate Student Advisory Board.

Applications can be found at [http://www.provost.uiuc.edu/about/psab.html](http://www.provost.uiuc.edu/about/psab.html) and must be received by Monday, April 7, 2008. Questions can be directed to Stig Lanesskog in the Office of the Provost at slanessk@uiuc.edu.

**PROVOST STUDENT INTERNS**

The Office of the Provost seeks applications for two or three student interns to serve during the 2008-09 academic year. Student interns will work closely with members of the Provost's office staff team on special projects and committees in areas related to strategic plan implementation, undergraduate education, diversity initiatives, enrollment management, and research initiatives. In these areas, student interns may be asked to assist with a range of activities, such as organizing and participating in meetings, convening focus groups, evaluating programs, designing web-based communication tools, providing recommendations, and summarizing findings in presentations or written format. Student interns are paid positions ($12-15 per hour), with approximately 10 hours per week of expected involvement in Provost's office activities.

Current sophomores or juniors with an interest in academic affairs initiatives and campus activities are encouraged to apply. Applications can be found at [http://www.provost.uiuc.edu/about/staff/index.html](http://www.provost.uiuc.edu/about/staff/index.html) under the "Student Interns." Applications must be received by Friday April 11, 2008. Applications may be submitted in person to the Office of the Provost, room 200, Swanlund Administration Building or emailed to provost@uiuc.edu.

* Research Experience for Undergraduates at the University of Southern California

The Computer Science department at the University of Southern California (USC) is pleased to announce the commencement of our Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) site.

The REU site program is a summer internship program sponsored by the National Science Foundation (NSF) for motivated undergraduate students. Students accepted to the program will work on research projects with faculty at the USC's Computer Science department.

Research projects are available in diverse areas within Computer Science spanning software engineering, algorithms, networks, robotics, and artificial intelligence. There will also be programs in professional ethics and a social program specifically designed for the REU site participants.

We welcome students from all backgrounds; we are particularly interested in attracting students with strong research potential who are traditionally underrepresented in graduate school within Computer Science and related fields.

For details about the program, including how to apply and eligibility requirements, please visit the USC CS REU website: [http://www.cs.usc.edu/REU](http://www.cs.usc.edu/REU)

Applications are due by March 31, 2008 for the summer 2008 program.

Although all applications received by this date will be considered, early applications are strongly encouraged since decisions will be made as completed applications are received.

* Are You a Potential Prestigious Scholarship (Fulbright, Mitchell, Luce, Marshall*, Rhodes*, Truman, etc.) Applicant? Info sessions on applying for these and other scholarships during the two weeks immediately following Spring Break. See details below.*

**Telltale Signs:**

You aspire to **pursue graduate work** at a world-class institution

You **display leadership** and/or participate in **service**

You conduct **independent studies** or **research**

You always **go beyond** course requirements

You maintain a **3.7+ GPA**
If you fit this description, attend a session designed to enhance your candidacy as a potential Beinecke, Churchill, Fulbright, Gates Cambridge, George Mitchell, Goldwater, Jack Kent Cooke, Luce Scholars, Marshall, Rhodes, or Truman Scholar.

**Jr/Sr/Grad/Prof Student Sessions**

Wed., April 2 from 3:30-4:00 or 4:00-4:30

Thurs., April 3 from 3:30-4:00 or 4:00-4:30

Mon., April 7 from 5:00-5:30 or 5:30-6:00

Thurs., April 10 from 2:30-3:00 or 3:00-3:30

**Frosh/Soph Sessions**

Wed., March 26 from 3:30-4:00 or 4:00-4:30

Thurs., March 27 from 3:30-4:00 or 4:00-4:30

Friday, March 28 from 3:30-4:00 or 4:00-4:30

Tues., April 1 from 5:00-5:30 or 5:30-6:00

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Prizes

- One grand prize winner will be selected and receive a cash prize of $10,000!
- 2 runners-up will receive cash prizes of $2,500.00 each
- Additionally, 2 third prize winners will receive the X Box 360 Halo 3 Prize pack valued at $500.00 each

Participants must submit their application between the dates of January 25th and March 31st. Please make sure you identify yourself as a UIUC student when submitting your application.

Facebook Group: Campus MashUps Contest

Flyer Link:

http://www.campusmashups.com/email/1/mashupemail2.html
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* National Center for Women in Information Technology (NCWIT) Annual Conference - May 14th-May 15th 2008 - Volunteers will be needed!!!

NCWIT Conference

When: May 14-15th

Where: UIUC

Contact: Sonya Harris (lharris2@uiuc.edu)

The mission of the National Center for Women & Information Technology is to ensure that women are fully represented in the influential world of information technology and computing. And they are holding their conference here at UIUC!! We're looking for volunteers to help out this event. This is a NATIONAL event and it will favor highly for our Department to host this event. If you're interested, contact Sonya and more information is to follow.

"Advancing Computing from Multiple Disciplines" - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Join us for a discussion of how science and engineering disciplines are pushing the frontiers of computer science today. Our distinguished speakers will address how their research offers exciting, grand challenges with the potential to change the image of computing to attract top talent to the field. Confirmed speakers include:
Mae Jemison, M.D. Former NASA astronaut and founder, The Jemison Group, Inc.
The first African-American woman in space, Dr. Jemison now focuses her company's projects on the beneficial integration of science and technology into our everyday lives.

Richard M. Murray Thomas E. and Doris Everhart Professor of Control and Dynamical Systems, Division of Engineering and Applied Science, the California Institute of Technology
Dr. Murray's research is in the application of feedback and control to mechanical, information, and biological systems.

Lydia E. Kavraki Noah Harding Professor of Computer Science and Bioengineering, Rice University; Graduate Program in Structural and Computational Biology and Molecular Biophysics, Baylor College of Medicine Dr. Kavraki's research contributions are in physical algorithms and their applications in robotics, as well as computational, structural biology and bioinformatics.

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*ChicTech Retreat - April 19th-20th 2008*

**When:** April 19th-20th

**Where:** CS Department

Contact: Samantha (sdchan@uiuc.edu) or Sonya (lharris2@uiuc.edu)

To Volunteer: [https://webtools.uiuc.edu/formBuilder/OrganizationSecure?id=697718](https://webtools.uiuc.edu/formBuilder/OrganizationSecure?id=697718)

ChicTech is an outreach initiative started to engage high school girls in computer science. The program is a collaborative effort between the CS department and Women in Computer Science (WCS).

Last semester, some of you expressed interest in doing demos for the ChicTech Technical Ambassadors Competition Retreat Weekend 2008. The Retreat will be from April 19th to April 20th but we only need demos for the afternoon of the 19th. If you are still interested, please send Sonya an email with the subject of your project (assuming that that is what you will be demoing).

We will contact you again in April with details. The demo should be no longer than half an hour. We will also need a 3 or 4 sentence description. We are not sure at this moment whether each demo will have more than one session but hopefully after your responses, we will be able to determine a schedule.

Also, if you are not able to do a demo but would like to be a panelist on the 20th, let Sonya know. We are still in the process of deciding a topic but it will definitely revolve around computer science.

We are look forward to your projects!

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The EYH office (Expanding Your Horizons through Math, Science, and Technology) at ISU holds a one-day event in the spring to promote an increase in the number of young women who pursue education and careers that involve math, science, and/or technology. The day revolves around three hands-on workshops, during which participants in grades 5-10 have the opportunity to learn from women experienced in a career based in science, math, or technology.

If you and/or your group are interested in leading a workshop for this event, please contact Sonya Harris (lharris2@uiuc.edu). Cinda and/or Prof. Pitt can train female students on possible hands-on activities.

The event will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2008 so you will have plenty of time to plan an exciting hands-on activity for the girls. You can also get more information regarding the event by going to their website at www.eyh.ilstu.edu

[http://www.eyh.ilstu.edu/](http://www.eyh.ilstu.edu/)

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1st Annual Women In Project Management Conference

**Date:** Thursday, June 12, 2008 & Friday, June 13, 2008

**Location:** The Columbus Athenaeum

32 North 4th Street, Columbus, OH

(4th Street between Broad & Gay)

**Time:** 8:30-5:00 (8-8:30 registration/breakfast)

(Lunch and all materials included)

For more information, including a list of speakers, see the following:

[https://www.projectmanagementresourcegroup.com/1st_Annual_WIPM_Conference.php](https://www.projectmanagementresourcegroup.com/1st_Annual_WIPM_Conference.php)
CAREER INFO: JOBS, INTERNSHIPS, CORPORATE EVENTS, CONTESTS AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

* Computing Habitat Program Competition - proposals due MIDNIGHT TONIGHT, 3/24

From the Associate Director for Public Engagement, Karen Hyman:

A final reminder that you have until midnight tonight 3/24 to enter a proposal for the Computing Habitat Programming Competition 2008! State Farm’s sponsorship of the event has made for a bigger and better array of prizes in numerous categories. **This is the deadline only for the proposals, a one-page summary of your CHPC idea and project.**

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They are looking for undergraduates (sophomores) who are interested in pursuing a degree in Information Technology. Their intern positions will be in the following IT organizations:

- Application Services - Web Services
- Application Services - Supply Chain Services
- Application Services - Enabling Technologies
- Infrastructure Field Services

* Google Games 2008

UIUC

**Date:** Saturday, April 12, 2008  
**Time:** 9:30am to approximately 3:00pm  
**Location:** Siebel 2405

Think you got game? Compete for victory in challenges that test your creative, mental and "athletic" mettle at the Google Games! Teams of five will go head to head in rigorous events: Geek Trivia, LegoBuilding, Puzzles and "Athletic" contests. Find four friends (it helps to have a Computer Science background) and register here. Can't find a team? Sign up as an individual and we'll put you in a team with others. In addition to the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat, Google will also be supplying free refreshments to all participants and prizes to our top competitors. Bring it on!

The Google Games Committee  
googlegames@google.com

**Registration Form**  
**Deadline to register:** FRIDAY, APRIL 4

**Google Games is limited to 16 teams**

**FAQ**

Q. Can we have less than five members on our team?  
A. We strongly recommend having the maximum number of members - any less and you'll lose your competitive edge.

Q. Do you have to be a current student to participate?  
A. Yes, you must be currently enrolled at the University you are representing.

Q. Can we replace a member before the start of the event?  
A. Sure. Just let us know (googlegames@google.com) about the new team member and who is being replaced.

Q. Should our team wear uniforms?  
A. Show your team's spirit however you choose: uniforms, team dance, team flag or poster, cheer, fight song, etc. A prize will be awarded to the team with the most spirit.

Q. What type of questions / answers will be involved in Geek Trivia?  
A. There will be 3 main categories: Computer Science, Math, and Culture.

Q. I'm not very athletic. What is the "athletic" portion of the event?  
A. That's ok. Individual team members can perform games that involve some physical activity or "athletic" games with the Wii. Remember to wear comfortable clothing but wearing spandex is not ok.

Please direct other questions to googlegames@google.com

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* The 2008 Engineering Public Speaking Workshop* - two weekday sessions March 26 and April 2 (see more details below)*

Engineering Council's Engineering Leadership Committee has teamed up with the Department of Speech Communication to launch the first annual Engineering Public Speaking Workshop this spring. This workshop will help engineering students strengthen their public speaking skills, which are absolutely essential to success in any career. The workshop will take the form of two weekday sessions spaced one week apart. Session 1 will focus on impromptu public speaking skills and will take place on Wednesday, March 26 from 4-6 PM. Session 2 will focus on planned public speaking skills and will take place on Wednesday, April 2 from 4-6 PM. Dinner will be provided at both sessions. Please visit ht pt://eslc.ec.uiuc.edu/application.php to learn more about the workshop and to submit a participant application. In addition, please feel free to contact David Rockwood at drockwo2@uiuc.edu with any questions that you may have.

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**Lectures, Symposia, etc.**

* "Gender and Computing in the Push-Button Library, 1965-1985" a talk by Dr. Greg Downey Thursday, April 3, 2008 12:30-2:00 pm LIS 126

This talk is the second lecture in the new "Information in Society" speaker series, sponsored by the Graduate School of Library and Information Science. Join Dr. Downey for a lunchtime roundtable discussion at 11:00-12:15 (lunch will be provided for the first 10 participants) on April 3 in LIS 109. He will also be available for individual meetings during a morning office hour from 9:30-10:30 in LIS 308. Contact Ellen Knutson (eknutson@uiuc.edu) with any questions, to RSVP for lunch, or to schedule a meeting time.

Lecture Abstract: As part of a larger historical project exploring the ways in which libraries, librarians, and computers became intertwined in the postwar but pre-Web era, Downey investigates the parallel but often independent conversations that library leaders, library laborers, and library advocates had concerning computers and gender through the 1960s and 1970s, crucial decades of change for both metadata automation in the library and women's rights in the workplace.

The audio from this lecture will be recorded.

Speaker Biography: Greg Downey (PhD Johns Hopkins, 2000) is an associate professor in Journalism & Mass Communication and Library & Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he also has a joint departmental appointment in Geography and an affiliate appointment in History of Science. He is the author of two books in the history and geography of information and communication technology, especially the often hidden labor behind such technology: Telegraph Messenger Boys:

Labor, Communication and Technology, 1850-1950; and Close Captioning: