

Upcoming Events

- March 3: Poster Workshop by Lisa McGarthwaite
- March 5-6 Eric Hodgson, HCI faculty candidate visit
- March 10: Eportfolio Workshop
- March 14: Forum Posters are Due
- March 17-21: Spring Break
- March 24-25: Louise Barkuus HCI faculty candidate Visit
- March 28: Last date to cancel Spring 2008 Graduation
- March 31-April 1: Noboru Matsuda, HCI Faculty Candidate Visit

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HCI Faculty Candidate Interviews

The HCI Search Committee has invited three candidates to campus for interviews for the HCI faculty position that is open. They are:

Eric Hodgson will visit campus on March 6-7. He will earn his PhD in Cognitive Psychology from Miami University in Ohio this May.

Louise Barkuus will visit campus on March 24-25. She has a PhD in Computer Science with the area of Human Computer Interaction from The IT University of Copenhagen in Denmark. She is a visiting research scholar at the University of California in San Diego.

Noboru Matusda will visit campus on March 31-April 1. He is a postdoctoral fellow in the Human-Computer Interaction Institute at Carnegie Mellon University. He earned his PhD in Intelligent Systems from the University of Pittsburgh.

Opportunities for all HCI students and faculty to meet with these candidates are being scheduled. Please watch your email for additional information about these visits.

After their visits, please contact a member of the Search Committee with your comments about each candidate. The Search Committee is chaired by Jim Oliver and members include Anthony Townsend, Steven Herrnstadt, Veronica Dark, Niki Davis, Jeremiah Still, and Pam Shill.

Eportfolio Workshop Scheduled

An Eportfolio Workshop has been scheduled for March 10 from 2:10-3 pm in the lab in 1638 Howe Hall. We will use the REU lab. ChiuShui Chan will give information on how to create a simple website, Janea Triplett will give information about the HCI template in the university's edoc system, and Pam Shill will show examples of eportfolios and talk about what students should include in their eportfolios.

Please bring your questions about the HCI eportfolio to this session.

Posters should be sent electronically to Pam Shill by March 14.

Posters should be 24x36 and either landscape or portrait. Images should be 200 dpi. You may use powerpoint, photoshop, tif file or pdf file.

Also by March 14, please send Pam Shill a powerpoint slide of your research. These will be incorporated into a presentation that will run on a monitor outside of the Howe Auditorium on Friday, April 4.

ETC2008

Schedule of Events

Ignite IT

Thursday, April 3rd: 7–10 PM

ISU Research Park Rotunda, 2321 North Loop Drive

- Fire up the crowd with your tech-related passion
- Compete in PowerPoint Karaoke
- Network and share ideas

Designing Interaction

Friday, April 4th: 10 AM–4 PM

Iowa State University's Howe Hall

- 10–11 AM: Technology Demos
- 11–12 PM: Poster Presentations
- 12 PM: Michael Schrage presents HCI: Help Create Ideas—Exploring Innovation Leadership
- 1–3 PM: Technology Demos & Poster Presentations
- 3–4 PM: HCI PhD Student Talks
- 4 PM: Awards and Wrap-up (Lee Liu Auditorium)

<http://www.vrac.iastate.edu/etc08>

Tech Demo Contest

Students who have agreed to give a tech demo during ETC2008 should contact Pam Shill if they would like to compete in the Tech Demo Contest.

The Tech Demos will be judged on Wednesday, April 2 from 6-8 pm. This will help to lessen the confusion at the conference.

Prizes will be awarded. Thanks to Eliot Winer for his leadership with the tech demos.

Poster & Demo Sessions

Students will present their posters and technical demonstrations during ETC2008 on Friday, April 4 from 10-11 am and again from 1-3 pm. Posters will be displayed in the Howe Hall Atrium and Tech Demos will be in the Atrium and in the VRAC first floor lab. Students that make reservations to attend lunch with Michael Schrage will be excused at 11 am for the luncheon.

Lisa McGarthwaite's *How to Create a Poster Presentation* can be found on the HCI Student Group wiki at <https://intranet.vrac.iastate.edu/intranet/twiki/bin/view/TheLab/CreatingPosters> Please use your ISU username and password to log in.

Posters are due March 14. Please send these electronically to Pam Shill.

Conference Presentations in March



Evrin Baran



Ann Thompson

Evrin Baran and her major professor, Ann Thompson, will attend the Society for Information and Teacher Education Conference (SITE) on March 2-7, 2008 in Las Vegas, NV. They have been invited to present a paper.

Mike Oren, Adam Faeth, and their major professor, Chris Harding, have been invited to the IEEE VR Conference on March 9-12, 2008 in Reno, NV. They also have been invited to present a paper.



Mike Oren



Adam Faeth



Chris Harding

Congratulations to these students and their faculty mentors.

HCI Scholarship Fund Established

An HCI Scholarship Fund has been established from an anonymous donation. We are asking for donations to this fund so that we will be able to use it to award a scholarship to a deserving HCI student in the future.

If you are interested in donating to this fund, please contact Pam Shill.

REU Interns here this summer

Fifteen undergraduates from across the country have been invited to participate in the Summer Program for Interdisciplinary Research and Education—Emerging Interface Technologies (SPIRE-EIT), the HCI Graduate Program's Summer Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) program. The interns will arrive on campus on Tuesday, May 27 and will wrap up their experience on August 1 by presenting posters and technical demonstrations of their research at a Research Symposium with the other undergraduate research programs on campus.

The program is directed by Jim Oliver and Stephen Gilbert. They will be assisted this summer by Eva Tao and Catherine Peloquin.



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HCI Grad Student Demographics

Total # of Students: 88

Women: 27

Men: 61

Off-campus: 21

PhD: 46

MS: 27

Certificate: 16

Co-Majors: 25

Under Represented Minorities: 7

February HCI Supervisory Committee Meeting

The HCI Supervisory Committee met on February 13. The following topics were discussed:

Jeremiah Still reported that the student group is working with CTLT and Stephen Gilbert to write a CAC proposal to establish a Usability Lab in Lagomarcino Hall. Mike Oren is leading this effort.

The non-thesis HCI MS degree has been approved. The program will be targeted towards off-campus students. The development of a capstone course will begin this summer, with the course proposed to be offered in the Spring 2009 semester.

It was determined that fellowship candidates should be PhD applicants and from outside of ISU. Various candidates were discussed. The Graduate College has committed one fellowship for first year funding and Pam

will request a second one.

A brainstorming meeting to discuss an IGERT proposal will be set up next week for any interested faculty.

The HCI Supervisory Committee also met on Wednesday, February 27 to discuss the HCI Curriculum. With the approval of the non-thesis option, more courses will need to be offered on-line to off-campus students. The implications of having a large number of course choices in each category was discussed. Jim Oliver will narrow the list down and bring it to the next meeting for discussion.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12 at 9 am in the VRAC Conference Room.