

Upcoming Events

- March 4: HCI Supervisory Committee Meeting at 10 am.
- March 13: Entries for Demo Contest are due.
- March 16-20: Spring Break
- March 23: ETC2009 Posters are due
- March 23: Registration for Summer and Fall 2009 opens.
- March 27: Last date to cancel Spring 2009 graduation.
- April 2-3: ETC2009

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ETC2009, April 2-3, 2009

ETC2009 will be held on April 2-3 in Howe Hall.

Thursday, April 2

9:30 am: Opening Remarks and Presentation of Awards in Lee Liu/Alliant Energy Auditorium

10 am—noon: HCI Student Technical Demonstrations and Poster Presentation in VRAC.

Noon– 1pm: Keynote Speaker, Gregory D. Abowd in Lee Liu/Alliant Energy Auditorium

1-2 pm: Lunch for HCI Students and Gregory Abowd. Please RSVP by March 13 if you would like to attend.

2-5 pm: Technical Paper Session in Lee Liu/Alliant Energy Auditorium

5:30 pm: Ignite IT in the Rotunda of the UGS Building

Friday, April 3

8:30-9:30 am: Plenary Speaker Christian Renaud in Lee Liu/Alliant Energy Auditorium.

9:30 am to 12:30 pm: Technical Paper Session in Lee Liu/Alliant Energy Auditorium.

10 am –noon: HCI Student Technical Demonstrations in VRAC

12:30 pm: Closing Remarks in Lee Liu/Alliant Energy Auditorium

All HCI students are required to present posters on Thursday, April 2 from 10 am to noon. Electronic copies of your posters in PowerPoint, Photoshop, tif file or pdf file are due on Monday, March 23. Images should be 200 dpi. Posters should be 24x36 and can be either landscape or portrait.

Please send an email to pshill@iastate.edu by Friday, March 13 if you would like to present a technical demo during ETC. Entries into the Mechdyne Demo Contest are also due on that date. Students presenting demos are not required to enter the Mechdyne Demo Contest.

Students who do not have a burgundy HCI polo shirt should send their size to pshill@iastate by Friday, March 13.

HCI Student Group Meetings will now be held every Tuesday from 6 -7 pm in Room 20 Howe Hall. Please contact Michael Oren for additional information.

Faculty and Student Award Nominees

Nominees for HCI Faculty Member of the Year are:

Stephen Gilbert

Alex Stoytchev

Nominees for HCI Student of the Year are:

Adam Faeth

Jim Koopman

Michael Oren

Andrea Peer

Catherine Peloquin

Eva Tao

Michael VanWaardhuizen

The nomination paragraphs will be sent to all faculty and students by email.

Please send your votes to pshill@iastate.edu by March 12. Award winners will be announced on April 2 at 9:30 am in the Howe Hall Auditorium during ETC2009.

Spring HCI Faculty Retreat

Please mark your calendars for the Spring HCI Faculty Retreat to be held on Thursday, April 30 from 2-4 pm in the Speer Room at the Reiman Gardens.

All HCI faculty are invited to participate. More information about the retreat will be given in April.

Women in HCI Lecture Series

The HCI Graduate Program has invited Rosalind Picard and Allison Druin to speak during the Fall 2009 semester as a part of the Women in HCI Lecture Series.

Rosalind Picard is founder and director of the Affective Computing Research Group at MIT. She will speak on September 21 at 1 pm.

Allison Druin, director of the Human-Computer Interaction Lab at the University of Maryland at College Park, will speak in October 2009.

Further details about these talks will be announced later.

New Publication

Faeth, Adam, Harding, Chris, 2009, Supporting Interactive Haptic Shaping of 3D Geologic Surfaces with Deformation Property Painting, Eurographics 2009 Conference, March 30 - April 3, Munich, Germany.

Summer 2009 HCI Courses

The following HCI related courses are scheduled to be offered this summer:

HCI 572X: Experimental Computer Game Prototyping. Instructors: Steven Herrnstadt and Ross Bohner. On campus section only will be open.

HCI 594X: Organizational Applications of Collaborative Technologies and Social Media. Instructor: Brian Mennecke. Off-campus section only will be open.

HCI 595X: Visual Design for HCI. Instructor: Debra Satterfield. Off-campus section only will be only.

HCI 596X: Emerging Practices in HCI. Instructors: Stephen Gilbert and Michael Oren. Both on and off-campus sections will be open.

MIS 537: Project Management. Instructor: Brian Mennecke. Off campus section only will be open.

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Summer 2009

REU Applicants


67 applicants

51 male

16 female

14 underrepresented minorities

HCI Student Profile — Jim Koopman



Jim Koopman wants to be known as an HCI student who is an advocate and pioneer for persons with disabilities. He feels that it is his life's work to make things better for differently abled students who will follow him. Jim is the first ever blind student to pursue a graduate degree in HCI in the United States. He is enrolled in the HCI MS program and is currently working with Chris Harding on a project to determine what accommodations can be made in the program so it can be more accessible for blind and low vision students. Jim earned his BS in Management from Iowa State University in 2008, where he was a recipient of the Roy J. Carver academic scholarship from the College of Business. While he was an undergraduate, he worked for ITS in the Accessible Technologies Lab for three years, eventually becoming the lab's systems administrator. Jim's goal is to complete the HCI PhD program and then work with accessible technologies by either teaching or possibly starting his own business. Jim likes the HCI program because he is surrounded by talented faculty and committed students who are professional and serious about the program and he is quoted as saying, "I feel welcome here." Jim has been nominated for a National Federation of the Blind scholarship and will attend their convention in Detroit in July. Jim is an ink collector and has more than 20 tattoos. When he is not working on HCI coursework or research, Jim plays bass in Red Moon Harvest, an Ames hardcore band.