

Upcoming Events

- February 6: HCI Student Group Meeting at 4:10 pm in Room 20 Howe Hall
- February 7: HCI Supervisory Committee Meeting
- February 13: HCI Student Group Meeting at 4:10 pm in Room 20 Howe Hall
- February 20: HCI Student Group Meeting at 4:10 pm in Room 20 Howe Hall
- February 27: HCI Student Group Meeting at 4:10 pm in Room 20 Howe Hall

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HCI Forum to be part of the Emerging Technologies Conference 2007 in April

The Emerging Technologies Conference 2007 will be held in Howe Hall this April. ETC2007 kicks off on Wednesday, April 25 with the HCI Forum. The conference continues Thursday, April 26 with the C6 Grand Opening and Open House. ETC2007 culminates with Guy Kawasaki's keynote on Friday, April 27 as part of Industry Innovation Day.

**Wednesday, April 25: HCI Forum: Designing Interaction 2007
Interactive Technology Demonstrations and Poster Presentations
Speaker(s) to be announced**

**Thursday, April 26: C6 Grand Opening
9 am –4 pm: Public Tours of C6
Reservations required
9 am—4 pm: Interactive Technology Demonstrations and Poster Presentations
Speaker(s) to be Announced
7 pm: Ignite IT at ISU Research Park Building, Rotunda**

**Friday, April 27: Industry Innovations Day
Interactive Technology Demonstrations and Poster Presentations
10:30 am—12:30 pm: Keynote Speaker Guy Kawasaki**

This year the Interactive Technology Demonstrations and Poster Presentations will be held in VRAC and the Howe Hall First Floor Lobby. Set up for the Posters and Demos will be held the afternoon of Tuesday, April 24.

HCI students interested in presenting a tech demo during these three days, please let Pam Shill know as soon as possible. There will be a demo contest again this year.

More details about the conference will be passed along as they are decided. Please watch your email for important announcements about the conference.

Pam Shill will be out of the office February 16 through February 23.

The HCI Student Group meets every Tuesday afternoon at 4:10 pm in Room 20 Howe Hall. For more information, please contact Matt Heying.

Service Requirement is Proposed

The HCI Supervisory Committee is considering a proposal to add a service requirement to those students entering the program in the Fall of 2007 or thereafter. If agreed to, the following would be added to the Learning Outcomes on page 14 of the HCI Handbook:

Objective: 8

Description: Ability to apply HCI skill to serve the community.

Outcome Assessment:

All students are required to make a contribution to the community by volunteering time, effort, and skills. Appropriate service will require the application of HCI theory, principles and methods. Service must be approved in advance by the POS committee as qualifying. Some examples of appropriate service include, but are not limited to: website redesign for a non-profit organization, consultation with government, industry, or academia on HCI related issues, education of the public on HCI related topics, mentoring of junior HCI students, or taking on leadership roles in HCI organizations.

The HCI Supervisory Committee is looking for HCI student feedback concerning this proposal. Please contact the HCI Student Group President Matt Heying with your comments on this proposal.

HCI faculty with comments about this proposal should contact Pam Shill.

HCI Website Update

The HCI Graduate program has been working to update their website, with the goal of rolling out a new look on Wednesday, February 7. Those that have been working on this committee include the following:

Sunghyun Kang, Associate Professor in Art and Design and HCI Faculty member.

Helen Colvin, HCI PhD student and recent MBA graduate.

Karen Gulbrandsen, English PhD student and VRAC PR team member.

Kevin Teske, VRAC/HCI Systems Support Specialist

Vladimir Sukhoy, VRAC/HCI web developer

Pam Shill, HCI Administrative Specialist

We encourage you to send your comments about the new website to Pam Shill.

HCI Student Group

The HCI Student Group meets every Tuesday at 4:10 pm in Room 20 Howe Hall. **Matt Heying**, president, and his leadership team, have asked students to talk about their research and are planning to bring in speakers from outside of the university to speak about HCI in the world of business. The HCI Student group's participation in Veishea, work on the kiosk that they are creating, an eportfolio workshop, and information about the HCI Forum are topics for discussion at future meetings.

This is an active group that could use the help of all HCI students to carry out their mission. The program encourages all HCI students to participate in this group in some way.

If you are unable to attend the meetings, please check out the Student Group's website at <http://www.hci.iastate.edu/seminar/modules/news/> for important announcements or information about the program.

Poster Requirements for Forum

All HCI students will be expected to present a poster at one of the poster sessions on Wednesday, April 25. Posters should be submitted by email to Pam Shill by Wednesday, April 4.

Posters should be 24 x 36 and can be either landscape or portrait. You may use PowerPoint, Photoshop, tif file, or as a last resort, pdf file. Images are to be 200 dpi.

Students will be expected to attend both poster sessions. They will be asked to present at one session and attend the second session.

HCI Faculty Asked to Review Applicants to Program

All HCI faculty have been sent an email giving them the url for the HCI wiki so that they can review the over 70 HCI applications that have been received for the Fall 2007 semester. Any faculty that has funding for a graduate assistantship and would like to have one of the prospective students visit campus in February should contact Pam Shill as soon as possible. Pam will help make arrangements for the student's visit to campus, which will include a tour of VRAC, demos of current research projects, and lunch with some of the HCI students.

The url to the HCI wiki is located at https://www.hci.iastate.edu/hci_admin/bin/view/Main/WebHome
Please use your ISU username and password to log in.

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Applicants for Fall 2007 To the HCI Program

Applications received to date = 73

PhD applicants = 31

MS applicants = 42

Applications from Domestic Students = 23

Applications from International Students = 50

January HCI Supervisory Committee Meeting

The HCI Supervisory Committee met on January 10, 2007. Following is a brief recap of the discussion:

The HCI Student Group plans to hold an eportfolio workshop this semester. The students have reserved a tent for demos during Veishea and discussion was held about the student group participating in the parade.

Derrick will turn in a proposal for a service requirement at the next meeting. The service requirement would begin with students that are admitted in the Fall of 2007.

Discussion about creating a non-thesis option of an HCI degree, especially for off-campus students, was held. If the program decides that this is an option, the proposal to add a non-thesis option will need Graduate curriculum Committee and Provost approval and possibly approval by the Board of Regents.

The HCI Forum will be held in conjunction with the C6 Grand Opening and will be held April 25, 26, and 27. Wednesday, April 25 will be the HCI Forum, Thursday, April 26 will be C6 tours and Friday April 27 will be Industry Day with Guy Kawasaki speaking. Derrick and Jim are trying to secure other speakers for the event. Chui Shiu has a delegation from China that may be interested in attending and speaking. More information will be announced as it is determined.

Matt will bring a proposal from a student concerning curriculum to the next meeting.

Brian asked if any HCI students were interested in Second Life. Matt will ask the student group if anyone is interested in this.

Next meeting is Wednesday, February 7.

The complete minutes can be found on the HCI webpage at <http://www.hci.iastate.edu/graddocs/showminutes.php?d=1-10-07>