

Upcoming Events

- November 14: HCI Supervisory Committee Meeting
- December 5: HCI Faculty Retreat
- February 1: HCI Recruiting Open House
- April 3-4: ETC 2008 and HCI Forum

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Spring 2008 HCI Courses

In addition to the required course HCI 575X Computational Perception, the following Spring courses might be of interest to HCI students:

HCI 591—Seminar in HCI, taught by Jim Oliver with the discussion led by a different HCI faculty member each week.

JLMC 598P - Communication Technology-Philosophy and Ethics, taught by Chad Harms.

C I 504—Managing and Evaluating Instructional Technology Programs, taught by Ana-Paula Correia.

ComS 573—Machine Learning, instructor to be announced.

ArtGR 672—Graphic Design and Human Interaction, taught by Sunghyun Kang.

MIS 437— Project Management, taught by Tony Townsend.

MIS 533—Data Management for Decision Makers, taught by Brian Mennecke.

MIS 534—Electronic Commerce, taught by Brian Mennecke.

Engl/HCI 520—Computational Analysis of English, taught by Nick Pendar.

Course descriptions can be found on the HCI webpage or in the university's catalog of courses.

HCI Faculty Retreat and HCI Anniversary Celebration on December 5

Please mark your calendars for December 5 when HCI faculty, staff, and students will gather in the Howe Hall Atrium at noon for a luncheon to celebrate the Five Year Anniversary of the HCI Graduate Program.

Immediately following the luncheon at 1 pm, all HCI faculty will stay for the annual HCI Retreat. **ChiuShui Chan** and **Jim Oliver** are currently working on an agenda for the retreat. Please contact them if you have items for discussion.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

December 5: HCI Faculty Retreat 12-5 pm in the Howe Hall Atrium.

February 1: HCI Recruiting Open House in VRAC.

April 3-4: Tentative Dates for ETC 2008 and HCI Forum.

More information about these events will be announced in the future.

HCI Search Committee

Jim Oliver has formed a search committee to find an assistant professor for the HCI Graduate program. Jim will serve as the committee chair and committee members include **Veronica Dark** (Psychology), **Tony Townsend** (LOMIS), **Steve Herrnstadt** (Art & Design), **Niki Davis** (CLT), **Pam Shill** (HCI staff), and **Jeremiah Still** (HCI student representative).

The Notice of Vacancy has been posted to the Human Resources website and applications are now being accepted for this position.

Meetings with HCI students

Pam Shill met with most HCI students last month to check in with them concerning their progress towards their degree and to answer any questions they might have had.

There were several students who were unable to meet in October. These students are encouraged to either set up a meeting with Pam in November or call her and they can discuss these items over the telephone.

HCI students both on and off-campus are encouraged to check in.

HCI Student Website

Simon Setterstrom, HCI MS student, has agreed to serve as the HCI student group webmaster for this year. One of his first projects is to create a new HCI Student Group webpage.

He would like to keep the page simple and post only information that students will find useful. His suggestions for the page include a place for general HCI news and current information about internships, job postings, and conferences, a calendar, and a place to encourage student collaboration.

He is looking for suggestions from students about the type of information that they would like to see on this webpage. If you have an opinion about what should be included on the HCI student group webpage, please contact Simon or Pam Shill.

New HCI Faculty Member



Richard LeSar has joined the HCI faculty. Richard is professor and chair of the Department of Materials Science and Engineering. He came to ISU in 2006 from the University of California in Santa Barbara California. He also worked for the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

His work focuses on the development and application of theory, modeling, and simulation of materials structures and properties. Other research interests include dislocation-based plasticity; biomolecular structure and dynamics; and micro-structural evolution.

Richard LeSar

We welcome Richard to the HCI Graduate program!

Usability Professionals Association October Meeting

VRAC hosted the Usability Professionals Association (UPA) monthly meeting on October 11. The meeting was attended by 12 UPA members and 9 HCI graduate students. **Stephen Gilbert** gave the group an overview of the HCI program, including information about the HCI Graduate Certificate program. One UPA member talked about usability work in Iowa. **K.C Dohse** gave a touch table demo, **Andrew Koehring** gave an augmented reality demo, and **Ken Kopecky** took the group to the C4 for a Sky Paint demo.

Several members expressed interested in the HCI Graduate Certificate program and encouraged HCI graduate students to become involved with their group.

If you would like more information about the Usability Professionals Association, please contact Pam Shill for the president's name and email address.

New HCI Supervisory Committee Member

Doug Gentile has been elected by the HCI faculty to serve a term on the HCI Supervisory Committee. Doug is an Assistant Professor in Psychology and HCI.

He joins **Jim Oliver**, Supervisory Committee Chair, and committee members **Julie Dickerson**, **ChiuShui Chan**, **Brian Mennecke**, and **Steve Herrstadt** and student representative **Jeremiah Still**.

This committee meets monthly to discuss the direction of the program. Questions and suggestions concerning the program may be directed to any of the committee members.



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Fall 2007 Graduation Deadlines

October 31: Last date to cancel Fall 2007 graduation.

November 21: Last date for final oral exam.

November 27: Last date to submit the signed Thesis/Dissertation Submission Form.

November 29: Last date for students to sign on to ProQuest for thesis approval.

November 30: Last date for obtaining final signature on the Graduate Student Approval Slip.

December 14: Commencement Ceremony

October HCI Supervisory Committee Meeting

The HCI Supervisory Committee met on October 10. The following topics were discussed:

Jeremiah Still reported that he created a survey to solicit input from HCI students. A suggestion was made to create an HCI blog and seed it with some of the comments received to encourage an online discussion.

Jim Oliver reported that he is in the process of forming a search committee to find a new HCI faculty member to replace Derrick Parkhurst.

Brian Mennecke reported that the Curriculum Committee will have a recommendation for changes to the current HCI curriculum soon.

CuiuShui Chan reported that he would like to use the ACM definition of HCI to help

the faculty to develop our own image and mission for the program at the HCI Faculty Retreat on December 5. Other topics of discussion at the retreat include how we can encourage departments to hire in support of what HCI is doing and how we can nurture collaboration to foster interdisciplinary research. A suggestion was also made to revisit the original charge of the HCI Initiative to discuss if we are fulfilling this charge or if the mission needs to be redefined.

Pam shared a list of courses that are currently cross-listed with the HCI graduate program. Committee members will work with their departments to cross-list other appropriate courses.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14.