

Upcoming Events

- October 11: UPA Meeting in VRAC
- October 31: Last date to cancel Fall 2007 Graduation
- December 5: HCI Retreat
- February 1: HCI Recruiting Open House
- April 3-4: ETC 2008 and HCI Forum
- April 5-10 CHI 2008

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New HCI Students

A total of eight students joined the HCI Graduate Program this summer and fall semesters.

Travis Engelhaupt is working on his MS in HCI under the direction of **Tony Townsend**. He graduated with a BS in Computer Science in May 2003 from ISU. Since that time he has been working as Program Coordinator and Senior Webmaster for the Center for Food Security and Public Health at ISU, managing a staff of IT professionals and graphic designers.

In 2005 Travis founded Conure Ltd. Co. which provides graphic services, web consulting, and software development. He currently splits his time between his position with the university and Conure.

Travis is interested in the entrepreneurial aspects of HCI. As such, his research focus is in the area of business and HCI.

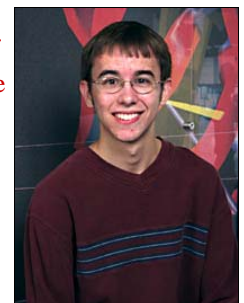


William (Eric) Marsh is working on his PhD under the direction of **Jim Oliver**. Eric received his BS in Computer Science in 2004 from Arizona State University and his MSE in Human Factors Engineering from Wright State University in 2007. Eric believes that computers have become so powerful that the weakest link is often the human. He is interested in the impact of product or system design on human performance. He is also interested in the social impact of widespread adoption of technology and believes that a responsible engineer should take it seriously.



Eric has also been doing some freelance web-design for several years and likes thinking about the usability issues present in that domain. Adding marketing goals and diverse hardware to the already difficult problem of designing for diverse users creates a very interesting balance that must be obtained.

Brandon Newendorp is working on his MS In HCI under the direction of **Eliot Winer**. He completed his BS in Computer Engineering at ISU in the Spring of 2007. Brandon has spent several summers working at John Deere in Moline, IL developing tools to monitor and control autonomous vehicles from an immersive environment. In the future Brandon would like to develop software for the Mac or continue his work with expanding the applications for virtual reality in the workplace.



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The HCI Student Group meets each Monday from 2:10-3 pm in Room 20 Howe Hall. For more information, please contact the HCI Student group president, Jeremiah Still.

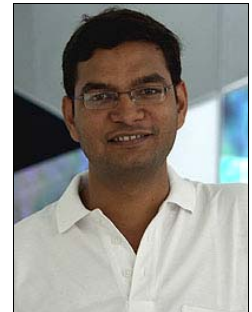
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Simon Setterstrom is from Monroe, Wisconsin and is working on his MS in HCI under the direction of **Ann Thompson** in Curriculum and Instruction. He is also collaborating with professors in the College of Design to incorporate more graphic design coursework to aid in pursuing his HCI interests. He completed his undergraduate work in Computer Science at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana and became interested in interface design through an introductory course. Some of his research interests include interface design, universal usability, design for social interaction and the user experience. He hopes to use these areas to develop software and web applications that facilitate learning through educational use of technology. Simon's assistantship has him providing IT support for the Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development.



Kofi Whitney is working on his PhD in HCI under the direction of **Les Miller** in Computer Science. Kofi is from Columbia, South Carolina where he completed his BS at Benedict College in Computer Science. Kofi's interest in interface design is bolstered by his research and industry experiences, some of which include Blue Cross Blue Shield of SC, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and Intel Corporation. An avid system builder and gamer, Kofi is also interested in creating more intuitive desktop computers through peripheral and software advancement.

Utkarsh Seth is working on his MS in HCI with **Judy Vance**. Utkarsh has his Bachelor of Technology degree from B.I.E.T. Jhansi, in India. On completion of his degree, he worked to Tata Consultancy Services in Mumbai, India for one and half years. He worked in the domain of Wireless Technology primarily developing mobile applications on BREW(TM)(Binary Runtime Environment for Wireless) platform.



Adam Faeth is working on his MS in HCI and his PhD in Computer Engineering and is working with both **Chris Harding** and **Jim Oliver**. Adam graduated with a BS in Journalism from ISU, then enrolled in Computer Engineering to combine his interests in visual communication and software engineering. His research in HCI has him working with graphics, haptics and sound.

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Catherine Peloquin is working with **Eliot Winer** on her MS in HCI. Catherine's interest in mechanical engineering came about as a way to challenge herself and to provide a service that would benefit many people. She enrolled in HCI because computers are becoming an increasingly integral part of engineering and of life in general and she feels it is necessary to understand how to utilize this technology to its best effect. Her research interests include medical imaging, image processing, and engineering design optimization and visualization.



We welcome these students to the HCI Graduate Program.

Please mark your calendars for the HCI Faculty Retreat for the afternoon of Wednesday, December 5 in Howe Hall.

HCI Faculty Recognized at 2007 Fall University Convocation and Awards Ceremony

The following HCI faculty were recognized at the 2007 Fall University Convocation and Awards Ceremony in September.

Sriram Sundararajan, Assistant Professor in Mechanical Engineering, received the ISU Award for Early Achievement in Teaching.

Roger Baer, Associate Professor and Chair of Art and Design, received the ISU Award for Departmental Leadership.

Vasant Honavar, Professor of Computer Science, received the Regents Award for Faculty Excellence.

Congratulations to these faculty members!

Usability Professionals Association

The Usability Professionals Association will hold their October meeting in VRAC on Thursday, October 11 from 6:30-8:00 pm. The agenda includes the following:

- Overview of the HCI program by **Stephen Gilbert**.
- Usability work in Central Iowa by a UPA member.
- Demos by **K.C. Dohse** and **Andrew Koehing** and **Ken Kopecky**.

All HCI students and faculty are invited to attend.

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September HCI Supervisory Committee Meeting

The HCI Supervisory Committee met on September 12. Below is a recap of their discussion. For complete minutes from the meeting, please see the HCI website at <http://www.hci.iastate.edu/People/committee.php?menu=middle>.

Brian Mennecke reported that the Curriculum Committee would hold their first meeting later that afternoon. They plan to have a report to the faculty at the Faculty Retreat on December 5.

HCI Faculty Retreat will be held on Wednesday, December 5. ChiuShui Chan will help to set the agenda and Jim Oliver will be the retreat facilitator.

Spring 2008 courses were discussed. Chad Harms is creating a course on societal implications of HCI which will be offered along with Computational Perception by Alex Stoytchev. HCI 591, the HCI Seminar will be offered again with a different faculty member leading the discussion each week.

Because the Recruiting Open House will be held on Febru-

ary 1, the admissions deadline for Fall 2008 was moved to January 15. This will enable our program to have the bulk of the application in by the Open House and give our program time to make offers by the April 15 national deadline.

Jim Oliver will send out another call for nominations to fill the open position on the committee.

Committee members include **Brian Mennecke, Steve Herrstadt, Julie Dickerson, ChiuShui Chan**, and HCI student representative **Jeremiah Still**. **Jim Oliver** is the committee chairman.

