

## Upcoming Events

- September 12: HCI Supervisory Committee Meeting
- October 11: UPA Meeting in VRAC
- December 5: HCI Faculty Retreat
- February 1: HCI Recruiting Open House

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## Seminar in HCI - HCI 591

HCI 591 Seminar in HCI is held each Friday at 9 am in Room 20 Howe Hall. This seminar is open to all faculty and students in HCI related disciplines, as well as to the students enrolled in this course for credit. Each week the group reads and discusses one or more articles on the latest research in Human Computer Interaction.

This fall semester, a different HCI faculty member will choose the journal article and lead the discussion each week. We hope that this will help those attending the seminar to get to know HCI faculty from a variety of disciplines, as well as to help HCI faculty to get to know HCI students. We also hope that the discussions will cover a wide range of HCI related topics over the semester.

Jim Oliver is the instructor for the course. The course website, that includes the semester schedule, can be found at <http://www.hci.iastate.edu/HCI591>.

Please watch for the weekly emails from Pam Shill announcing the discussion leader and the article for discussion. We encourage all HCI faculty and students to attend when the topic is of special interest to them or when their schedule permits.

## Funds for HCI Student Travel

The HCI Graduate Program has funds set aside to help support students who travel to conferences to present their research. Typically, students are allowed \$240 for one trip per academic year. To be eligible for these funds, students must be in good academic standing and must be presenting either a poster or a paper on their research.

If you are planning to attend a conference this academic year and think you will be applying for travel funding, please email Pam Shill at [pshill@iastate.edu](mailto:pshill@iastate.edu). This will help us budget the funds so that all students are able to receive the funds that they need. This will also let us know if we are able to provide additional funding for international conferences.

Students are also encouraged to apply for travel funds through the Graduate and Professional Student Senate and the Graduate College. More information about this can be found on the GPSS website at <http://www.grad-college.iastate.edu/gpss/page/Travel.html>.

*Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:*

*October 11: UPA Iowa Meeting at VRAC. 6:30-8 pm*

*December 5: HCI Faculty Retreat 2-5 pm in the Howe Hall Atrium*

*February 1: HCI Recruiting Open House in VRAC.*

*More information will be coming about these events as they draw nearer.*

## HCI Curriculum Committee

The HCI Supervisory Committee has formed a new Curriculum Committee for the purpose of reviewing the HCI curriculum to make it less dependent on individual faculty and departmental resources and to provide flexibility for the students. This committee will recommend a menu of courses in the core areas of HCI, which will be reviewed and voted on by the HCI faculty. This is to be accomplished by the end of the fall semester.

**Brian Mennecke** is serving as the committee's chairman. Committee members include **ChiuShui Chan**, **Chad Harms**, **Stephen Gilbert**, and **Tony Townsend**.

If you have input about the HCI curriculum for this committee, please contact one of the members or Pam Shill.

The HCI program would like to thank these faculty members for their willingness to serve.

## UPA Meeting in VRAC in October

The Iowa Chapter of the Usability Professionals Association (UPA) will meet in VRAC on Thursday, October 11 from 6:30-8 pm. The agenda for the meeting is still being finalized, but we hope to have some faculty and students give presentations of their research, have one of the UPA members talk about usability work in Iowa, and show some technical demonstrations.

This will be a great opportunity for HCI students to make some connections in the field of usability. We hope you will consider volunteering to present if asked or consider attend this meeting.

More details will be sent as they are finalized.

## HCI Student Group

The HCI Student Group will meet weekly this fall semester on Mondays at 2:10 pm in Room 20 Howe Hall. The new president, **Jeremiah Still**, is planning to ask students give research presentations during these meetings.

We encourage all students to get involved in the HCI Student group. It's a great way to meet other students and to find out about the research that is going on in the program.

Thanks to the new officers for their efforts to make the student group a success!

## New HCI Faculty Member



**Ana-Paula Correia**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction and The Center for Technology Learning and Teaching, is the HCI program's newest faculty member.

Ana received her undergraduate degree in Teaching Biology and Geology and her Masters of Science in Educational Technology from the University of Minho in Portugal. She then earned an MS in Instructional Systems Technology and her PhD in Instructional Systems Technology from Indiana University.

Ana's research interests include collaborative learning, design of instruction, and evaluation and assessment of educational products and interventions.

We welcome Ana to the Human Computer Interaction Graduate Program!

**Ana-Paula  
Correia**

## Fall HCI Student Mentors

Ten HCI students have volunteered to be mentors to new HCI students who were admitted during the Summer and Fall 2007 semesters. This semester's mentors include the following:

**Marisol Martinez**

**Tom Batkiewicz**

**Kumar Kadavasal**

**Wen-Chieh Chang**

**Mike Oren**

**David Kabala**

**Andrew Koehring**

**K.C. Dohse**

**Eva Tao**

**Valerie Williams**

Thank you to these students for their willingness to volunteer and to support the HCI Graduate Program.

## Tanasha Taylor Recognized

**Tanasha Taylor**, HCI MS student, received "The Future is Now Award" in August. The award was presented at the 12th Annual Iowa Induction Ceremony for the Iowa African American Hall of Fame. Tanasha was invited to give a presentation of her research, A Concept Virtual Harp with Physical String Vibrations using Augmented Reality, at the ceremony. Tanasha's major professor is **Shana Smith**.

Last August, **Lew Hill**, HCI PhD student, was the first recipient of this award.



**Tanasha Taylor, HCI  
MS Student**

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## Fall 2007 HCI Statistics

Total Number of HCI Students = 81

MS students = 25

PhD students = 43

Certificate students = 13

## August HCI Supervisory Committee Meeting

The HCI Supervisory Committee met on August 22. The following topics were discussed:

Jeremiah Still reported for the student group. This group will meet weekly this semester on Mondays at 2:10 pm in Room 20 Howe Hall.

The REU program for Summer 2008 will be held from May 27-August 1, 2008. Applications will be accepted from October 1 to February 1. Offers will be made before April 1.

A Curriculum Committee will be formed to review curriculum and to recommend a menu of courses in the core areas of HCI by the end of the fall semester.

An HCI faculty retreat will be held in December during dead week.

HCI will host an Open House in February for the purpose of recruiting. Prospective students attending would be given a program overview, research presentations, tech demos, and opportunities to meet with faculty on a one-on-one basis.

One position is still open on the committee. Jim Oliver will send out a call for nominations.

More detailed minutes of the August 22 meeting can be found on the HCI Supervisory Committee page on the HCI website.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12.