



Fall 2013

# GRADUATE PROGRAMS NEWSLETTER

## Penn State College of Information Sciences and Technology

### AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### RECRUITMENT AWARDS TO INCOMING STUDENTS:

- *University*, Bunton Waller Graduate Fellowship: Alexander Ororbia and Joslenne Pena
- *University*, Graduate Fellowship: Cong Liao
- *University*, Graham Scholarship Award: Eric Obeysekare
- *IST*, Jordan Rednor Fellowship: Cong Liao
- Fund for Excellence in Graduate Recruitment (FEGR): Pu Yu

#### ADDITIONAL AWARDS:

- Graduate Exhibition Award Winners in IST—Spring 2013  
*Engineering Category—2<sup>nd</sup> Place*
- Kyle Williams, “Managing Large Document Collections: The Case of Duplicates”
- Sloan Scholar: Christopher Dancy

#### TRAVEL GRANT AWARDS – SPRING 2013:

- Curtis Cain, ACM SIGMIS (Special Interest Group on Management Information Systems) Computers and People Research Conference, Cincinnati, OH
- Lee Erickson, ACM SIGMIS Computers and People Research Conference, Cincinnati, OH
- Kathleen Moore, ISCRAM 2013 (Information Systems for Crisis Response & Management), Baden-Baden, Germany
- Na Wang, CSCW 2013 (Computer Supported Cooperative Work & Social Computing), San Antonio, TX
- Heidi Webb, SIGCSE 2013 (Special Interest Group on Computer Science Education), Denver, CO
- Guangxuan Zhang, iConference 2013, Fort Worth, TX

### NEW INITIATIVES

#### Graduate Exhibition Participation:

Any student who receives a Travel Grant from the Graduate Programs Office beginning Fall 2013 will now be required to present at the Graduate Exhibition within a year of receiving their travel award.

#### Graduate Programs Office is going

**paperless** with DocFinity, FIS Image and Document Management System. You can find more information about DocFinity at <http://www.controller.psu.edu/divisions/DocFinity/index.html>

#### Job postings

should go to [graduateprograms@ist.psu.edu](mailto:graduateprograms@ist.psu.edu). They will then be distributed to the listserv every Friday to help cut back on excessive emails.

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## FALL DEADLINES/EVENTS

### NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Information Session (SEPTEMBER)

<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2013/nsf13584/nsf13584.htm>

<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/index.cfm/graduate-funding/fellowships/programs/>

### IST Graduate Student Travel Grant

(OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>)

[https://intranet.ist.psu.edu/grad\\_prog/SitePages/Travel%20Grant%20Award.aspx](https://intranet.ist.psu.edu/grad_prog/SitePages/Travel%20Grant%20Award.aspx)

### CIC/Smithsonian Institution Fellowship

(NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>)

<http://www.cic.net/students/smithsonian-fellowship>

### IST Graduate Student Teaching Fellows Program

(NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>)

[https://intranet.ist.psu.edu/grad\\_prog/SitePages/IST%20Teaching%20Fellows%20Program.aspx](https://intranet.ist.psu.edu/grad_prog/SitePages/IST%20Teaching%20Fellows%20Program.aspx)

### Ford Foundation Fellowships

(NOVEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>)

[http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA\\_046607](http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA_046607)

### Global Programs, W. LaMarr Kopp International Achievement Award

(DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>)

To recognize undergraduate and graduate students, staff, and faculty at Penn State who make extraordinary contributions to the advancement of the international mission of the University.

<http://global.psu.edu/info/global-campus-community/global-special-events-awards/w-lamarr-kopp-international-achievement>

### Office of Human Resources, The Barash Award for Human Service

(DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>)

Annual award to a member of the faculty, staff, or student body of Penn State, UP, who has contributed most, apart from regular duties, to human causes, public service activities and organization, or the welfare of fellow humans. <http://ohr.psu.edu/fsaa/>

### Online database of external fellowship opportunities available to students

(ONGOING)

<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/index.cfm/graduate-funding/fellowships/programs/>

### Graduate Assistant Tuition Rate for Externally Funded Fellows

(ONGOING)

<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/index.cfm/graduate-funding/fellowships/programs/healthinsr/>

### Graduate School Grant-in-Aid Program for Faculty

(ONGOING)

<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/index.cfm/faculty-and-staff/awards/gia/>

### Predocctoral Training Grant Development Incentive Award for Faculty

(ONGOING)

<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/index.cfm/faculty-and-staff/awards/predocctoral>

## GRADUATE SCHOOL AWARD NOMINATIONS:

Award nominations are DUE

OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup> to IST Grad Programs

Office [https://intranet.ist.psu.edu/grad\\_prog](https://intranet.ist.psu.edu/grad_prog)

### Faculty Award Nominations:

Graduate Program Chair Leadership Award

Graduate Faculty Teaching Award

Howard Palmer Faculty Mentoring Award

Roy Innovations in Materials Research Award

### Student Award Nominations:

Alumni Association Dissertation Award

Harold Martin Outstanding Teaching Award

Harold Schilling Graduate Scholarship

## THESIS & DISSERTATION INFORMATION

### DUE OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Format Review for Doctoral - Oct. 7

Format Review for Masters - Oct. 9

Pass Doctoral Defense - Oct. 14

Final Thesis - Nov. 25

<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/index.cfm/current-students/thesis-and-dissertation-information/>

## CONGRATULATIONS

### 2012 - 2013 Ph.D. Graduates:

Hao Jiang	Blaine Hoffman
Patricia Spence	Hansa Sinha
Dejin Zhao	Shu Huang
Bo Yu	Heidi Webb
Robert Cole	Neela Sawant
Elizabeth Thiry	Nick Giacobe
Lisa (Lee) Erickson	Shuguang Suo
Lei Yao	

### 2012 - 2013 M.S. Graduates:

Adam Ortiz-Cordova	Shandan Zhou
Jorge Calle	Stephen Carman
Carolyn Hafernik	

**Chen Zhong** received the 2013 Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing Scholarship

**Michael Marcinkowski** received an honorable mention for his work "Educational Dialogue and Technological Utterances" at the 2013 i-Conference

## NEWS TO REPORT

The Penn State Graduate School has launched their redesigned website  
<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu>

### Meet the incoming class of Ph.D. and M.S. students:

#### Ph.D. Cohort (30):

Nathan Aileo	Sanghack Lee	Hongjian Wang
Priya Anand	Chen Liang	Yafei Wang
Chulakorn Aritajati	Cong Liao	Jake Weidman
Siddhartha Banerjee	Eric Obeysekare	Jian-Syuan Wong
Ngot Bui	Alex Ororbia	Fei Wu
Yu Fu	Yu Pu	Dongpeng Xu
Moojan Ghafurian	Na Sun	Jun Xu
Pinyao Guo	Ye Tian	Yang Xu
Carla Mello Lage	Pei Wang	Jianbo Ye
Nicolas Lalone	Shuai Wang	Fan Zhang

#### M.S. Cohort (10):

Sarah Almoaiqel	Leila Hoseini	Jin Yea Jang
Pengwei Lan	William Leskovich	Xiao Liu
Yuxuan Liu	Joslenne Pena	Corbin Reno, IUG
Matthew Tentilucci		

**New Officers of GIST for 2013-2014:** Kyle Williams (President), Alan Nochenson (Vice President), Baris Kandemir (Secretary), and Chong Zhou (Treasurer). Nick Giacobe is the new co-advisor to the organization.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### GAC - Graduate Advisory Committee members:

Jim Jansen (Chair), Shawn Clark, Lynette Kvasny, Andrea Tapia, Prasenjit Mitra, Frank Ritter

### GRC - Graduate Recruitment Committee members:

Jim Jansen (Chair), Sandeep Purao, Jessie Li, David Reitter, Dinghao Wu, Carleen Maitland

**Graduate Programs Intranet:** [https://intranet.ist.psu.edu/grad\\_prog/SitePages/Home.aspx](https://intranet.ist.psu.edu/grad_prog/SitePages/Home.aspx)

### LISTSERVS:

Graduate Faculty: [gradfaculty@ist.psu.edu](mailto:gradfaculty@ist.psu.edu)

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**Social Media:** Follow IStatPennState on Twitter and like us on Facebook to stay up to date with news and events.

**Graduate Programs e-mail:** [graduateprograms@ist.psu.edu](mailto:graduateprograms@ist.psu.edu)

**Newsletters** can be found on the Graduate Programs Intranet. The Spring newsletter will be available mid-January. [https://intranet.ist.psu.edu/grad\\_prog/SitePages/Home.aspx](https://intranet.ist.psu.edu/grad_prog/SitePages/Home.aspx)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PETE FORSTER

named Assistant Dean for  
Online Programs and  
Professional Education

### JIM JANSEN

named Graduate program  
academic coordinator

### MADHU REDDY

named Graduate advisor

### FALL 2013

### Student enrollment numbers:

**Resident Ph.D. = 113**

**Resident M.S. = 15**

### New POD renovations

**completed.** Renovations have been made to the PODs over the summer. TAs were assigned to the PODs which are to be utilized to conduct TA duties, including TA hours. The renovations included: 24 unassigned individual work stations with desktop computers, meeting table, unassigned and not lockable lockers, and a small storage cabinet. Please use the space that has been made available to you.

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