

Graduate Honors and Awards Presentation - Prof. Samir Khuller

Microsoft Live Labs Research Fellowship 2008
David Levin

Vietnam Education Foundation Fellowship 2007-2008
Bao Ngoc Nguyen

AT & T Labs Fellowship 2006-2009
Sorelle Friedler

Best Student Paper Award at SODA 2008 ACM/SIAM
Symposium of Discrete Algorithms, October 2007
Julian Mestre

Best paper award at the Int'l Conference on Image
Analysis and Processing
Son Tran

Dean's Fellowship Awards
2007-2008

Tsz-Chiu Au
Justin Domke
Azarakhash Malekian
Polyvios Pratikakis
Jagan Sankaranarayanan

2008-2009

Mike Lieberman
Saket Navlakha
Sameer Shirdhonkar
Saurabh Srivastava
Jaymie Strecker

Ph.D Graduates 2007

Do Jun Byun
Eugene Chipman-StreamSage
Charles Cranston-UMD
Cyntrica Eaton-UMD, CMPS Dean's Office
Guilherme Fonseca-UFRJ, Brazil
Nagia Ghanem-Alexandria University, Egypt (faculty)
Walid Gomaa-Alexandria University, Egypt (faculty)
Alex Grushin-Intelligent Automation, Inc.
**Gutemberg B. Guerra Filho-Univ. of Texas,
Arlington**
Feng Guo-Object Video, Reston, Virginia
**Christian Halaschek-Wiener-Clados Management,
LLC**

David Omer Horvitz- Techmeme.com, Calif.
Rezarta Islamaj-UMD, CS (postdoc)
**Jae-Yoon Jung-Queen's University,
Canada (postdoc)**
Amy Karlson-Microsoft
Srinivas Kashyap-IBM TJ Watson
Chiu Yuen Koo-Google
Burcu Karagol-Ayan-SkyGrid, Inc.
Che-Rung Lee-UC Davis (postdoc)
Nargess Memarsadeghi-NASA
Julian Mestre-Max Planck Institute (Germany)
Taiga Nakamura-IBM (Japan)
Beomseok Nam-Oracle
**Zhijian Pan-IBM, Senior IT Consultant/UMD,
FRA**
Nick Petroni-IDA for Computing Sciences
**Shiv Naga Prasad Vitaladevuni-Janelia Farm
Research Campus, Howard Hughes Med. Inst.**
Vikas Raykar-Siemens
**Alejandro Rodrigues-Natl Inst. of Health,
Bethesda, Maryland**
Vinay Shet-Siemens
**Tsz Wo Sze-Yahoo, Sun Valley, Calif.
(software engineer)**
Scott Thomas
Ransom Winder-MITRE
Yuan Yuan-Google
David Zajic-UMD, CASL, Research Scientist
**Elena Zoteko-Max Planck Institute,
Germany**

Recent Ph.D. Defenses

Guarav Aggarwal
Annie Hui
Jin Hyuk Jung
Vladimir Kolovski
Adam Lopez
Scott McMaster
Arunchandar Vasam
Shang-Chieu Wu

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE



Awards Ceremony 2008

Friday, April 18

3:30 pm



Welcoming Remarks and Awards Presentation - Prof. Larry Davis

University's Distinguished International
Alumnus Award

Dr. Luiqing Larry Hwang

Department's Distinguished Alumnus of the Year
Award

Professor Narendra Ahuja

Faculty Honors and Awards

New Faculty Member

Carleton Kingsford, Assistant Professor

Promotions to Associate Professor

Lise Getoor

Francois Guimbretiere

Michael Hicks

Jonathan Katz

Ranked among top 50 software engineering
scholars. The UMD Software group was ranked 4th
in an article in Communications of the ACM

Professor Victor Basili

Professor Atif Memon

Selected as one of the 7 winners of the Honda
Initiation Grant (HIG)

Professor David Jacobs

Awarded the Fraunhofer Medal given for "The
outstanding results for his exemplary collaboration
in the field of applied research"

Professor Victor Basili

AWM-SIAM Sonia Kovalevsky Lecturer

Editor-in-Chief of SIAM Journal on Matrix
Analysis and Application January 2009

Professor Dianne O'Leary

The Int'l Journal of Human-Computer Inter-Action
in cooperation with the Int'l Ergonomics Assoc.,
Human Interface Society, has published a special
issue, "Reflections on Human-Computer
Interaction" in honor of his 60th birthday.

HCIL's 25th Anniversary

Professor Ben Shneiderman

UMD Invention of the Year Finalist for
Saleincy-guided Visualization

Professor Amitabh Varshney

Co-authored an undergraduate textbook, "Introduction
to Modern Cryptography"

Professor Jonathan Katz

Awarded a Google Research Award

Professor Samir Khuller

Teaching Awards

CS Teaching Excellence Award for Faculty

Professor Bobby Bhattacharjee

CS Teaching Excellence Award for Instructor/Lecturer

Larry Herman

CS Teaching Excellence Award for a Graduate
Teaching Assistant

Shashvat Advait Thakor

CS Teaching Excellence Award for an Undergraduate
Teaching Assistant

Kristin Stephens

Staff Service Awards

JoAnn Simms, 25 years

Fatima Bangura, 10 years

Upsilon Pi Epsilon Memberships

Presentation - Dr. Evan Golub

John Dobrosielski

Philip Twu

Undergraduate Honors and Awards

Presentation - Prof. James Purtilo

Graduating with Department Honors

August 2007 **Daozheng Chen**

December 2007 **Andrew Parrish**

Spring 2008

Chris Conroy

Morgan Dixon

Daniel Hackner

Stanley Lam

Lynn Reggia

Jacob Devlin-High Honors

Brent Dorman

Katrina LaCurts

Jeffrey Meister

Michael Wasser-High Honors

Department Undergraduate Scholars
(4.0 GPA CS majors at/beyond "Sophomore Level")

Matthew Barr

Alan Jackoway

Jeffrey Lee

Christine Masuoka

Kevin McGehee

John Silberholz

Elliott Sprehn

Nicolas Van Aartsen

Thomas Young

Gregory Benjamin

Mitchell Katz

Amanda Lepley

Richard McCutchen

Levon Mkrtchyan

Joseph Solomon

Kristin Stephens

Johnny Wu

ACM Student Chapter President

Amanda Pirner

Association for Women in Computing Co-Chairs

Pam Krolkowski and Katrina LaCurts

Gold Medal, International Olympiad in Informatics

Richard McCutchen

Christopher David Malter Memorial Scholarship

Daniel Hakim

Raj Khera and Tripti Sinha Scholarship

Stephanie Nacios

Guy A. Wassertzug Scholarship

Kristin Stephens

John D. Gannon Awards

Presentation - Ms. Nancy Garrison

AY 2007/2008 - John D. Gannon Portal

Scholarships for Incoming Freshmen

Carl Albach

Olivia Buzek

Kevin McGehee

AY 2008/2009

John D. Gannon Scholarships

Mariya Filippova

Sonia Franckel

Benjamin Teitler

John D. Gannon Portal Awards

Kevin Barrett

Anika Cartas

Allison Hoch

Levon Mkrtchyan

John Silberholz

Alexander Slutsker

Nicolas Van Aartsen

John D. Gannon Graduate Research Awards, Summer 2008

Matthias Broecheler

Jian Li