

SYLLABUS
Informatics Seminars
INF4MTX 209S
Fall 2014

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DBH 6011, depending on schedule

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Overview

Course goals: To get exposed to various research perspectives related to the area of Informatics.

Required Texts

There are no required texts for this seminar.

Requirements

Every week you need to attend the seminar. There will be a sign-up sheet outside of the DBH 6011 where you can sign your name. You are responsible for remembering to sign in. If you do not sign in, you will not get credit for attending the seminar.

Come early! The talk begins promptly at 3 pm. There is always a line to sign in. So come at 2:50 pm. to make sure you sign in.

The second requirement is that each week you will need to turn in an assignment. Details of the assignment are below. Assignments are due the following week, Friday 3 pm.

Late assignments will not be accepted. Assignments will be turned in using the EEE website Dropbox.

Seminar Schedule

Scroll down to the next page to see the seminar schedule. All seminars will be held at DBH 5011 this quarter.

Grading

Thirty percent of your grade will be based on attendance. Attending the seminar is mandatory. Before each seminar begins you will need to sign in so that we can record your attendance.

Seventy percent of your grade will be based on your weekly assignments.

UCI INFORMATICS DEPARTMENT INFORMATICS SEMINAR SERIES

FALL, 2014

3:00 - 5:00, Fridays

OCTOBER 3
DBH Rm. 5011

INFORMATICS SOCIAL HOUR

OCTOBER 10
DBH Rm. 6011

ANDRE VAN DER HOEK

Professor & Chair, Department of Informatics-UCI

OCTOBER 17
DBH Rm. 6011

ZACHARY O. DUGAS

Assistant Professor, New Mexico State University

OCTOBER 24
DBH Rm. 6011

MERYL ALPER

PhD candidate at USC

OCTOBER 31
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WILLIAM ODOM

Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Simon Fraser University

NOVEMBER 7
DBH Rm. 6011

KEVIN PATRICK & MATT BIETZ

Professor University of California, San Diego / Project Scientist, UCI

NOVEMBER 14
DBH Rm. 6011

GARY HSIEH

Assistant Professor, University of Washington

NOVEMBER 21
DBH Rm. 6011

ELIZABETH LOSH

Professor, University of California, San Diego

DECEMBER 5
DBH Rm. 6011

GABRIELA MARCU

Assistant Professor, Drexel University

DECEMBER 12
DBH Rm. 6011

MORGAN G. AMES

Fellow, Intel Science and Technology Center for Social Computing

Assignments

12 pt. font, single-spaced

Each week we will have a speaker in the seminar. You need to attend the seminar and listen carefully to the speaker. You will write up a one-page paper as follows:

- One long paragraph (about half a page) that summarizes the speaker's talk. Of course you cannot capture everything in such a short length but capture what you believe were the most important points that the speaker made.
- One long paragraph (about half a page) with your commentary of the talk. Commentary can take on different forms such as:
 - You can explain whether you agree or disagree with the speaker's position or research and then explain why. Do not simply say you did not like the talk or the topic. You need to explain why you didn't. Back up your position with facts. You can read additional papers to back up your position.
 - You can also describe another research topic that relates to the speaker's talk. Explain how it relates.
 - You can describe your own research experience and how it relates to the speaker's talk.
 - You can expand on the speaker's work by presenting a new idea. Describe how this idea builds on the speaker's research.

What happens if you need to miss the seminar?

If you cannot make the seminar, then contact Yunan by email in advance. You will still be responsible for turning in an assignment. Here is what you will do for a makeup assignment:

- Search Google scholar for a paper written by the speaker whose talk you missed. All of the speakers are well-known and their papers are easily accessible online. Write a one-page paper, as above, but based on the speaker's paper: one long paragraph summarizing the paper, and one long paragraph with your commentary.
- If you cannot find a paper, contact Yunan for help.

Exams

There will be no exams in this class.

Fun

You are all invited to a social hour after the seminar with refreshments.

Cheating

Absolutely no cheating will be tolerated. This includes copying material off the web (this will be checked), copying from past reports, and so on. You are responsible for insuring that anything you turn in is not plagiarized. Anyone caught cheating will receive an automatic F for the course.

Writing Resources

UCI has resources on campus available to help students with their writing needs. Students

are encouraged to contact these services throughout the course. Services are free of charge to UCI students. The following resources are offered to students on an appointment basis:

- General information for writing resources at UCI:
<http://www.writing.uci.edu/stures.html>
- Sue Cross
Peer tutor coordinator
secross@uci.edu
- Writing and library research peer tutors:
<http://www.writing.uci.edu/peertutors.html>
- LARC
<http://www.larc.uci.edu/>
- Academic English
<https://eee.uci.edu/programs/esl/>
- Grammar for writing (created by UCI humanities students)
<https://eee.uci.edu/programs/esl/studentgrammar.html>