



Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges



# 25<sup>th</sup> Annual CCSC Eastern Conference

held at



VILLANOVA  
UNIVERSITY

Villanova, Pennsylvania

Friday, October 30, 2009  
and  
Saturday, October 31, 2009

*“Treats and Some Tricks in Computer Science Education!!!!!!”*

## A Message from the Chairs

Although CCSCE 2009 is still three months away as we write this message, there are already a number of accomplishments, invitations and acknowledgments to mention.

As you can see from this document, our program is blessed with 22 quality papers, two important panels, four fascinating tutorials and six innovative workshops. The two keynote presenters (Eric Raymond, who promises to live up to his curmudgeonly reputation in our opening session, and Tom Way, whose content at the conference banquet we're not at liberty to divulge, other than a hint that it's consistent with this year's conference theme) will provide educational and provocative presentations. Furthermore, an invited talk by Tiffany Barnes in session 2B will explore the creation and evaluation of educational games for computing. And we're also proud to be continuing and expanding CCSC's outreach to the K-12 community.

We also invite you to participate in our conference in other ways: There's time to make submissions (till September 14) for the Nifty Ideas and Lightning Talks sessions, as well as (till September 30) faculty and student posters. And don't forget to get a team together for the Programming Contest! Finally, keep the date in mind (September 30) for early registration. We believe this is the first CCSC conference that offers online credit-card registration.

The location of our conference this year cannot be beat. Villanova University is in the beautiful suburbs of Philadelphia – easy to get to, and lots to see.

We are deeply indebted to the wonderful people who have helped us plan this conference. The previous conference chairs, Sr. Jane Fritz, Elizabeth Chang and Gary Gillard, were unstintingly supportive. We also appreciate the guidance of the CCSC Board and Regional Steering Committee, notably Liz Adams. And the volunteers on this year's Conference Committee have been most generous with their time and expertise. Thank you.

We're also grateful for our sponsors and partners. If you get the chance, please thank them for their support of the teaching of computing.

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As of July 27, 2009

## Friday Morning, 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon, Workshops

There are three workshops scheduled at this time. Note that workshops require an additional registration fee. For more information see Workshops below.

## Friday Afternoon, 12:00 Noon – 12:45 PM, Lunch

Lunch is “on your own”. The Connelly Center, where most of the Conference takes place, includes a coffee shop, an ice cream shop, and a multi-tiered dining facility that serves sandwiches, pizza, salad, and more.

## Friday Afternoon, 12:45 PM – 2:00 PM, Welcome / Keynote

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| Welcome  | Conference Chairs: Don Goelman, Villanova University; John Lewis, Virginia Tech |
| Keynote  | Eric Raymond, Author and Troublemaker<br>After the Open-Source Revolution       |
| Location | Cinema  |

## Friday Afternoon, 2:00 PM – 2:45 PM, Break

Break / Vendors

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| Posters | Poster presentations will be held continuously from 2:15 PM to 4:30 PM<br>See below for more information about the posters. |
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## Friday Afternoon, 2:45 PM – 4:00 PM, Concurrent Session 1

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| <b>Session 1A</b>     | The Radnor Room  |
| Panel:                | Certification and Standards for Computing Education in Pennsylvania  |
| Panel Chair:          | Jean Griffin, University of Pennsylvania   |
| Panel Members:        | John P. Dougherty, Haverford College; Tammy R. Pirmann, School District of Springfield Township; Rita Powell, University of Pennsylvania |
| <br><b>Session 1B</b> | <br>The St. Davids Room  |
| Tutorial:             | Community Empowerment and Service Learning Practices through Computer Science Curricula of a Major Metropolitan University               |
| Presenters:           | James Lawler, Jean Coppola, Susan Feather-Gannon, Jonathan Hill, and Pauline Mosley, Pace University                                     |
| <br><b>Session 1C</b> | <br>The Bryn Mawr Room   |
| Papers:               | Tools  |
| Session Chair:        | To be determined   |
| Paper 1:              | Selecting and Using Virtualization Solutions – Our Experiences With VMWare and VirtualBox<br>Peng Li, East Carolina University           |
| Paper 2:              | Using Subversion as an Aid in Evaluating Individuals Working on a Group Coding Project<br>Curt Jones, Bloomsburg University              |
| Paper 3:              | Real-Time Collaboration Tools for Digital Ink<br>Steven Lindell, Haverford College   |

### **Friday Afternoon, 4:00 PM – 4:30 PM, Break**

Break / Vendors

### **Friday Afternoon, 4:30 PM – 5:45 PM, Concurrent Session 2**

**Session 2A**      The Radnor Room

Special Session: Nifty Ideas

Session Chair: To be determined

Presenters: To be determined

**Session 2B**      The St. Davids Room

Invited: SIGCSE Invited Presentation: Game2Learn: Creating and Evaluating Educational Games for Computing

Presenter: Tiffany Barnes, UNCC

**Session 2C**      The Bryn Mawr Room

Papers: Contextualization

Session Chair: To be determined

Paper 1: Improving Believability of Simulated Characters  
Jere Miles, Wilkes Community College; Rahman Tashakkori, Appalachian State University

Paper 2: Beyond “Not-Invented-Here”: Development Environments for a MultiMedia Computation Course  
Stephen Carl, Sewanee: The University of the South

Paper 3: eBay, iTunes, and Propositional Logic: Comparing Expressiveness of Different Query Languages  
Ian Barland, Radford University

### **Friday Afternoon, 5:45 PM – 6:30 PM, Reception**

Reception in the President's Lounge

### **Friday Evening, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM, Banquet**

Banquet in the Villanova Room

### **Friday Evening, 8:00 PM, Banquet Speaker**

Thomas Way, Villanova University, will present "The Magic of Computer Science"

### **Saturday Morning, 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM Breakfast**

A light breakfast will be available at a location yet to be determined.

### **Saturday Morning, 8:30 AM – 9:45 AM, Concurrent Session 3**

**Session 3A**      The Radnor Room

Panel:              Incorporating Ethics into the Computer Science Curriculum: Multiple Perspectives

Panel Chair:      Frances Bailie, Iona College

Panel Members:   Keitha Murray, Smiljana Petrovic, Iona College; Deborah Whitfield, Slippery Rock University

**Session 3B**      The St. Davids Room

Papers:            Object Orientation

Session Chair:    To be determined

Paper 1:            Method Assumptions in Object-Oriented Programming  
Robert Noonan, College of William and Mary

Paper 2:            Revitalizing CS Hardware Curricula: Object Oriented Hardware Design  
Ganesh Baliga, John Robinson, Leigh Weiss, Rowan University

Paper 3:            The Essence of Object Orientation for CS0: Concepts without Code  
Raja Sooriamurthi, Carnegie Mellon University

**Session 3C**      The Bryn Mawr Room

Papers:            Community

Session Chair:    To be determined

Paper 1:            Perspectives Concerning the Utilization of Service Learning Projects in CS Courses  
Richard Scorce, St. John's University

Paper 2:            Motivating Programmers via an Online Community  
Michael Kölling, Poul Henriksen, University of Kent; Davin McCall, Deakin University

Paper 3:            Cyber-Politics: Developing an Interdisciplinary Learning Community in an Election Year  
Michael Ruth, Adrian Ionescu, Wagner College

**Session 3D**      The Haverford Room

Vendor Session:   Lego Robots

Presenter:        To be determined

### **Saturday Morning, 9:45 AM – 10:15 AM, Break**

Break / Vendors

### **Saturday Morning, 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM, Concurrent Session 4**

**Session 4A**      The Radnor Room

Papers:            Curriculum

Session Chair:    To be determined

Paper 1:            Implementing a Baccalaureate Program in Computer Forensics  
Jigang Liu, Metropolitan State University

Paper 2:            Making Service Oriented Architecture Relevant using a Multidisciplinary Approach  
Thomas Way, Vijay Gehlot, Villanova University

**Session 4B**      The St. Davids Room

Tutorial:           Greenfoot - Teaching Java with Games and Simulations

**Presenter:**      Michael Kölling

**Session 4C**      The Bryn Mawr Room

Tutorial:           Introducing Multi-core Programming into the Lower-level Curriculum: An Incremental Approach

Presenter:          Timothy J. McGuire, Sam Houston State University

**Session 4D**      The Haverford Room

Papers:            Robots

Session Chair:    To be determined

Paper 1:            A State Diagram Creation and Code Generation Tool for Robot Programming  
Sambit Bhattacharya, Denny Czejdo, Fayetteville State University

Paper 2:            Robots in the Classroom ... And the Dorm Room  
Jennifer Kay, Rowan University

Paper 3:            Industrial Robotic Game Playing: An AI Course  
Sebastian van Delden, University of South Carolina Upstate

### **Saturday Morning, 11:30 AM – 12:00 Noon, Break**

Break / Vendors

### **Saturday Afternoon, 12:00 Noon – 1:15 PM, Concurrent Session 5**

**Session 5A**      The Radnor Room

Papers:            Perceptions

Session Chair:    To be determined

Paper 1:            International Computing Issues as a Freshman Seminar  
Christopher Healy, Furman University

Paper 2:            Using Video to Explore Programming Thinking among Undergraduate Students  
Carol Wellington, Shippensburg University

Paper 3:            Factors Impacting Student Perceptions of Computing and CIS Majors  
Jeffrey Stone, David Kitlan, Pennsylvania State University

**Session 5B**      The St. Davids Room

Special Session: Lightning Talks

Session Chair: To be determined

Presenters: To be determined

**Session 5C**      The Bryn Mawr Room

Papers: Teams

Session Chair: To be determined

Paper 1: Using Peer Led Team Learning to Assist in Retention in Computer Science Classes  
Carolee Stewart-Gardiner, Kean University

Paper 2: Student Evaluation in Monitored Team Projects  
Joo Tan, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

**Session 5D**      The Haverford Room

Tutorial: Introduction to Cryptography

Presenter: Seth D. Bergmann, Rowan University

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| <b>Saturday Afternoon, 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Luncheon</b> |
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Luncheon and Awards and Conference Conclusion in the Villanova Room

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| <b>Saturday Afternoon, 2:45 PM – 5:45 PM, Workshops</b> |
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There are three workshops scheduled at this time. Note that workshops require an additional registration fee. For more information see Workshops below.

## **CCSCE 2009 Posters**

We invite faculty and graduate students to submit posters on relevant topics or current research. An abstract, of not more than 300 words, is required for consideration. Accepted posters that were submitted prior to April 27, 2009 are shown below. The abstracts for these posters will be included in the published Conference Proceedings.

### **Faculty Posters**

#### Toward a Source Code Comment Mentoring System

Author: Peter DePasquale

#### Using Virtualization in the Computer Lab to Solve Sticky Problems

Author: William Thomas

#### Revised Content and Format of CS Associate-Level Curricular Guidelines

Authors: Elizabeth K. Hawthorne, Robert D. Campbell, Karl J. Klee, Anita M. Wright

#### BLOGGING: A TEACHING TECHNIQUE FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

Authors: Barbara Zimmerman, Najib Nadi

#### PALMS for CS1: Building Problem-Solving through Animated Learning Modules

Authors: Jeffrey A. Stone, Tricia Clark

### **Student Posters**

#### A Multithreaded Satisfiability Solver with Load Balancing

Authors: Bethany R. Branco, Andrea F. Lobo



## CCSCE 2009 Workshops

Workshops are intended to provide an in-depth review of a topic of interest, designed to be immediately useful in the classroom. We are offering three workshops on Friday morning, immediately before the conference, and three workshops on Saturday afternoon, immediately after the conference. Workshop attendance requires payment of a nominal fee: \$6 for early registration (by 9/30), \$8 for regular registration, and \$10 for on-site registration.

### **Friday Morning Workshops : 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon**

#### **Workshop 1: Computer Science Unplugged**

Dr. Thomas Cortina, Carnegie Mellon University

The Radnor Room

Computer Science Unplugged is a book containing a set of fun activities that teachers from K-12 (and beyond) can use to illustrate computer science principles without using a computer. This workshop will allow participants to learn how to run a number of the activities with additional discussion on variations that can be used and issues to be aware of when these are presented to students. Audience participation will be a major focus of this workshop. After a number of activities are demonstrated and discussed, participants will work together to create a new activity suitable for the Unplugged theme.

#### **Workshop 6: Teaching a Female Friendly RPRCC (Real Projects for Real Clients Course) Introduction to Software Development at the Middle School, High School or Freshman College Level**

David Klappholz, Stevens Institute of Technology

The St. Davids Room

Middle/high-school teacher attendees will learn, hands-on, how to teach a Real Projects for Real Clients Course (RPRCC) in which students work in teams to perform the interpersonal-interaction-intensive activities involved in doing the pre-programming work of designing/prototyping software to provide services to or solve problems for socially relevant clients. They will also learn how to recruit project clients, how to manage clients' expectations, and how to have the software implemented in later courses at their institutions, or by college-level teams involved in the RPRCC Initiative. For more information about the attractiveness of RPRCCs to girls and young women, see <http://sites.google.com>

#### **Workshop 2: Puzzle-Based Learning**

Raja Sooriamurthi, Carnegie Mellon University; Nickolas Falkner, Zbigniew Michalewicz, University of Adelaide

The Bryn Mawr Room

Puzzle-based learning (PBL) is a new and emerging model of teaching critical thinking and problem solving. In this interactive workshop we will examine a range of puzzles, brainteasers, and games. What general problem solving strategies can we learn from the way we solve these examples? A learning goal of PBL is to distill domain independent transferable heuristics for

tackling problems. In the past year we have created and taught new courses on PBL in three countries under different academic settings. In this hands-on workshop we will introduce PBL and discuss our goals and experience.

## **Saturday Afternoon Workshops : 2:45 PM to 5:45 PM**

### **Workshop 5: Turning a 14 Week Non-Major Class into a 7 Week Fast Forward Class**

Barbara Zimmerman, Villanova University

The Radnor Room

Challenges are faced when a full semester undergraduate non-CS major course is taught as a 7 week fast forward course. The format was downsized to one weekly 2½ hour night session. Changing from traditional undergraduate students to adult students meant an additional goal of keeping the students interested in the materials after they have worked a full day. What worked or did not and what lessons were drawn are to be discussed. Instructors who teach or will teach adults will gain from attending this workshop. Together we will explore the challenges and solutions of condensing a course and teaching the adult learner.

### **Workshop 4: The Animated Database Courseware (ADbC)**

Mario Guimaraes and Meg Murray, Kennesaw State University

The St. Davids Room

This workshop demonstrates a set of software animations, called Animated Database Courseware (ADbC), which are designed to support the teaching of database concepts. Areas covered include database design, SQL, transactions and database security. ADbC is freely available from <http://adbc.kennesaw.edu>. The animations are not tailored to any specific product or textbook nor are they intended to substitute for them. Instead, they provide a means to facilitate student learning resulting in an opportunity to include more depth or breadth to the concepts covered in a database course. The workshop will explore different ways the software may be incorporated into the classroom environment.

### **Workshop 3: Cooperative Learning for CS1 and Beyond: Making It Work for You**

Leland Beck, Alexander Chizhik, San Diego State University

The Bryn Mawr Room

Cooperative learning is a well-known instructional strategy with many significant benefits for students. This workshop will help you make the most effective use of cooperative learning in your courses. We will focus on course planning, classroom management, and other concerns brought up by participants, combining a theoretical framework with actual experiences from the classroom. The cooperative learning principles and workshop activities will be applicable throughout the curriculum. Workshop participants will also receive a complete set of class-tested cooperative learning activities that have raised test scores in CS1 by 25% at our institution. No prior experience with cooperative learning is necessary.

## **CCSC Eastern Conference Committee**

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Don Goelman, Villanova University  
John Lewis, Virginia Tech

### **Registration**

Vijay Gehlot, Villanova University

### **Local Arrangements**

Tom Way, Villanova University  
Paula Matuszek, Matuszek Consulting

### **Papers**

Pete DePasquale, The College of NJ  
Amruth Kumar, Ramapo College

### **Panels, Workshops, and Tutorials**

Joe Chase, Radford University  
Ian Barland, Radford University

### **Nifty Ideas and Lightning Talks**

Leigh Ann Sudol, CMU

### **Student and Faculty Posters**

Dave Hovemeyer, York College of PA

### **Undergraduate Programming Contest**

Thomas Cortina, CMU  
Najib Nadi, Villanova University  
Sara Miner More, McDaniel College

### **Vendors**

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