

CSGSS Orientation

If you have questions about anything we covered or anything we didn't, send me email (thomaswa@cs.rutgers.edu)

Who is CSGSS?

- Computer Science Graduate Student Society
- Computer Science Affiliate of GSA
- Officers
 - Bill Katsak (President)
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 - Ana Paula Centeno (Vice President)
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Welcome to the Rutgers CS Department!

- Yay, you're a grad student!
- Now what...



Department Resources

- <http://www.cs.rutgers.edu/resources/>
- Email Lists:
 - dcs-grad@cs.rutgers.edu
 - everyone@cs.rutgers.edu
 - GSA lists
- Voicemail:
 - Forwarded to your email
- Printers:
 - Core3, dcs, lp4
 - The copier can send you email!

More Resources

- Grad student machines
 - paul.rutgers.edu
- Labs
 - Cereal Lab
 - Soup Lab
- Research machines
 - Presidents Cluster

Faculty / Staff

- CS Chair – Dr. Michael Littman
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- Grad Director – Dr. Bill Steiger
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- Grad Secretary – Carol Difrancesco
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- Human Resources – Aneta Unrat
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PhD Research

- First 2 Years
 - Need to take 1 light seminar
 - A and B classes
 - Breadth and depth Requirements
- Third Year (ish)
 - Independent study
 - Qualifying exam
- Next n years
 - Research
 - Pre-Defend, Defend

Getting Started in Research

- Talk to faculty you're interested in.
 - Visit web-pages, read papers, talk to grad students
- **HAVE A WEB PAGE!**
- Let them know your background.
- Take classes about things you want to know.
- Focus on research when you get started.

Funding Stuff

- TA's
 - Teach recitations or grade homeworks / projects
- GA's
 - “Research Assistants” – usually funded by grants from their professors
- Fellowships
 - Money coming directly to the student to pursue their educations

Local Rutgers Stuff

- Parking passes
- Buses!
- Multiple Campuses
- Football
- Faculty-Staff Dining Hall
- Cell Phone Discounts!



Panel Topics

- what you should do as a TA/GA
- cs grad student life stuff
- How to approach faculty about research
- More “inner workings of the department stuff”