



# Department of Computer Science Master's Programs Newsletter

Fall 2014

## A Message from the DGS...

I'd like to welcome all of our new MS students to campus. I sincerely hope you will find your experience here enriching and rewarding. To our returning MS students, I hope you had a relaxing summer and are now taking advantage of the many advanced graduate classes that we offer. I'm the new Director of Graduate Studies, having replaced Professor Chee Yap, who did a fantastic job as DGS.

I hope you'll come to my office, room 401 WWH, to introduce yourself. Many of you I will meet this semester in my Programming Languages class, but hopefully I will get to know the rest of you as well. We have many interesting events coming up this semester, including those hosted by MACS, our Masters Association for Computer Science organization, so I hope you will attend as many of these as possible. Have a great semester!

- Benjamin F. Goldberg

## Congratulations to our Students!

- ❖ Yang Cui, Ye Ji, Numair Khan and Lixuan "Tyler" Zhu were awarded the 2014 M.S. Thesis/Research Fellowship.
- ❖ Rohit Gupta, Leslie Lye, Kamran Nobahar, and Renfei Zhou were awarded the 2014 M.S. Innovation Fellowship.
- ❖ Weihan Kong was named the 2014 NYU Courant Institute Hedwig Kurzbart Master's Fellow.
- ❖ Christian Keitel was named the 2014 NYU Courant Institute M. Michael Waller Master's Fellow.
- ❖ Lan Huo and Si Liu received the 2014 M.S. in Computer Science Fellowship.
- ❖ Nisha Raman and Pinji Zhao received the 2014 M.S. in Information Systems Fellowship.
- ❖ Zhongdi Luo was awarded the 2013-2014 Master's Thesis Prize.
- ❖ Zhuoheng Yang was awarded the 2013-2014 Matthew Smosna Prize.
- ❖ Asher Krim was awarded the 2013-2014 Master's Innovation Prize.
- ❖ Katherine Erickson and Miaomin Zhu were selected as participants for the 2014 Grace Hopper Conference.



The Office of Global Services (OGS) will be hosting a workshop for master's students in the Computer Science Department regarding off-campus employment options for F-1 international students.



There will be an overview explaining the types of authorization students may be eligible for (OPT & CPT) and the rules regarding each type. Students will also learn about the application process and the documents needed to ensure one is able to work. The event will take place on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm – 1:45pm in room 109 of Warren Weaver Hall. It is strongly recommend that all F-1 students interested in working in the U.S. attend the workshop.

# MACS Update

The Master's Association for Computer Science (MACS), founded in 2008, is committed to building a strong community for the master's students in the Computer Science Department. Their mission is to enrich the students' educational experience through professional development, networking opportunities, interdisciplinary interactions and partnerships with other student organizations at NYU. During the 2013-2014 academic year, MACS held many successful events, such as MACS Your Resume, Communication for Consulting Series, Data Meets Business Frontiers of Computing Series and more.

MACS is already busy planning exciting events for this academic year. Upcoming events include:

- ❖ MACS Maker Faire trip 9/20/14
- ❖ "Crush Your Coding" Bootcamp with Facebook
- ❖ Alumni Networking Event 11/14
- ❖ MACS Career Orientation 9/26/14
- ❖ Facebook Visit & Techtalk 10/14
- ❖ and much more to come...

If you haven't already, be sure to sign up for the [MACS Mailing List](#). Also, you can join the MACS Facebook group and check out their website for new information and events. If you have any event ideas, any concerns with school work or career development or anything else, send them an email to [macs@cs.nyu.edu](mailto:macs@cs.nyu.edu).



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## NYU Wasserman

### The Center for Career Development

The Wasserman Center for Career Development has a wide variety of services and events to help students in their professional development and job search. Below are just a few of the many options available to students. Unless otherwise noted, the events will take place at Wasserman, 133 E. 13th Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

**Graduate Networking Series:** Network and socialize with other graduate students and professionals in your field. You'll be able to discuss jobs, career trends and professional opportunities. Light refreshments will be served.

**Consulting & Management:** October 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm-7:30pm

**Technology & Big Data:** November 12<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm-4:30pm

**Interviewing for Master's Students:** Does the idea of interviewing make you nervous? Do you dread the common interview question, "So, tell me about yourself"? This session will help you prepare for interviews and craft appropriate responses to some of the toughest interview questions. It will also help you identify resources necessary to familiarize yourself with both the company and industry. October 20<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm-3:00pm & December 3<sup>rd</sup> 3:30pm-4:30pm.

**Salary Negotiation:** Learn how to address tough salary questions and how to strategically approach a salary negotiation. October 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:30pm-1:30pm.

**NYU Start-Up Fair:** This event will help students connect with professionals in the entrepreneurial and start-up community. November 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm-6:30pm in Tisch Hall, Patrons Lobby.

**U.S. Resume Writing:** Learn the specifics of preparing your resume for the U.S. job search process. October 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm-1:30pm.

# Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to the 2014 Computer Science master's graduates! The department wishes you well in all of your future endeavors and hopes that you keep in touch with the department, Courant and NYU. If you haven't already filled out your [Courant Exit Survey](#), please do so. We value your insights and thoughts. Also, filling out the survey will get you added to our departmental mailing list, which is used to invite alumni to upcoming departmental events. The department, and especially the current students, loves to see alumni at our events!



## ALUMNI



Mark your calendar!  
GSAS will be  
holding their  
Master's Alumni  
Day Gathering on

Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-8:30pm at  
Pour George, located at 35 West 8<sup>th</sup> St.

The event is hosted by the GSAS Master's  
College Alumni Association. Alumni are  
encouraged to come and enjoy food, fun, drink  
tickets and more, as they catch up with old  
friends and make plenty of new ones.

To RSVP, send an email to  
[gsas.masterscollege.alumni@nyu.edu](mailto:gsas.masterscollege.alumni@nyu.edu) with your  
name, as well as the name of this event.

## GSAS Master's Fall Seminar Series: Fun Interactive Communication

When the department asks companies who have our students  
interning with them what areas students can improve on, the  
number one answer is communications skills. Knowing the  
correct answer isn't enough. You have to know how to  
properly express it to your supervisor and coworkers.

This session will help work on these critical communication  
skills and help build self-confidence. The session will be  
taught by Brandon Gardner of the Upright Citizen's Brigade  
Training Center. The workshop is a fun, improv-based  
session that gets you talking, moving and ready to be secure  
in your voice so you can effectively and confidently interact  
with others.

The session will be held on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from  
6:30 pm - 9 pm at 19 University Place, first floor.

To RSVP, send an email to:  
[gsas.masterscollege.rsvp@nyu.edu](mailto:gsas.masterscollege.rsvp@nyu.edu) with your name and the  
name of this event.



## Graduate Student Reception

The Computer Science Department cordially invites our master's and PhD students, alumni, faculty and staff to the Fall 2014 Computer Science Graduate Student Reception. The reception will be held on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm until 7:30pm in the 13<sup>th</sup> floor lounge of Warren Weaver Hall. It will be a wonderful opportunity to mingle with students, alumni, faculty and staff in the Computer Science Department. Refreshments will be served. We hope you will be able to join us for this festive kick off to the fall semester!

## Fall 2014 Showcase

Join the students of the Computer Science Department at an event showcasing projects completed in various computer science graduate and undergraduate courses from the Fall 2014 semester. The showcase will take place on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm – 8:00pm in the 13<sup>th</sup> floor lounge of Warren Weaver Hall. It is a wonderful opportunity to see the creativity and industry of NYU's Computer Science Department.

## Spring Registration

Spring 2015 registration will begin on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Students are encouraged to register as soon as they are able to, as our courses fill up very quickly. To be able to register, you need to meet with your advisor for advisor approval first. Students should be sure to schedule their advisor approval meetings before registration begins so they are not delayed in registering.

Jennifer Conlan Darlington will be going out on maternity leave in the fall semester, likely some time in November. As such, the department is going to start holding advisor approval meetings earlier than usual this semester. Meetings will begin on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to e-mail your advisor to set up an appointment. In your e-mail, include your N number and the days and times you are available to meet. Also, be sure to review the [Spring 2015 schedule of courses](#) before the meeting.

As a reminder, registration appointments for master's and non-degree students are broken down as follows:

27 earned credits or more- initial registration on 1<sup>st</sup> day  
18-26 earned credits- initial registration on 2<sup>nd</sup> day  
9-17 earned credits- initial registration on 3<sup>rd</sup> day  
0-8 earned credits- initial registration on 4<sup>th</sup> day

## MSCS & MSIS Alumni Networking Event & Panel Discussion



The Computer Science Department is partnering with MACS to hold a Computer Science Department MSCS & MSIS Alumni Networking Event and Panel Discussion on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-8:00pm in the 13<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge of Warren Weaver Hall.

We invite all of our MSCS and MSIS alumni to attend this event. It will be a great opportunity to network with fellow alumni, as well as to share some guidance and perspective to current students. Not all of our alumni are on our department mailing list so we ask that alumni please share the details of this event with fellow alumni. If you are interested in participating in the panel discussion, please e-mail Katie Laugel at [laugel@cs.nyu.edu](mailto:laugel@cs.nyu.edu) or Jennifer Conlan Darlington at [darlington@cs.nyu.edu](mailto:darlington@cs.nyu.edu).

All current MSCS and MSIS students are invited to attend this event to mingle with our MSCS & MSIS Alumni. Our alumni will be there to provide guidance and share their experiences after graduation. We encourage students to prepare some questions for the Q & A panel.

Refreshments will be served.

The Computer Science Master's Programs at The Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences

<http://cs.nyu.edu/web/Academic/Graduate/index.html#MS>

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