Director's Notes

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Center for Forensics, Information Technology, and Security

School of Computing

August 2020

DATA SCIENCE

Every Other Wednesday

4:45 to 6:00PM
Shelby Hall Rm 3104

SYSTEMS PROTECTION AND EXPLOITATION RESEARCH GROUP (SPERG)

Every Friday 10 – 11 a.m.
@Shelby Hall Rm 2327
www.soc.southalabama.edu/sperg/

PARTNER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Contact Keith Lynn at 251-460-7643. For scheduling HOLLA click on the link below.

Schedule HOLLA

Quote of the Month

"Your most unhappy customers are your greatest source of learning."

Bill Gates

[Software Developer, Investor & Philanthropist]

Due to COVID–19 all activities have been cancelled until further notice

Alumni Profile

Mike Jones
Computer Science Degree
University of South Alabama
VP & GM for Nuance Communications
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Mike Jones graduated from the USA SoC in May of 1995 with a degree in Computer Science. While earning his undergraduate degree, Mike was a member of the ACM, served as President of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and worked in the university admissions office and career services center. These on-campus activities and connections created an opportunity to co-op for a local technology firm, which has led to a successful 25-year career in healthcare technology. Mike credits his academic and professional success to the support of USA professors such as the late Dr. Michael Doran, Dr. Roy Daigle, and Dr. William Owen.

Currently serving as a Vice President and General Manager for Nuance Communications, Mike is responsible for driving the growth of Nuance's cognitive AI product portfolio into community hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, long term care facilities, and physician offices across North America. Throughout his career he has served in executive roles for various high growth, national and international healthcare technology companies, including CPSI, M*Modal, and NTTDATA. Prior to his current role at Nuance, Mike served as CEO of Cantata Health, an electronic medical record provider based in Austin Texas.

Mike remains very involved with the SoC, serving on the Advisory Board for the past 19 years, as well as acting as the SoC chair for the Upward and Onward campaign which raised over $150 million dollars for the University endowment. Together with his wife Kim (USA School of Business '95), he has continued to support the university by endowing a scholarship for incoming freshmen in their name. "The University of South Alabama provided not only the skills to succeed in business, but also an immense sense of pride and personal responsibility that drives us to give back to the University in any way that we can."

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Faculty Profile

Debra Chapman

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Dr. Debra Chapman is the Interim Associate Dean, as well as the, Graduate Director for the School of Computing (SoC) at the University of South Alabama (USA). She is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Information Science and Technology. She received her B.S. degree (1989) in Secondary Education from the University of Southern Mississippi, her M.S. degree (1997) in Computer and Information Sciences from the University of South Alabama and her Ph.D. (2013) in Instructional Technology from the University of Southern Mississippi. Her research interest lies in instructional technology and the recruitment and retention of underrepresented students in Computing. She is the founder and faculty sponsor of the J-WIT (Jaguar Women in Technology) student organization at USA. She is an active member of the ACM (Academic Computing Machinery), including the ACM U.S. Technology Policy Committee. She is on the editorial board and an active reviewer for Cogent Education.

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