



Endowed Chair Appointment in CSE

An appointment process that started last year culminated this past March 1st when Chancellor Marye Anne Fox named Prof. Andrew B. Kahng to the Jacobs School's endowed chair in high-performance computing. Congratulations, Andrew for a well deserved recognition!

Sanjoy Dasgupta awarded Best Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Professor Sanjoy Dasgupta for receiving this year's CSE Best Teacher award. Each year students fill out and comment on their professors thru CAPES (Course and Professor Evaluations). The department reviews the CAPES and other methods to identify a few nominees. The Dean at Jacobs School of Engineering then announces and presents the chosen faculty member of the year. Professor Sanjoy Dasgupta's area of expertise is in Theory. He teaches courses Learning Theory, Design & Analysis of Algorithms, and Statistical Learning. Here are some quotes from his students.

"He's the most awesome professor. He deserves the best instructor award."

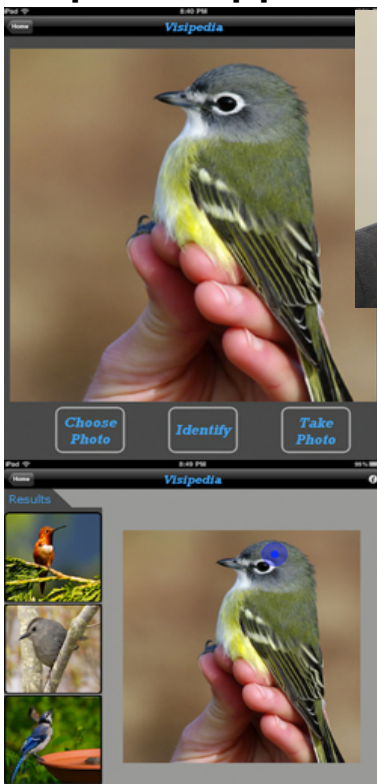
"Lecturer extraordinaire."

"One of the best, knows what he teaches and teaches it very well."

Congratulations Sanjoy! Great job! Continue the good work!



Visipedia App an Interactive Field Guide for Birders



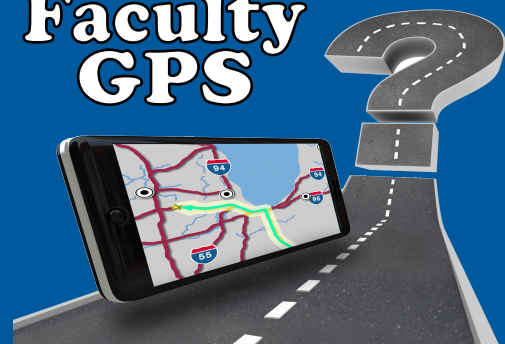
Professor Serge Belongie and his team have developed an iPad app that will identify most North American birds. This type of search has proven to be difficult with lesser-known visuals, such as birds, animals and plants. Belongie chose to focus his research on birds for

several reasons, including the abundance of excellent photos available on the Internet, the technical challenges with the diversity of bird species and the large community of birders to the test the system.

The team developed computer vision algorithms to analyze users' photos. Belongie hopes the app will ignite a movement among other enthusiasts, who will partner with computer scientists to create similar apps for everything from flowers, to butterflies, to lichens to mushrooms.

See the full story at UC San Diego News Center. Additional story: San Diego Union Tribune.

Faculty GPS



CHARLES ELKAN

Charles Elkan will be traveling on 05/17-05/18 to give a talk at the Tuck business school at Dartmouth..



BETH SIMON

Beth Simon will be traveling to Chicago on 05.22-05.25 to attend The AP CS Principles Item Development Meeting, NCWIT 2012 Summit on Women in IT and the NSF CE21 PI Meeting