

CSE Weekly Newsletter

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Beth Simon and Cynthia Lee featured in the national "Turn to Your Neighbor" Peer Instruction blog



CSE Instructors Beth Simon and Cynthia Lee were featured in the national "Turn to Your Neighbor" Peer Instruction blog during the month of August. They announce the launch of the a website to support computer science professors in using Peer Instruction (<http://www.peerinstruction4cs.org/>) where materials from many CSE people are being share with others including: Professor Ranjit Jhala, graduate student Kevin Webb, former graduate student Cynthia Taylor, former graduate student Alex Tsiatis, former graduate student Leo Porter, as well as Beth Simon and Cynthia Lee. Check out the feature by going to this link:

<http://blog.peerinstruction.net/2012/08/08/how-to-use-peer-instruction-in-computer-science/>



Mihir Bellare named a Fellow of the International Association of Cryptologic Research

Professor Bellare received the distinction of being named an IACR Fellow for his fundamental contributions to the theory and practice of cryptography and for educational leadership in cryptography. Congratulations Mihir!

Ron Graham and Persi Diaconis win 2013 Euler Book Prize

Ron Graham and Persi Diaconis have won 2013 Euler Book Prize for their book "Magical Mathematics: the Mathematical Ideas that Animate Great Magic Tricks". Sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America (MAA), the Euler Book Prize is a well-recognized award to an author or authors of an outstanding book about mathematics that improves public perception of mathematics. Ron receives this award in a ceremony on January 10, 2013 in San Diego. Congratulations, Ron!



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Christine Alvarado traveled on 10/03/12 – 10/05/12 to attend the Grace Hopper Conference with the ladies of WIC (Women in Computing).

Bill Griswold traveled on 10/07/12 to San Francisco to attend the Health 2.0 Conference.

Beth Simon traveled to University of Maryland on 10/10/12-10/12/12 to attend the Center for Integration of Research Teaching and Learning Network Meeting

Stefan Savage traveled today 10/24/12 to Sunnyvale, CA to give a "Big Thinker" talk at Yahoo.

NSB visits Gary Cottrell's "Temporal Dynamics of Learning Center"

The Temporal Dynamics of Learning Center, led by Gary Cottrell, was visited by the National Science Board (NSB) on Wednesday, September 19, 2012. The NSB is a 25-member body appointed by the president that oversees the National Science Foundation, as well as providing a yearly "state of US Science and Engineering" report to the president and congress. "The NSB is a pretty high-level group," said Cottrell. "They include a former Chancellor of UC Riverside, the former President of Notre Dame, a former chief scientist at NASA, the chairman of the Smithsonian's governing board, and that's just one of them!" Chancellor Khosla welcomed the Board to UCSD, and Vice Chancellor for Research Sandy Brown showed a short video describing the cutting-edge science and engineering at UCSD. The visit included lab tours, demos and a poster session, which included four of Gary's students' posters. "The visit went quite well" said Cottrell. "I think we now have some friends in high places."

