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FAVORITE ATTENDEE WEB SITES

- Jayne Ashworth (Virginia): put "guess-the-google" into the Google search engine to get to the game. The returned page shows you 20 images. You have to guess what search terms would return these 20 images.
- David Diedrich (DePauw) reads blogs, especially that of the Wednesday plenary speaker Bryan Alexander, which David describes as a combination of IT and gothic.
- Janice Guarneri (Princeton) checks Playlist.com to look for theater specials in New York City.
- Fritz Hjärdemaal (UNC Charlotte) and Art Bascos (Stanford) both like digg.com. Its news and articles can keep you contemporary.
- Mariann Miller (Princeton) brings up CNN. "I work in an office all day; I want to see what's going on in the world."

Happy Trails

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Gala Celebration

The conference celebrates tonight at the SIGUCCS Gala amid the cultured setting of the Portland Art Museum, which is the oldest art museum in the Pacific Northwest (1892).

The museum is a five block (0.3 mile) walk away from the Portland Hilton. Walking maps are available at the conference registration desk. The street location is 1219 SW Park Avenue between Main and Jefferson.

The function begins at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 9:00 p.m. The museum galleries are open from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for viewing. The Swingline Cubs will provide live music.

On entry, each person will receive a drink ticket for one beverage with cash bar available all evening.

Dinner buffet service begins at 6:45 p.m. The menu is braised pork shank or chicken breast, black bean stew, jicama-apple slaw, garlic polenta, baby spinach, and corn bread. The miniature desserts will permit sampling of all offerings.

The museum's collection includes works of European painting and sculpture, American painting and sculpture, silver, Asian art, Native American art, Pre-Columbian art, Cameroon and other African art, contemporary art, sculpture, prints and drawings, and photography.

Poster Session Expo

The Poster Session Exposition is a two-hour, walk-up event that allows people to share their campus experiences with colleagues on a one-to-one basis. The Poster Session Exposition is convened in the Pavilion Ballroom (Plaza level) on Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The authors of 12 technical posters will be on hand. Also, conference sponsors will have representatives and displays there.

As the name suggests, presenters illustrate their topic through prepared materials attached to a poster board and via laptops/screens or handouts. The posters explain their research or experience topic.

For more fun, the conference will supply free desserts and beverages at the Poster Exposition. So, don't eat dessert at lunch and be sure to come by the Poster Session Exposition.



Adam Lee (Ithaca), Chester Andrews (Oberlin), Linda Guenther (York University) and Dennis Mar (NPS) gather to discuss program content Sunday.



A full house at Monday's Opening Plenary



Many walked away from Sunday's hospitality modeling LSU beads



One full day of presentations down, 1.5 to go – Danny Wong (Univ. of Oregon)



Fresh off a morning flight, Mat Felhousen (Univ. of Rochester) made his presentation

Thank You, Vendors!

Without sponsors for the little extras that SIGUCCS offers, it would not be the fine experience attendees have come to expect and love. We want to extend a thank you to our Silver Sponsors for their support of the SIGUCCS 2008 Fall Conference.

Dell and Apple have provided equipment for the Email and Presentation rooms to keep you in touch

with the necessary communication back home.

Xirrus is hosting the Hospitality Suite and providing our wireless network in four locations throughout the conference.

Computer Lab Solutions and SchoolDude.com have provided generous contributions to the conference budget, as well.

Please be sure to stop by their tables in the foyer or during the Poster Session Exposition to thank them for their support.



Penny Crane Award

SIGUCCS chair Bob Haring-Smith presented the 2008 Penny Crane Award to Jerome ("Jerry") Smith at the opening plenary session. The Penny Crane award is given once a year to one member for significant contributions to the association and the profession.

Jerry said that he was others could grateful for this recognition by his peers. But beyond that, he was honored to receive this award named for a close

friend. He mentioned how so many SIGUCCS old-timers continue to apply lessons such as "including everyone" and "making jobs fun" that Penny was known for.

Jerry worked in computing for the Univ. of Calif. Berkeley for 42 years and was a SIGUCCS member for 35 years. As was written in his nomination, he provided the environment in which shine and receive credit. Regardless of the crisis, his demeanor is always calm,



Jerry Smith at Opening Plenary deliberate, and approachable.

Also recognized by SIGUCCS this year with Hall of Fame awards were Jack McCredite, John Lateulere, and Rob Paterson.

Keynote Recap

The Monday plenary speaker, Larry Johnson from the New Media Consortium (NMC) and the Horizon Project, proposed a metaphor for higher education computing user services as building an airline while flying with passengers.

Mr. Johnson ran through his seven megatrends. These are described in his entry in the conference session abstracts. But more colloquially, he listed them as (1) the network is getting wider and devices smaller, (2) people are the nodes of the network, not servers, (3) collective

intelligence, (4) intuitive interfaces, (5) everything is moving to 3D, (6) serious games, and (7) users create the content.

To sample his own work, Mr. Johnson suggested looking at the Wiki at horizon.NMC.org/wiki