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WHY DO SO MANY VOLUNTEER AT SIG?

- Joyce Davidson (Idaho) mentor and registration: "As a volunteer, you get to help people. I guess that's why I'm in user services."
- Deborah Fisher (The Citadel) reviewer and mentor: "I'm fairly new to SIGUCCS, and volunteering is a good way to meet people."
- Cindy Guerra (Delaware) e-mail room: "As a volunteer, you help the conference operate more efficiently. The more you volunteer, the better able you are to contribute."
- Marianne Keyes (Carleton) registration: "Last year I was standing around the registration desk and I thought, 'I can do this.' Volunteering is a good way to meet people."
- Kelly Quinn-Hughes (Lander): "Last year, everyone I met was so friendly that I wanted to be more of a part of SIGUCCS."

Alexander Set to Close



The final highlight in the fantastic SIGUCCS program is the closing plenary speaker, Bryan Alexander. Bryan has been described as a mixture of IT and gothic. "The ideas can come a mile-a-minute. So hang on," says program chair Elizabeth Wagon.

Bryan Alexander is director of research for the National Institute for Technology and Liberal Education (NITLE). In his research, he develops programs on the advanced uses

of information technology in liberal arts contexts. His primary research interests concern mobile and wireless computing, digital writing, copyright and intellectual property, and information literacy among other topics. He will offer his perspective on the implementation of Web 2.0, world wide computer gaming, and the ubiquity of mobile end-user devices.

During the closing session, the fall 2009 conference folks will make their pitch for you to meet them in St. Louis. Present and future management types should seriously consider the spring conference in Nashville, March 29 to April 1, 2009.

Farewell to Joanne Martori

Joanne Martori, our professional event planner, has done the heavy lifting for SIGUCCS conferences since spring 2002 and now is moving into nursing. All those years she was holding our hands through vendor negotiations and making sure all those little extras were there for us.

Joanne is not leaving empty-handed. Through SIGUCCS, she met John Lateulere. They married recently, in July 2008. John understands that his receiving a Hall of Fame award at this conference is the second best honor he has received this year. We wish Joanne success in her new endeavor!

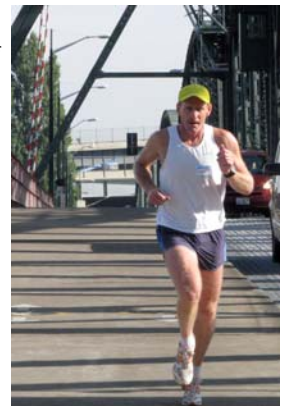
5k Fun Run Results

Under perfect skies Sunday afternoon, the 5K Fun Run/Walk returned to the SIGUCCS program. The course was an urban route: one stop light, a delay at a drawbridge, and stairs. Gale Fritsche (Lehigh) cruised in first. Joana Trimble Gandara (St. Edward's) and Heidi Wasem (Puget Sound) were the first women runners.

Gale has a little running experience. He has competed in both the Boston and New York City marathons. In New York City, he shadowed Lance Armstrong for a long stretch and ended up in the background of

Armstrong's media coverage. Now what if Gale had been wearing a "SIGUCCS Ask Me Why" T-shirt?

Although everyone wasn't able to make the run/walk, many attendees have been seen around town enjoying the weather, fresh Northwest air and scenery.





Schelly Homan (Bucknell) shares her poster with attendees



Another packed session for Tuesday's program



A presentation from Oregon State University colleagues



Local Arrangements Chair, Chris Wiesemann, spreads his Univ. of Oregon colors to friends

SIG'08 Chairs Thank You

Thank you to all 2008 SIGUCCS attendees. Parrish Nnambi, conference co-chair, credits its positive outcome to, "Everyone playing a role in making this conference a success." He goes on, personally noting, "It has been a great experience for me."

It not only takes dedicated and thorough planning on behalf of the conference core committee, but program chair Elizabeth Wagnon adds, "The fantastic presentations

continue a tradition that we want to continue into the future. Each year the bar is set just a little bit higher."

To keep the conference connections going, everyone will receive an electronic copy of the attendee list.

As an all volunteer conference, conference co-chair Terry Wolff admits, "Nothing could be accomplished without a



great committee, volunteers, and participants. Thanks to everyone for their continued involvement and enthusiasm!"

See everyone in St. Louis!

Spring in Nashville

Join us for the 2009 ACM SIGUCCS Spring Management Symposium, March 30- April 1. Whether you are a veteran or aspire to become an IT leader, you will find engaging, focused discussions about IT management issues that impact your success. This symposium brings together IT leadership from institutions of all sizes for a broad range of ideas,

viewpoints, challenges, and solutions.

This year's theme, Fine-Tuning IT Solutions, reflects on many musical analogies relevant to IT management issues, such as ways to harmonize your IT organization, deal with dissonances, and share those special successes when your experience a sense of perfect pitch.



Submit a 150-300 word abstract by November 7th for a presentation, panel, poster session, or birds of a feather session For abstract submission details and to stay tuned, visit our site: <http://www.siguccs.org/conference/spring2009/>

Meet You in St. Louis

Please join us in St. Louis, Missouri, October 11-14 for the SIGUCCS 2009 Fall Conference.

The conference theme is Communication, Collaboration and embodies the spirit of St. Louis. Just as Lewis and Clark collaborated on their journey west, and learned new ways to communicate

with the native Americans, we will explore new ways to communicate and collaborate in the ever-changing world of university and college computing services.

Communication and collaboration happens at all levels within an information technology organization and throughout your

institution. New technologies are being developed to support these initiatives. These ideas are critical to our success as IT organizations. So join us in St. Louis to share you're successes and challenges and learn how to expand your boundaries.