COMPUTER SCIENCE FACULTY AND STAFF AWARDS
Petros Drineas  
Professor

Petros has led the department's effort in the past year to develop a Broadening Participation in Computing plan for CS faculty to use in research proposals to NSF. His work in collecting exemplar projects, categorizing existing efforts, and curating them all into a coherent document, which is registered with NSF, will make CS faculty proposals more competitive in review.
LEADERSHIP AWARD

Sonja Fahmy
Professor

Sonia has served as an associate head for several years and worked tirelessly in providing oversight for new and online course development. Her efforts have greatly contributed to the expansion of educational offerings in the CS department.
Belinda Morrow
Senior Graduate Program Coordinator

Belinda provides a welcoming environment for her 200 MS student advisees. She clearly enjoys helping students with their academic plans to reach their professional and life goals. During the pandemic, she successfully adapted her work style to continue to support students at her usual level. In addition, she has continually worked to build and maintain a community and social life for the students in the professional MS program.
Ha Nguyen
Administrative Assistant

During a two month span in which the department had no executive assistant to the head, Ha stepped up to take on important, time-critical processes for faculty promotion and annual reviews. These tasks required many extra hours on her part as she continued to manage all the functions of her regular work assignments. Ha did all things well, with little to no training, and met required external deadlines.
Ranjani Rao
Student Success Specialist

Ranjani has tirelessly worked to developed undergraduate research experiences for CS students. She speaks with faculty and researches their webpages to find turnkey opportunities for our students. She has a keen eye for what individuals are interested in pursuing, and she finds joy in her one-on-one interactions with our undergraduates and how those talks lead to fulfillment for them.
Monica Shively
Assistant Department Head

Monica has been at the center of support for the rapid growth in interest in graduate certificate programs and online offerings of CS graduate courses. Her work with CS faculty and focus on these projects has steadily built the number of offerings available to Purdue graduate students in other departments, and for a variety of external learners from the corporate world, government, and other higher educational institutions.
Daniel Trinkle
Senior Academic IT Specialist

Daniel is very organized and consistently positive and professional with faculty. He is instrumental in managing the installation and configuration of machines to support scientific research by faculty in the CS department.
Dongyan is a productive research mentor for students and fellow faculty members. He graduates more than one PhD student per year, supports numerous RAs at the PhD and Masters levels, and has multiple teaming relationships with other CS faculty.
Xiangyu Zhang
Conte Professor

Xiangyu has maintained a large research group for a number of years, supporting over a dozen research assistants and postdocs, and has graduated seven PhD students in the past three years.
LEADERSHIP AWARD

Vasillis Zikas
Associate Professor

Vasillis has demonstrated leadership early in his career and time at Purdue, winning an $8 million center-scale grant as PI of a team of 15 partner institutions on five continents.
CONGRATULATIONS

Thank you to all of our honorees for your persistent efforts to create a culture of respect, inclusion, innovation and growth.

We appreciate you!