

CFITS LECTURE SERIES

Wednesday Lecture and Network Forum

No speaker this month.

Lectures will resume in January, 2018.

DIGITAL FORENSICS INFORMATION INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH GROUP

Meetings will resume January 2018

SYSTEMS PROTECTION AND EXPLOITATION RESEARCH GROUP (SPERG)

<http://soc.southalabama.edu/sperg/>

Last meeting of 12/01/2017

Meetings resume in January 2018

PARTNER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The website is now open for scheduling for the 2017-2018 academic year. For assistance, call Keith Lynn at 251-460-7643.

[Link to schedule HOLLA Lab](#)

VOLUNTEERS There are many ways for you or your organization to volunteer with CFITS and the School of Computing. Please call Les, at 251-461-1601

Quote of the Month

"I think everyone should get a little exposure to computer science because it really forces you to think in a slightly different way, and it's a skill that you can apply in life in general, whether you end up in computer science or not."

Tony Hsieh, CEO
of Zappos

FACULTY PROFILE



Dr. Jeffrey T. McDonald is a Professor of Computer Science in the School of Computing (SoC). He received his Ph.D. in computer science from Florida State University (FSU). He is also a retired Lieutenant Colonel from the U.S. Air Force where he served for 21 years as a cyber operations officer in various assignments with specialization in software engineering, technical management, test and evaluation, and cyber security. Dr. McDonald has advised 18 Master's thesis students and is currently chair of 8 thesis and 2 doctoral committees. He has published over 60 papers in peer-reviewed journals, conferences, and workshops and serves as associate editor for Elsevier Computer and Security and Journal of Defense Modeling and Simulation. Dr. McDonald has shared in \$7.4M of NSF grant funding, \$1M of prior grant funding from AFOSR and Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), and has served as PI and Co-PI for the SFS program at USA. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in secure software engineering, compilers, and surreptitious software.

CURRENT NEWS

DECEMBER, 2017

ALUMNI PROFILE



Nikhil Bashetty was born in a small town in India and showed a passion and aptitude for Mathematics at a very young age. After obtaining an undergraduate degree in Information Technology, he moved to the US to enhance his skills and pursue a Masters in Computer Information System from University of South Alabama. During his time at University of South Alabama, he particularly enjoyed the mentorship and guidance of Dr. Harold Pardue. He was impressed with the assignments that Dr. Pardue gave which he says were really similar to real world problems.

Currently, Nikhil works as a Senior Software Developer working on a multimillion dollar initiative for the State of Alabama Medicaid and CHIP to enhance the eligibility and enrollment system for children, pregnant women, and certain eligible adults. He has always been passionate about efficiency and automation in his personal life and he is thrilled that he can apply his skills and knowledge to decrease waste in government while helping people in need.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

J-WIT (Jaguar Women in Technology) Finals Frenzy!

DATE: DECEMBER 6TH, 2017

LOCATION: 1302, SHELBY HALL

TIME: 8:00A.M. – 1:00 P.M. (DROP IN AND DESTRESS DURING FINALS!)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE SCHOOL OF COMPUTING AT 251-460-6390

Call Les Barnett in the *School of Computing* at 251-461-1601 for more information on volunteering.