



The Sentinel: March 8, 2021

News and events happening in the [Computer Science Department](#)

BRAVO!! Winter term is winding down. You've made it through another Minnesota winter or maybe your first winter, surviving frigid temps, fun in the snow, completing winter comps, and now the last day of class on Wednesday. The faculty and staff in the CS department wish you all the best as you gear up for finals. Take care of yourselves during these next few days with restful sleep and healthy eating. Spring break is just around the corner. Safe travels to all of you. Stay well, and we'll see you back here in spring term.

CS Tea Talks:

Tea Talks take place via Zoom on most Thursdays during the academic year. To receive the zoom link signup for the [cs-interest mailinglist](#) then join us **via Zoom 4:00-4:45pm**. Watch for emails from Professor Rafferty highlighting details about our talks; also check for postings on the CS department website. We will resume CS Tea Talks in Spring Term

KUDOS:

Anna Rafferty, Associate Professor of Computer Science, recently published an article in *Nature Human Behavior* entitled "[A rational model of the Dunning–Kruger effect supports insensitivity to evidence in low performers](#)," with co-authors Rachel Jansen and Tom Griffiths.

CARLETON OPPORTUNITIES:

Kolenkow-Reitz Fellowship Information

Did you miss the information session? You can view the recorded session [here](#). [Kolenkow-Reitz Fellowship](#) provides research support for Carleton students working with non-Carleton science and math faculty at another institution during the summer. These research opportunities are intended to encourage Carleton students' development as scientists and their exploration of mathematics and the sciences as a possible career, and are appropriate for students at any stage of their STEM exploration! At this information session, we'll demystify what the fellowship is all about, how to find opportunities, how advisors and trusted faculty members can help students find opportunities, and what the application process looks like. Summer break application deadline is March 29.

Questions? Contact Amy Csizmar Dalal (adalal) or Stephanie Schroeder (sschroeder)

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:

Midwest Interdisciplinary Symposium for Scientific Thought (MISST) takes place Saturday, April 24. This symposium, hosted by St. Olaf College faculty and students, will include an undergraduate poster symposium, a faculty keynote speaker, and a graduate school panel. For more information on MISST, please refer to [this link](#).

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If students are interested in registering, the first step is completing [MISST registration form](#) and we will be in touch shortly: Questions? Contact Jason Engbrecht (engbrech@stolaf.edu) or student coordinator, Lucia Wagner (wagner10@stolaf.edu)

NSF CSGrad4US Graduate Fellowship and CRA Mentoring Program

The recently announced [NSF CISE Graduate Fellowships \(CSGrad4US\)](#) program provides an opportunity for bachelor's degree holders to return to academia and pursue research-based doctoral degrees. The fellowship will provide 3-year fellowship opportunities for new Ph.D. students in the computing disciplines. The CSGrad4US Fellowship recipients will participate in the [CSGrad4US Mentoring Program](#) developed by the Computing Research Association's [Education \(CRA-E\)](#) and [Widening Participation \(CRA-WP\)](#) committees.

The goals of the mentoring program are (1) to guide returning students through the application process towards a successful CS Ph.D. admission and school selection and (2) mentor them through the transition to Ph.D. graduate study during the first year. The CSGrad4USCS Mentoring Program will include both a group mentoring component addressing general aspects of the graduate application process and an individual coaching component.

Fellowship Eligibility

CSGrad4US Fellowship applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be a U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident;
- Intend to apply for full-time enrollment in a research-based doctoral degree program in a CISE field (computer science, computer engineering, or information science) no later than Fall 2023;
- Have graduated with a bachelor's degree in a CISE field between July 1, 2016, and June 31, 2019;
- Not be enrolled in a master's or doctoral degree-granting program for a CISE discipline at the time of the application (other than a professional master's degree program); and
- Have never previously accepted a NSF Graduate Research Fellowship.

Applications for the CSGrad4US Graduate Fellowship are due **April 13, 2021** by 5:00 pm submitter local time. Please visit <https://www.nsf.gov/cise/CSGrad4US/> for additional details and deadlines.

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This program applies to alumni who graduated with a bachelor's degree between July 1, 2016, and June 31, 2019

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Read more [here](#).

Reminder - Important Dates

Mar 10: Last Day of Winter Term Classes

Mar 11-12: Reading Days

Mar 13-15: Winter Term Exams

Now through Mar 28: Registration for Spring Term