Student and Cultural Engagement celebrates 16 years of outstanding faculty lecturers!

2010
Nancy Roberts, W.P Carey School of Business
Gro V. Amdam, School of Life Sciences
Alan Goldman, W.P Carey School of Business

Human Communication
Greg Durham*, Finance
Chris Smith, History

2009
Stephanie DeLusé, School of Letters and Sciences
John Lynch, Barrett, the Honors College
Jane Maienschein, School of Life Sciences

2008
T.J. Davis, History
Peter Killeen, Psychology
Claudia Mesch, Art History

2007
Michael A. Berch, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
Glenn H. Hurlbert, Mathematics and Statistics
Diane Wolithal*, Art History

2006
Ariel Anhar, Geological Sciences and Chemistry & Biochemistry
Oscar Giner, Theatre and Film
Matthew Whitaker, History

2005
Ted Guleserian, Philosophy
David Hrabe, Nursing
Waziyatawin Wilson*, History

2004
Allan DeScerpa, Economics
Ed Garnero, Geology
Rose Weitz, Women's Studies

2003
Daniel Brouwer, Hugh Downs School of

* faculty no longer at Arizona State University

16th Annual Last Lecture Series
Presented by Student and Cultural Engagement

Dr. Subbarao Kambhampati
Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering

You Can't do That Dave!
Collateral Lessons from a Computational Quest to Design HAL

April 14, 2011
7:30 p.m.
Pima room, Memorial Union
Reception
Outside Pima Room, 2nd floor Memorial Union

Welcome
Ben Braksick, Student and Cultural Engagement

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Biography

Dr. Subbarao Kambhampati has been at Arizona State University for 20 years, joining the faculty in 1991 from University of Maryland-College Park where he earned his Ph.D. in Computer Science. Here at ASU he specializes in Artificial Intelligence, Automated Planning, Machine Learning, Data Bases, Information Integration, and the World Wide Web. He also directs the Yochan research group connected with ASU’s AI Lab.

Dr. Kambhampati has received numerous awards including 2001-2002 College of Engineering Teaching Excellence Award and a 2004 IBM Faculty Award. He was also named a Fellow of the Association for Advancement of Artificial Intelligence in 2004.

Lecture

“I work in Artificial Intelligence, a branch of Computer Science that aims to develop (and implement) computational theories of intelligent agency. In CSE471, I teach my students how to design computer agents that can perceive, plan, act and learn in complex environments. While understanding the computational considerations is our first priority, we are nevertheless fascinated by the lessons of this endeavor to our own day-to-day lives. My last lecture would, I think, be a worthy opportunity to try and distill some of these collateral lessons that I an my students have often discussed on the side-lines of our quest to design artificial intelligent agents.

I would organize the lecture as a series of vignettes, each centered around a general principle for computational agent design and invite my students/audience to introspect on its ramification to human agents. Popular imagination...tends to draw an unduly hard line between computational and “human” agency. My aim would be to get my students to see that the computational accounts of agent design can, and do, shed considerable insight into our own all too human predicaments.”

-Dr. Subbarao Kambhampati

Upcoming Lecture
April 20
Heroism Past and Future, or Why Hobbits will Save the World
Dr. Markus Cruse
School of International Letters and Cultures, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Other Lectures in Series
April 12
Lessons I have Learned from Music of the 1970s and 1980s
Dr. Linda Chattin
Industrial Engineering, Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering

All Lectures will take place in the Pima room of the Memorial Union at 7:30 p.m., preceded by a reception at 7:00 p.m.

For more information on these and other Student Engagement events, contact 480-965-9600 or visit www.asu.edu/mua/mupa
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