



# Informatics Institute

University of Missouri

## MUII eNewsletter September 7, 2016

### Director's Welcome



Welcome back MUII students, faculty, and friends! I hope everyone had a great summer break. To keep everyone updated on all the great things happening in our informatics community, I will start sending a bi-weekly update every other week. Please send us any achievements you would like us to share.

Chi-Ren Shyu, Director, MU Informatics Institute

### New Students

Let's welcome MUII's new students – Marshal Huang (bioinformatics), Tim Haithcoat (healthinformatics/geoinformatics), Terri Benskin (health informatics), Yan Zhuang (health informatics), and Michael Schacher (health informatics). MUII now has 38 doctoral students, making us one of the most sizable informatics doctoral programs in the nation!

### Faculty Promotions

Congratulations to Dr. Jianlin (Jack) Cheng and Dr. Chris Pires for their Full Professor promotions effective on September 1, 2016!



## Student Teams Recognition

Two teams of MU informatics doctoral students from MUII and SOM participated in the prestigious AMIA 2016 Student Design Challenge for “Engaging Providers and Patients in Precision Medicine” under the mentorship of Dr. Dmitry Shin. Both teams have been selected to be among nine finalists in the competition! Yes, two out of nine teams nationally are from MU. MUII students in the finalist teams include Pericles S. Giannaris, Tim Green, Diana Kennedy, Anjana Ramnath, and Lincoln Sheets. Great job!

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## Faculty's New Grant(s)

Dr. Mihail Popescu received a 4-year R01 grant from the National Library of Medicine (R01LM012221). The project title is “Linguistic Summarization of Sensor Data for Early Illness Recognition in Eldercare” with a total award of \$911,989. Congratulations!



## Training Grants

T32: The Executive Council of the T32 training program selected Marshal Huang, Tim Haithcoat, Michael Schacher, and Matt Spencer for the first cohort of trainees. All will participate in a series of Big Data and One Health training.

T15: Our T15 proposal received an impact score of 40. From the panel review statement, it is clear that we have strong research (publications and extramural grants) from bioinformatics, imaging, and nursing informatics. MUII is addressing concerns from the reviews before the council review, which is scheduled for September 13, 2016.

NSF NRT: Drs. Blake Meyer, Chris Pires, John Walker, and Chi-Ren Shyu had a preliminary meeting to seek funding from the NSF NRT program to train doctoral students affiliated with MUII, engineering, and IPG.

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## Journal Club

We will host a bi-weekly journal club activity beginning 9/12/16. The schedule is every other Monday from Noon to 1:00 pm, right after MUII seminar. For the first Journal Club, we will discuss the Stanford report on “Artificial Intelligence and Life in 2030.” Please download the reading materials and sign up [here](#) so we may get an accurate head count for pizzas and drinks.

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## Big Data Colloquium Series presents Dr. Philip S. Yu

Join us on Friday, September 9th from 2:00-

3:00p m in the Leadership Auditorium of the Student Center as we welcome Dr. Philip S. Yu from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Yu will give a lecture entitled "On Fusion of Heterogeneous Data Sources".

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