



Informatics Institute

University of Missouri

Informatics Updates October 7, 2016

It is hard to believe October is here already! There are many exciting developments for MU's Informatics community. Several new changes on MU campus will greatly inject new energy to our existing strength in informatics. I hope you continue to enjoy the autumn in Missouri.

Chi-Ren Shyu, MUII Director

20 Big Data Cluster Hires and Informatics Positions

College of Engineering is teaming up with academic units across the campus to hire **20 faculty in Big Data Analytics**. MUII core faculty Dr. Chris Pires is leading the BioBigData subcommittee, Dr. Jack Cheng for the Machine Learning/Deep Learning subcommittee, and Dr. Prasad Calyam for the Computing and Network subcommittee. Dr. Dong Xu is the search committee chair for the cluster hires.

School of Medicine is recruiting [Director of Center for Biomedical Informatics](#). This position will also serve in the leadership team of MUII for the research arm of the institute. Dr. Eduardo Simoes is the search committee chair.

School of Journalism is partnering with the Data Science Program and MUII to recruit a [Big Data faculty](#) in strategic communication and data journalism.

In addition to positions directly targeting informatics, there are potential areas to bring new perspectives to MUII's research and training profile. This is an exciting time to see the growth of data-driven community at Mizzou! Kudos to Deans Delafontaine, Kurpius, and Loba, for their vision and support!

Revised Student Handbook

A well-deserved thanks goes out to the MUII Graduate Program Committee, who responded to requests from students and faculty to update the Graduate Student Handbook. The revised handbook, which can be found on the [MUII website](#), has been streamlined to allow students and faculty to more easily understand the PhD process and high program expectations.

MUII and Pathology Faculty Elected to Serve on AMIA TBI Advisory Committee



Dr. Dimitriy Shin is elected as one of five members of the AMIA Genomics and Translational Bioinformatics Advisory Committee, which participates in AMIA leadership meetings, suggests scientific panels and advises on policy changes.

Big Data Colloquium Series - Dr. Jianjiong Gao - 10/14/16

Join us on **Friday, October 14th from 2:00-3:00pm in Leadership Auditorium 2501 Student Center** as we welcome Dr. Jianjiong Gao from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Dr. Gao will give a lecture entitled "Knowledge Systems in Precision Cancer Medicine".



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Students in Action

MUII students Huan Truong (fourth from left) and Lincoln Sheets (second from right) joined computer science and medical students in the Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute (KCALSI) annual dinner event in September. This year Dr. Atul Butte from UCSF gave a keynote speech on "Translating a Trillion Points of Data into Therapies, Diagnostics, and New Insights."



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