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JUNE ACADEMIC FORUM VIRTUAL RETREAT

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AN INTRODUCTION TO US:

Welcome to the AMIA student working group newsletter: May edition! We are multidisciplinary informatics students who are interested in connecting other students with opportunities to develop skills in informatics research.

TELL US WHEN YOU GRADUATE!

With the end of the academic term comes the fruit of all your hard work - happy graduation to all informatics graduates! We know the past year has been a rollercoaster so if you graduated in 2020 or 2021, please send us your graduation details and we will celebrate you in a special graduation edition of the newsletter! Fill the form below before May 31 or reach out to us on Twitter, Slack or email!



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU



MedInfo 2021

"One World, One Health: Global Partnership for Digital Innovation"

Virtual Conference, October 2-4, 2021 https://imia-medinfo.org/wp/event/medinfo-2021/

LEAD Fund Scholarship 2021
To attend the AMIA Annual Symposium 2021.
Application starting July https://www.amia.org/2021-lead-fund-trainee-scholarship



The 4th Workshop on Visualization for Communication (VisComm) at IEEE.

Deadline: 6/15/21 https://viscomm.io

AMIA Consumer and Pervasive Health Informatics (CHPI) student representative position - http://connect.amia.org/CPHI-WG Reach out to us for more information!



Symposium on Artificial Intelligence for Learning Health Systems (SAIL)

October 18-20, 2021 in Hamilton, Bermuda Call for abstracts - June 25, 2021 https://sail.health/index.html

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



HOPE GRAY, MTS, RBC.
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ALABAMA AT
BIRMINGHAM

How did you become interested in informatics?

Previously, I worked as a Systems Analyst. Then I attended a Biomedical Informatics Summer Series at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. My vision involved spiritual care and EHRs. With high hopes, I applied for the PhD at the UAB in Health Services Administration. The rest is history.

What was the most rewarding part of the Lead Fund scholarship and attending the AMIA annual symposium?

Having visibility and finding others who are interested in my research area who also asked pertinent questions and offered feedback on my project.

Describe your experience in AMIA post-scholarship?

I became active with the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Taskforce. I'm a member of the Inclusion subteam. Dr. David Butler & I led the pilot affinity group Q&A for African American and Black people. We are sharing our results with AMIA's Board to improve our DEI efforts for our entire membership.

What advice would you offer students?

I'd advise students to attend a conference. By attending CIC it helped me find my tribe so to speak, the people who spoke my language. Join working groups that suit your interest. Tune in to journal clubs and podcasts. Plug in to see where you can utilize your gifts & talents to serve the larger AMIA community.

What is something you hope to see grow in the informatics space?

I hope to see growth at the intersection of health informatics and spiritual care. As a Retired Board Certified Chaplain, I believe that we need to demonstrate more evidence based practices in chaplaincy and show how spiritual care impacts patient outcomes.

KNOW-YOUR-LEADERS



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How did you get involved with the Global Health Informatics (GHI) WG?

I was a member of the German equivalent of AMIA before I started my Fulbright at UCSF. I had the opportunity to conduct GHI at UCSF, and that's when I joined AMIA and the GHI WG to connect with academics and learn from their experiences.

What is your role in the STWG?

I'm currently a member-at-large for international students. I am available for any international students with questions about AMIA or the US academic system. The GHI WG is an excellent opportunity for students interested in GHI to connect with potential mentors and join projects.

What interests you about GHI?

Informatics is a vital piece for disease surveillance and mobile health technologies can lead to improved access to care. Training the next generation of health informaticians is vital for the sustainability of GHI.

How did you choose informatics as a career? Growing up, I was always interested in medicine and informatics. Knowing that I would most likely be a horrible med student and that few people work on the intersection of medicine and informatics, I choose to study medical informatics.

Do you have any advice for students?

Be open to new opportunities and adventures because they can lead to unexpected great things. And try to build a strong network among your peers and mentors. I wouldn't have applied for my Fulbright or ventured into GHI if it wasn't for conversations and advice from peers and mentors.

INTERESTED IN GHI? REACH OUT TO FELIX AT HOLL.FELIX@GMAIL.COM



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