



The Weekly Update is the primary means of communicating general announcements and events to students by the SCI Student Services group. The Weekly Update will be sent to all students each week from the beginning of the Fall semester until commencement in May.



Happy Black History Month!

Black History Month is celebrated annually during the month of February to acknowledge and celebrate the important contributions of people of African descent to our nation's life and culture. It is commemorated each year in February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

The entire Pitt community is encouraged to actively engage in the celebration of Black History Month. Please review the exciting [Black History events](#) scheduled at the University.

Wednesday, February 8 at 5:00 p.m. [Virtual Film Screening: Descendant](#)

Thursday, February 9 at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. [Race &... Lecture Series by Sirry Alang](#)

Friday, February 17 at 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. [August Wilson's Seven Guitars](#)

Tuesday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. [Lecture: "Black Star, Crescent Moon"](#)

Wednesday, February 22 at 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. [Panel celebrating the life and work of August Wilson](#)

View all events [here](#)

> Announcements

SCI Grad Student Organization Now Accepting Officer Nominations!

The School of Computing and Information is celebrating its 5th anniversary, and for all 5 of those years the SCI Graduate Student Organization (SCIGSO) has had an active role in both school and university student government throughout the year. SCIGSO has provided you with social hours, SCI Kennywood Day, study snack breaks, etc.

It is truly our pleasure to continue to bring in resources and provide opportunities for our graduate students. But now, it's time to elect the officers for this year!

While you can nominate yourself, you can also nominate others in any of the graduate degrees affiliated with our School. Please nominate your ideal candidate(s) **by no later than February 10th!**

Participants needed for a study involving human-autonomy teaming - 1/23 through 2/26

The Research Lab in the Department of Informatics and Networked Systems at the University of Pittsburgh is looking for participants to experience working with different explainable autonomies in a human-autonomy teaming task. The results of the experiment will give guidance for the interface design in human-autonomy teaming.

Participants must be at least 18 years-old, have normal or corrected-to-normal vision, NOT be color blind, have auditory acuity (hearing aids are acceptable), and be able to work in front of desktop system for about 60~90 minutes.

Participants will receive \$20, and this experiment will be approximately 60~90 minutes in 723 IS Building. Participants can withdraw from the study at any point and will then be compensated \$10 for every 30 minutes completed to that point.

If you are interested in participating, please email the experimenter, [Shihong Ling](#), and suggest 3 dates and times you would be available to come in for the experiment.

> Events

February 8 - March 29 | Racial Equity Consciousness Institute spring 2023 kicks off

The Racial Equity Consciousness Institute (RECI)--facilitated via an immersive community learning cohort—takes a critical systems thinking approach to thinking through race, racism, and antiracism. The Institute guides and engages participants through the racial equity consciousness framework to deconstruct the complexity and pervasiveness of racism, and reflect on what they can do, personally and collectively, to cultivate racial equity in their communities.

Cohort sessions will take place in-person at the Center on Race and Social Problems (Room 2017, Cathedral of Learning). Light fare & refreshments will be provided. In-person seating is limited and registration is on a first-come, first served basis. Contact reci@pitt.edu with any questions.

Feb 16 | Computing and Information Career Fair

Save the date and [register now](#) to find out which employers are coming. If you have any questions, contact [Jeff Porter](#).

Feb 18 | Free Ice Skating for SCI Grad Students at Schenley Park

The School of Computing and Information Graduate Student Organization (SCIGSO) has purchased a \$5 ticket for YOU to go ice-skating on Saturday, February 18th, from 8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at the [Schenley Skating Rink](#). In order to reserve a space, you will need to **[RSVP HERE](#)** by Monday, February 13th. You will then need to pay a \$3 fee for ice skate rentals by February 15th (we will email you a link to reserve and pay for your rental. Thanks, and I hope you can join us!

Feb 24 | Inviting participants for Pittsburgh Women in Mathematics and Computing Symposium (CMU)

The symposium will include faculty research presentations, professional development panels, lightning talks, and networking opportunities to support students in mathematics and computing in taking the next step in their studies and research journeys. [Apply Here](#). Please contact [Mansi Sood](#) or [Isabel Murdock](#) with any questions.

Weekend of 4/29 - 4/30 | SCI Graduate Recognition Ceremony Date Saver

While the venue and date are still being confirmed, the School of Computing and Information Spring 2023 SCI Graduate Recognition Ceremony will be held the weekend of 4/29 - 4/30. More details will be provided to those who are graduating and have [applied to graduate](#) once the venue and date are confirmed.

For a full list of upcoming SCI events, visit the [SCI calendar](#).

Deadlines

Don't forget to apply to graduate!

If you are graduating this term, you **MUST** apply to graduate, [which you can do here](#). Please note that [applying has deadlines](#) - if you apply late you will be charged a late fee. If you apply too late, you will need to wait to apply to a future term and will not receive your diploma until after the end of that term!

For a full list of upcoming deadlines, visit the [University's Academic Calendar](#).

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