iSchool Student Activities Schedule for January 2012

January 6th - game night 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., 501 and 522 IS Building (everyone)
Description: Enjoy free food with us while sharing in a relaxed venue for socializing with other students in the School. We will have Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect games (Guitar Hero, Dance Dance Revolution, Yoostar, and more) as well as board games (Jenga, Monopoly, Poker, Rummikub, Set, and more).

January 13th - Doctoral students present their research, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m, 501 IS (everyone)
Description: In preparation for conference sessions, admission to candidacy, dissertation defenses, etc., doctoral students need opportunities to present their research. All faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend this session in order to give doctoral students just such an opportunity. A few doctoral students will volunteer to present at this session. Your attendance will allow you to learn more about the research being conducted in our School while helping these doctoral student volunteers to hone in their abilities to clearly communicate their work to others.

January 20th – Talking intelligently about – social media, 1p.m. – 2p.m. 403 IS (everyone)
Description: Rosta Farzan, a postdoc in the Human Computer Interaction Institute at Carnegie Mellon, will lead a discussion on social media. This discussion will involve social media concepts (such as Web 2.0), technologies and how they are expressed in social media services, and examples of how social media has impacted society.

January 27th –Talking intelligently about – qualitative methodology, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. 522 IS (everyone)
Description: Leanne Bowler, an assistant professor in the Library and Information Science Program in the iSchool, will discuss the fundamentals of qualitative methodology - what are some of the main approaches/philosophies/streams of thought, what qualitative approaches afford that quantitative ones do not, and how these approaches are relevant to an iSchool.

January 27th – Faculty/Doctoral Student Friday – approximate time 4 p.m., exact time TBD, as this will occur after IS Prelims.
Description: This is an opportunity for all faculty and all doctoral students to talk informally about research ideas, teaching issues, conferences, future plans, etc. while enjoying light hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Thanks to the generous support of the iSchool Doctoral Guild, we will continue to host this event once a month on an ongoing

basis. The timing of this particular event is approximate, as it will immediately follow the IS PhD student prelims. We have tentatively stated 4 p.m. as the start time, but closer to the date we will email the doctoral listservs with a final time.

iSchool Student Activities Schedule for February 2012 (career month)

February 3rd – Internships, course registration, and your visa: things all international students (and those who advise them) should know – 1 p.m. – 2 p.m., 405 IS Building (graduate and undergraduate international students, faculty, and staff)
Description: Cynthia Yializis from the Office of International Services (OIS) will review common strategies international students should use for special registration cases and obtaining internships without jeopardizing their immigration status. She will review when reduced courseloads are and are not appropriate, when CPT is/is not appropriate, and when OPT is/is not appropriate. Lunch will be provided.

February 10th - game night - 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., 501 and 522 IS Building (everyone)
Description: Enjoy free food with us while sharing in a relaxed venue for socializing with other students in the School. We will have Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect games (Guitar Hero, Dance Dance Revolution, Yoostar, and more) as well as board games (Jenga, Monopoly, Poker, Rummikub, Set, and more).

February 17th – Get involved in the Outside the Classroom Curriculum – 1 p.m.- 2 p.m., 403 IS Building (undergraduates)
Description: Scott Hoffman, Outside the Classroom Curriculum Program Coordinator, will present to IS undergraduates and interested iSchool faculty and staff about the OCC. He will provide an overview of what the OCC is, how it works, how students can get involved, and the benefit to students. Lunch will be provided by Student Services.

February 20th – Best job search practices for iSchool undergraduates and masters students - noon – 1 p.m., 405 IS Building (undergraduates and masters students)
Description: Trisha Hyatt, Employment Development Specialist in Student Employment and Placement Assistance (SEPA) at Pitt, will provide an overview of job search essentials of which undergraduate and masters students should be aware while looking for a job after graduation. Lunch will be provided.

February 21st – Building a CV and academic portfolio – 1 p.m. – 2 p.m., 403 IS Building
Description: Kelly Shaffer, the iSchool's Director of External Relations, will lead a workshop on crafting a curriculum vita and academic portfolio for the academic job search. Brian Cumer, PhD LIS, will share his experiences in applying and interviewing for faculty positions. Examples of CVs, academic portfolios, and Teaching/Research Statements will be reviewed.

February 24th: Talking Intelligently about Gender, Sexuality, and Information Studies, 1PM – 3:30PM, 403 IS (everyone)

This event will engage the interdisciplinary nexus of information, gender, and sexuality studies.   Following a viewing of Desk Set (Dir. Walter Lang. Perf. Spencer Tracey and Katharine Hepburn. Twentieth Century Fox, 1957), a roundtable discussion will engage feminist and queer critique in relation to information, digital, and archival paradigms. The discussion will also provide an introduction to recent feminist and queer thought within Library and Information Science, media studies, technology studies, and science studies.   Participants will determine the direction of the conversation, but topics may include information as gendered labor, cyborgs and cyberfeminism, game studies, digital culture, information organization, information extraction and flow, archives, and performance art that engages information and technology.   Prior to the event, participants are encouraged to read Mary Flanagan's "The Bride Stripped Bare to Her Data: Information Flow + Digibodies" (Data Made Flesh: Embodying Information. Ed., Robert Mitchell & Phillip Thurtle. Routledge, 2004). Please find the article here: http://maryflanagan.com/articles/DataMadeFlesh.pdf

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February 24th - Doctoral students present their research, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m, 501 IS (everyone)
Description: In preparation for conference sessions, admission to candidacy, dissertation defenses, etc., doctoral students need opportunities to present their research. All faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend this session in order to give doctoral students just such an opportunity. A few doctoral students will volunteer to present at this session. Your attendance will allow you to learn more about the research being conducted in our School while helping these doctoral student volunteers to hone in their abilities to clearly communicate their work to others.

February 24th – Faculty/Doctoral/Masters Student Friday – 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., 501 IS (doctoral and masters students)
Description: This is an opportunity for all faculty, staff, doctoral, and masters students to talk about ideas, get to know each other, etc. while enjoying light hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Thanks to the generous support of the iSchool Doctoral Guild and SISGO for making this event possible.

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March 1ˢᵗ – Internships and your visa: things all international students (and those who advise them) should know – noon – 1 p.m., 501 IS Building (graduate and undergraduate international students, faculty, and staff)
<u>Description:</u> Melissa Reinert from the Office of International Services (OIS) will conduct a session is designed for international students attending Pitt in F-1 or J-1 status who may be interested in an employment options. Attend the session to learn about immigration requirements so you can apply for work authorization to participate in an internship opportunity, either on- or off-campus at the University of Pittsburgh. Lunch will be provided.

March 16ᵗʰ - A career with the U.S. State Department, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., 403 IS Building (Master's students only)
<u>Description:</u> Stephen Mallinger, a 1975 graduate of the Master of Library and Information Science program, will describe his fairly unique career path (from the Department of Corrections to the State Library to Bulgaria, Islamabad, Mexico, Bangkok, and Senegal). He will describe how the skills he developed as part of his MLIS education related to this career path, and what steps MLIS and MSIS/MST students can take to obtain careers with the U.S. State Department. Lunch will be provided.

March 23ʳᵈ - How to articulate the skills you developed in graduate school to potential employers, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., 404 IS (MLIS students only)
<u>Description:</u>
As the former CIO of Crayola, Sandra Brandon (the iSchool's Chief of Staff) is well-versed in the information needs of employers. She will share her perspective on how the background and perspectives you are developing as part of your Master's education in the iSchool address real needs of many employers. She will also discuss with you how to present these skills to potential employers in ways that will get you noticed. Lunch will be provided.

March 26ᵗʰ – Career preparation for doctoral students on the academic job market, noon – 1 p.m., 404 IS Building (doctoral students only)
<u>Description:</u>
Jung Sun Oh, Assistant Professor in Library and Information Science, and Konstantinos Pelechrinis, Assistant Professor in Telecommunications and Networking, will share their faculty job search experiences with current doctoral students. They will discuss their challenges, successes, surprises they faced along the way, and will give advice and answer questions. Lunch will be provided.

March 30ᵗʰ - Doctoral students present their research, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m, 501 IS (everyone)

Description: In preparation for conference sessions, admission to candidacy, dissertation defenses, etc., doctoral students need opportunities to present their research. All faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend this session in order to give doctoral students just such an opportunity. A few doctoral students will volunteer to present at this session. Your attendance will allow you to learn more about the research being conducted in our School while helping these doctoral student volunteers to hone in their abilities to clearly communicate their work to others.

March 30th – Faculty/Doctoral/Masters Student Friday – 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., 501 IS (doctoral and masters students)
Description: This is an opportunity for all faculty, staff, doctoral, and masters students to talk about ideas, get to know each other, etc. while enjoying light hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Thanks to the generous support of the iSchool Doctoral Guild and SISGO for making this event possible.

iSchool Student Activities Schedule for April 2012

April 6th – Talking Intelligently About Copyright and Fair Use – 1:00 p.m., 403 IS Building (everyone)
Description: Kip Currier, an assistant professor in the Library and Information Science Program in the iSchool, will lead a discussion of key issues with copyright laws and why these are relevant to an iSchool. Content will include current debates over copyright and culture and how fair use can be defined. Lunch will be provided.

April 6th – Internship Adventures – 2:30 p.m., 403 IS Building (graduate students)
Description: A panel of current iSchool graduate students - Sharon (I-Han) Hsiao, Andrii Cherniak, Denis Parra, and Jennifer (Yiling) Lin – will share their internship experiences with current graduate students considering an internship. They will talk about the interview process, what they did at their internships, and what they wish they had known.

April 10th – The faculty search process – 1:00 p.m., 403 IS Building (doctoral students)
Description: Several faculty searches have recently concluded within the School. If you are a current doctoral student who intends on pursing a faculty position, you are invited to this panel discussion with several of the members of the search committee. These search committee members will discuss how the faculty search process was conducted, how candidates were narrowed down, what administrative challenges they faced, etc. Lunch will be provided.

April 12th and 13th – iFest – see this site for details: http://www.i-fest.pitt.edu/ (everyone)
Description: i-fest is an annual event celebrating iSchool students, staff, and faculty. This two-day i-fest promises plenty of interesting activities, free food, and prizes. Come relax and have some fun before the end of the semester.

April 15th – Spring Picnic – 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Schenley Park Vietnam Veterans Pavilion (everyone)
Description: Come start an annual iSchool tradition with us! All iSchool students are invited to the Schenley Park Vietnam Veterans Pavilion (http://www.pittsburghparks.org/schenley-directions) for a late lunch/early dinner, socialization, and games (horseshoes, Frisbee golf, volleyball, etc.).

April 16th– CourseWeb training session for faculty, instructors, and teaching assistants – noon, 405 IS Building
Description: Two experts from the Center for Instructional Development and Distance Education (CIDDE) - Erik Arroyo, Online Programs Coordinator, and Dean Croll, Instructional Technologist – will lead a CourseWeb training session for those using or interested in using this tool in their classrooms. Based on participant interest, the

instructors will cover any or all of the following: course menu customization, advanced course menu customization (tool links, including external links and assignments), creating assessments and surveys (and utilizing the question pool to facilitate creation of such tools), comparing and contrasting the discussion board, journal, wiki, and blog tools and identifying strategies for using each tool, creating a group and utilizing the components of the Groups feature, identifying and utilizing the basic features of the Grade Center (including creating and organizing Grade Center columns, entering grades, and using Calculated Columns).

April 17th - Talking Intelligently About Big Data – 3:00 p.m., 501 IS Building (everyone)
Description: Vladimir Zadorozhny, an associate professor in the Information Science and Technology Program in the iSchool, will lead a discussion on Big Data – what this term means and how the topics represented by this concept are relevant to those in an iSchool. Lunch will be provided.

April 19th – Faculty/Doctoral/Masters Student Thursday – 4 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., IS Patio (doctoral and masters students)
Description: This is an opportunity for all faculty, staff, doctoral, and masters students to talk about ideas, get to know each other, etc. while enjoying light hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Thanks to the generous support of the iSchool Doctoral Guild and SISGO for making this event possible.

iSchool Student Activities Schedule for June 2012

Thursday, June 14th – Creativity and the Academic Impulse, noon – 1:00 p.m., 405 IS Building (everyone)
Description: This discussion will be lead by Richard Cox, Professor of Library and Information Science. Creativity may be something disappearing in the modern corporate university, especially as the traditional humanistic and religious origins of such institutions have been taken over by a business-like focus on the financial bottom-line. Reflection and thinking seems under-valued, and creativity on the part of faculty a diminishing art. This discussion explores various ways of looking at creativity, exploring what it has to do with the university and the academic life. I consider academic writing, professional agendas,the issue of solitary versus collaborative work, reading as a foundation for creativity, and personal experimentation with landscape painting as a way of tapping into my creative side.

Thursday, June 21st - Tour of the Allegheny Observatory (RSVP only) – 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. - 159 Riverview Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15214 (everyone)
Description:
This trip to the historic observatory on the hill will include a presentation, a walking tour of the building, and a chance to view the night sky through the 13" Fitz-Clark refracting telescope. Dress for the cooler night-time weather (the temperature inside the telescope dome is the same as the outdoor air), and wear comfortable shoes for walking. This event is free, but space is limited. To reserve a space, please email jan.ischool@gmail.com. Regarding transportation – you may meet in IS Building lobby at 6:30 p.m. to take public transportation together, or if you have your own transportation, please meet at the observatory right before 8 p.m.

Friday, June 22nd - Doctoral students present their research, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m, 1A04 IS (everyone)
Description: In preparation for conference sessions, admission to candidacy, dissertation defenses, etc., doctoral students need opportunities to present their research. All faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend this session in order to give doctoral students just such an opportunity. A few doctoral students will volunteer to present at this session. Your attendance will allow you to learn more about the research being conducted in our School while helping these doctoral student volunteers to hone in their abilities to clearly communicate their work to others.

Thursday, June 28th – Grant Writing 101, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., 522 IS Building (MLIS only)
Description: Susan Cecchetti, Associate Director of Corporate and Foundation

Relations, is offering this session to Master of Library and Information Science students who may seek jobs in libraries, museums, and the nonprofit sector. Ms. Cecchetti will discuss identifying grant sources and preparing grant proposals to those sources.

Thursday, June 28th – Faculty/Doctoral/Masters Student Thursday with Time to Reflect – 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., IS Patio (doctoral and masters students)
Description: This is an opportunity for all faculty, staff, doctoral, and masters students to talk about ideas, get to know each other, etc. while enjoying light hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Thanks to the generous support of the iSchool Doctoral Guild and SISGO for making this event possible.   As part of this social time, the iSchool student organizations are looking to capture your experiences and share them with new students when they arrive this fall. Please feel free to share and reflect on information and strategies you would like to impart to future students. Your academic, professional, and social wisdom and experiences are all welcome.

iSchool Student Activities Schedule for July 2012

July 11 – Project Management 101 – noon – 1p.m., 404 IS Building (everyone)
Description: While those who graduate from the iSchool have skills that relate to a wide variety of careers, working in teams on projects with deadlines and budgets is a commonality across many of those career paths. Successfully managing projects requires a skill set and knowledge of its own, and there are certifications available specifically for project management. We invite you to join Daniel Wilson, who will provide a basic overview of project management. Mr. Wilson works in Financial Information Systems at the University of Pittsburgh, and what he has to share may help you to identify if and how you would like to further develop your project management skills. Lunch will be provided.

July 24th – Summer Picnic – 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Schenley Park Vietnam Veterans Pavilion (everyone)
Description: Come and have some fun before the end of the semester, while the summer is still in full swing! All iSchool students are invited to the Schenley Park Vietnam Veterans Pavilion (http://www.pittsburghparks.org/schenley-directions) for dinner, socialization, and games (horseshoes, Frisbee golf, volleyball, etc.).

July 26th – Faculty/Doctoral/Masters Student Thursday + Game Night – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., IS Patio and 1A04 IS (doctoral and masters students)
Description: This is an opportunity for all faculty, staff, doctoral, and masters students to talk about ideas, get to know each other, etc. while enjoying light hors d'oeuvres and drinks on the IS Building patio. In addition, we will host board games (Jenga, Set, Poker, etc.) on the patio and video games (i.e. a Mario Kart challenge) in 1A04 IS as well. Thanks to the generous support of the iSchool Doctoral Guild and SISGO for making this event possible.

iSchool Student Activities Schedule for September 2012

9/7 (Friday): International student orientation – 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., 403 IS Building (for international students only). Learn crucial differences in how grading works in the U.S., immigration requirements for work experiences, and connecting to the city through Global Pittsburgh. Lunch will be provided.

9/10 (Monday): Student Organization Brown Bag lunch – 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., 403 IS Buildling (for all students). The iSchool has over 9 active student organization with a combined budget of close to $10,000. These groups have organized ski trips, bowling nights, a tour of the Allegheny Observatory, invited guest speakers, have funded student travel, and much more. Come learn more and get involved! Lunch will be provided.

9/13 (Thursday): Alumni Networking Panel – 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., 522 IS (for all students). Graduates of the School's programs share their advice and experiences with professional networking and other career related challenges. Food will be provided.

9/14 (Friday): - Faculty/Doctoral/Masters Student Social Hour – 4 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., IS Patio (doctoral and Master's students). This is an opportunity for all faculty, staff, doctoral, and masters students to talk about ideas, get to know each other, etc. while enjoying light hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Thanks to the generous support of the iSchool Doctoral Guild and SISGO for making this event possible.

9/20 (Wednesday): – Speaking Intelligently About: Digital Humanities – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., 522 IS (for all students). Alison Langmead, Director of the Visual Media Workshop and Lecturer in the Archives, Preservation, and Records Management program in the School of Information Sciences, will introduce you to the topic of Digital Humanities. Lunch will be provided.

9/23 (Sunday) Faculty/Staff/Graduate Student Picnic – 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Schenley Park (all graduate students). iSchool graduate students are invited to the Schenley Park Vietnam Veterans Pavilion (http://www.pittsburghparks.org/schenley-directions) for a late lunch/early dinner, socialization, and games (horseshoes, Frisbee golf, volleyball, etc.).

9/25 (Tuesday) Microsoft Tech Talk – 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., 501 IS Building (undergraduates only). Representatives from Microsoft will host a technology talk for current Information Science and Computer Science undergraduate students. Food will be provided.

 9/26 (Wednesday) Microsoft Office Hours – 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., 502 IS Building (undergraduates only). Representatives of Microsoft will be on hand to talk one-on-one with Information Science and Computer Science undergraduates about their interests and opportunities at Microsoft. Snacks will be provided.

October 5th: Speaking Intelligently about Decision Support - 1:00 – 2:00 p.m., 403 IS

Description: Marek Druzdzel, Associate Professor of Information Science and Technology, will lead a discussion to introduce the topic of decision support. Business, medical, and research environments often involve situations where actions need to be taken based on massive amounts of complex information. Decision theory and the art and craft of applying it in the real world, known as decision analysis, offers methodologies for leveraging such information to yield the best outcomes in the face of uncertainty.

October 11th: Faculty/Doctoral/MastersStudent Social Hour – 4 – 6 p.m. IS Patio: Description: This is an opportunity for all faculty, staff, doctoral, and masters students to talk about ideas, get to know each other, etc. while enjoying light hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Thanks to the generous support of the iSchool Doctoral Guild and SISGO for making this event possible.

October 15th ‾ Building a CV and academic portfolio – 4 p.m. – 5 p.m., 403 IS Building
Description: Kelly Shaffer, the iSchool's Director of External Relations, will lead a workshop on crafting a curriculum vita and academic portfolio for the academic job search. Examples of CVs, academic portfolios, and Teaching/Research Statements will be reviewed.

October 19th – Best job search practices for iSchool undergraduates and masters students – 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., 403 IS Building (undergraduates and masters students)
Description: Trisha Hyatt, Employment Development Specialist in the Office of Career Development and Placement Assistance at Pitt, will provide an overview of job search essentials of which undergraduate and masters students should be aware while looking for a job after graduation. Lunch will be provided.

October 19th: iSchool game night – 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. 501, 502 and 522 IS Building
Description: Enjoy free food with us while sharing in a relaxed venue for socializing with other students in the School. We will have Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect games (Guitar Hero, Dance Dance Revolution, Yoostar, and more) as well as board games (Jenga, Monopoly, Poker, Rummikub, Set, and more).

October 24th: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., 501 IS Building - open discussion for faculty and master's students about the advisor/advisee relationship
Description: This session offers faculty and students a chance to review the University graduate advising guidelines, learn from each other what their advising expectations are, and share examples of what a healthy advising relationship looks like. This session will include a discussion of how best to seek advice from faculty in the pursuit internships and independent studies.

October 26th: 1:00 p.m. - ? Fall Foliage Hiking Tour of Frick Park
Description: Come with us on this 3 mile vigorous walk that will highlight some of the most interesting and beautiful portions of a 400+ acre park nestled in the middle of the city (http://www.pittsburghparks.org/userdocs/frickmap.pdf). We will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the Blue Slide Playground entrance (take the 61C or D, get off at the corner of Murray and Forward, walk to Beechwood and Nicholson). We will walk the Riverview Trail, the Riverview Extension, the Falls Ravine Trail, and the Tranquil Trail to exit at the Gatehouse at Reynolds Street. From this exit you

can walk to Penn Avenue and take the 71C back to campus. Along your walk to the bus stop consider taking a detour to the Frick Museum and Frick Car Museum, both of which are free.

October 30th - Doctoral students present their research, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m, 405 IS (everyone)
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iSchool Student Activities Schedule for November 2012

November 1: UPMC information session and mock interviews, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., 1A04 IS Building (undergraduates only)
Description: UPMC is making a house-call to the IS Building! Recruitment personnel from UPMC will host an information session about information science-related careers at UPMC. They will then stage mock interviews for students who have requested this in advance of their visit.

November 2ⁿᵈ – Internships and your visa: things all international students (and those who advise them) should know – 11:00 a.m. – noon, 501 IS Building (graduate and undergraduate international students, faculty, and staff)
Description: Melissa Reinert from the Office of International Services (OIS) will conduct a session is designed for international students attending Pitt in F-1 or J-1 status who may be interested in an employment options. Attend the session to learn about immigration requirements so you can apply for work authorization to participate in an internship opportunity, either on- or off-campus at the University of Pittsburgh. Lunch will be provided.

November 3 – Developing a Portfolio – 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., 403 IS Building (MLIS only)
Description: Emily Fear and Anne Schwan, alumnae of the MLIS program, will share how they prepared themselves for the LIS profession and how they have documented and represented themselves professionally through portfolios and other means. There will be an opportunity for you to talk about what you have developed professionally so far, seek their input, and ask questions.

November 3 – Professional Development lunch – 11:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m., 403 IS Building (MLIS only)
Description: James McCarthy and Trisha Hyatt from the Career Development and Placement Assistance Office (CDPA) at Pitt will provide an overview of the services provided by CPA, an introduction to Career Counseling, and an introduction to building your online professional presence . Lunch will be provided.

November 7: Field Experience Information Session, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., 404 IS Building (MLIS only)
Description: JoAnn Kavalukas and Debbie Day from the LIS program will provide an overview of what field experiences are, examples of past successful field experiences, and the process for applying for field experiences.

November 14th: The Melting Pot-Luck - 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., 501 IS Building (everyone)

Description: The iSchool Commonwealth Scholars cordially invite you to a celebration of tradition and culture. Bring your favorite dish representative of your culture or family traditions. The event is free but your dish is your ticket! We look forward to seeing you there.

Please contact Kat Joshua at clj40@pitt.edu or Lauren Neal at lan36@pitt.edu with questions or concerns.

November 16 : Talking intelligently about – social media, 1p.m. – 2p.m. 403 IS (everyone)

Description: Rosta Farzan, assistant professor in Information Science and Technology, will lead a discussion on social media. This discussion will involve social media concepts (such as Web 2.0), technologies and how they are expressed in social media services, and examples of how social media has impacted society. Lunch will be provided.

November 29: game night, 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., 8th floor, IS Building (everyone)

Description: Enjoy free food with us while sharing in a relaxed venue for socializing with other students in the School. We will have Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect games (Guitar Hero, Dance Dance Revolution, Yoostar, and more) as well as board games (Jenga, Monopoly, Poker, Rummikub, Set, and more).

November 30: Doctoral students present their research, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m, 501 IS (everyone)

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November 30th: Faculty/Doctoral/MastersStudent Social Hour – 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. 8th floor, IS Building

Description: This is an opportunity for all faculty, staff, doctoral, and masters students to talk about ideas, get to know each other, etc. while enjoying light hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Thanks to the generous support of the iSchool Doctoral Guild and SISGO for making this event possible.

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All faculty, staff, and graduate students are invited to enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. This is a great opportunity to get to know each other, to celebrate a successful semester, to say goodbye before break or graduation, and to play a few games together. Thanks to the generous support of the iSchool Doctoral Guild and SISGO for making this event possible.

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This event is for students graduating from the School's programs in December of 2012 and is designed to acknowledge and celebrate their educational achievements.