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GUEST SPEAKER

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The Need for Computer Scientists in a Bold New World

One decade serving as a faculty member in a computer science department is perhaps not a long time in an academic sense. However, it does represent a good milestone by which to reflect on the challenges of navigating life while on the computer science and information technology track. We are in the midst of interesting times. Historic changes in Washington, DC, financial and economic unrest, the continued growth and reliance on information technology just enumerate a few. This talk attempts to put the conditions around the world in context for the aspiring scientist. The talk will also highlight important research opportunities as they overlap the research interest of the presenter. In addition, having navigated this journey wearing the "underrepresented minority" tag, this talk is flavored with the impact of diversity issues.

Light refreshments will be served, courtesy of the UofC Computation Institute

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