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Meet the People in the Computer Center

Computer Center Staff:
James Jones, Tom Papadopoulos, Lisa Koch, Fred DellaPorta, Onder Ondemir, David Moore

Need web, e-mail, file, or Unix services? Help with personal web pages, or web sites for research groups and labs? E-mail list setup, shared disk areas for workgroups, custom web programming?

Clearly, this team gets IT. And everyone benefits as a result.

The information technology staff of COE’s Educational and Computer Technology department serves the entire college: student computer classrooms and labs; faculty research projects, purchases, and server infrastructure to advance teaching and research computing; and a wide array of tech support for staff members.

The group is led by Assistant Dean Lisa Koch, who joined COE in 2000, after stints as a Unix systems administrator at a Cambridge software company and as a university math professor.

Upcoming Events and Dates

February 14, 2012:
2:30-3:30pm
· Electrical Social Hour
· 409 DA

February 20, 2012
· Presidents’ Day

March 3-11, 2012
· Spring Break

March 29, 2012
10:00-2:00pm
3-5pm awards
· 2012 Research Expo
· Cabot Cage

April 3, 2012:
8:30am-3:30pm
· CDSP Research Conference
· CSC Ballroom

April 12, 2012:
· Tribute to Engineering Leadership Dedication

April 16, 2012:
· Patriots’ Day

April 19, 2012:
· Reading Day

April 20-27, 2012
· Spring Final Exams

May 3, 2012
· COE Senior Luncheon

May 4, 2012
· Commencement
Lisa, a native of Baton Rouge, La., with degrees from Tulane University (BA) and SUNY-Stony Brook (PhD) thrives on the variety of her work. "My job is never boring. There are always many different challenges, and I am always learning new things."

To the surprise of no one who sees Lisa wheeling her bicycle through the halls of Snell, regardless of weather (she commutes from Jamaica Plain each day), Lisa lists bicycle touring -- along with painting and drawing -- as chief interests outside the office.

Senior Systems Coordinator James Jones is the veteran of the group, joining the COE staff in 1985. He is an NU grad, earning his BS in 1996. "At one point, I was in political science before I switched to electrical engineering," says James.

James, a Jamaica Plain resident who was raised in Prince George’s County, Md., also cites variety as a great aspect of his job. "There are always lots of new projects to work on," he says. Outside the office, James enjoys working on his Bridge game.

Computer Systems Manager Fred DellaPorta came to COE as a lab technician in 1998 after moving up the ranks to process engineer at a local computer manufacturer. He enrolled in a BS program through the College of Professional Studies soon after, and received his degree, magna cum laude, in 2009. He's now pursuing a master's degree.

"Helping people on a daily basis is a very fulfilling profession. Meeting students every day and working with computers is a dream come true for me," says Fred, a North End native who worked as a chef at several local eateries there, and who lives with his son and daughter in the shadow – literally – of Paul Revere’s house.

Systems Coordinator Tom Papadopoulos joined COE in 1999 after many years in private industry, including Unitrode Corp., where he was an international manufacturing manager. Tom holds a BS from Northeastern, and is a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (through Clark University).

"I like the atmosphere here, the people, the students," says Tom, Class of 1980. "One of my responsibilities is managing the Computer Center Labs and hiring students as lab assistants. It’s nice to watch them start as freshmen and grow and learn and help other students in their work."

A resident of Bridgewater, Tom came to the U.S. from Greece at the age of 10. His love of travel continues today.

Systems Coordinator David Moore came to COE from Watts Water Technologies in Andover in 2009. The Winchester
resident will complete the MS in Information Assurance program in May; he holds a BS in business administration with an MIS concentration from Salem State.

"My primary responsibilities are Microsoft Windows software and VMware, but I also get to support UNIX, Linux, and Mac based systems as well," says David. "The variety of systems and services we support makes the job most interesting."

Outside of work, David enjoys basketball, tennis and golf, and bicycling, hiking and traveling with his wife.

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