Introduction

This document contains the bios for students in the DISS 792/892 course/project for Spring Cluster 2006 at Nova Southeastern University. A picture and short bio for each student can be found below. The instructor’s picture and bio is also included at the end of the document.

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Tamer Aboualy

I live in Toronto Canada with my wife and daughter. I enjoy playing tennis and squash on weekends and in my spare time. I have a Bachelor in Information Systems (BIS) from Ryerson University in Toronto and a Masters in telecommunications and networks management from Syracuse University.

I work for Hewlett-Packard (HP) Canada as a Solutions Architect for Toronto Dominion Bank or TD Bank. I’m currently working on architecting, designing and implementing a transaction processing system for TD’s ATMs and POS systems. Recently I have designed and implemented a PKI solution to secure ATM transactions, which was a world first.

When I finish the PhD program at Nova, I hope to teach part-time at Ryerson, play more tennis/squash, spend more time with family, and start a consulting company.
James Galimore

James is in his third term of the DISS program and his focus is secure enterprise architecture in which he aims to conduct his research and writings for the dissertation. He started in the information systems and networking field over twenty-five years ago as a Telecommunications / Communications Specialist for the U.S. Army. During and after the military he completed his B.S. and M.S. degrees at the University of Maryland University College. After his military service his career in secure systems, networks and architecture planning, design, development, test / validation, implementation and deployment along with operations, maintenance and management has primarily been as a federal government contractor – working for E-Systems, Raytheon, Intellisource and now Computer Science Corporation (CSC).

James has architected several secure enterprise architectures, networks and data, voice, imagery and video systems for federal government clients to include the Department of Commerce, Department of Defense, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Transportation Security Administration, Federal Aviation Administration and other federal government agencies. He also was the lead architecture for the Virginia Union University Wireless Campus Area Network. His technical interests are in broadband integrated services digital networking (i.e. MPLS, GMPLS, SONET, POS, etc.), enterprise architecture frameworks and wireless technologies. His personal interest and hobbies are spending time with his family, especially his six year old as she teaches him so much – like patients and taking time to enjoy the moment. He was an athlete but time has taken a toll, so the days of playing sports is limited to some tennis, occasional ½ court basketball and fishing – which he plans to do plenty of after he completes his course work and dissertation. He wishes everyone the best throughout the program.
My husband and I are empty nesters with our grown children living in San Francisco, Saratoga Springs, NY, and Cape Cod. We live 10 miles north of Boston in a seaside community. We enjoy scuba diving, home brewing, and traveling and are wine enthusiasts as well.

I’m taking the slow path at Nova and this is my 5th term with one more to go. My background, up until last fall was in software quality assurance, working within the financial industry. I am now teaching at Lasell College in Newton, MA.
I currently teach Business and Economics at a Community College in Central Florida. In a previous life I was a CIO for a large Florida Retailer for 14 years. I also had the role of CFO for a short period of time (Board appointed Project Leader for the organization for the Y2K risk assessment and mitigation). After receiving my MBA I had a desire to teach on an adjunct basis. Because of the demands of my position and project after project it prevented me from attaining my goal and I never made it to the classroom. After I left my last position I was fortunate enough to start teaching as an adjunct at several schools.

I just recently accepted a full time faculty position and I am enjoying the career change immensely (it probably has extended my life by 20 years!). My interests are in the area of the Economics of IT, effectiveness of IT on the organization and the role and influence IS has in contemporary evolving managerial and organizational structures. I am looking forward to our June cluster meeting where the venue will provide a great learning experience for all on Enterprise Architecture Planning.
Mr. Craig E. Kaucher is the Chief Information Officer in the Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security. He is a retired Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army, with his final assignment as a Professor of Information Operations in the Information Operations and Technology Department, Information Resources Management College, National Defense University. He began his military career as an Army Signal Corps officer and has served in a variety of assignments from the tactical to the strategic level. Mr. Kaucher became an Information Systems Management officer in 1994 and was assigned to the Directorate for Intelligence J2, Joint Staff, and the Defense Intelligence Agency as a software development project manager.

His earlier assignments include many leadership positions, with responsibility for the operation of strategic information systems supporting global national security operations. He holds a BA in Communications from Temple University, and an MS in Software Engineering Administration from Central Michigan University. He also holds the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer Certificate and the Information Systems Security Professional Certificate from National Defense University, and is a Certified Information Security Manager.

Mr. Kaucher is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Information Systems at Nova Southeastern University. His focus areas as an information professional are intelligence systems, biometrics, computer hacker and defense techniques, information operations, and homeland security. He has made numerous presentations at major conferences, served as a subject matter expert and advisor to several national-level activities, and written for peer-reviewed publications.
I’m an Entrepreneur managing software consulting business in New Jersey. Currently, I am working as a software program manager at a financial institution. As program manager, I manage various phases of software development from requirements gathering, analysis, design, construction, testing through final delivery. As CMM team lead, developed methodologies and processes and assisted the company in attaining CMM-Level 5 certification.

I’m in my third term at Nova. My areas of interest include system development process and project management in distributed computing and service-oriented environment and eCommerce.
I'm a Defense Contractor on the civilian side, and a Cryptologic Officer in the Navy Reserve. My wife and I have three kids and enjoy the hot sunny days in Arizona. We enjoy going to the lake during the summer as well as visiting the nearby beaches in Mexico.
Miguel Moron

Miguel Moron is a Project Manager for Science Application International Corporation (SAIC), Fortune 500 based in San Diego. He reports to the VP of Operations for IT Systems and in his current assignment he is responsible for leading multiple initiatives and managing all aspects of IT projects, including the technology, cost, risk, schedule and personnel. Miguel started his professional career at IBM as a Development Engineer, in a small town in Northern Vermont, and quotes that he is not a winter person, but he enjoyed his time in the snow to the fullest! At IBM, Miguel spent significant part of his time developing and implementing embedded solutions for testing semiconductor devices, including Application Specific Integrated Circuits and Systems on Chips.

Miguel has a Bachelor’s degree in Computer Engineering from Florida International University, and an MBA, with a concentration in Engineering Management from the NTU School of Engineering and Applied Science at Walden University. Additionally, Miguel is working in his PH.D in Information Systems from Nova Southeaster University.

Miguel was born and raise in Peru, and moved to Miami, FL back in 1992 right after high school graduation, from “El Colegio José Quiñonez” in Lima. He enjoys giving back to the community and the less fortunate, and volunteers his time as the Community Service Chair for the Rotary Club of San Diego, Down Town. Additionally, Miguel is an active member of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE). He has lived in San Diego since 2003; and enjoys walking and running along the San Diego shoreline, loves to travel and enjoys the company of good friends.
Currently, I am the Director of Database Systems at Cobb Energy, Inc. in Marietta, Ga. I manage various Enterprise Databases--these are high-availability databases. I’m in my third term at Nova. My areas of interest include Database Management System and Enterprise Architecture.
I am from Atlanta, Georgia and work as part of a team of wireless architectural consultants at Research in Motion, the IT company who is the manufacturer of the Blackberry. Some of the tasks I perform in this role include leading customers through their business requirements while translating them into system, application or process implementations. Other responsibilities involve consultative, deep technical discussion with customers on the capabilities, requirements, configuration and usages of RIM's wireless technology portfolio and the Blackberry Platform.

In my past experiences, I spent 9 years at Georgia-Pacific Corp., where I helped architect the messaging infrastructure, Active Directory design, and many other great projects that helped shape the direction and influence IT had on GP. Prior to that, I served in the US Air Force where I supported mainframe based inventory management systems. My hobbies include church activities, snow skiing, and working towards completing a triathlon this summer. I have 3 kids (ages 8, 10, and 12) that keep me occupied most of the time and find a lot of joy and satisfaction in helping my wife raise them.

I am now in my second term at Nova and am still trying to figure my way around campus!
Jeff Smith

I am originally from Michigan but abandoned the cold weather after enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1981. I served on 5 United States Ships and several shore commands throughout the United States and a 3 year tour in the Aleutian Islands. I have traveled to the Mediterranean, Philippines, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Hawaii, Guam, and throughout the United States. My most memorable experience in the Navy was spending Easter Sunday in Jerusalem.

I have been involved in Telecommunications, Information Technology, and Cryptography while in the U.S. Navy. I retired in 2004 as an Information Technology Naval Officer.
Eric Spriggs

Experience

I currently serve as the Strategic Management Specialist at DOT. I am charged with providing coordination of data collection, analysis and reporting requirements. In addition, I provide on-call technical assistance to states, division and other federal and local agencies in Baldrige Organizational Assessments, ISO quality management systems auditing, data quality and performance measures training and other data analysis requests.

I served as Policy Analyst in the Social Security Administration (SSA). I worked on the Listings of Impairments for the Disability Program. I served on SSA’s Vision 2010 initiative. In that role, I assisted with the Redesign of the Office of Disability’s website and gear for the E-Gov initiative. I also served on a team charged with analyzing emerging technologies that could assist SSA in attaining its strategic goals.

Hobbies

Although, it hard to have hobbies, I try to play Tennis as much as I can and I love to travel. I have been to Spain, France, Germany, Belgium, Portugal, Canada (only Toronto but want to see a lot more). This summer, after the cluster, I am returning to Spain and Portugal with side trips to the Czech Republic, Austria and Hungary.

My Nova Journey

This is my third cluster. I have at least two more to go (sigh! I am taking it slow). I do not have an idea for the idea paper formulated but I am hoping to work in the realm of EA and this course looks very promising for gaining further insight.

Here’s hoping you all have an excellent journey.

Joe is on the Faculty of Nova Southeastern University where he teaches enterprise architecture and systems development process courses and projects. Joe is also keenly interested in helping students complete their dissertations by serving on their committees. Joe has a passion for research and writing. Joe’s dissertation, titled Design and Implementation of a Prototype Toolset for Full Life-Cycle Management of Web-Based Applications, was published as an IBM Technical Report. For more information on Joe’s professional activities, please see http://scis.nova.edu/~gulla/