February PDA meeting
February 20, 2017 @ 9:00AM
Hunt Library, Creativity Studio (4403)

In attendance
- Ahmed Mohamed
- Claudio Hidalgo Cantabrana
- Jason Cramer
- Kurt Schab
- Mohammed-Amir Aghaee
- Nicole Ditillo
- Vanessa Doriott Anderson
- Xinyu Zhang

Agenda Items
- **Guest Speakers**: Mohan Ramaswamy, Christopher Erdmann & Wesley Woody (NCSU Libraries)
  - Tour of the spaces
    - Creativity Studio (Room 4403)
    - Teaching and Visualization Lab (Room
    - Faculty Commons (5th Floor)- all postdocs have access to this space using their NC State ID and the comparable space at DH Hill Library
  - Capability of spaces
    - Creativity Studio
      - The Creativity Studio is a high-technology white-box room that can be configured for a wide variety of teaching, learning, and collaborative activities in many disciplines. It features high-definition projectors and moveable walls with dry-erase whiteboard surfaces. The Studio can be configured to host simulations, installations and virtual environments.
      - 360 projection capabilities
      - Capacity: 25
    - Teaching and Visualization Lab
      - The Teaching and Visualization Lab is a black-box room that offers 270-degree immersive projection on three walls / five screens for a total of 94 linear feet of high-definition display surface. The room can host a variety of events including:
        - High-impact presentations of large-scale visualizations and simulations
        - Technology-rich interactive sessions in a small group setting
        - Command/control room simulation
        - Immersive computing
        - Game research
“Big data” decision theater

Comparative social computing

- 270 projection
- Capacity: 45

- These spaces are free for use and can be reserved through the NCSU Libraries Room Reservation
- Video about Hunt Library Visualization Spaces: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Whry7DNzgtQ
- Detailed information about the Libraries Visualization Spaces can be found at http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/visualization/data-visualization/visualizationspaces

Research Services through NCSU Libraries

- Libraries Research Support services: http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/services/research-support
- Visualization Consultation
- Data and GIS
- Library has a copyright division and lawyer that can be used
- Data Management assistance
- Research Workshops through the year

- Learn more by contacting Mohan, Christopher, and Wesley
  - Mohan Ramaswamy (mramasw@ncsu.edu) - Associate Head for Research Engagement and Graduate Services, NCSU Libraries
  - Christopher Erdmann (ccerdman@ncsu.edu) - Chief Strategies for Research Collaboration, NCSU Libraries
  - Wesley Woody (wdwoody@ncsu.edu) - Technology Support Specialist, NCSU Libraries

OPA Updates/items (Laura/Nicole)

- Grievance Policy
  - Policy has been drafted and has begun its way through the approval process
- Website
  - The website has been reorganized and cleaned up! Check it out and let me know if you have recommendations for further changes.
- Handbook is in (very slow) progress
  - If anyone would like to help with this it would be greatly appreciated. It keeps getting put on the back burner as more immediate needs come up.

Communications Update (Greer/Ashley)

- Verve Issue 2 Out!
  - Full PDF
  - Individual stories

Diversity Committee Update (Catherine)

- First diversity lunch was last month (Chinese)
  - Great turnout!
  - Future lunches will try to be closer to campus to include more postdocs
- February - Celebration of Black History Month
- **Any other business?**
  - Potentially do a spring Science Talks in the Visualization Lab
    - Possibly mid-April?
  - OPA will start to set up some service opportunities for any postdocs who might be interested in joining
    - This would be an opportunity for postdocs to get together and also give back to/connect with community
    - Any recommendations for places are greatly appreciated!