

**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=Whry7DNzqtQ>
    - 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!