# The Computing Community Consortium (CCC)

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- 1. a substance that increases the rate of a chemical reaction without itself undergoing any permanent chemical change.
- 2. a person or thing that precipitates an event.

July 17, 2019



# AN OVERVIEW OF THE COMPUTING COMMUNITY CONSORTIUM

- Established in 2006 as a standing committee of the Computing Research Association (CRA)
- Funded by NSF under a Cooperative Agreement
  - Third Award began in April 2018
- Facilitates the development of a bold, multithemed vision for computing research – and communicates this vision to stakeholders
- Led by a broad-based Council
- Staff based at CRA



## **INFORMAL MISSION**

"A catalyst and enabler for the computing research community"

- Bring the community together to contribute to shaping the future of the field
- Provide leadership for the community, encouraging revolutionary, highimpact research
- Encourage the alignment of computing research with pressing national priorities and national challenges (many of which cross disciplines)
- Work with policymakers to facilitate the translation of these important research directions into funded programs
- Give voice to the community, communicating to a broad audience the many ways in which advances in computing will create a brighter future
- Grow new leaders for the computing research community





# **COMPUTING COMMUNITY CONSORTIUM**

The **mission** of Computing Research Association's Computing Community Consortium (CCC) is to **catalyze** the computing research community and **enable** the pursuit of innovative, high-impact research.



#### Who

- Council 20members
- CCC/CRA Staff
- Chair, VC, & Director

Inputs: Bottom-up, Internal, & Top-Down

What:

- Workshops & Conf. Blue Sky Tracks
- Whitepapers & Social Media
- Reports Out (esp. to government)
- Biannual Symposium to DC'ers

Human Development

- Early Career Workshops & Participation
- Council Membership
- Leadership w/ Gov't (LISPI)

#### THE CCC COUNCIL

Chair: Mark Hill Vice Chair: Liz Bradley

Terms ending June 2022

- Sujata Banerjee, VMware •
- Elisa Bertino, Purdue University
- Tom Conte, Georgia Tech ٠
- Maria Gini, University of Minnesota .
- Chad Jenkins, University of Michigan •
- Melanie Mitchell, Portland State University .
- Katie Siek, Indiana University •

Terms ending June 2021

- Ian Foster, University of Chicago •
- Ronitt Rubinfeld, MIT ٠
- Suresh Venkatasubramanian, Utah ٠
- Daniel P. Lopresti, Lehigh University •
- David C. Parkes, Harvard
- Shwetak Patel, Univ. Washington

Terms ending June 2020

- Nadya Bliss, Arizona State •
- Juliana Freire, NYU •
- Keith Marzullo, Maryland •
- Greg Morrisett, Cornell •
- Jennifer Rexford, Princeton •
- Ben Zorn, Microsoft Research •















































# **NSF INTERACTIONS**



# **RELATIONSHIP TO COMPUTING RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (CRA)**

#### **NSF cooperative agreement is with CRA**

#### **CCC** is a standing committee of CRA

- Andy Bernat, CRA Executive Director, is an ex officio member of the CCC Executive Committee
- Mark Hill, the CCC Chair is a member of the CRA Board of Directors
- Ellen Zegura, the CRA chair must consent to CCC Council appointments
- Greg Morrisett, CCC Council member and member of the CRA Board of Directors

CCC staff are based in CRA

# **MAJOR STAKEHOLDERS**

- Computing Research Community
  - CRA
  - CSTB (Computer Science and Telecommunications Board, part of National Research Council)
  - Professional societies
  - Academic units
  - Research labs
- Industry
  - Computing industry, Major users of IT
- Public
- Government
  - See following slides



# **GOVERNMENT STAKEHOLDERS**

#### Agencies important to us

- NSF strong ties with CISE
- NIH growing ties with folks interested in Health IT
- DARPA ties come and go
- DoE ties with ASCR; interest in ARPA-E

#### Others that are relevant

- NIST
- HHS/ONC
- IARPA
- DoT



# **GOVERNMENT STAKEHOLDERS**

Networking and Information Technology R&D (NITRD)

- Legislatively mandated coordination among Federal R&D agencies
- National Coordinating Office (NCO) facilitates
  - Interagency working groups
  - Coordinating groups
  - Senior steering groups
  - Community of practice
- Director is Kamie Roberts



# **PCAST NITRD REPORT**

#### 2010

- 1/3 of the PCAST NITRD Working Group members were CCC Council Members
- The report drew extensively on CCC White Papers
- An excellent roadmap for the field

#### 2013

- ¼ Contributing Members were CCC Council Members
- An excellent review of progress from 2010 report
- The challenge now: Continuing to translate it into action

#### 2015

- 1/3 Contributing Members were CCC Council Members
- An update to the 2013 report, including recommendations for Federal Agencies
- The challenge now: restructuring NITRD



# **CCC GOALS AND ACTIVITIES**



### **GOALS FOR CCC**

- Bring the computing research community together to envision audacious research challenges, and to articulate concrete pathways to enable pursuit of these challenges.
- 2. Communicate these challenges and opportunities to the broader national community.
- 3. Facilitate investment in these research challenges by key stakeholders.
- 4. Inculcate values of leadership and service by the computing research community.
- Inform and influence early career researchers to engage in these community-led research challenges.

# **CCC ACTIVITIES**

- Envisioning Future Computing Research
- Engaging and Aligning with National and Computing Research Priorities
- Communicating Future Computing Research
- Cultivating Computing Leadership and Community Capacity to Engage and Respond to National Priorities



# ENVISIONING FUTURE COMPUTING RESEARCH

"The Computing Community Consortium (CCC) solicits proposals that will galvanize the community to define visions and agendas for exciting frontiers of computing research."

- Create a new community of researchers.
- Inform a new funding initiative.
- Help an extant community define a new trajectory.

Goals for next phase

- Increase our outreach and participation
- Increase the participation of industry leadership and early career researchers at Visioning Workshops

### **VISIONING PROCESSES**

- Periodic RFP for Community Initiated Activities
- Average of 8 workshops per year in the last 3 years
- Top-down (agency initiated)
- Bottom-up (open call)
- Sideways (council initiated, joint with other agencies,....)



Robotic Materials



Digital Computing Beyond Moore's Law



Sociotechnical Interventions for Health Disparity Reduction



Sociotechnical Cybersecurity



Cybersecurity for Manufacturers

#### **VISIONING ACTIVITIES**

- Over 55 visioning activities in 10-year history
- Average of 8 activities per year in the last 3 years
- Research areas include:
  - Al
  - Post Quantum Cryptography
  - Health
  - Privacy by Design
  - BRAIN Initiative
  - Fairness
  - Misinformation
  - Thermodynamic Computing
- 20 workshop reports released in past 5 years
- 36 white papers released in past 5 years

Early Career Researcher Symposium	August 1-2. 2018
Leadership in Embedded Security Workshop	August 12-13, 2018
Artificial Intelligence Roadmap Workshop 1- Integrated Intelligence	November 14-15, 2018
Thermodynamic Computing	January 3-5, 2019
Artificial Intelligence Roadmap Workshop 3- Self Aware Learning	January 17-18, 2019
Identifying Research Challenges in Post Quantum Cryptography Migration and Cryptographic Agility	January 31-February 1, 2019
Code 8.7: Using Computational Science and AI to End Modern Slavery	February 19-20, 2019
Misinformation Roundtable	March 26 2019
Economics and Fairness	May 22-23, 2019

## **SUCCESSFUL VISIONING ACTIVITIES**

- Engage the community and relevant stakeholders
- Facilitate broad thinking with compelling examples
- Create new avenues for (interdisciplinary) collaboration
- Prepare and energize the community for future opportunities
- Rapidly capture and synthesize ideas from the community.
- Present ideas and engage possible funders and stakeholders
- Articulate needs and barriers to research impact

### **BLUE SKY**

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**Goal** - Help conferences reach out beyond the usual research papers. Papers are open-ended and possibly "outrageous" or "wacky."

- 18 different tracks at 12 different conferences in last 5 years
- On average, 13 papers submitted per track at a conference
- Winners are asked to submit Great Innovative Ideas



Past CCC Chair Gregory Hager with AAAI-16 Blue Sky award winner Francesca Rossi



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#### ENGAGING AND ALIGNING WITH NATIONAL AND COMPUTING RESEARCH PRIORITIES

- Agility to respond to requests and ideas.
- Outreach pulls together visioning with stakeholder needs and timely opportunities
- Increase scale and capacity through CCC Task Forces
- Increase engagement with industry, sister organizations and other relevant stakeholders (philanthropy)



# **CURRENT CCC TASK FORCES**

CCC task forces are organized around national priorities, community needs, and council member interests. Our current\* set of topics are:

- Artificial Intelligence Working Group
- Industry Working Group
- Cybersecurity and Cybercrime
- Health and Computing
- Systems and Architecture
- FADE (Fairness, Accountability, Disinformation, and Explainability)
- Future of the Research Enterprise

Goal is for CCC to be **engaged in ongoing activities** around these topics, to **identify needs and opportunities** in the topic area, and to **identify actions** (generating white papers, convening a workshop, publicizing information, etc.) that have the possibility of "moving the needle" for these topics.

Annual process to determine topics, membership and priorities. Informed by major stakeholders (NSF, OSTP, PCAST, NITRD, workshops and council members).

### **COMPUTING RESEARCH** ADDRESSING NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND SOCIETAL NEEDS

- Held first National Symposium to Highlight the Impact of Computing Research in 2016. Held second one in October 2017.
- Established a biennial Symposium to communicate the role of computing research to address national and societal priorities
- Bring in early career researchers to connect them with and invigorate the community





# COMMUNICATING

- Workshop Reports
- White Papers
  - CCC works with community to produce timely white papers that inform policymakers and the broader community on national priorities
- CCC Blog
  - Provides a continuous stream of information on advances in computing research
  - Opportunities for community to get involved
  - Forum for community discussion

#### Catalyzing Computing Podcast

- Highlighting Researchers in the Community
- Website
  - Collection of Resources
- Great Innovative Ideas
  - A way to showcase the exciting new research and ideas generated by the computing community
- Annual events
  - CCC Symposium
  - CRA Snowbird
- Special Events
  - Early Career Researcher Symposium



Biannual Computing Research Symposium



**BiWeekly Podcast** 

#### NURTURING NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS

**Grow leadership and community capacity** to engage in and respond to national science policy needs and identify new directions for computing research.

#### Leadership in Science Policy Institute

- Educates and trains computing researchers on how science policy in the U.S. is formulated and how to advocate for computing research
- Co-sponsored by CRA's Government Affairs Committee
- Industry Academic Collaborations
  - CCC collaborated with Big Data Regional Hubs
  - Activities to enhance the research of early career faculty

#### **Postdoc Best Practices**

- Program to study institutional support structures for postdocs
- 3 programs: University of Washington, NY ASCENT, Arizona
- Computing Innovation Fellows (CIFellows) Project
  - Rapidly created the CI Fellows program to preserve human capital when faculty positions became scarce with the financial crisis

Visioning Activities

Cultivate leaders for the community through leadership / involvement in visioning activities

#### IMPACT

#### AMPLIFICATION



BRAIN Initiative launched in 2013.

CCC co-hosted the Brain Workshop with NSF in 2014.



CCC co-hosted the SA+TS workshop with SRC and NSF in 2013.

Produced Research Needs for Trustworthy, and Reliable Semiconductors Report in 2015. The National Strategic Computing Initiative NSCI

NSCI announced in July 2015.

CCC produced a series of blog posts on the topic, featuring one from Doug Burger, and the Systems and Architecture task force frequently overlaps with this topic.



Smart and Connected Health Program in NSF and NIH.

CCC has hosted several workshops on related topics, including: Aging in Place (2014), Inclusive Access (2015), and Smart and Pervasive Health (2016) and produced related reports and white papers.

### **IMPACT: ARCHITECTURE**

Workshop on Advancing Computer Architecture Research (ACAR-1)

#### Failure is not an Option: Popular Paralle Programming

Organizers: Josep Torrellas (University of Illinois) and Mark Oskin (Uni of Washington).

Steering Committee: Chita Das (NSF and Pennsylvania State Universit William Harrod (DARPA), Mark Hill (University of Wisconsin), James I (Microsoft Research), Margaret Martonosi (Princeton University), Jose N (IBM Research), and Kunle Olukotun (Stanford University).

Written by: Josep Torrellas, Mark Almadena Chtchelkanova, Chita D Jon Hiller, Sampath Kannan, Krish Richard Murphy, Onur Mutlu, Satis Anand Sivasubramaniam, Kevin Skadron, Karin Strauss, Steven Sy Dean Tullsen.

Funded by the Computing Research Association's (CRA) Computing C Consortium (CCC) as a "visioning exercise" meant to promote forward th computing research and then bring these ideas to a funded program.

Held on February 21-23, 2010 in San Diego, California Contact: torrella@illinois.edu; oskin@cs.washington.edu Websites: http://www.cra.org/ccc/acar.php; http://iacoma.cs.uiuc.edu/acar/

August 2010

Workshop on Advancing Computer Architecture Research (ACAR-II) Laying a New Foundation for IT: Compute Architecture for 2025 and Beyond

Organizers: Mark Oskin (University of Washington) and Josep Torr (University of Illinois)

Steering Committee: Chita Das (Pennsylvania State University), M (University of Wisconsin), James Larus (Microsoft Research), Margi Martonosi (Princeton University), Jose Moreira (IBM Research), an Olukotun (Stanford University).

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#### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Computer Architectu

A community white paper

May 25, 2012

#### 1. Introduction and Summary

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### **IMPACT: ARCHITECTURE**







Mark Hill Wisconsin

## **IMPACT: HEALTH IT**





**October 2012 Workshop** 



#### National Science Foundation WHERE DISCOVERIES BEGIN

**Directorate for Computer & Information Science & Engineering** 

#### SMART HEALTH AND WELLBEING (SHW)

#### CONTACTS

See program guidelines for contact information.

SYNOPSIS

#### Smart and Connected Health (SCH)

PROGRAM SOLICITATION NSF 13-543

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## **IMPACT: AGING IN PLACE**



Joint NIH/CCC Meeting September 2014 Produced Workshop Report February 2015

NIH released new RFP informed by AIP Workshop October 2015 PCAST Report March 2016



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Extensive discussions between visioning leaders & agencies

National Robotics Initiative 2.0: Ubiquitous Collaborative Robots (NRI-2.0)

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