



Behavioral Science Lab Opens at UT College of Communication

The UT College of Communication boasts a brand new [Behavioral Science Laboratory](#), which opened April 1, 2013. Faculty and student researchers in diverse communication disciplines will have the opportunity to take advantage of the state-of-the-art lab. Facilities include a survey stimulus room with sixteen carrels; a focus group suite; five experimental lab rooms; a natural viewing room; and a dedicated space for conducting physiological studies. All of the experimental rooms and lab spaces are equipped with audio and video monitoring capability.

Games Course Announced for Porto

A course on videogames has been announced for the Summer Institute in Porto. The course will consist of both virtual and traditional classroom instruction, and on-site meetings will be conducted from June 17 to June 29. Informatics Engineering professor António Coelho, who heads the Multimedia Masters program at U. Porto, will lead the course collaboratively with UT Austin's Bruce Pennycook, a faculty member in the Department of Radio-TV-Film and the Butler School of Music. Coelho visited UT in November 2012 with U. Porto professors José Azevedo and Raul Vidal to meet with Austin faculty and discuss opportunities for collaborative teaching and research on games. Pennycook has taught numerous courses for the Digital Media program in the past and is a key member of the new Game Development program at UT.



Digital Inclusion in Texas Conference and Colloquium A Success

The Digital Inclusion in Texas conference drew noted scholars, representatives of federal, state, and city government, and nonprofit advocacy organizations to Austin on April 26-27 to discuss gaps in broadband adoption. The event was presented by UT's LBJ School of Public Affairs' Technology and Public Policy Program and the Telecommunications and Information Policy Institute, with the collaboration of the Texas Connects Coalition, Connected Texas, and the City of Austin. Over 100 people gathered to attend and participate in panels on digital literacy, the impact of federal funding on access, and public computer centers. The second day of the conference, which focused on communities and computing, was dedicated to renowned Internet policy expert Gary Chapman, the late founder of the UTA-Portugal International School on Digital Transformation.

Doctoral Students' Work Featured in UT Performance

Three doctoral students, [Marta Ferraz](#), João Beira, and [Yago de Quay](#), contributed to [Roots and Wings](#), a dance showcase presented by UT Austin's Dance Repertory Theatre from April 19-21. The students' work was featured in *3[D] Embodied*, a performance created by Theatre and Dance faculty member Yacov Sharir with the collaboration of Music and RTF faculty member Bruce Pennycook. The performance's innovative effects were created through sensors placed on a performer, measuring muscular activity, heart rate, and fine motor control activity, with a Kinect system tracking body movements. The data generated by the sensors resulted in animations projected onto a 3D box environment with four other dancers. Output from the biosensors was similarly translated into accompanying sounds. [Photo credit: Marta Ferraz]



UT Hosts the 14th International Symposium on Online Journalism

Academics, media professionals, and students attended the International Symposium on Online Journalism in Austin from April





19-20. The program was chaired by Rosental Alves, Director of the Knight Center for Journalism in the Americas at UT. Clark Gilbert, president and CEO of the Deseret News Publishing Company, *The New York Times* executive editor Jill Abramson, Andy Carvin of National Public Radio, and Emily Bell, director of the Tow Center for

Digital Journalism at Columbia University, delivered keynote addresses. This year's panel topics included trends in social media, innovations in digital platforms architecture and design, mobile journalism, and data visualization. The symposium was followed by a spin-off conference, the 6th Ibero-American Colloquium on Digital Journalism, which focused on sustainability issues challenging online journalism in Latin America and Spain. Doctoral students Cláudia Silva, a visiting researcher at UT, and Daniel Catalão, an exploratory visitor, attended the weekend's events. Catalão found the experience valuable, observing, "My participation in the Ibero-American Colloquium on Digital Journalism made me aware of the ongoing movement to empower new journalism projects with different finance formulas based more on philanthropy than publicity."

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