UNT Information Science "Brown Bag" Research Seminar, Fall 2025

Can be found online through https://informationscience.unt.edu/research/meetings.html

*The UNT Information Science Seminar series is held on **Tuesdays at 11:30 am - 12:50 pm in Discovery Park E265** unless otherwise noted - any deviation is in red. <u>The seminar events are open to anyone</u>, but IS students and faculty are particularly encouraged to attend. All topics are tentative until one week before the event.*

The zoom site to register for any of the following meetings is here: https://unt.zoom.us/meeting/register/2NSs8-CZTLCWBjGgJITCMA

Graduate students can receive 1 credit toward graduation by enrolling in INFO 5900/6900-100: Special Problems (Syllabus link here). Can be repeated for credit. All events with dates/times in red are available for extra credit with recorded attendance.

Also, given the overlap of shared history and students with Data Science all events of the Data Science Talk Series linked here are also available to IS students in INFO 5900-100/6900-100, and TAs for seminar engagement extra credit (0.25 pts).

Date (red if special day/time)	Topic
Aug 26	Stepping through the Syllabus link above for those taking the class for credit. (only for those enrolled or interested in enrolling). Individual meeting with the Chair
Sep 2 **DP G150**	**IS Student Social / mixer** Discovery Park G150 (Learning Technologies / Agora room) Food and beverages covered. Be sure to RSVP via Amethyst's email. Online student social for those unable to attend in-person. More details to come (may be crashed by some faculty) Sponsored by: Rita Patterson, Associate Dean for Research, Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine [sponsor statement]
Sep 9	Canceled, as students are encouraged to attend the "code & culture" event at 2pm

Canceled	noted below (events outside the seminar time are not required for those taking the seminar for credit, but they are available for extra credit)
Sep 9 **2-4pm** **DP D201**	**Code & Culture, an Information Science Keynote and Panel Event** Dr. Howard S. Rosenbaum (Indiana University), Some Reflections on the Grounds of Social Informatics, followed by a panel discussion on "Bridging the Technical and the Social in Information Science Research." [flyer] [schedule]
Sep 16	**Creating Serendipity in Science** Mark V. Albert, Chair, Information Science Director, Biomedical AI Lab [slides] Food and drink sponsored by Joe Krzak, PT, PhD, Professor, Physical Therapy, College of Health Sciences, Midwestern University & Shriners Children's Chicago (who will join part of the presentation)
Sep 23	PhD panel [flyer] Hesam Akbari, Ian Abeyta, Ravi Varma Kumar Bevara Daniella Smith (moderator) Food and drink sponsorship by Joe Krzak
Sep 30	MS students & research panel [flyer] Shelby Rocca, Jupiter Allen, Crystal Tharayil Ana Roeschley (moderator) Food and drink will be provided by PhD program alum (2022) Sahar Behpour [video statement to students]
Oct 7	IS Faculty Research Presentations [flyer] From Drug Repurposing to Drug Safety Bishnu Sarker, Assistant Professor, Information Science Heejun Kim, Assistant Professor, Information Science Lunch will be provided [sponsor statement]
Oct 14	Research Presentation "We're doing the work… We can change the culture": Our Evolving Mandate in Supporting Cultural Heritage Practitioners in the Disruptive Tech Era Dr. Caitlin Christian-Lamb Assistant Professor, Library Science Special zoom room: https://unt.zoom.us/j/82170922243 Passcode: 523051
Oct 21	Research Presentation "Centering community needs in language archiving" Dr. Mary Burke Digital Archivist
Oct 28 **canceled**	There will be no meeting on Tuesday, Oct 28th.
Nov 4	**Sian Brannon** **"From a last-minute application to heading an R1 library"**

12:00pm presentation in E265	University Librarian and Vice Provost *special 12:00pm start time* *(doors open with lunch provided minutes before)*
Nov 11	**Graduate Services Assistants at UNT Libraries:** **Supporting Public Services** [slides] [flier] Madison Brents, Student Engagement Librarian Apurwa Bhattarai, Jerrin Duty, Graduate Services Assistants UNT Libraries Access services GSA position available for grad students [flier] Food and drink sponsored by Neal Smatresk with Ian Abeyta promoting INFO 4910.001: Tech Launchpad course
Nov 18	**A Research Agenda to Improve School and Public Libraries** Katherine Klein [flier] Assistant Professor, Information Science University of North Texas Food will be provided **[last IS brown bag of 2025]**

Sponsorship statements or videos:

Sep 2

Rita Patterson is covering your food and drink today, so we'll take a few moments to recognize her sponsorship and reflect on her interests and connection with our department. Dr. Patterson is the associate dean for research in the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in UNT HSC. She has been working closely with Dr. Albert on a variety of grants and published projects including "Predicting Fall Risk in Older Adults Using Machine Learning" and "Predicting UPDRS Motor Symptoms in Individuals with Parkinson's Disease from Force Plates Using Machine Learning" and "Utilizing Technology and AI Approaches to Facilitate Independence and Resilience in Older Adults." She is always looking for collaborators to help her teams sift through the vast collection of health information collected clinically, and is also working with Dr. Albert on a number of initiatives to do so including a likely Fall meeting at UNT HSC connection HSC and UNT main campus researchers with opportunities to apply their skills to curated health information of interest to HSC clinical researchers.

Oct 7

A donor that chose to remain anonymous is the sponsor of the luncheon in memory of Dr. Donald B. Cleveland, Professor Emeritus at the University of North Texas, in recognition of his visionary leadership and lasting contributions to the field of information science. During his distinguished career at UNT from 1977 to 2004, Dr. Cleveland helped shape the Department of Information Science by establishing the first computer laboratories for students and developing the Information Science Ph.D. Program. His legacy is one of interdisciplinary thinking, combining library and information science, computer science, and health informatics; of preparing students for emerging challenges in technology and information; and of leadership that has left lasting structures that continue to benefit UNT, the field of information science, and communities at large.