



## Grace Series Talk

Grace Series Talks are Women Empowerment Talks for Grad and Undergrad Students in Computer Science and Software Engineering

**Tuesday, January 21, 2020**  
**7pm – 8pm**  
Location: Osborne Conference  
Room - ECSS 3.503



**\*Pizza, Desserts**  
**\*Prizes**

### *“Perspectives on the PhD Process from a Recent Graduate”*

**By: Dr. Jessica Ouyang, UTD Computer Science Assistant Professor**

Most people (including undergraduate me) do not have a good idea of what grad school is like. I have been asked many times by many young women, "How did you know you wanted to get a PhD? Should I apply for grad school? How do I prepare for it?" In this talk, I try to answer those questions based on my experience as a very recent (June 2019) PhD graduate. From applying to grad school, to making the most of your time there, to surviving academic job search, I discuss both how I did it, and how, looking back, I would do it differently.

I am a Assistant Professor in the Department of Computer Science at UT Dallas. My research interests are in natural language processing, specifically in the areas of summarization, paraphrasing, and style transfer. Before coming to UTD, I was a PhD candidate at Columbia University, where I was also an NSF IGERT Fellow and the publicity chair and treasurer for Women in Computer Science (WICS).



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