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## Grace Series Talk

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

**Wednesday, November 14, 2018**  
**7pm – 8pm**  
Location: Osborne Conference Room  
ECSS 3.503



## Discovering Your Strengths

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Some people figure out early in life what they are good at, then plan their careers and lives accordingly. But some of us may feel like we are stumbling through the dark looking for our path. That's ok, and it might even leave you open to possibilities you had never considered. You will never discover your strengths, however, unless you are willing to get in a \*try, fail\* loop that does not end until you find your path. Women have special challenges, professionally and personally, that make career planning problematic, but a flexible attitude and openness to the challenges that confront you go a long way towards building a successful career. After all, it's up to you to define what success means for your life.

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**\*Free Food \*Prizes**

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