



DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE  
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Presents

## Grace Series Talk

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

**Tuesday, November 29, 2016**  
**7pm – 8pm**  
Location: Osborne Conference  
Room - ECSS 3.503



### On Marrying CS and Living “Happily Ever After” in Academia

Everything You Wanted To Know, But Were Afraid To Ask

**By: Dr. Rym Zalila-Wenkstern**

In this informal talk, Dr. Rym Zalila-Wenkstern will share lessons (learned the hard way) about embarking on a life-long relationship with Computer Science. She will discuss the common mistakes students make while pursuing an education at the undergraduate, Master’s and PhD. levels and who later select a career in academia. She will share a Professor’s typical perspective on students and give you hints on how to avoid pitfalls and traps in academia. This talk is rated SG-30: Some material may be inappropriate for faculty over 30. Student guidance advised.

Dr. Rym Zalila-Wenkstern is an Associate Professor in the Computer Science Department at UTD. She holds a PhD in Computer Science from the University of Ottawa, Canada, and the Doctorat de Specialite in Computer Science from the University of Tunis, Tunisia. She is the director of the Multi-Agent and Visualization Systems Lab. Her research projects are sponsored by several organizations including the National Science Foundation, Sandia National Laboratories, Rockwell Collins and the Department of Education. She has served on several international conference organizing committees and numerous program committees. She is the founding director of the Executive Masters of Science in Software Engineering Program at UTDallas. She has worked as a consultant for U.S. and European organizations and is the CEO of ZW Corp, a startup specializing in the development of web-based multi-agent systems.

Often referred to as “The Monster”, Dr. Wenkstern is a researcher, teacher and mentor who deeply cares about her students. She is twice the recipient of UTD’s Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science Teaching Excellence Award.

**\*Free Food \*Prizes**

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