

Akamai Community News



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In Memory of Dr. Charles Leake

Akamai University sadly announces the passing of one of our founding senior faculty members, Dr. Charles (Charlie) Leake.



Dr. Charles Leake
Director, Center for Information
Technology and Media Studies

Since the establishment of the University, Dr. Leake had served as the Director of the Center for Information Technology and Media Studies, the Special Director of Research, and as an Associate Editor of the University's on-line science journal, *The Pacific Journal of Science and Technology*. Additionally, over the last year, he served as an active member of the University's Academic Council. Throughout his tenure, Dr. Leake provided outstanding academic leadership and guidance to Akamai University and his passing is a great loss to our entire community.

Dr. Leake's long and distinguished career in mathematics and academics brought him recognition as a pioneer in innovative distance education programs.

Charlie received his B.S., M.S., and his Ph.D. in higher mathematics from New York University. Additionally, he studied mathematics at the Courant Institute of Mathematical and Computer Sciences.

He taught at several universities, including the University of Maryland, University College, in the areas of mathematics, business, and computer science. In addition, he recently retired from a long career of public service, most recently serving as an Operations Research/Systems Analyst for the Department of Defense both in the US and abroad.

His work provided oversight for national defense programs with budgets of over

\$100 million, as well as optimization for the procurement of scarce resources. Throughout his career Dr. Leake became well known in the defense community for his work with providing security to classified databases.

Dr. Leake, a member of the American Association for the Advancement of the Sciences, also served as a referee for the New York State Journal of Mathematics and Computer Science Teaching as well as a book reviewer for the Operational Research Society. He published three books and several articles on research analysis and mathematics.

Dr. Leake announced his retirement earlier last month as a result of his health issues. He passed away in the early hours of October 24th after a long and difficult struggle with cancer. He is survived by his wife, Rita, and their three children. The Leake family has asked that donations in lieu of flowers be made to the Cancer Research Institute (<http://www.cancerresearch.org/giving/index.html>)

Our thanks and our prayers are with you, Charlie. You will be greatly missed and always remembered.

The Akamai Community News

One of the goals of the Akamai Community Newsletter is to help our community stay better connected. If our readers have any comments or suggestions on how to keep our students, faculty, and alumni informed on the issues that are important to you, please send your thoughts to the editor.

Likewise, if there are aspects of the university, administration, or staff that you would like to see highlighted in future columns, your ideas are most welcome.


- The Editorial Staff

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Akamai Faculty Giving Back to the Community

The faculty of Akamai University are committed to making a difference in their community. As a global body of scholars and thought leaders, the faculty collectively donates hundreds, if not thousands, of hours to worthy causes throughout their communities. In an effort to highlight just some of the ways that the people of Akamai contribute to advancement of the human condition, through both collective and individual efforts, here is just a sampling of the some of the good works supported by our faculty members:



Dr. LaWanna Blount volunteers with The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Polk County, Texas Chapter), a non-profit organization dedicated to helping to protect pets from negligence, carelessness and abuse and helping defend animal interests and well being (www.sPCA.com) Tel. Polk County, (936) 365-3650 She also provides service to the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Polk County Branch. AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, life long education and positive societal change (www.aauw.org) 1- 800/326-AAUW ext. 237.

Professor Andrew Flaxman serves in an advisory capacity as Director of Development for Steiner Books, a not-for-profit publishing company dedicated to promoting the works of Rudolf Steiner and other pioneers in the field of spiritual science. This is a relatively new field of making conscious the world of imagination, inspiration and intuition. The web site of the organization (www.steinerbooks.org).

Dr. David Johnson and his family started a nonprofit network of volunteers and anti-tobacco resources about three years ago. The program, called Healthy Life Changes, offers free quit-tobacco services including consultations to individuals, families, and organizational groups interested in quitting tobacco use and/or in helping others understand, intervene, and support others' efforts to quit using tobacco products. They provide seminars, counseling, and follow-up when needed with any one using the Life Changes self-instructional program. They are also collaborating with a number of other associations, organizations, and agencies in the effort to reduce exposure to second-hand smoke and other toxic, air-borne pollutants. (<http://dr.davidjohnson.tripod.com/LIFECHANGES/>).

Dr. Ben Lee has launched a community service project to assist small business organizations and non-governmental organization in Asia in gaining vital skills necessary to growing their organizations and improving their human resource skills through a series of free in house talks. Volunteer speakers provide lectures on winning business strategies; developing EQ skills for personal & organizational success; becoming knowledge managers; managing people in the 21st century; and effective team building.

Dr. Stephen Lentz has been a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician for over ten years with the Canadochly Valley Ambulance Club (CVAC) in southern Pennsylvania. CVAC is multi-ambulance, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health and well being of the rural residents of East Prospect, York County. Dr. Lentz also volunteers his EMS and confined space rescue training to helping his co-workers at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station located near Harrisburg, PA.

Dr. Anthony Maranto volunteers with Kupenda for the Children, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping disabled children in Kenya by providing learning resources, shelter, medical aids, prosthetics, and trained educators (www.kupenda.org). He also volunteers with the 4-H Therapeutic Riding Program of Carroll County Maryland, which is a hippotherapy/equine facilitated therapy program for children with physical and learning disabilities in Westminster, MD (for information call 410-848-7969).

Dr Seamus Phan serves as a diplomatic counselor at large for the Regency of Lomar Foundation Inc: A non-governmental international diplomatic organization providing humanitarian and documentation aid to refugees worldwide (www.fhrl.org -French HQ and www.rolfoundation.org -USA). He also serves as a media relations advisor for the Society for the Physically Disabled (SPD) Singapore: A non-profit charity organization in Singapore providing active aid to physically challenged, including financial aid, job/skill training, job placement, assistive technology research, corporate gift manufacturing by beneficiaries, web design and hosting by beneficiaries (www.spd.org.sg).

Dr. Jorge Alberto Alvarez Diaz Awarded Research Fellowship

Dr. Alvarez received the Master of Science in Human Sexuality from Akamai University on 13 July 2004. His studies were conducted in cooperation with the International Foundation for Research into the Nature of Man, headquartered in Juarez, Mexico. The Foundation has been a formal institutional affiliate of Akamai University since early 2003.

Dr. Alvarez has recently been awarded a research fellowship and scholarship by the Fogarty International Center and the National Institutes of Health (USA). This collaborative program is entitled Ethics in Biomedical and Psychosocial Research and is intended for Latin American participants at the University of Chile.

The idea of the cooperation between NIH and University of Chile is to engage experts

in bioethics and human research to evaluate the methodological and bioethical aspects of research protocols, to evaluate the developing process of research, and to serve as monitors for researchers.

As a research fellow, Dr. Alvarez will develop a research project and publish a paper in an indexed and peer reviewed journal in the field of reproductive medicine. His work will be specifically in the area of couples' attitudes towards the possibility of human pre-embryo research and aspects of the sexuality of infertile sterile couples.

Akamai wishes to congratulate Dr. Alvarez on his prestigious fellowship and his academic accomplishments.



Questia On-Line Library Expand Services

Akamai University's on-line library service provider has recently expanded its collections and research tools, to include:

- A bibliography creator
- A footnote creator
- A note-taking function
- An encyclopedia (accessible while doing article/text research in other sources)
- Project folders to keep research organized

These new tools and many others, will help you to research quickly and effectively. Questia also offers 24X7 support and tech-

nical assistance to ensure that your questions and problems are addressed quickly.

Questia, the world's largest online library, now features over 50,000 complete books and 400,000 journal, magazine, and newspaper articles.

In addition to their full collection of text and articles, the Questia library collection is also grouped into 5,000 mini-collections of library content. Each mini-collection is on a specific topic and provides the best, most relevant books and articles Questia has to offer on that subject to help you perform subject reviews quickly and effectively.

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To find out more about Questia's services, visit the Akamai University library site: http://www.akamaiuniversity.us/vl_dir.htm.

Forums on the Virtual Learning Center are Available for Student Use

The University would like to remind all students that the electronic forums located on the Akamai Virtual Learning Center are available for individual student use. Any Akamai student or alumnus may establish discussion topics (academic or otherwise) on any existing public forum pages. Additionally, any student may request that special forums or form sections be established

to support on-going topic discussions, communications, or peer-to-peer outreach.

Feel free to use this tool to establish your own student groups, to seek information from other students, to share resources, or even sound-boards for future research topics.





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Seeking Student-to-Student Mentors

In an effort to better reach out to prospective students and newly enrolled students, the University is sponsoring a student-to-student mentoring ring.

We are seeking student volunteers from all academic programs and degree levels, who might be willing to correspond with prospective students and newly matriculated students. By sharing your experiences, your observations, and your advice, you can help make the transition to the distance learning environment a bit easier for your classmates.

If you are willing to respond to approximately 1-2 e-mails a month and participate in occasional electronic dialog on the University Center's forum page, then we would like to hear from you.

Interested students should contact Dr. Maranto (AMaranto@aol.com) for additional details.



Faculty News and Institutional Updates

Dr. Anthony Payne- In his position as a staff researcher at *Steenblock Research Institute* in San Clemente, CA, has recently released an on-line paper titled "Issues surrounding embryonic stem cells: The Genuine Never Ending Story?". The paper is available at: <http://14ushop.com/wizard/Embryonic-stem-cell-8-1-04.html> Additionally, Dr. Payne was recently asked by a Whitehouse Liaison to prepare an issue paper on the merits of umbilical cord stem cell therapy for use in a presidential briefing.

Dr. Mirjana Radovic has recently joined the Akamai faculty. She has spent over twenty years as a scientist and professor, and is an author of eight books devoted to business management and entrepreneurship. A native of Belgrade, she holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from Belgrade University, Faculty of Economics. In 1982, she earned her Master's Degree in Theoretical Economy and eventually a Ph.D. in Economics from Belgrade University. She has served as guest lecturer at a number of universities, foundations and institutes in Moscow, The Hague, New York, Washington DC, San Francisco, St. Paul, Atlanta, Portland, and New Orleans. She was awarded two scholarships from the United Nations to study at Lomonosow University in Russia and Kerala University in India. Dr. Radovic is the owner and director of the first business magazine in her country, *Small Business News*. In addition to her duties and hobbies, she has written two novels.

The Editorial Committee of the Pacific Journal of Science and Technology - is proud to announce that the Fall 2004 edition of the journal has now been published. This issue contains research papers ranging across topics such as clinical EEG studies in seizure patients, electrical engineering models, chemical deposition of thin films for solar cells, and Antarctic meteorite recovery. The journal is available free, on-line at www.akamaiuniversity.us/pjst.htm.