# Christine M. Rolka

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### **Education**

**Ph.D, Computer Science** – Georgia State University, Aug 2015 – present

**Post Baccalaureate** – Georgia State University, May 2012 – Aug 2015

M.S., Applied Computer Science, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA, 2008

M.M., Music Theory, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, 2000

**B.A.**, **Music Theory**, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, Cum Laude, 1996

#### **Teaching Experience**

Lecturer, University of West Georgia, Fall 2016 – present

Limited-Term Instructor, University of West Georgia, Fall 2015 – Spring 2016

Lecturer, University of West Georgia, Fall 2009 – May 2014

Limited-Term Instructor, University of West Georgia, Spring 2009

Graduate Research Assistant, University of West Georgia, Spring 2007 – Fall 2008

Adjunct Instructor, Pima Community College, Fall 2000 – Spring 2001

Adjunct Instructor, Georgia State University, Summer 2000

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Georgia State University, Spring 1997 – Spring 1999

#### **Scholarly Activities**

#### **Publications/Presentations**

Rolka, C., Remshagen, A. (2015) "Showing Up is Half the Battle: Assessing Different Contextualized Learning Tools to Increase the Performance in Introductory Computer Science Courses," *International Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning*: Vol. 9: No. 1, Article 10.

D' Alba, A., Huett, K., Remshagen, A. & Rolka, C. (2015). uCode@UWG: Building Kids' Interest in STEM-C. In *Proceedings of Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education International Conference 2015* (pp. 96-99). Chesapeake, VA: Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education (AACE).

Rolka, C., Remshagen, A. "Encourage Attendance in the Classroom," accepted for roundtable discussion University of West Georgia's *Innovations in Pedagogy Conference*, April 2014

Remshagen, A., Rolka, C. "Contextualized Learning Tools: Animations and Robots," accepted for presentation the ACMSE conference, March 2014.

Rolka, C., Remshagen, A. "Robots in Introductory Computer Science," College of Science and Math Dean's Teaching and Learning Seminar, 9/21/2012

Rolka, C. (organized with A. Remshagen), "Green Computer Science," Birds-of-a-Feather Session at the Tennessee Celebration of Women in Computing, Pikeville, TN, October 14 - 15, 2011

## **Grant Funding**

Rolka, C., Remshagen, A. "Introduction to Computer Science with Robots" UWise Mini-Grant, Fall 2012, Amount: \$6,897

Rolka, C., Remshagen, A. "Introduction to Computer Science with Robots" UWise Mini-Grant, Fall 2011, Amount: \$4,843

Remshagen, A., Rolka, C., Yang, L. "Road to Computing" Student Research Assistant Program Grant, Fall 2011, Amount: \$2,000

#### **Professional Experience**

Consultant, Carrollton GA, 2010 – present

- Web master for
  - o American Political Rhetoric, 2014 present
  - o University of West Georgia's Community Asset Mapping Project, 2014 present
  - o Horton's Books, 2011 present
  - o Carrollton Community Yoga, 2010-2012

#### Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, July 2002 - July 2006

- Database Programmer & Administrator
- Client Support
- Mentor to Junior Programmer

### **DRA Software Training**, Tucson, AZ, February 2001 – July 2002

- Query/report writer
- Web Developer's Assistant
- Classroom administrator and student services coordinator

### **Certifications**

Microsoft Certified Database Administrator, DRA Software Training, Tucson, AZ, 2003 Microsoft Certified Professional, DRA Software Training, Tucson, AZ, 2001 CompTIA A+ Certification, DRA Software Training, Tucson, AZ, 2001

#### **Professional Affiliations**

Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)

ACM Special Interest Group on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE)

### **Honors and Awards**

2008 Upsilon Pi Epsilon International Honor Society for the Computing Sciences Inductee 2007 Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant of the Year

# Workshops Attended

Cassandra Day Atlanta – March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Institute for Personal Robots in Education (IPRE)** winter workshop, GA Tech, Atlanta, GA; January 2011

## **Institutional Service**

**UMBC** trip – to observe and discuss with several faculty/staff/students regarding teaching strategies in STEM fields to improve retention and education of students at UWG; November 2012

**College for A Day** volunteer – led two introductory robotic sessions for high school students; February 2012, February 2013

**Chapel Hill Middle School** field trip to UWG – presentation of robotic activities in the department; May 2013