

Fifty Years of Computing at the University of Cincinnati

The University of Cincinnati would like to invite you to attend a once in a lifetime event celebrating UC's innovation, achievement, and leadership in computing on November 10 & 11, 2008.

The first computer on UC's campus was dedicated on June 1, 1958. It was an IBM-650 and was obtained, in part, from a grant from CG&E (now Duke Energy) and a National Science Foundation grant spearheaded by UC's Dr. Paul Herget. However, even before its arrival, UC alumni, faculty, and staff had already distinguished themselves in this new world. From the arts and entertainment to medicine and from business to science, UC has had a profound impact on the computing world.

The goal of this conference is to highlight these achievements and to recognize those who have played a vital role in advancing the field of computing in their respective disciplines. The conference will examine the past, present and future of ubiquitous computing. This also is a unique opportunity for the Greater Cincinnati region to learn about its own computing history as well.

Nov 10 -- Monday Evening Dinner at the Kingsgate Marriott Conference Hotel (5 – 9 pm)

The kickoff event for our celebration will recognize UC pioneers who have contributed to this technological revolution that has changed all our lives. The keynote speaker will be Robyn Render who recently retired as the VP of Information Resources and CIO at the University of North Carolina. She is a graduate of UC's Evening College and rose to the position of Assistant VP and Director of the Center for Information Technology Services while at UC.

Nov 11 – Tuesday at UC's College of Applied Science (8 am – 4:30 pm)

Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from speakers who experiences in computing cover the gambit. Speakers include:
 Dr. Janet Del Bene (Professor Emeritus Youngstown State University) on Hans Jaffe and the early days of computing;
 Dr. Helen Gigley (former Head of the HCI Lab at the Naval Research Lab) on teaching the visually impaired computer programming
 Ms. Diana Domonkos (Senior Consultant with IBM's Healthcare Division) on the development of medical informatics;
 Dr. Fred Siff (VP & CIO at the University of Cincinnati) on the future of IT;
 Dr. Tom Martin (Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering; Virginia Tech) on wearable and pervasive computing;
 Ms. Chris Collins (Information Technology Analyst; University of Cincinnati) on the new pedagogy and 2nd Life;
 Mr. Eric Newman (Senior VP and GM of Pluck) on the business of the Web and social networking;
 Dr. John Labadie (Professor of Art; University of North Carolina at Pembroke) on the rise of Photoshop and the devolution of truth;
 Mr. John Holloway (Multimedia Design Specialist at RTI International) and
 Mr. Robert Furberg (Health Anallyst at RTI International) on using virtual reality to train today's medical practitioner;
 Dr Dieter Schmidt (Professor of computer science at the University of Cincinnati) on the evolution and revolution of computer science

Nov 11 – Tuesday Evening Reception at the Cincinnati Observatory Center (7 pm – 10 pm)

Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from speakers who are both experts in computing and astronomy.
 Dr. Ray Duncombe (professor of aerospace engineering at UT Austin and former director at the Naval Observatory) and
 Dr. Ken Seidelmann (research professor of astronomy at the University of Virginia and former director at the Naval Observatory) on Cincinnati's greatest astronomer, Paul Herget.
 Dr. Debra Shepherd (North American Deputy for ALMA Computing) on a major new and exciting international astronomy project.

For registration and cost information go to www.uc.edu/conferencing/events/computing. More information about the conference and speakers will also be available at www.uc.edu/cas in the coming weeks. You may also contact Russ McMahan at russ.mc.mahon@uc.edu or at 556-4873.