



## UPE Delta Chapter of Illinois 2012-2013 Fall Newsletter

### Greetings from President

Is it me, or did it get breezy all of a sudden? Summer may be over, but UPE warmly welcomes you to a new academic year! I am honored to be serving as the new President of UPE, and continue working with Vice President Martin Gleason, Treasurer Andrew Green, Faculty Advisor Dr. Daniela Raicu, Alumni Representative Wei Lin, and President Emerita Zahra Ferdowsi. We also welcome a lot of new, enthusiastic officers to our board this year-- Secretary Alex Kazenko, Initiation Committee Chair Rocio Gonzalez, Technical Committee Chair Luis Rodriguez, Events and Advertising Co-Chairs Bailey Nguyen and Dan Lauritzen, and Events and Advertising Officers Ryan Haley, David Berg, and Ethan Vasilko. We hope to make this the best year ever for UPE, so please participate in as many UPE events as you can this year, join us for board meetings, and send any ideas you have for UPE to [deltaupe@cdm.depaul.edu](mailto:deltaupe@cdm.depaul.edu)



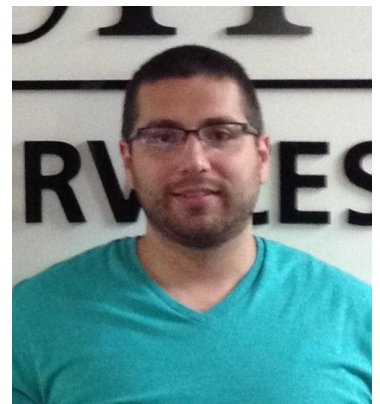
### Upcoming Events

- **Professor John Kristoff will discuss Current Networking and Security Research: Tuesday, November 8**
  - Thursday, November 8, 4:30-5:30pm
- **UPE Events Survey:** Want the chance to win a \$25 Amazon gift card AND help UPE continue to provide exciting events and programs? Then fill out our UPE Events Survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WBVJJC9>. It only takes a minute, and later this quarter we will randomly select one survey participant to receive the gift card. Thanks in advance for your comments!

### UPE Board Member Profile: Alex Kazenko

#### Secretary

Alex is currently a senior in Information Assurance and Security Engineering. Alex is also enrolled in the combined degree program for an M.S. in Predictive Analytics so he can further explore his love of data. Alex currently is employed by DePaul's Networks and Telecommunications Team and enjoys every minute of it. As a non-traditional student Alex spent six years in the military where he functioned in a multitude of roles. Alex has a wide array of interests and is always on the look out to learn something new.



## Alumni Profile: Wei Chen Lin '11



### 1. What was your favorite memory of UPE?

The weekly meetings were always fun and productive. The informal discussions we had about the future direction of this chapter while assembling materials for the initiation ceremony were particularly memorable.

### 2. What have you been doing after graduation?

I have been making plans for graduate-level education and working on an academic conference publication.

### 3. Has your term in UPE helped you after graduation?

It taught me many things that were applicable outside of being a board member, and allowed me to meet and work with people from various backgrounds. I am somewhat introverted but UPE has really helped me be more gregarious and the experience at UPE also led to a leadership position in another organization.

### 4. What advice do you have for UPE student members?

Come to the meetings and attend UPE events! The events are great opportunities to learn practical knowledge from those in industry or about research being done by different professors. My communication and leadership skills in general have definitely been improved as a result of participating as a board member.

## Spring Quarter Recap

We have had the great opportunity to host some very exciting events in the spring quarter.

- **UPE Initiation (May 10th, 2012):** It was a pleasure to see the continued academic success of the students at CDM. UPE invited 113 student members and one honor faculty member, Dr. Iyad Kanj. Pictures and video of the initiation are posted [online](#).
- **Open Game Lab (April 23, 2012):** This workshop featured presentations by DePaul faculty, Dr. Peter Hastings, and PhD students working in the gaming research area.

## Reminders:

- **Remain active in UPE!** Send your \$20 annual membership fee by check (made out to UPE) before October 20th to: College of Computing and Digital Media, CDM; ATTN: UPE; DePaul University; 243 South Wabash Avenue; Chicago, IL 60604
- All UPE members are entitled to ACM access; If you are a new UPE member, you need to send an email to [orders@acm.org](mailto:orders@acm.org) with the following information: your UPE/ACM 15-character code # (no spaces), full name, phone number, email address, gender & age and information on your status as a student (name of college/university, current semester/year, expected date of graduation, type of degree). Finally, indicate if you are an ACM student member. If you do not have your UPE/ACM 15-character code #, contact [deltaUPE@cdm.depaul.edu](mailto:deltaUPE@cdm.depaul.edu).

**Please feel free to join us for our Board Meetings:  
Tuesday 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (CDM 7<sup>th</sup> Floor - Millennium Boardroom - #723)**