



HCDE Welcomes Next Department Chair

DR. DAVID W. MCDONALD JOINS HCDE FACULTY

Please join the department of Human Centered Design & Engineering (HCDE) in welcoming [Associate Professor Dr. David W. McDonald](#) to the HCDE faculty, assuming the position of Department Chair.



McDonald comes to HCDE from the UW's Information School (iSchool) and brings a wide breadth of experience as a leader, educator, and researcher. His research interests span Computer Supported Cooperative Work (CSCW), Human-Computer Interaction (HCI), and Social Computing. Currently, McDonald has ongoing projects studying mass interaction in Wikipedia and other online communities. He has collaborated with several HCDE students and faculty while at UW, including HCDE Professor Mark Zachry.

McDonald is excited to join HCDE and take on his new role as Chair. He is committed to growing the department's reputation and size, and looks forward to working with HCDE alumni in the coming years.

HCDE sends a huge thank-you to outgoing Chair Jan Spyridakis for her leadership throughout a six year tenure as Chair. Spyridakis led the department's phenomenal growth through faculty recruitment, program expansion, and a department rebrand. Spyridakis began a year-long sabbatical this month.

The David Farkas Endowment Fund

HCDE ALUMNI HONOR PROFESSOR FARKAS AND SUPPORT STUDENTS WITH FINANCIAL NEED

HCDE is delighted to announce the creation of the [David Farkas Endowment Fund](#), thanks primarily to support from HCDE alumni. The Farkas Fund recognizes the contributions of HCDE Professor Emeritus David Farkas and will support undergraduate HCDE students with financial need.

HCDE especially acknowledges the remarkable generosity of alumnus James Prekeges, who established the Farkas Fund with a matching gift of \$15,000. Prekeges, a retired Microsoft Program Manager, recalled that it was Farkas who helped arrange his first internship with Microsoft, a then-small software company.

Thanks to all the donors who helped bring the David Farkas Endowment Fund to life. This fund will support HCDE students for years to come.



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