MPACE minutes 6/2/16

Attendance
Shreya Raghavan, Anu David, Elsje Pienaar, Ramkumar TA, Martin Hoecker-Martinez, JP Sheehan, Yen Kong, Farshad Harirchi, Salimeh Yasaei Sekeh, Elizabeth Wagner

Email Announcements
Send email to the official list with a google form, and add more members to MPACE.

Bring Your Own PostDoc

Groups

Academic Job Search Group – Elsje
- Writing group, all get together for one first meeting, and see what people want.
- Small groups, when they want to meet, and what they want to do for accountability.
- First meeting: Tuesday, June 7, EECS.
- 15 to 20 people RSVPed already.
- Reminder a day before the meeting, to make sure people show up.
- Managing membership – look at everyone who signed up, and grouped by field.
- Use CTools to manage groups?
- Faculty on search committees to talk to group? Presentation/discussion panels?
- Postdocs who recently got academic offers – potential panel (postdoc perspective on what they did)

WriteOns:
- 2 sessions announced, and 1 was not.
- Yen was the only there.
- Timing dependent, and maybe people are writing now.

Coffee Hour
Next coffee hour: June 15th, 2:30pm – 4pm LBME
July 20th 8:30 – 10am LBME

After 3 months at same place revaluate and decide if we want to switch it up. Will continue with every third Wednesday though, so Aug 17th, place TBA, and time TBA

Social Events

Summer picnic: **July 23, Saturday, 11-3:30pm** (One shelter)

One shelter holds 30 people.

Elizabeth can bring grills if we need them.

Disposable cups required for beer/wine for alcohol.
**Grocery list:**

Food: Hotdogs/hamburgers/veggie burgers/kebabs/potato salad/greek salad

Non-alcoholic beverages

Water, Soda

Encourage people to bring a side.

Shreya will help Elizabeth pick up food on the day of the picnic (Costco and Luckys)

RSVP form (Doodle, Google form?)

Dietary restrictions, Encourage people to bring a side, Are you bringing family/kids, Bring lawn games if they have any (you can rent them at the library), Volleyball court nets?

Link/google map to where the park is – in the email.

**Email signature:**

We have a new logo!

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Ram will make the signature for this and send this out.

**Website** [http://mpace.engin.umich.edu/](http://mpace.engin.umich.edu/)

**Other**

We are in favor of having some sort of bylaws to make our group more organized. Will discuss more next meeting. Kathleen will send out the UMPDA bylaws she received from JP once she makes an email list for us to look through before the next meeting.