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A Greener Way to Clean Up Oil?

A team of WID and Forest Product Laboratory researchers has developed a new type of aerogel to absorb oil and repel water.

If further developed, the technology could help provide cheaper, more sustainable clean-up methods in the future.

See the aerogel in action and read the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*'s coverage.

Upcoming

Humanities Hackathon

WID and the Center for the Humanities are offering a Humanities Hackathon led by WID's Games+Learning+Societies research group on how video games transform learning and society.

Register to reserve your spot.

When: Thursday, March 13, 2014, 3 p.m.

Where: Researchers' Link, Discovery Building (map)

C4 Public Lecture

The March C4 Public Lecture features Tadashi Tokieda from the University of Cambridge, who will give a lecture titled, "Toy Models."

When: Wednesday, March 26, 2014, 7 p.m.

Where: H.F. DeLuca Forum, Discovery Building (map)

Free and open to the public

The John von Neumann lecture series in complexity and computation is organized by the Center for Complexity and Collective Computation (C4), a research center in WID. This lecture series is supported by the generosity of John Wiley and the John Templeton Foundation.

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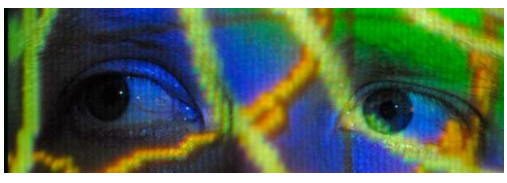
What WID topic intrigues you the most?

Using dance to explore architecture and identity

Illustrating comics to convey ethnographic research

Writing science fiction rooted in today's science

Programs



Apply to be a Frontier Fellow

WID is accepting applications for Frontier Fellows, a collaborative research program that brings together undergraduates from all disciplines to work on novel research, education or outreach projects.

The next application deadline is April 1, 2014. Apply here.

In the News

WID Discovery Fellow featured in MIT's *Technology Review*

WID Discovery Fellow and Assistant Professor of computer sciences Thomas Ristenpart has developed a new way to catch computer hackers --"honey encryption."

In collaboration with Ari Juels, Ristenpart's system provides hackers with fake information as they attempt to break into valuable data.

Read the article.

Upcoming Flash Futures Contest Shout-out in *io9*

The upcoming "3 Minute Futures" flash fiction contest, co-organized by WID, the radio show *To The Best of Our Knowledge* and the UW-Madison Center for the Humanities, received love from tech and culture website io9 and the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.

Winners will be announced at a public event on April 9, featuring *Mars Trilogy* author Kim Stanley Robinson and experts in the sciences and humanities. Mark your calendars.

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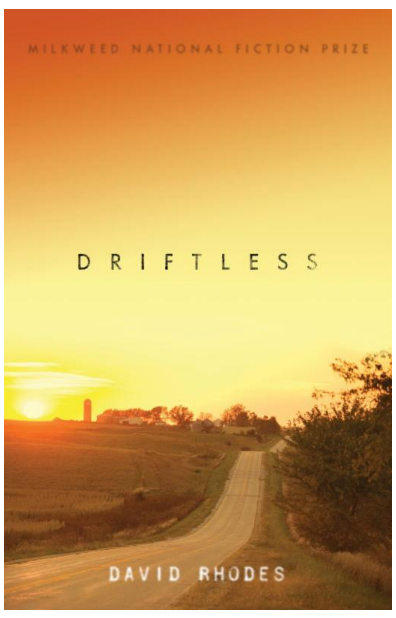
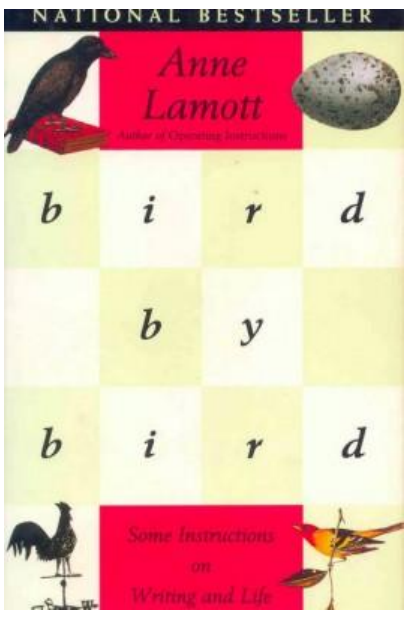
WID Culture

What We're Reading





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