## **Software Technologies Distinguished Lecture Series 2012**

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FGCU's Software Technologies Distinguished Lecture Series has a five-year tradition. Organized by the Computer Science & Software Engineering and Information Systems faculty at FGCU, jointly with the Southwest Florida Regional Technology Partnership, with support of Economic Development Organizations of Bonita Springs/Estero and Lee and Charlotte counties, the series has as its objectives to educate both the professionals and a broader audience in the intricacies of modern technologies of software development, and to provide a forum for exchange of ideas among the participants.

This year we make the participants aware of the broad scope and ubiquitous nature of software technologies, which are present in every single segment of our society. This includes embedded systems and consumer electronics (presentations by Dr. Jon Titus and Dr. Dawid Trawczynski, respectively), health care and military systems (presentations by Mr. Smith and Mr. Graniero), and our own backyard, on which presentations by Dr. Furht "Creating Enterpreneurial University" and Mr. Paul "Software Business, Developers and Users" are focused.

If you are software or IT professional, you just cannot miss these lectures. If you are a student of any computing or IT program at the college level, you must come to learn about the hottest topics in software development, which may help your future career. If you are in high school and interested in computers, attending the lectures will broaden your view of computing and help you make the optimal decision when choosing the professional path. If you are just a member of general public, then this is your chance to get educated on the role of software in a contemporary society and the new developments happening both here in your backyard and in the outside world.