

## We need your Computers & Society short pieces

We at the SIGCAS\* Publications Group are seeking short pieces that are relevant, provocative, diverse, and unexpected for our newsletter. We also hope they will be fun to write.

The possibilities, effects, implications, opportunities, challenges, myths, realities, and struggles related to computers and society that are being played out every day in millions of different ways are helping to determine who we are and where we are going.

We want to capture at least some of that.

Your short piece could raise arguments, issues, critical questions, resource needs, current work, research, reviews, discussions, etc. etc. To that end we have developed a robust infrastructure of departments, divisions, bureaus, and other descriptive categories to help convey to you all that this is a vast, very formal and bureaucratized enterprise.

While some of the names may be fanciful we are optimistic that the articles they help characterize will be compelling, relevant, and influential.

We plan to experiment with this approach. We are currently planning to run several short pieces per issue. And we will probably add new departments at will. We also plan to be flexible but we do insist that these articles be short. (After all the SIGCAS Newsletter will still run longer pieces!) Shall we say 1,200 words max?

To be considered for the next newsletter please submit your short piece to the SIGCAS Newsletter Editor, Rick Blumenthal, editors\_sigcas@acm.org, by December 1, 2020. Please include "Short Piece" in the subject line.

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News From \_\_\_\_\_ (community, company, department, movement, country, sector, dimension, rain forest, or what-have-you)

Your Resolution or Manifesto Goes Here Desk

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Systemic Racism & Black Lives Matter Studies and Reports

Teaching about Computers and Society

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Department of Development Studies

Ominous Development Department

What Could Possibly Go Wrong? Department

Office of Emerging Technological Directions

Voices of Practitioners and Younger Professionals

Department of Diversity and Inclusion

Climate, Biodiversity, and the Environment Department

History Department (of SIGCAS and Computers and Society)

Looking at SIGCAS: Useful, Enlightening, Maddening or Other

Influential Fiction, Poetry, Art, and Movies Related to Computing and Society Division

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Automating Evil: Office of Worst Practices

Chronicles of Civic & Community Tech

Department of Civic and Collective Intelligence

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Critics Corner (interviews, etc.)

City Desk / Urban Studies

Town and Country Consulate

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SIGCAS Agenda Development Department

SIGCAS and Wicked Problems

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SIGCAS and the Green New Deal

Personal Perspective Department.

You Can't Make This Up Department

Design Perspectives and Perspectives on Design

Student Voices Division

Activism Sector

Patterns of Computing Department

Limits and Collapse Ministry

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Steering Tech Department (policy and all the rest)

Directions and Implications of Advanced Computing

Thrilling Adventures in Computing

No Comment Department

For or From The Archives

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