



Exciting things are happening in the  
Department of Computer Science!

We are thrilled to welcome three new  
faculty members in **FALL 2017**

*Introducing...*

## **Dr. Bardh Hoxha**

Dr. Hoxha graduated with a degree in Computer Science from Arizona State University. He is a member of the Cyber-Physical Systems lab at ASU. His main research interests include formal methods, testing and verification of Cyber-Physical Systems, logic, motion planning for autonomous vehicles, and human-robot interaction. He received his Masters degree in Mathematics from Central Connecticut State University and a Bachelors degree in Computer Science from New York Institute of Technology.

## **Dr. Banafsheh Rekabdar**

Banafsheh Rekabdar graduated from the computer science and engineering department at the University of Nevada, Reno. Her research interests are artificial intelligence, machine learning, and Data mining. Her research outcomes have been published in premiere venues (more than 18 publications in 4 years). She has served as a session chair of IJCAI conference, and as reviewer for different journals and conferences, including AAMAS, IJCAI, IROS, IJARS, and IJCARS. She is also a member of IEEE, ACM, SWE, WISCE, AAAS, and the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi.

## **Dr. Neda Saeedloei**

Neda Saeedloei is an assistant professor of Computer Science at University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD). After receiving a bachelor's degree in Applied Mathematics from Sharif University of Technology in 1998, she worked as a programmer for several years. She then went on to obtain a master's degree and a PhD in Computer Science from University of Texas at Dallas in 2007 and 2011, respectively. Before joining UMD in 2014, she worked as a post-doctoral researcher at INRIA, Rocquencourt and then at the Naval Research Laboratory. Her research is focused on formal methods for system design, and synthesis, specification and verification of cyber-physical systems (including real-timed systems and hybrid systems). She is also interested in models of computation and logic.