

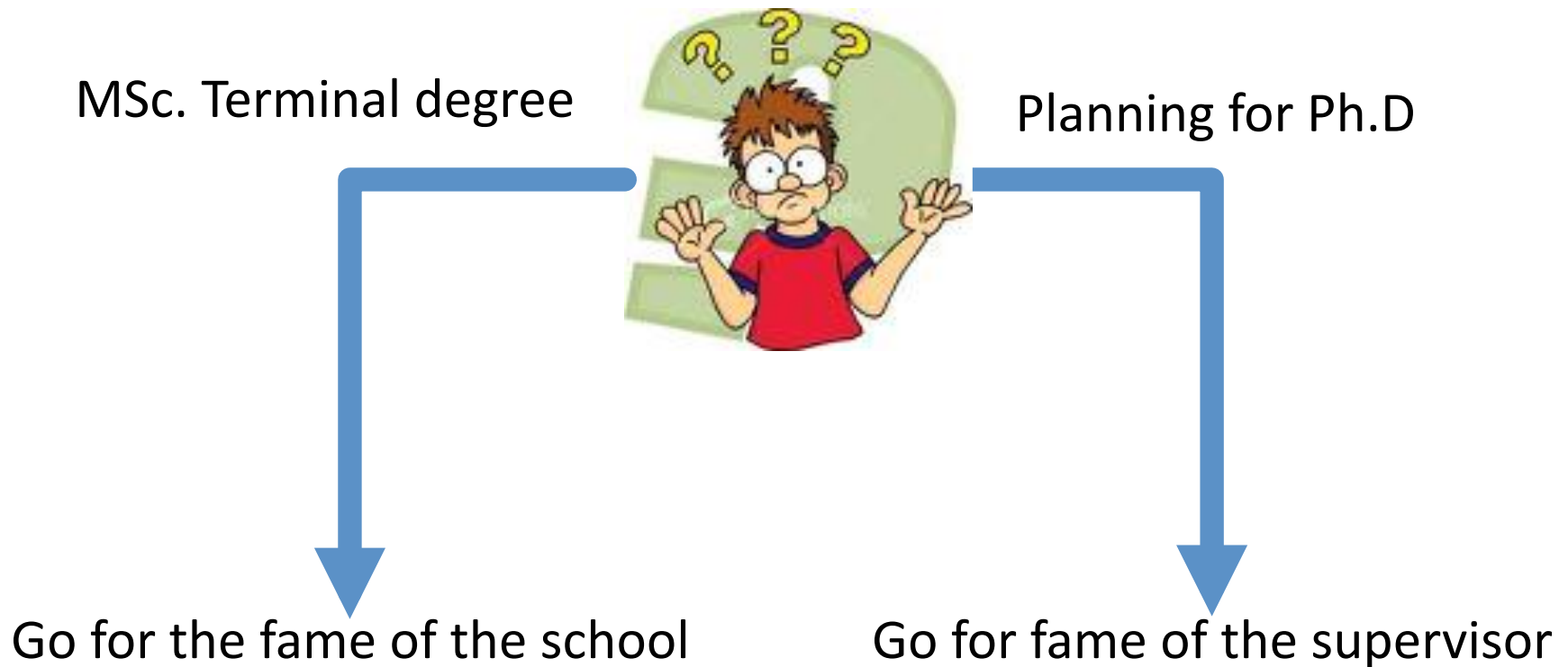


Grad Schools

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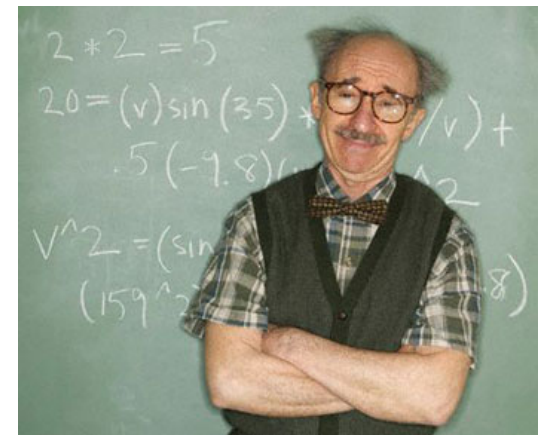
Ph.D Candidate, Computing Science
Stanford University, CA, USA.

The First Fork: MSc Degree



Supervisor: A settled marriage

- List of Publications:
 - Active
 - Too many papers a years is probably not good !
 - Are most papers written by students ?
- Ask students (its totally ok).
 - Interpret the diplomatic language



Knocking the door

- Make a homepage and email the link.
 - Nobody has the time to read essays !
- Don't over sell yourself !

Knocking the door

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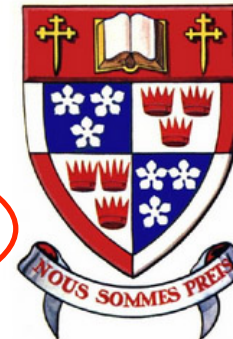
- Visualization: CMPT 767
- Image Synthesis: CMPT 761
- Image Processing: APMA 990
- Computer Vision (AI): CMPT 882

** I am moving to [Stanford Graphics Lab](#) from mid September, 2011. **

Interests

I am generally interested in applying mathematical tools in computer graphics and thereby producing accurate images for correct visual interpretations. Apart from accuracy, real-time aspects of computer graphics are of paramount importance as they allow users to visualize data interactively and therefore I am also interested in GPU methods. Finally, I would also like to pursue research in the field of photo realistic rendering and physical simulations.

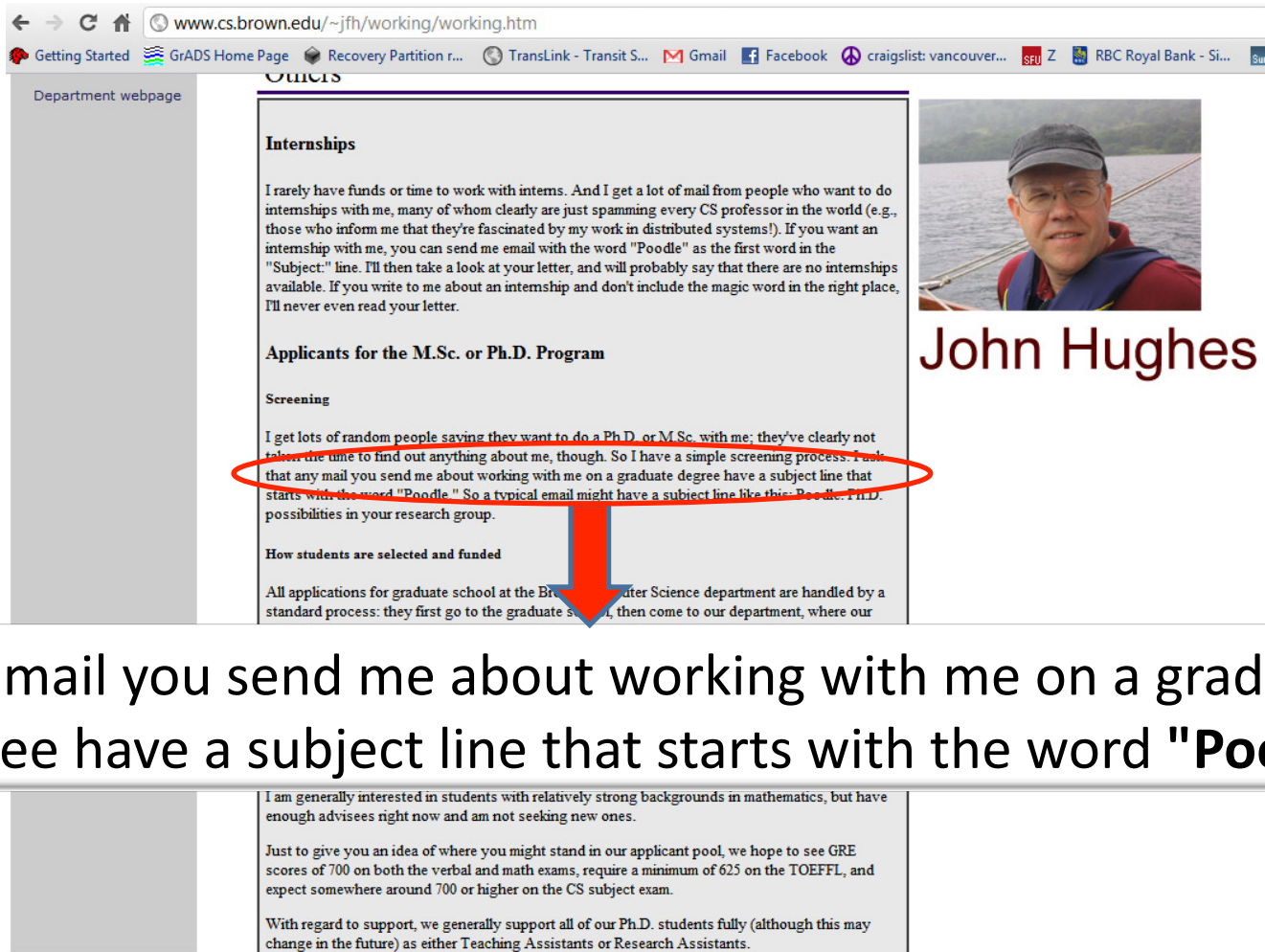
Short Bio



Knocking the door

- Before emailing the professors
 - Do a little bit of homework
 - Look for “pass phrases”

Knocking the door



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `www.cs.brown.edu/~jfh/working/working.htm`. The page content includes a sidebar with a "Department webpage" link, a main content area with sections for "Internships", "Applicants for the M.Sc. or Ph.D. Program", and "Screening", and a photo of John Hughes. A red circle highlights the text in the "Screening" section: "any mail you send me about working with me on a graduate degree have a subject line that starts with the word 'Poodle.'" A red arrow points from this text to a callout box below the screenshot.

Department webpage

QUICKS

Internships

I rarely have funds or time to work with interns. And I get a lot of mail from people who want to do internships with me, many of whom clearly are just spamming every CS professor in the world (e.g., those who inform me that they're fascinated by my work in distributed systems!). If you want an internship with me, you can send me email with the word "Poodle" as the first word in the "Subject:" line. I'll then take a look at your letter, and will probably say that there are no internships available. If you write to me about an internship and don't include the magic word in the right place, I'll never even read your letter.


Applicants for the M.Sc. or Ph.D. Program

Screening

I get lots of random people saying they want to do a Ph.D. or M.Sc. with me; they've clearly not taken the time to find out anything about me, though. So I have a simple screening process. I ask that any mail you send me about working with me on a graduate degree have a subject line that starts with the word "Poodle." So a typical email might have a subject line like this: Poodle: Ph.D. possibilities in your research group.

How students are selected and funded

All applications for graduate school at the Brown Computer Science department are handled by a standard process: they first go to the graduate school, then come to our department, where our



John Hughes

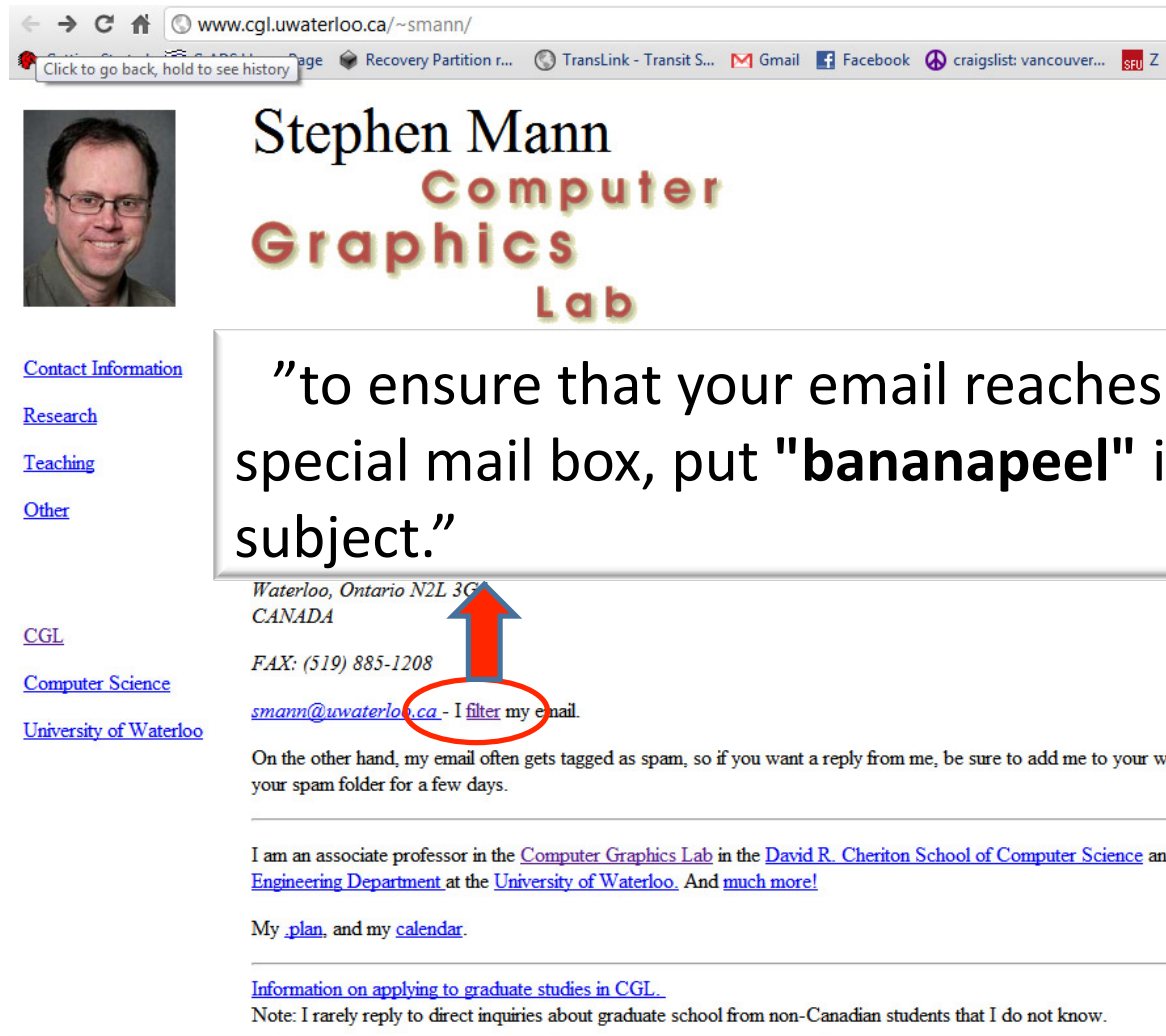
I am generally interested in students with relatively strong backgrounds in mathematics, but have enough advisees right now and am not seeking new ones.

Just to give you an idea of where you might stand in our applicant pool, we hope to see GRE scores of 700 on both the verbal and math exams, require a minimum of 625 on the TOEFL, and expect somewhere around 700 or higher on the CS subject exam.

With regard to support, we generally support all of our Ph.D. students fully (although this may change in the future) as either Teaching Assistants or Research Assistants.

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smann@uwaterloo.ca - I filter my email.

On the other hand, my email often gets tagged as spam, so if you want a reply from me, be sure to add me to your whi your spam folder for a few days.

I am an associate professor in the [Computer Graphics Lab](#) in the [David R. Cheriton School of Computer Science](#) and [Engineering Department](#) at the [University of Waterloo](#). And [much more!](#)

My [plan](#), and my [calendar](#).

[Information on applying to graduate studies in CGL.](#)

Note: I rarely reply to direct inquiries about graduate school from non-Canadian students that I do not know.

”to ensure that your email reaches a special mail box, put **"bananapeel"** in the subject.”

What really matters (Ph.D)

- In terms of work/achievements
 - Research
 - Research
 - (yes you guessed it right)

What really matters (Ph.D)

- In terms of paper works
 - Recommendation Letters
 - Statement of Purpose
 - GPA (relevant courses).

What really matters (Ph.D)

Hold on ! What about GRE ?

Quantitative:	760
Verbal:	<u>360</u>
Total	1120 !!!!

Good schools will never admit/reject you based on your GRE.

A Recommendation Letter

- Should indicate a personal connection with the student.
- Be candid and detailed
- Do mention about failures with stories of struggle!
- Talk about research capabilities; Research is weighted much higher than a perfect GPA.

Statement of Purpose (SOP)

- Basically three parts
 - Research interest
 - Past research/work that supports your interest
 - And why you are interested in this university.

Post Admission Shock (MSc)

- The horrid sense of knowing nothing !
- Took me almost a year!
- But you will survive ! Trust me 😊

Post Admission Shock (Solution)

- Don't be shy admitting you are struggling
- Ask your supervisor to hook you up with a senior PhD student.
- Be humble and learn !

Realistic Goals (MSc)

- You have only two years: Be realistic
- Sometimes it backfires to be supersmart.
- Having published papers is what matters.
- You can't learn everything in the world.

Two Advantages of Papers

- You have a paper 😊
- You visit conferences, make connections, people know you ! (super important).

And there is a life outside lab!



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What drives us ?

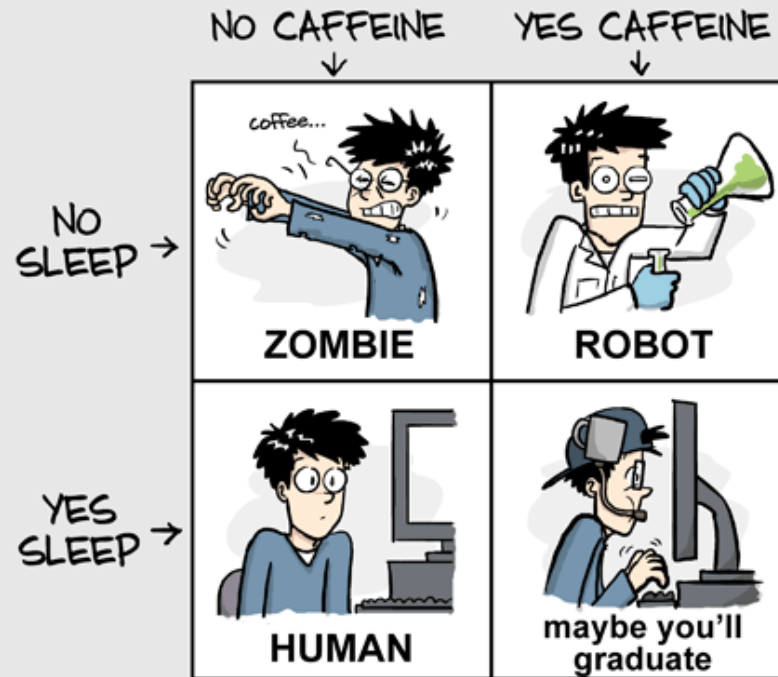


Final Remarks

“You just need to ask, at worst they will say no !”

“A true passion takes you places where sheer hard work and obligations can't!”

GRAD SCHOOL ENERGY LEVELS



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