Northeastern professor honored at Aspen Ideas Festival

CCIS' Matthew Goodwin was named a Spotlight Health Scholar at the 2015 Aspen Ideas Festival, an annual event produced by the Aspen Institute and The Atlantic.

The festival gathers interdisciplinary leaders to discuss the biggest issues facing the world today. About 300 attendees were named 2015 Aspen Ideas Festival Scholars, Arthur Vining Davis Fellows or Spotlight Health Scholars. These scholars are nominated by trustees, advisors and senior Aspen Institute staff members, and selected for their work, their achievements and their ability to turn ideas into action. The festival, now in its 10th year, draws 3,000 attendees to hear 350 speakers lecture and to attend 200 sessions led by thinkers from a vast array of disciplines, from arts and sciences to humanities and business.

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CCIS expansion brings new hires to campus

As CCIS and Northeastern undergo rapid expansion, it's not just the ranks of students that are swelling. New advisors are also being welcomed to campus.

The CCIS graduating class of 2015 was 99 students. By contrast, this year's incoming class is 265 students, 24 percent of whom are female. And as incoming classes grow, so too do the number of faculty, advisors and staff who support students through their years at Northeastern. Among the most recent hires at CCIS are two academic advisors, Jonathan Lee and Jessica Speece, and three co-op coordinators, Yasmil Montes, Jennifer Shire and Smajl Cengic.
Northeastern student presents at prestigious ICALP conference in Kyoto

When they submitted their paper for consideration to the International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming (ICALP), Professor Emanuele Viola, Eric Miles and Hamidreza Jahanjou didn't have high hopes. After all, "Local Reductions," the paper Miles had just submitted, had already been rejected from two less prestigious conferences in the United States.

Then the acceptance email came.

"I got this email and I clicked on it with the expectation of seeing yet another 'We regret to inform you...' I was waiting for that, the usual," Jahanjou, a fourth year Ph.D. candidate in computer science remembers. "Then it said, 'Congratulations...""

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