Bethel ’09 Receives Grant Awards

TAMPA, Fla (September 28, 2012) Cindy Bethel, a PhD graduate in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, and assistant professor in Department of Computer Science and Engineering at Mississippi State University has been awarded an EAGER grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) This funding is for a project titled "EAGER: Therabot - A Robotic Therapy Support System" for $186,681 over two years.

In addition, Bethel was awarded a grant from the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education as part of a project funded by the Army Research Labs - Human Research and Engineering Directorate (ARL-HRED). This funding is for a project titled “Exploration of Conveying the Intent of Robot Behaviors and Movements While Operating in Close Proximity to Soldiers on Maneuvers.”

Bethel completed her Ph.D. in 2009 under Robin Murphy, Raytheon professor of Computer Science and Engineering at Texas A&M University, and Lawrence Hall, USF distinguished university professor and chair in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering. Her awards include the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship at USF, and the NSF Computing Innovation Postdoctoral Fellowship at Yale University. Bethel is the director of the Social, Therapeutic, and Robotic Systems (STaRS) Lab at Mississippi State University.

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