

# Summer Institute Registration Opens: UT Austin | Portugal Digital Bits for April 2014

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## DIGITAL BITS



### Registration for 2014 Summer Institute Kicks Off

Registration for the 2014 Summer Institute has begun! The Institute features two courses in Lisbon and two in Porto. Randolph Bias of the UT School of Information will conduct a new class on Usability and User-Centered Design from May 19-30, while Joan Hughes of the UT College of Education, another newcomer to the Summer Institute, will lead Teaching and Learning with the Internet from May 20-29, with additional meetings via Skype. In Porto, Sharon Strover will teach Research Methods from June 9-20 and Bruce Pennycook and Antonio Coelho of U. Porto will lead a course in Game Design and Development, with most meetings between June 28 and July 5. For detailed descriptions, instructor biographies, and registration, please see the [UT Austin | Portugal site](#). [Photo: Matt Perich]

### Warren Spector to Lead Lisbon Workshop



Renowned game designer Warren Spector will visit Lisbon next month to conduct



two days of workshops on May 13-14. He will give a talk and discuss design issues, including project evaluation, with participants. Spector is a UT alumnus and has been in the videogame business since the 1980s, developing critically acclaimed titles including *Deus Ex*, *System Shock*, *Epic Mickey*, and games from the *Ultima* series during his tenure at companies including Origin, Ion Storm, and Junction Point, which he founded in Austin in 2005. He is currently the Director of the Denius-Sams Gaming Academy, a new professional certificate program at UT Austin.

### Cláudia Silva Presents Research at ISOJ 2014

Visiting researcher Cláudia Silva took part in the International Symposium on Online Journalism earlier this month, presenting “Back to the Future of News: Looking at Locative Media Principles in the Pre-News Era.” Her talk focused on the need to understand news through maps, applying a historical perspective and focusing on the development of newspapers in 16th and 17th century Europe. Her research offers a new theoretical association between the history of news and locative media principles, one of Silva’s areas of expertise.

ISOJ 2014 took place April 4-5 and hosted scholars and media professionals from over 45 countries, including members of major universities and nonprofits, as well as representatives from companies such as Google, The New York Times, and Al Jazeera. The Symposium speakers discussed a variety of emerging topics including online journalism during political conflicts, news and wearable devices, and the use of drones in newsgathering.



### Visiting Researcher Gustavo Magalhães Participates in NYU GovLab Project

Visiting U. Porto doctoral student Gustavo Magalhães contributed to the [New York University GovLab Open Data 500](#) initiative this spring as a member of the study’s ten-person team. The comprehensive research project gathered information on 500 companies that use open government data as a primary resource, and was presented this month at The Economic Impact of Open Data event by the [Center for Data Innovation](#) in Washington DC. This research provides a basis for estimating the economic value of open data and may encourage the development of new companies. Among the study’s products is an interactive chart, shown here, of



what business sectors, such as health or finance, use which government agencies’

