Department of Computing Sciences
presents
a Colloquium by

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*Understanding Communication in Online Substance Use Recovery Forums*

**Abstract:** Individuals recovering from substance use often seek support on online substance use recovery forums, where they can both write and comment on published posts, expressing their struggles with substance use, seeking support as it pertains to substance use, and giving support to members of the forum.

In this talk, I’ll discuss some of the work I have done to better understand the kind of support that is sought in posts published in substance use recovery forums and how members of these forums respond to these posts.

**About the speaker:** Dr. Anietie is a senior data scientist at the Penn Medicine Center for Digital Health. His research is focused on applying machine learning and natural language processing techniques to large volumes of social media data to gain insights and create value for patients and health care providers.

Prior to joining the Center for Digital Health, Anietie was a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Computer and Information Science at the University of Pennsylvania, working with Chris Callison-Burch. Anietie completed his PhD in computer science at Howard University.

**Date:** Monday, February 10, 2020
**Time:** 4:30 p.m.
**Location:** Mendel Science Center G92

Refreshments and conversation will be shared immediately after the colloquium in MSC 163.