Objective: to obtain your input into a list of presentation and/or papers that will be used as the basis for student-lead class discussions. The instructional staff will collect these lists into a single list, augment it with their own suggestions, edit the list, and publish it so that each student can select a paper upon which to lead a discussion later in the term.

Actions: prior to the start of the class session on the due date above:

1. Identify any research topics upon which you are working, and for which you can develop and present a 40 minutes presentation. These topics should be identified such that you can use the seminar time period to practice for a conference presentation, thesis proposal, or classroom lecture.

2. Dig into the technical literature and identify five (5) interesting articles. You may use scholarly publications intended for the academic and technical market. These include technical journals (e.g. IEEE Transactions, ACM Journal) scholarly conferences, or IEEE/ACM technical magazines (e.g. IEEE Computer). Avoid publications intended for the general public (e.g. BYTE and PC World).

3. Format your list in standard citation style (as defined by the IEEE Computer Society Style Guide). The other format is not acceptable.

4. You can not submit any of the same references/publications that (a) you submitted in previous semester(s) or (b) were covered by a presenter in the last semester.

5. E-mail your plain-text list to the lead instructor at the address listed in the Syllabus prior to the due date at the top of this assignment.

Grading: You will be graded on the number of identified topics (your research or papers from other research) you turn in (up to 5), their relevance to the topics listed in the syllabus, and your adherence to the instructions above.

Your grade will not be affected by whether or not your papers make it into the instructors’ final list.

References:

1. IEEE Citation Style Guide: http://www.computer.org/author/style/index.htm
3. ACM Digital Library: http://portal.acm.org/dl.cfm