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Poughkeepsie Chapter of the Association For Computing Machinery



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- Topic:** **Attention and Distraction: Digital Technologies and Us**
- Speaker:** **Samrat Pathania**
- When:** **Monday, March 19th, 2018, 7:30 pm**
- Where:** **Marist College, Hancock Center, Room 2023**
- Directions:** **Building 14 on the map at <http://www.marist.edu/about/map.html>**
- Parking:** Please park at black dot #10 on <http://www.marist.edu/about/map.html> (the lot North of the Hancock Center #14) or in the lot on the South-East corner of Route 9 & Fulton St. (S/E of the former Main Entrance).

About the Topic: In our global, interconnected world, it is critical that our students have the skills to harness the incredible power of digital technologies to enhance human potential for creativity and communication. However, this requires us to be aware of obstacles to learning that they may encounter as a consequence of their use of digital technologies. This presentation looks at some of the deleterious effects of digital tools on cognition, memory and attention and thus challenges the assumption that Technological Progress = Human Progress.

About the Speaker: Samrat is a former software engineer/programmer who currently teaches physics, mathematics and software programming courses at Wallkill High School. Samrat was born and raised in India and came to the US at the age of 24. He worked for several years as a Java programmer, both in India and the US, before deciding to become a teacher. He is currently engaged in graduate mathematics research with his mentor, Dr. David Clark, at SUNY New Paltz. He is interested in the advances in digital technologies as they pertain to the question of human well-being and flourishing.

- Cost:** **Our meeting is Free and open to the public**
- Dinner:** **6:00 pm, Palace Diner, 845.473.1576**
Map and menu: www.thepalacediner.com
All are welcome to join us for dinner.

We thank Marist College for hosting the chapter's meetings.



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