

Distinguished Lecture Series

OTUG announces its 2001 Distinguished Lecture Series, "A Call to Action," at the O'Shaughnessy Education Center (OEC) on the St. Paul campus of the University of St. Thomas.

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Linda Rising

"A New Approach to Process Improvement Using Patterns"

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Speaker

Linda Rising has a Ph.D. from Arizona State University in object-based design metrics. Her background includes university teaching as well as industry work in telecommunications, avionics, and strategic weapons systems. She has been working with object technologies since 1983. She is the editor of *A Patterns Handbook: Techniques, Strategies, and Applications* and a special issue of *IEEE Communications on Design Patterns in Communications Software*. She authored a collection of Design Patterns in Communications, a chapter on pattern mining in the recent *CRC Handbook of Object Technology* and *A Pattern Almanac 2000*. Linda has presented a number of tutorials and workshops at OOPSLA and other conferences. She was the conference chair for the first Southwestern patterns conference, ChiliPLoP, held in Wickenburg, AZ, March, 1998.

Lecture

In the new economy, new process approaches are needed. We are seeing lightweight methodologies like eXtreme Programming and Scrum, but are we forgetting that process improvement itself must be implemented iteratively?

How can we improve if we can't learn quickly? Documenting successes as patterns and learning as fast as we can from our mistakes will enable us to improve. There are many approaches to knowledge management and patterns is just one of those. Patterns do more than capture good design practices; they are also useful for documenting process and organizational strategies.

Ticket Purchase Information

For single event tickets, the cost is \$25 for members and students, \$30 for non-members. Or save \$20 by purchasing the entire series of four presentations in advance. Download the ticket order form from www.otug.org.

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- ▶ **Lot parking:** Enter the University from Selby Avenue at Finn Street and follow the road down towards the stadium playing field to the underground visitors pay lot.
- ▶ **Street parking:** There are parking spaces on the streets that border the campus—specifically certain sides of Summit, Cleveland, Cretin and Selby Avenues—but posted time restrictions apply to several of these streets, so please check the signs.

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