

# MIT CLUB OF SOUTH TEXAS



April 2006

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## Simulations, Games and Learning in the Next Generation

Professor Eric Klopfer, MIT

Wednesday, May 10, 2006

RSVP via [SmartTrans™](https://alum.mit.edu/smarTrans/user/Register.dyn?eventID=5452&groupID=151) before 11 pm CDT, May 5 at this weblink:  
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or by US Mail before May 6 using the coupon at this weblink:  
[http://alumweb.mit.edu/clubs/s-texas/doc/A/MIT\\_TEP\\_2006.htm](http://alumweb.mit.edu/clubs/s-texas/doc/A/MIT_TEP_2006.htm)

Cocktails-Social Hour 5:30pm  
Presentations 6:30pm  
Dinner after Presentations

University of Houston-Hilton  
4800 Calhoun Street  
(713) 741-2500

Check the website for a map

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If you are concerned about the quality of science education in today's schools, be sure to attend this event. And invite your favorite educator! We encourage local teachers and administrators to attend at the MIT Club member rate.

Professor Klopfer is co-founder of MIT's K-12 Outreach program and Director of the MIT Teacher Education Program (TEP). The mission of TEP is twofold. One goal is to develop a cadre of MIT undergraduates that will become the science and math teachers of tomorrow. Building upon their strengths and deep understanding of science and engineering, they can make a substantial contribution to the K-12 community.

The other goal is to work with in-service teachers to help them to bring a piece of the "MIT Experience" to their classrooms. Focusing on the use of computer games and simulations in the classroom, the TEP brings new technologies and curriculum to students and teachers, facilitating the exploration of new ideas in science, math and technology. The use of computer simulations is changing the very nature of scientific investigation and providing unique insights into the way the world works. We can now experiment in a virtual world of complex, dynamic systems in a way that was impossible just years ago. While contact with such simulations is typically limited to the scientific community, their "edutainment" counterparts, found in the form of computer games/simulations, have become integral parts to the lives of millions of people.

Professor Klopfer's talk will explore several new projects exploring the use of computer simulations and games on

desktop computers and mobile devices, including tools for helping students and teachers create their own games/simulations and new technologies that turn the real world into pervasive "augmented reality" learning games.

- Dave Johnston

## April Dining Club – LemonGrass Café

Saturday, April 29, 2006

6:30pm

### LemonGrass Café

5109 Bellaire Blvd  
(at Bellaire & S. Rice Ave)  
Bellaire, TX  
713-664 6698

[www.lemongrass-cafe.com](http://www.lemongrass-cafe.com)

[Click here for a map](#)

**\$37.00 per person, payable in advance via**

[SmartTrans™](#)

**Price includes 4 course dinner, tax and tip.**

**RSVP deadline is 11pm CT, April 26, via**

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Our next International Dining Club event will be held Saturday evening on April 29, at the LemonGrass Café. Yes!, this is the place where we had the 2005 MIT Holiday Party and those of you who were able to attend will recall that the food was wonderful. And for those people who missed the Holiday Party, this is another chance to experience this widely-praised new Asian restaurant in Houston! For this dining event, we will have a 4-course dinner menu: Clam Chowder Soup, Spicy Caesar Salad, Braised Korean Style Short Ribs, and their famous White Chocolate-Green Tea-Cheese Cake for dessert. The price will be \$37.00 per person, which includes tax and gratuity, payable on [SmartTrans™](#). Water and iced tea will be complimentary, other drinks will be extra.

Arrive at 6pm and join us for a pre-dinner happy hour.

The event is limited to 20 people, so please RSVP via [SmartTrans™](#) by 11pm CT, April 26, 2006.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Questions? Contact Yong Chen

- Yong Chen

## Ivy Plus Happy Hour ←

Thursday, April 27

5:30pm

The Stanford and Cornell Young Alumni groups have invited us to join their happy hour at the:

**West Alabama Ice House**

**1919 W Alabama St**

**Houston, TX 77098-2705**

[Click here for a map](#)

Hope to see you there!

## Annual Board Elections

2006 MIT Club of South Texas Board Elections will take place at the May 2, 2006 monthly meeting: 7pm. Alumni interested in volunteering in Club activities should contact David Johnston [stexasclubpres@alum.mit.edu](mailto:stexasclubpres@alum.mit.edu)

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Anyone interested is welcome at the monthly board meetings, generally held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. For more information, please contact Dave Johnston

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2006 Dues-Paid Members & Guests	_____ @ \$30.00 / person	_____ @ \$8.00 / person
Educators of the Greater Houston Area	_____ @ \$30.00 / person	_____ @ \$8.00 / person
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**David Johnston**  
**522 Kickerillo Drive**  
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Please sign me up as a **Member** of the **MIT Club of South Texas** for Calendar Year **2006**: 2006-04

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class & Course: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Questionnaire – Please Complete And Return With Any Coupon**

	March 2 Happy Hour At The Ginger Man	March 5 Brunch at Mi Luna	March 7 Prof. Gates @ UHCLC	April 1 Houston Aeros Hockey
<b>I Attended</b>	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
If you attended, rate event from 5 (very satisfied) to 1	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1
<b>I Did Not Attend</b>	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
If you did not attend, please indicate reason:	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Event did not interest me	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Interested but had previous commitment	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Did not know about event	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
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Other (please state below)				

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Other comments (also please include any ideas for future Club events and/or if you are interested in volunteering to help plan and manage events):

**Upcoming Events:**

**→ April 27 – Ivy Plus Happy Hour**  
**April 29 – Dining Club – LemonGrass Café**  
**May 10 – MIT Prof. Klopfer**