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Good programmers, like you, have a mental model of how their programs run. This informal semantic understanding allows you to predict what the program does. This mental model may be implicit and intuitive, much in the way our mental model of the physical world comes to us as children. But just as the childish notions of Newtonian mechanics break when things get small enough and fast enough, so does our mental model program execution. In this talk, I will reveal the awful truth about computers: the subatomic, timetravelling, mindbending weirdness of concurrent programming.

An Intelligent Approach to Certifying Safety-**Critical Software-Intensive System**

Did you ever wonder about the software running the airplane you flew in, or the software-controlled brakeassist system in your car? Like most people you probably assumed that the software would work correctly -- that the airplane wouldn't stop working midflight, or that your car wouldn't intermittently fail to brake upon demand. However – to achieve this degree of reliability, safety-critical systems need to be developed more rigorously than other kinds of software systems. In this talk I will present some of the work performed by my research group here at DePaul in building expert software traceability tools that support the development of highly fault tolerant, safety-critical systems.