

2023 Faculty and Staff  
*Honors Luncheon*



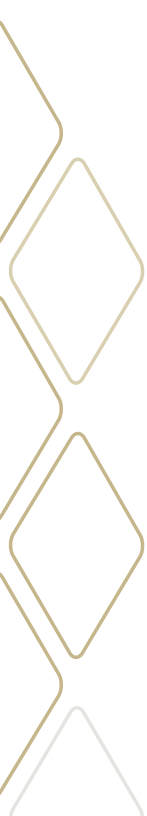
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The Georgia Institute of Technology is recognized far and wide for excellence — in the education we offer, the discoveries we make, and the dedication to progress and service we bring to all our endeavors.

What the world sees in Georgia Tech is what we see every day in our people: quality and commitment, energy and enthusiasm, talent and tenacity. Our people are at the heart of our success.

Today, we are here to acknowledge and honor our own — faculty and staff whose service, activities, and accomplishments have been particularly noteworthy over the past year.

If you stand a little taller when you tell people you work at Georgia Tech, just look around (and in the mirror) to know why.



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**Friday, April 21, 2023**

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

*Exhibition Hall, Midtown Ballroom*

## **Welcome**

HOSTS

**Skye Duckett**

*Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer*

**Michelle Rinehart**

Vice Provost for Faculty

## **Lunch**

### **Award Presentations**

*Georgia Tech Chapter Sigma Xi Awards*

*Institute Research Awards*

*ANAK Awards*

*Staff Awards*

*Center for Teaching and Learning Awards*

*International Initiatives Award*

*Faculty Honors Committee Awards*

*Class of 1934 Distinguished Professor Award*

## **Georgia Tech Chapter Sigma Xi Awards**

*Presented by Ting Zhu  
Professor and President, Sigma Xi*

### **Best Faculty Paper Awards**

#### **Itamar Kimchi**

*Assistant Professor  
Physics*

#### **Seung Woo Lee**

*Associate Professor  
Mechanical Engineering*

*Includes a \$3,000 prize, a plaque,  
and a certificate for each recipient.*

### **Young Faculty Awards**

#### **Saad Bhamla**

*Assistant Professor  
Chemical and Biomolecular  
Engineering*

#### **Xing Xie**

*Assistant Professor  
Civil and Environmental Engineering*

*Includes a \$3,000 prize, a plaque,  
and a certificate for each recipient.*

### **Sustained Research Award**

#### **Srinivas Garimella**

*Hightower Chair in Engineering  
and Professor  
Mechanical Engineering*

*Includes a \$6,000 prize, a plaque,  
and a certificate.*

## **Institute Research Awards**

*Presented by Chaouki Abdallah  
Executive Vice President for Research*

### **Outstanding Achievement in Research Enterprise Enhancement Award**

#### **Robert Knotts**

*Executive Director  
of Federal Relations  
Institute Relations*

*Includes a \$7,500 prize.*

### **Outstanding Achievement in Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Research**

#### **Iris Tien**

*Williams Family Associate Professor  
Civil and Environmental Engineering*

*Includes a \$7,500 prize  
and \$2,500 research grant.*

### **Outstanding Achievement in Early Career Research Award**

#### **Marta C. Hatzell**

*Associate Professor  
Mechanical Engineering*

*Includes a \$7,500 prize  
and \$2,500 research grant.*

### **Outstanding Achievement in Research Innovation Award**

#### **Younan Xia**

*Brock Family Chair  
Chemistry and Biochemistry*

*Includes a \$7,500 prize  
and \$2,500 research grant.*

## **Outstanding Doctoral Thesis Advisor Award**

**John R. Reynolds**

*Professor  
Chemistry and Biochemistry;  
Materials Science and Engineering*

*Includes a \$7,500 prize  
and \$2,500 research grant.*

## **Outstanding Faculty Research Author Award**

**Wilbur A. Lam**

*Professor  
Biomedical Engineering*

*Includes a \$7,500 prize  
and \$2,500 research grant.*

## **Outstanding Achievement in Research Engagement and Outreach Award**

**Pascal Van Hentenryck**

*A. Russell Chandler III Chair  
and Professor  
Industrial and Systems Engineering*

*Includes a \$7,500 prize  
and \$2,500 research grant.*

## **Outstanding Achievement in Research Program Development Award**

### **The Spaceflight Project Group**

**Christopher Carr**

*Assistant Professor  
Aerospace Engineering*

**Brian C. Gunter**

*Associate Professor  
Aerospace Engineering*

**Ian Harrison**

*Mechanical Engineer  
Georgia Tech Research Institute*

**Glenn Lightsey**

*Professor  
Aerospace Engineering*

**Sterling Peet**

*Research Technologist I  
Aerospace Engineering*

**W. Jud Ready**

*Principal Research Engineer  
Georgia Tech Research Institute*

**Christopher R. Valenta**

*Principal Research Engineer  
Georgia Tech Research Institute*

*Includes a \$15,000 prize to be  
shared among team members.*

## **Outstanding Achievement in Research Program Impact Award**

### **Partnership for Inclusive Innovation**

**Clarence Anthony Jr.**

*Workforce Development  
Program Manager  
Enterprise Innovation Institute*

**Kayla Burns**

*Operations Manager  
Enterprise Innovation Institute*

**Cody M. Cocchi**

*Student Engagement Manager  
Enterprise Innovation Institute*

**Debra Lam**

*Founding Executive Director  
Enterprise Innovation Institute*

**Jamal Lewis**

*Economic Opportunity Manager  
Enterprise Innovation Institute*

**Polly Sattler**

*Strategic Relations Manager  
Enterprise Innovation Institute*

*Includes a \$15,000 prize to be shared among team members.*

**ANAK Awards**

*Presented by Andrew Norlin,  
ANAK Society President*

**Outstanding Faculty  
ANAK Award**

**Timothy Cope**

*Professor  
Biological Sciences*

**Outstanding Staff  
ANAK Award**

**Malte Weiland**

*Senior Sustainability Project Manager  
Auxiliary Services Operations*

**Staff Awards**

*Presented by Skye Duckett,  
Vice President and Chief Human  
Resources Officer*

**Acting With  
Ethics First Award**

**Daurette L. Joseph**

*Director, Academic Programs  
College of Computing*

*Includes a \$1,500 prize.*

**Cultivating Well-being Award**

**Mechanical Engineering Staff  
Happiness and Organizational  
Effectiveness Cabinet**

**Lula Baker**

*Director  
Human Resources*

**Melody Foster**

*Unit Administrative Officer  
Mechanical Engineering*

**Anquinnette “Ann” Lamb**

*Administrative Supervisor  
Mechanical Engineering*

*Includes a \$1,500 prize to be shared among team members.*

**One Small Step Award**

**Patrice Faison**

*Academic Program Manager,  
Evening MBA  
Scheller College of Business*

*Includes a \$1,500 prize.*

**One Giant Leap Award**

**Joe Brown**

*Application Support Manager  
Housing and Residence Life*

*Includes a \$2,000 prize.*

**Leadership in Action Award**

**Juana Cunningham**

*Senior Director  
Strategic Consulting*

**Cary Ogletree**

*Building and Delivery Service  
Manager  
Mechanical Engineering*

*Includes a \$2,000 prize per recipient.*

## **Leading by Example in Sustainability Award**

**Steve Place**

*Horticulturalist*

*Facilities-Landscaping Services*

*Includes a \$1,500 prize.*

## **Putting Students First Award**

**Charmaine E. Troy**

*Associate Director of First-Generation Student Initiatives*

*Office of Undergraduate Education*

*Includes a \$1,500 prize.*

## **Rising Wreck Award**

**Andrew McGraw**

*Academic Program Manager*

*Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts*

*Includes a \$1,000 prize.*

## **Service to the Community Award**

**Birney Robert**

*Event Coordinator II  
College of Computing*

*Includes a \$1,500 prize.*

## **Excellence Award**

### **Workplace Learning and Professional Development Team**

**Tim Edmonds-King**

*Learning Consultant  
Georgia Tech Professional Education*

**LaTrese Ferguson**

*Director, Workplace Learning and Professional Development  
Georgia Tech Professional Education*

**Bryan D. Harber**

*Learning Consultant  
Georgia Tech Professional Education*

**Kala Taylor**

*Training Coordinator  
Georgia Tech Professional Education*

**Rachel Watts**

*Senior Learning Consultant  
Georgia Tech Professional Education*

*Includes a \$3,000 prize to be shared among team members.*

## **Spirit of Georgia Tech Award**

**Andrew Blakely**

*Public Services Associate  
Library*

**Francisco Castelan**

*Assistant Director for Pre-Health Advising  
Office of Undergraduate Education*

**Christopher Malbrue**

*Academic Program Manager  
Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Includes a \$1,000 prize per recipient.*

## **LGBTQIA Resource Center**

**Tegra Myanna**

*Director  
LGBTQIA Resource Center*

**William Britto**

*Program Coordinator  
LGBTQIA Resource Center*

*Includes a \$1,000 prize to be shared among team members.*

## **Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Gender Equity Award**

**Marion C. Usselman**  
*Principal Research Scientist  
Center for Education  
Integrating Science,  
Mathematics and Computing*

*Includes a \$5,000 prize.*

## **Center for Teaching and Learning Awards**

*Presented by David Lawrence,  
Interim Director, Center for  
Teaching and Learning  
and Carol Sullivan,  
Assistant Director of Faculty Teaching  
and Learning Initiatives, Center for  
Teaching and Learning*

## **Curriculum Innovation Award**

**Tatiana Rudchenko**  
*Senior Lecturer  
Scheller College of Business*

*Includes a \$3,000 prize for each  
recipient provided by the  
Jack and Francis Mundy endowment.*

## **Undergraduate Educator Award**

**Adam J. Decker**  
*Senior Academic Professional  
Biological Sciences*

*Includes a \$3,000 prize for each  
recipient provided by the  
Class of 1934 endowment.*

## **Geoffrey G. Eichholz Faculty Teaching Award**

**Mary E. Peek**  
*Principal Academic Professional  
Chemistry and Biochemistry*

**Emily Weigel**  
*Senior Academic Professional  
Biological Sciences*

*Includes a \$3,000 prize for each  
recipient provided by a grant from  
Geoffrey G. Eichholz.*

## **Center for Teaching and Learning/BP Junior Faculty Teaching Excellence Award**

**Anton Bernshteyn**  
*Assistant Professor  
Mathematics*

**Saad Bhamla**  
*Assistant Professor  
Chemical and Biomolecular  
Engineering*

**Gongjie Li**  
*Assistant Professor  
Physics*

*Includes a \$3,000 prize per recipient  
provided by BP p.l.c., the Class of 1940  
endowment, and the Class of 1934  
endowment.*

## **Innovation and Excellence in Laboratory Instruction Award**

**Ben Galfond**  
*Academic Professional  
Chemical and Biomolecular  
Engineering*

*Includes a \$3,000 prize provided by the  
Jack and Francis Mundy endowment.*



## **Faculty Award for Academic Outreach**

**Richard A. Simmons**

*Principal Research Engineer  
Mechanical Engineering and  
Strategic Energy Institute*

*Includes a \$3,000 prize provided  
by the Class of 1934 endowment.*

## **Innovation in Co-Curricular Education Award**

**Eric Lewis**

*Marion L. Brittain  
Postdoctoral Fellow  
Literature, Media,  
and Communication*

**Pamela Pollet**

*Senior Research Scientist  
Chemistry and Biochemistry*

**Aselia Urmanbetova**

*Undergraduate Teaching Coordinator  
Economics*

*Includes a \$3,000 prize.*

## **Teaching Excellence Award for Online Teaching**

**Joel Sokol**

*Professor  
Industrial and Systems Engineering*

*Includes a \$3,000 prize.*

## **Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award**

**Todd Fernandez**

*Lecturer  
Biomedical Engineering*

*Includes a \$3,000 prize.*

## **International Initiatives Award**

*Presented by Iyonka Strawn-Valcy,  
Associate Vice Provost for  
International Operations*

## **Steven A. Denning Faculty Award for Global Engagement**

**Anton Leykin**

*Professor  
Mathematics*

*Includes a \$5,000 prize*

## **Faculty Honors Committee Awards**

*Presented by Larry Jacobs,  
Senior Vice Provost for Education  
and Learning*

## **Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentor Award**

### **Junior Faculty**

**Blair Kathryn Brettmann**

*Assistant Professor  
Chemical and Biomolecular  
Engineering and Materials  
Science and Engineering*

*Includes a \$2,000 prize.*

### **Senior Faculty**

**Polo Chau**

*Associate Professor  
Computational Science  
and Engineering*

*Includes a \$3,000 prize.*

## **Class of 1934 Outstanding Service Award**

**Carson Meredith**

*Professor*

*Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering*

*Includes a \$5,000 prize provided by the Class of 1934 endowment.*

## **Outstanding Professional Education**

**David A. Joyner**

*Executive Director of Online Education and Online Master of Computer Science*

*College of Computing*

*Includes a \$5,000 prize.*

## **Class of 1934 Outstanding Interdisciplinary Activities Award**

**Hang Lu**

*Love Family Professor  
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering*

*Includes a \$7,500 prize provided by the Class of 1934 endowment.*

## **Class of 1934 Outstanding Innovative Use of Education Technology Award**

**Azad Naeemi**

*Professor*

*Electrical and Computer Engineering*

*Includes a \$7,500 prize provided by the Class of 1934 endowment.*

## **Class of 1940 W. Roane Beard Outstanding Teacher Award**

**Max Mahdi Roozbahani**

*Lecturer*

*Computing Instruction*

*Includes a \$10,000 prize provided by the Class of 1940 endowment.*

## **Class of 1940 W. Howard Ector Outstanding Teacher Award**

**Dan Margalit**

*Professor*

*Mathematics*

*Includes a \$10,000 prize provided by the Class of 1940 endowment.*

## **Class of 1934 Distinguished Professor Award**

**Ellen Zegura**

*Professor and Stephen Fleming Chair in Telecommunications  
College of Computing*

*Includes a \$25,000 prize provided by the Class of 1934 endowment.*



