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College of Computing
28th Annual Awards Ceremony

April 18, 2019
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
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Welcome
Zvi Galil, The John P. Imlay Jr. Dean of Computing

Lunch

Presentation of Awards

Closing Remarks
Dean Zvi Galil

2018 – 2019 College of Computing Awards Committee
Kishore Ramachandran, chair
Patricia Allen
Dhruv Batra
Sonia Chernova
Kevin Ellis
Richard Fujimoto
Mary Hudacheck-Buswell
Renee Jamieson
Wes Kirkbride

Ling Liu
Lia Namirr
Haesun Park
Alicia Richhart
Birney Robert
Jarek Rossignac
Holly Rush
Santosh Vempala

Undergraduate Awards
Outstanding Freshman Award
Gabrielle (Gabby) Germanson

Outstanding Sophomore Award
Riya Agrawal

Outstanding Junior and EDS Rising Senior Award
Sherry Sarkar

Outstanding Senior Award
Stephanie Baione

Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award
Shyamal Patel

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Award
Tanner Muldoon

Graduate Awards
Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award
Tohid Shekari

Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant Award
Aradhy Biswas – SCSE
Abhishek Das – SIC
Harshit Gupta – SCS

MS Research Award
Viraj Prabhu

College of Computing Dissertation Award
Cheng Zhang – SIC (Advisor: Gregory Abowd)*
Maia Jacobs – SIC (Advisor: Beth Mynatt)*
Peng Zhang – SCS (Advisor: Richard Peng)

*Also nominated for the ACM Dissertation award
Graduate Awards

The Donald V. Jackson Fellowship
Established by Jeannie Jackson in memory of her husband, Don Jackson, a 1971 master’s graduate of IS and a 1965 bachelor’s graduate of the math department. Don had an extremely successful career in the computing industry which included serving as CIO of Computer Products. The Donald V. Jackson Fellowship supports the master’s program and is awarded to a well-rounded, first-year student of computer science who best embodies Don’s values of academic excellence and leadership.

Aditi Shah – SCS
Cody O’Donnell – SIC
Anmol Chhabria – SCSE

The Marshall D. Williamson Fellowship
Established by Billie L. Williamson in memory of her husband, Marshall Williamson, a 1969 master’s graduate of IS. Marshall had an extremely successful career, serving most recently as the general manager of the Garland Division of E-Systems. The Marshall D. Williamson Fellowship supports the master’s program and is awarded to a well-rounded, second-year student who best embodies Marshall’s values of academic excellence and leadership.

Hua Huang – SCSE
Abhinaya Agrawal – SCS
Cusuh Ham – SIC
Pawan Suresh – InfoSec

CS 7001 Research Award
The coursework component of the Computer Science Ph.D. consists of an introductory course on graduate studies (CS 7001). The instructors of this course, offered each Fall, identify at least one student or team for outstanding research in CS 7001.

Harsh Agrawal

Staff Awards

Outstanding Non-Supervisory Staff & Service Award
Josh Preston

Outstanding Supervisory Staff & Service Award
Marcus Johnson

Outstanding Staff for Community Leadership Award
Alyshia Jackson

Faculty Awards

The William D. “Bill” Leahy Jr. Outstanding Instructor Award
Mary Hudachek-Buswell

Outstanding Post-Doctoral Research Award
Harish Ravichandar

Outstanding Research Scientist Award
Stefan Lee

Outstanding Junior Faculty Research Award
Byron Boots

Outstanding Research Faculty Award
Timothy Trent

Outstanding Senior Faculty Research Award
Ling Liu

Faculty Mentor Award
Sham Navathe

William A. “gus” Baird Faculty Teaching Award
This award is given to a faculty member who is recognized by his or her peers for excellence in teaching. That’s not a typo in your program: gus baird had no pretense whatsoever. He never capitalized his name and we will follow his example. It is fitting that “gus” – “the man who wanted nothing more than to teach” – be remembered each time this award is presented. “gus” received his master’s degree from Georgia Tech in 1980 and was a favorite College of Computing undergraduate instructor for nearly 15 years.

Prasad Tetali

The Lockheed Excellence in Teaching Award
Assistant Professors are eligible. The award recognizes outstanding untenured educators. Recipients are selected for extraordinary effectiveness in classroom teaching, educational innovations, inspiration transmitted to students, direct impact and involvement with students, and impact on the postgraduate success of students.

Neha Kumar

The Lockheed Inspirational Young Faculty Award
Assistant Professors are eligible. The award recognizes inspirational untenured professors and mentors. Recipients are selected based upon contributions that inspire, recruit, develop, and uplift students to reach for their dreams and to excel. Many types of contributions can be considered inspirational, such as K-12 outreach, recruitment and mentoring of students from underrepresented groups, successful advising and research activities that result in extraordinary student accomplishments, and receipt of awards based on student votes.

Devi Parikh
Dean’s Office Awards

The James C. Edenfield Faculty Fellowship
The James C. Edenfield Faculty Fellowship is an interdisciplinary seed grant award. The award provides support for one half-time graduate research assistant for the academic year to be co-advised by two College faculty members in different schools. It is provided to foster innovative research and collaboration among the College’s schools and divisions.

(To be announced at ceremony)

James D. Lester III Family Award
Established by Faye R. and James D. Lester III, this annual award is to recognize faculty members in the College of Computing whose research in Internet phenomena is deemed noteworthy.

(To be announced at ceremony)

The Dean’s Award
The Dean’s Award is selected by the Dean and presented to a member of the college who has contributed significantly to the success of the college this year.

(To be announced at ceremony)

Institute Awards

Ashok Goel
Outstanding Achievement in Research Program Development Award and Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award

Olufisayo Omojokun
Curriculum Innovation Award

Srinivas Aluru
Outstanding Achievement in Research Program Development Award

Mary Hudachek-Buswell
Education Partnership Award/Faculty Award

Ruchi Banerjee
Education Partnership Award/Student Award

David Joyner
Teaching Excellence Award for Online Teaching

Richard Fujimoto
Class of 1934 Outstanding Interdisciplinary Activities Award

10 Years of Service
Acknowledgement

Elijah Cameron – CoC
Dawn Rutherford – CoC
Monica Ross – SIC
Edward Riedy – SCSE

David Mercer – CoC
Mark Braunstein – SIC
Thomas Conte – SCS

25 Years of Service
Acknowledgement

Uwanna Smith – CoC
Chrissy Hendricks – SIC

Daniel Forsyth - CoC
Ellen Zegura – SCS

Retirement Acknowledgement

Annette Clifford – CoC
David Smith – CoC
Bob Waters – CoC

Thank You to Our Nominators

The award ceremony owes the time and effort put in by all the nominators to recognize their fellow students, staff, and faculty in preparing the nomination packages. The awards committee would like to applaud ALL the nominators for their dedication to growing the excellence in the College of Computing.