The Office of Institute Diversity is pleased to highlight some of the faculty, staff, and students who contribute to making Georgia Tech a world-class institution of higher learning. These individuals come from all corners of the globe, reflecting a heterogeneous pool of talent that consistently delivers excellence – whether it’s in the form of groundbreaking research, teaching, service, or exceptional administrative support that enhances Georgia Tech’s innovative leadership. We are exceedingly proud to honor them by recognizing their accomplishments and look forward to cheering on their continued successes as we all work together to elevate Georgia Tech to the next level of inclusive excellence.

Archie Irvin
Vice President
Institute Diversity
Dear Honorees:
When thinking about Georgia Tech, many envision Tech Tower. While that is a cherished symbol, Georgia Tech’s global reputation can be traced back to people like you who make up a community of individuals with diverse backgrounds, perspectives, expertise, and spheres of influence. Through 
Faces of Inclusive Excellence, we are celebrating your accomplishments. You, along with hundreds of others, are excelling in scholarship, research, and service and making a tremendous positive societal impact. We congratulate you and encourage you to continue serving as an inspiration for Georgia Tech’s inclusive excellence journey.

G.P. “Bud” Peterson
President
Greg Abrams
Financial Administrator II
Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts

Outstanding provider of administrative services to all schools within the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts

Rosa Arriaga
Senior Research Scientist
School of Interactive Computing

Recipient of the College of Computing Outstanding Instructor Award (2012)

Annie Anton
School Chair and Professor
School of Interactive Computing

Keynote speaker at the 12th Richard Tapia Celebration of Diversity in Computing

Chloé Arson
Assistant Professor
School of Civil and Environmental Engineering

Georgia Tech Class of 1969 Teaching Fellow (2013-2014)
RAHEEM BEYAH
Associate Professor
School of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Recipient of the National Science Foundation Career Award (2009-2014)

AMY BRUCKMAN
Professor
School of Interactive Computing
Holder of multiple excellent teaching evaluations (2012)

JOY BUOLAMWINI
Alumna
College of Computing
Rhodes Scholar (2012-2013)

SUSAN BURNS
Associate Chair - Undergraduate Programs
School of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers (2013)
**Birgit Burton**
Senior Director of Foundation Relations
Office of Development

*Member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals International Board (2013)*

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**Julie Champion**
Assistant Professor
School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

*Recipient of the CETL/BP Junior Faculty Teaching Excellence Award (2013)*

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**Maya Cakmak**
Faculty
School of Interactive Computing

*College of Computing Dissertation Award recipient (2013)*

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**Vivian Chandler**
Assistant Director - Corporate Relations
School of Interactive Computing

*Georgia Tech’s GVU Impact Award recipient (2012)*
**Baratunde Cola**  
Assistant Professor  
George W. Woodruff  
School of Mechanical Engineering  

Recipient of the  
Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (2012)

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**Sheri Davis-Faulkner**  
Community Services Coordinator  
Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts  

Provider of outstanding administrative support

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**Michelle Dawson**  
Assistant Professor  
School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering  

Recipient of the Women in Engineering Teaching Excellence Award (2013)

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**Kenya Devalia**  
Administrative Manager II  
School of Literature, Media, and Communication  

Provider of outstanding administrative support
**Dimetra Diggs-Butler**  
Academic Program Coordinator II  
George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering  
*Founder of COE Cares, a campus community volunteer program*

**Valarie DuRant-Modeste**  
Academic Advising Manager  
The H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial & Systems Engineering  
*Outstanding performer in academic advising*

**Mary Frank Fox**  
Professor  
School of Public Policy  
ADVANCE Professor (2012-2013)

**Andres Garcia**  
Professor  
George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering  
*Recipient of the Clemson Award for Basic Science from the Society for Biomaterials (2012)*
**Laurie Garrow**  
Associate Professor  
School of Civil and Environmental Engineering  
Recipient of the Walter L. Huber Civil Engineering Research Prize (2013) and president of the Transportation Science and Logistics Society of INFORMS

**David Goldsman**  
Professor  
The H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial & Systems Engineering  
Supporter of the Mission Possible STEM Summer Enrichment Program and champion of underrepresented high school students

**Randy Gibbs**  
Grad Student  
School of Public Policy  
William H. Read Award recipient (2013)

**Beki Grinter**  
Professor  
School of Interactive Computing  
CHI (Human Factors in Computing Systems) Academy inductee (2013) and ADVANCE Professor (2012-2013)
CHRISSEY HENDRICKS
Financial Administrator III
School of Interactive Computing

Outstanding Staff and Service Award recipient (2012)

ASEGUN HENRY
Assistant Professor
George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering

2012 ARPA-E Energy Innovation Summit Fellow

JENNIFER HERAZY
Assistant Provost for Administration
Office of the Provost

Georgia Tech representative at the University System of Georgia’s Executive Leadership Institute (2013-2014)

RIGOBERTO HERNANDEZ
Professor
School of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Principal investigator for OXIDE: Open Chemistry Collaborative in Diversity Equity
AYANNA HOWARD
Professor
School of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Motorola Foundation Professor

JYLDYZ HUGHES
Administrative Manager I
School of Economics
Recipient of the Ivan Allen College Administrative Services Award (2012-2013)

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STEPHANIE JACKSON
Academic Advisor II
The Sam Nunn School of International Affairs
J. William Fulbright U.S. Scholar (2013)

MOHAN JONES
IT Professional
George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering
Provider of outstanding IT support

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George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering
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Kim Kurtis
Professor, Associate Chair of Graduate Studies
School of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Recipient of the Walter L. Huber Civil Engineering Research Prize (2013), the ACI Del Bloem Award for Service (2013), and Georgia Tech’s Outstanding Senior Undergraduate Research Mentor Award (2013)

Fatimot Ladiipo
Assistant Director – Federal Relations
The Office of Government and Community Relations
Outstanding leader in the management and expansion of the Georgia Tech DC Internship Program

Nga Lee
Assistant Professor
School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Creator of the Georgia Tech Indoor Chamber Facility, a new lab for aerosol studies

Cecelia Jones
Center Manager
George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering
Provider of outstanding administrative support
Karen Liu  
Associate Professor  
School of Interactive Computing  

Ruta Mehta  
Post Doctoral Fellow  
School of Computer Science  
Recipient of the first Association of Computing Machines India Doctoral Dissertation Award

Beth Mynatt  
Professor  
School of Interactive Computing  
Recipient of the GVU Impact Award as former director of Georgia Tech’s GVU Center (2012)

Nancy Nersessian  
Regents Professor  
School of Interactive Computing  
Recipient of the William James Book Award from the American Psychological Association (2012)
**Etta Pittman**  
Director of Development  
College of Engineering  
Recipient of the Georgia Tech Women’s Leadership Conference Women of Distinction Staff Award (2012)

**Dana Randall**  
Professor  
School of Computer Science  
Inaugural Fellow of the American Mathematical Society and ADVANCE Professor (2012)

**Elsa Reichmanis**  
Professor  
School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering  
International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry Distinguished Woman in Chemistry or Chemical Engineering awardee (2013)

**Cecili Reid**  
Undergraduate Student  
School of Computer Science  
Alvin M. Ferst Leadership and Entrepreneur Award recipient (2012)
Catherine Ross
Director, Center for Quality Growth and Regional Development
College of Architecture
Appointed deputy director of the National Center for Transportation System Productivity and Management

Agatha Rozga
Research Scientist
College of Computing
Recipient of the College of Computing Shining Star Award (2012)

Monica Ross
Administrative Professional III
School of Interactive Computing
Recipient of the College of Computing Shining Star Award (2012)

Susan Thomas
Assistant Professor
George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering
George W. Woodruff Teaching Fellow - Class of 1969
**Andrea Thomaz**
Assistant Professor
School of Interactive Computing

One of Popular Science Magazine’s Brilliant 10

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**Millie Wan**
Finance Manager I
George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering

Recipient of the George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering Outstanding Performance Award (2013)

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**Vernell Woods**
Student
School of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Georgia Tech President’s Scholar and Coca-Cola Scholar

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**Ying Zhang**
Assistant Professor
School of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Recipient of the National Science Foundation CAREER Award (2013)
National Rankings

Georgia Tech has not only been consistently ranked among the top 10 public universities in the United States by *U.S. News & World Report*, the Institute has also established a record of first-class rankings in the realm of diversity. According to the 2012 rankings from *Diverse: Issues In Higher Education*, in the field of engineering, Georgia Tech is ranked No. 1 for:

- bachelor’s degrees awarded to all minority students
- doctoral degrees awarded to all minority students
- doctoral degrees awarded to African-Americans
- doctoral degrees awarded to Asian-Americans
- doctoral degrees awarded to Hispanics

*Hispanic Business Magazine* also named Georgia Tech the top engineering graduate school in June 2012.