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#### ABOUT THE NAI FELLOWS PROGRAM -

The NAI Fellow program has 2,068 Fellows worldwide representing more than 300 prestigious universities and governmental and non-profit research institutes. Collectively, the Fellows hold more than 68,000 issued U.S. patents, which have generated over 20,000 licensed technologies, 4,000 companies and created more than 1.2 million jobs. In addition, over \$3.2 trillion in revenue has been generated based on NAI Fellow discoveries.

## NAI FELLOWSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Nominees should have made outstanding contributions to innovation in areas such as patents and licensing, innovative discovery and technology, significant impact on society and support and enhancement of innovation
- Nominees must be a named inventor on patent(s) issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office
- Nominees must be affiliated with an academic organization, e.g., university, college, non-profit research institute or government research agency
- Nominees do not have to be current members of nor affiliated with an NAI Member Institution (recommended)
- All U.S. and non-U.S. citizens are eligible for nomination
- Deceased nominees are not eligible

Self-nomination, team submissions and nominations submitted by relatives are not eligible.

#### Nominations open May – July annually

Find more information at https://academyofinventors.org/about-the-nai-fellows-program/





# **United States Patent and Trademark Office**

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office

April 14, 2025

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), it is my pleasure to congratulate the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) 2024 class of fellows. We are honored to recognize the 170 innovators who are receiving the highest professional distinction awarded to academic inventors.

These academic inventors have demonstrated a prolific spirit of innovation, and their inventions have made a tangible impact on the quality of life, economic development, and welfare of our society.

We also applaud the NAI's efforts to recognize academic inventors with U.S. patents, enhance the visibility of academic technology and innovation, and encourage the disclosure of intellectual property.

Again, congratulations to the 2024 NAI Fellows for their outstanding accomplishments and advancement of innovation for the United States.

Sincerely,

Coke Stewart

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Acting Undersecretary of commerce for Intellectual Property and Acting Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office



# Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE  $119^{\,th}$  congress, first session

# House of Representatives

HON. KATHY CASTOR OF FLORIDA

Extension of Remarks
Honoring the 170 Inventors Inducted as the 2024 Fellows
of the National Academy of Inventors
Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 170 inventors who will be inducted as the 2024 Fellows of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI). An induction ceremony will take place June 23-26, 2025, in Atlanta, Georgia to celebrate these inventors and their incredible accomplishments. The ceremony will be presided over by the Acting Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Coke Morgan Stewart, and President of the National Academy of Inventors, Dr. Paul R. Sanberg. To be named as a Fellow, these individuals were nominated by their peers and underwent a review process by the NAI Selection Committee, which ultimately deemed their innovations as making a significant impact on the quality of life, economic development and the welfare of their communities, the residents of Florida and the United States.

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Among NAI fellows, there are more than 170 senior leaders of research universities and nonprofit research institutes, over 755 members of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, 63 inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, 70 recipients of the U.S. National Medal of Technology and Innovation and U.S. National Medal of Science, 57 Nobel Laureates, over 533 AAAS Fellows, over 395 IEEE Fellows and more than 232 Fellows of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, among other awards and distinctions.

Founded by Dr. Paul R. Sanberg at the University of South Florida in 2010, the NAI's mission is to recognize and encourage inventors with patents issued from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, enhance the visibility of academic technology and innovation, encourage the disclosure of intellectual property, educate, and mentor innovative students and translate the inventions of its members to benefit Florida and communities all throughout the United States. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my neighbors in Tampa Bay and the citizens of Florida, I am proud to honor the 2024 Fellows of the National Academy of Inventors for this outstanding achievement. We owe a debt of gratitude to these inventors for their invaluable contributions to society, which continually propel us forward. May their example inspire future generations to pursue their own paths of discovery and innovation, ensuring a bright and innovative future for us all. I include in the Record the 2024 National

#### The 2024 NAI Fellows include:

Ishwar Aggarwall, The University of North Carolina at Charlotte; Pierre Agostini, The Ohio State University; Mark Akeson, University of California, Santa Cruz; Yousef Al-Abed, The Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research; Herb Aldwinckle, Cornell University; Dan Ammon Jr., University at Buffalo, The State University of New York; Alain Aspect, Institut d'Optique Graduate School; Corinne E. Augelli-Szafran, Southern Research Institute; Clinton Ballinger, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Robeit S. Balog, Texas A&M University; Prith Banerjee, University of Illinois at Chicago; Ronald Barrett-Gonzalez, University of Kansas, Robert Bartlett, University of Michigan; Peter J. Basser, National Institutes of Health; Moungi Bawendi, Massachusetts Institute

of Technology; Dibakar Bhattacharyya, University of Kentucky; Pratim Biswas, University of Miami; Silvia Blemker, University of Virginia; William Branch, University of Georgia; Malcolm Brenner, Baylor College of Medicine; Richard K. Brow, Missouri University of Science and Technology; Edgar B. Cahoon, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Jianfeng Ca, University of South Florida; Hui Cao, Yale University; Arnold Caplan, Case Western Reserve University; John M. Cioffi, Stanford University; Corie L. Cobb, University of Washington. Eric W. Cochran, Iowa State University; Daniel Codd, University of San Diego; Todd J. Cohen, New York Institute of Technology; Bruce N. Cronstein, New York University Grossman School of Medicine; Maria Croyle, The University of Texas at Austin; Anthony Czarnik, University of Nevada, Reno; Arvin Dar, Memorial Sloan Kettering Institute Cancer Center; Matthew Darr, Iowa State University; Hiranmoy Das, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center; Kenneth Dawson-Scully, Nova Southeastern University; Edward J. Delp, Purdue University; Horacio Dante Espinosa, Northwestern University; Ying Fang, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Aaron Franklin, Duke University; Eby Friedman, University of Rochester; Klaus Fruh, Oregon Health & Science University; Lilit Garibyan, Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard University: Garry, Tulane University; Manas Ranjan Gartia, Louisiana State University; Arun K. Ghosh, Purdue University; Simon Francis Giszter, Drexel University; Steven Goldman, University of Rochester; Andrea Goldsmith, Princeton University; David Gracias, Johns Hopkins University; Joel S. Greenberger, University of Pittsburgh; Jaime Grunlan, Texas A&M University; Ephraim Gutmark, University of Cincinnati. Keith Hearon,

Boston University; Larry Heck, Georgia Institute of Technology; Wolfgang Heidrich, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology; Joseph P. Heremans, The Ohio State University; Mark Hoffman, University of Missouri-Kansas City; Kaibin Huang, The University of Hong Kong; Bertram Jacobs, Arizona State University; Hamid Jafarkhani, University of California, Irvine; Shibin Jiang, The University of Arizona; Christopher S. Johnson, Argonne National Laboratory; Sergei V. Kalinin, University of Tennessee, Knoxville/Pacific Northwest National Laboratory; Homayoon Kazerooni, University of California, Berkeley; Brian G. Kiernan, New Jersey Institute of Technology; Steven Koester, University of Minnesota; Johann Walter Kolar, ETH Zurich--Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich; Farinaz Koushanfar, University of California, San Diego; Ferenc Krausz, Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics, Garching, Germany; Ashok Kumar, University of South Florida; Eren Kurshan, Princeton University; Ioannis Kymissis, Columbia University; Klaus Lackner, Arizona State University; Gregory Lanza, Washington University in St. Louis; Matthew Laskoski, U.S. Naval Research Laboratory; Chih-Kung Lee, National Taiwan University. Hui (Helen) Li, Florida State University; Hai Li, Duke University; Wenbin Lin, University of Chicago; Walter Ian Lipkin, Columbia University; Xuedong Liu, University of Colorado Boulder; Devinder Mahajan, Stony Brook University; Abhijit Mahalanobis, The University of Arizona; Stanton F. McHardy, The University of Texas at San Antonio; Michael McLaughlin, The University of Adelaide; Shawn A. Mehlenbacher, Oregon State University; Charles L. Melcher, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Tommaso Melodia, Northeastern University; Rajesh Menon, The University of Utah; Theodore Moise, The University of Texas at Dallas; David Morse, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute; Javad Mostaghimi, University of Toronto; Naima Moustaid-Moussa, Texas Tech University; Christopher Murray, University of Pennsylvania; Tina M. Nenoff, Sandia National Laboratories; Neumann, University Gabriele Wisconsin-Madison; Kytai T. Nguyen, The University of Texas at Arlington; Michael Niederweis, The University of Alabama at Birmingham; Thomas Nosker, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey; Rafail Ostrovsky, University of California, Los Angeles. Cynthia Owsley, The University of Alabama at Birmingham; Cengiz

Ozkan, University of California, Riverside; Makarand Paranjape, Georgetown University; Dan Peer, Tel Aviv University; Yuri Karl Peterson, Medical University of South Carolina; Konstantin Petrukhin, Columbia University; Wellington Pham, Vanderbilt University; Edwin Piner, Texas State University; Darrin Pochan, University of Delaware; Francisco Quintana, Harvard University; Muhammad Rabnawaz, Michigan State University; P. Srirama Rao, Virginia Commonwealth University; Ramesh Raskar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Edward Ratner, University of Houston; Jeff Reed, Virginia Tech; Fan Ren, University of Florida; Catherine L. Riddle, Idaho National Laboratory; Guillermo Risatti, University of Connecticut; Carol Robinson, University of Oxford; Cliona Mary Rooney, Baylor College of Medicine; Alberto Salleo, Stanford University; Richard Samulski, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Gaurav N. Sant, University of California, Los Angeles; Edward Sargent, Northwestern University: Charles Shoemaker, Tufts University; Daniel Siegwart, UT Southwestern Medical Center; Neal Sikka, The George Washington University; Blake Simmons, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Rajesh Singh, Morehouse School of Medicine; Anand Pennsylvania Sivasubramaniam, The State University; Yiqiao Song, Harvard University; Vivek Sujan, Oak Ridge National Laboratory; Zhaoli Sun, Johns Hopkins University; Nian Sun, Northeastern University; Yang Tao, University of Maryland, College Park; Ravi Thadhani, Emory University; Voon-Yew (Aaron) Thean, National University of Singapore; Ashley Parkinson Thrall, University of Notre Dame; Martin Thuo, North Carolina State University; Theo T. Tsotsis, University of Southern California; Francisco Valero-Cuevas, University of Southern California; Omid Veiseh, Rice University; Victor Veliadis, North Carolina State University; Uzi Vishkin, University of Maryland, College Park; Edmund Waller, Emory University; Angela Wandinger-Ness, The University of New Mexico; Guoan Wang, University of South Carolina; Grace J. Wang, Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Dean C. Webster, North Dakota State University; Di Wei, University of Cambridge; Marc Steven Weinberg, Draper Laboratory (CDSL), Ulrich Wiesner, Cornell University; Hugh E. Williams, RMIT University. Peter Wipf, University of Pittsburgh; Gary E. Wnek, Case Western Reserve University; Jang-Yen Wu, Florida Atlantic University; Wei Wu, University of Southern California; Younan Xia, Georgia Institute of Technology; Longya Xu, The Ohio State University; Zhen Xu, University of Michigan; Mengsu (Michael) Yang, City University of Hong Kong; Yang Yang, University of California, Los Angeles; Jianhua Yu, University of California, Irvine; Carlos A. Zarate Jr., National Institutes of Health; Junshan Zhang, University of California, Davis; Zhongfei (Mark) Zhang, Binghamton University, State University of New York; Ji-Guang (Jason) Zhang, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory; Min Zou, University of Arkansas.

Kathy Castor

Sincerely,

Kathy Castor United States Representative Florida - District 14

### **CLASS OF 2024 FELLOWS** -



Ishwar Aggarwall | The University of North Carolina at Charlotte
For his work in Fiber Optics and Lasers

⊕ https://physics.charlotte.edu/people/ishwar-aggarwal/



Pierre Agostini | The Ohio State University
For work in Physics

the https://physics.osu.edu/people/agostini.4



Mark Akeson | University of California, Santa Cruz

For pioneering nanopore DNA and RNA sequencing which is a portable technology used in basic science and healthcare applications

the https://nanopore.soe.ucsc.edu/people



Yousef Al-Abed | The Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research

For work in Chemistry

the https://feinstein.northwell.edu/institutes-researchers/our-researchers/yousef-al-abed-md



Herb Aldwinckle | Cornell University

For work in Agriculture & Life Sciences

the https://cals.cornell.edu/herbert-sanders-aldwinckle



Dan Ammon Jr. | University at Buffalo, The State University of New York

For serving millions of patients by innovating and developing several first to market medical devices

⊕ https://engineering.buffalo.edu/chemical-biological/people/faculty-directory/adjunct.html



**Alain Aspect** | *Institut d' Optique Graduate School* 

For work in Physics

ttps://www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/en/alain-aspect



**Corinne E. Augelli-Szafran** | *Southern Research Institute* 

For the discovery of novel compounds and advancing them into clinical trials for the treatment of cancer, diabetes and antivirals

https://southernresearch.org/corinne-augelli-szafran/



**Clinton Ballinger** | *Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute* 

For translating technology into meaningful products and the reward of converting others into innovators! 

the https://faculty.rpi.edu/clint-ballinger



Robert S. Balog | Texas A&M University

For transitioning technology. I help develop in the academic laboratory into a commercialized product to better society

ttps://engineering.tamu.edu/electrical/profiles/index.html#Faculty



**Prith Banerjee** | *University of Illinois at Chicago* 

For leadership and advancement in applications of artificial intelligence and high-performance computing to computer-aided engineering simulation

https://6g.ucsd.edu/speaker/prith-banerjee



**Ronald Barrett-Gonzalez** | *University of Kansas* 

For numerous STEM educational devices and brought personal carbon sequestration capability to individuals around the globe

ttps://ae.ku.edu/people/ron-barrett-gonzalez



Robert Barlett | University of Michigan

For work in Medicine

## https://medschool.umich.edu/profile/3800/bob-bartlett



**Peter J. Basser** | *National Institutes of Health* 

For the invention and development of diffusion tensor magnetic resonance imaging (DTI) and MRI Tractography

https://irp.nih.gov/pi/peter-basser



**Moungi Bawendi** | *Massachusetts Institute of Technology* 

For work in Chemistry

https://chemistry.mit.edu/people/bawendi-moungi



**Dibakar Bhattacharyya** | *University of Kentucky* 

For water decontamination and detoxification by functionalized and responsive membranes including 258 refereed journal and book chapter publications

ttps://engr.uky.edu/people/dibakar-bhattacharyya



**Pratim Biswas** | *University of Miami* 

For being a Global leader in Aerosol Science and Technology; Innovator in Nanotechnology and Education

## https://people.miami.edu/profile/4115fc73d4ecea6e88347a04b3e78b8a



#### Silvia Salinas Blemker | University of Virginia

For pioneering multi-scale muscle modeling and imaging-driven insights to transform treatments for musculoskeletal diseases, sports injuries, and human performance

ttps://med.virginia.edu/faculty/faculty-listing/ssb6n/



#### William Branch | University of Georgia

For the development of a new and improved peanut cultivar that benefits the whole peanut industry. (Grown on greater than 80% of the peanut acreage in Georgia, which grows approximately 50% of all the peanuts in the US)

https://cropsoil.uga.edu/people/faculty/william-branch.html



#### **Malcolm Brenner** | Baylor College of Medicine

For developing a way to rapidly and safely control the survival of the rapeutic cells in patients being treated for cancer

ttps://www.bcm.edu/people-search/malcolm-brenner-18659



Richard K. Brow | Missouri University of Science and Technology

For work in Materials Science

ttps://mst.elsevierpure.com/en/persons/richard-k-brow



Edgar B. Cahoon | University of Nebraska-Lincoln

For research has helped advance the nutritional and industrial value of crops

ttps://biochem.unl.edu/edgar-cahoon/



Jianfeng Cai | University of South Florida

For the development of non-natural peptidomimetics-AApeptides for biomedical applications

https://www.usf.edu/arts-sciences/departments/chemistry/faculty/jianfeng-cai.aspx



Hui Cao | Yale University

For inventing ground-breaking light sources and demonstrated a wide range of applications

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Arnold Caplan | Case Western Reserve University

For work in Biology

https://thedaily.case.edu/faculty-member-arnold-caplan-passes-away/



John M. Cioffi | Stanford University

For the co-invention of the first artificially intelligent broadband link methods, internationally standardized for all xDSL, cable, cellular, and Wi-Fi systems

https://cioffi-group.stanford.edu



**Corie L. Cobb** | *University of Washington* 

For the development of manufacturing platforms and material processing methods which have been licensed or commercialized for semiconductors, solar cells, and batteries.

ttps://www.me.washington.edu/facultyfinder/corie-l-cobb



Eric W. Cochran | Iowa State University

For inventions unleashed the low-cost manufacturing of polymer asphalt modifiers, adhesives, and coatings from glycerol and soybean oil

https://www.cbe.iastate.edu/the-department/facultystaff/profile/ecochran/



Daniel Codd | University of San Diego

For innovations in sensor design and insertion methods for low-cost, simplified continuous glucose monitoring benefiting diabetic patients worldwide

ttps://www.sandiego.edu/directory/biography.php?profile\_id=1725



**Todd J. Cohen** | New York Institute of Technology

For Transforming Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Heart Failure Management with Breakthrough Cardiac Devices used World-wide

ttps://site.nyit.edu/bio/tcohen03



Bruce N. Cronstein | New York University, Grossman School of Medicine

For working on purine metabolism and receptors and my greatest accomplishment is development of a purine-based therapy for osteoarthritis

https://med.nyu.edu/faculty/bruce-n-cronstein



Maria Croyle | The University of Texas at Austin

For developing a novel technology that reduces costs and allows for rapid and equitable distribution of drugs and vaccines globally

https://pharmacy.utexas.edu/directory/maria-croyle



**Anthony Czarnik** | *University of Nevada, Reno* 

For inventing compounds that became fluorescent after binding glucose, then brought to market as a continuous glucose monitor

ttps://www.unr.edu/chemistry/people/anthony-czarnik



**Arvin Dar** | *Memorial Sloan Kettering Institute Cancer Center* 

For work in Oncology

tttps://profiles.icahn.mssm.edu/arvin-dar



**Matthew Darr** | *Iowa State University* 

For creating 88 unique patents and tech transfer licenses in the area of digital and precision agriculture.

## https://www.abe.iastate.edu/abe-department/directory/profile/darr/



Hiranmoy Das | Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

For identifying a transcription factor, KLF2 that inhibits master regulator of inflammation NFkB thtps://www.ttuhsc.edu/pharmacy/research/das-lab.aspx



#### **Kenneth Dawson-Scully** | *Nova Southeastern University*

For developing of a potent antiepileptic drug class inspired by genetic and molecular insights into invertebrate neuroprotection against environmental stress

https://psychology.nova.edu/faculty/profile/dawson-scully.html



**Edward J. Delp** | *Purdue University* 

For seminal work in the area mutilmedia forenics and the imapct this work has on society

https://engineering.purdue.edu/~ace/



Horacio Dante Espinosa | Northwestern University

For pioneering innovations and the development of novel engineered devices advancing materials research and technologies for cell manipulation and analysis

#https://www.mccormick.northwestern.edu/research-faculty/directory/profiles/espinosa-horacio.html



**Ying Fang** | *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign* 

For making outstanding contributions to develop, patent, licensing, and commercialization of important viral vaccines and diagnostic test kits

https://vetmed.illinois.edu/directory/profile/?id=yingf



**Aaron Franklin** | *Duke University* 

For inventing new electronic device structures that enable everything from future transistors to sensors for monitoring tire health

ttps://ece.duke.edu/people/aaron-franklin/



**Eby Friedman** | *University of Rochester* 

For supporting the US government in defending our country while enhancing our nation's technological and commercial success

https://hajim.rochester.edu/ece/sites/friedman/



Klaus Früh | Oregon Health & Science University

For work in Infectious Disease



# https://www.ohsu.edu/vaccine-gene-therapy-institute/klaus-fruh-phd



Lilit Garibyan | Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard University
For inventing and trailblazing a new field of injectable cooling to help patients

the https://researchers.mgh.harvard.edu/profile/3297256/Lilit-Garibyan



Robert Garry | Tulane University

For inventing monoclonal antibody therapy for Lassa fever

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Manas Ranjan Gartia | Louisiana State University

For nanotechnology based sensors for healthcare, energy, and environmental applications

thttps://www.lsu.edu/eng/mie/people/faculty/gartia.php

**Arun K. Ghosh** | *Purdue University* 

**Simon Francis Giszter** | *Drexel University* 



For designing and developing FDA approved drug, Darunavir, for the treatment of HIV/AIDS patients and those with drug-resistant HIV variants

the https://www.chem.purdue.edu/people/76



For discoveries and patented technologies have been used commercially and have had clinical impact thtps://drexel.edu/medicine/faculty/profiles/simon-giszter/



#### **Steven Goldman** | *University of Rochester*

For developing new methods for producing, genetically manipulating, and mobilizing neural and glial progenitor cells of the human brain.

ttps://www.urmc.rochester.edu/people/112361674-steven-a-goldman



Andrea Goldsmith | Princeton University

For innovations in wireless communications have been adopted in WiFi and cellular systems worldwide to allow fast, reliable service

ttps://ece.princeton.edu/people/andrea-goldsmith



**David Gracias** | *Johns Hopkins University* 

For inventing a 3D integrated, micro and nanostructured materials and devices of broad relevance to electronics, optics, diagonstics and medicine

https://engineering.jhu.edu/chembe/faculty/david-gracias/



Joel S. Greenberger | University of Pittsburgh

For identifying multiple molecular biologic pathways for ionizing irradiation induced cell death and discovered mitigator drugs for each pathway

## https://radiationoncology.pitt.edu/people/joel-s-greenberger-md-facro-facr-fastro



Jaime Grunlan | Texas A&M University

For developing environmentally-benign flame retardant treatment for almost every polymeric material thttps://radiationoncology.pitt.edu/people/joel-s-greenberger-md-facro-facr-fastro



**Ephraim Gutmark** | *University of Cincinnati* 

For work in Mechanical Engineering

https://researchdirectory.uc.edu/p/gutmarej



**Keith Hearon** | *Boston University*For work in Biomedical Engineering

⊕ https://coe.gatech.edu/about/advisory-board



**Larry Heck** | *Georgia Institute of Technology* 

For founding Cortana as Chief Scientist of Speech Products at Microsoft, first large-scale deployment of deep neural networks (HSN, 2000)

https://ece.gatech.edu/directory/larry-p-heck



Wolfgang Heidrich | King Abdullah University of Science and Technology
For the development of HDR Display and Computational Camera Technology

ttps://vccimaging.org/People/heidriw/



For doping lead telluride with resonant dopants increases its thermoelectric efficiency to ZT=1.7 

the https://mae.osu.edu/people/heremans.1



Mark Hoffman | University of Missouri-Kansas City

For developing strategies to integrate genomic information with electronic health records

the https://profiles.childrensmercy.org/mark-hoffman



Kaibin Huang | The University of Hong Kong

**Joseph P. Heremans** | *The Ohio State University* 

For the development of 4G and 5G technologies for multi-antenna communications and mobile edge computing

https://www.eee.hku.hk/~huangkb/



Bertram Jacobs | Arizona State University
For work in Biochemistry

the https://search.asu.edu/profile/116491



Hamid Jarfarkhani | University of California, Irvine

For inventing innovative multi-input multi-output (MIMO) technologies for wireless communications

thttps://www.ece.uci.edu/~hamidj/



15 innovative products

Shibin Jiang | The University of Arizona
For successfully founding four high-tech companies and patents as well as commercializing more than

⊕ https://www.optics.arizona.edu/our-college/full-directory/all-faculty



**Christopher S. Johnson** | *Argonne National Laboratory* 

For discovering and patenting the chemical material that goes into the Li-ion battery that powers electric vehicles

https://www.anl.gov/profile/christopher-stiles-johnson



**Sergei V. Kalinin** | *University of Tennessee, Knoxville/Pacific Northwest National Laboratory* 

For Pioneering AI-driven automated electron and scanning probe microscopy for physics discovery, materials optimization, and advancing atom-by-atom fabrication with electron beams <a href="https://me.berkeley.edu/people/homayoon-kazerooni/">https://me.berkeley.edu/people/homayoon-kazerooni/</a>



Homayoon Kazerooni | University of California, Berkeley

For founding Ekso Bionics (2005, public 2014) and suitX (acquired by Ottobock 2021), pioneering medical/industrial exoskeletons

https://me.berkeley.edu/people/homayoon-kazerooni/



**Brian G. Kierman** | New Jersey Institute of Technology

For the direction of the development and initial production of the world's first commercial digital mobile phone

## https://research.njit.edu/nai/sites/research.nai/files/Brian%20G%20Kiernan%20bio.pdf



Steven Koester | University of Minnesota

For work in Electrical Engineering

⊕ https://cse.umn.edu/ece/steven-koester



Johann Walter Kolar | ETH Zurich - Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich

For inventions that have allowed electronic links the power distribution empires created by Thomas A. Edison and George Westinghouse

## https://pes.ee.ethz.ch/education.html



Farinaz Koushanfar | *University of California*, *San Diego*For his work pioneering secure and efficient AI-based computing, co-designing AI, hardware, and cryptography for robustness, IP protection, and privacy-preservation

https://jacobsschool.ucsd.edu/people/profile/farinaz-koushanfar



**Ferenc Krausz** | *Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics, Garching, Germany* For work in Physics

tttps://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/physics/2023/summary/



**Ashok Kumar** | *University of South Florida*For work in Materials Science

https://www.eng.usf.edu/~kumar/



**Eren Kurshan** | *Princeton University* 

For building innovative computing solutions for mission-critical applications in cybersecurity, fraud prevention, and financial crime detection for societal good

ttps://patents.princeton.edu/people/eren-kurshan



Ioannis Kymissis | Columbia University

For working on new displays and organic semiconductor devices

https://www.ee.columbia.edu/ioannis-john-kymissis



**Klaus Lackner** | *Arizona State University* For work in Civil Engineering

## https://search.asu.edu/profile/2483273



Gregory Lanza | Washington University in St. Louis

For work in Medicine

## https://physicians.wustl.edu/people/gregory-m-lanza-md-phd/



Matthew Laskoski | U.S. Naval Research Laboratory

For encouraging the next generation of young scientists to protect their ideas using the patenting process and to work hard to develop these government technologies to distribute to the broader community

tttps://www.linkedin.com/in/matthew-laskoski-1a415585/



Chih-Kung Lee | National Taiwan University

For holding 166 patents & 144 papers from National Taiwan University

ttps://www.iam.ntu.edu.tw/en/facilities-en/169-en/%E6%9C%AC%E6%89%80%E6%88%90%E5%93%A1-en/professor-info-2/1294-chih-kung-lee-3



**Hui (Helen)** Li | *Florida State University*For work in Electrical Engineering

⊕ https://web1.eng.famu.fsu.edu/~li/



Hai Li | Duke University

Contributions in neuromorphic computing and machine learning acceleration that advance the AI systems

the https://ece.duke.edu/people/hai-helen-li/



Wenbin Lin | *University of Chicago*For work in Chemistry

⊕ https://chemistry.uchicago.edu/faculty/wenbin-lin



 $\label{lem:walter In Lipkin} \textbf{Walter Ian Lipkin} \mid \textit{Columbia University}$  For development of tools for infectious disease diagnosis, surveillance and discovery in clinical medicine and public health

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**Xuedong Liu** | *University of Colorado Boulder* 

For advancing cancer therapeutics, notably in precision oncology, and pioneering innovative drug delivery system

## https://www.colorado.edu/biochemistry/xuedong-liu



**Devinder Mahajan** | Stony Brook University

For monetizing small gas fields by highly efficient conversion to liquid fuels in skid-mounted units type://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/matscieng/people/\_core/devinder\_mahajan



Abhijit Mahalanobis | The University of Arizona

For invention of methods for target detection and recognition for security and surveillance applications thttps://www.crcv.ucf.edu/person/abhijit-mahalanobis/



Stanton F. McHardy | The University of Texas at San Antonio

For discovering small molecule drugs that went into advanced clinical trials to help patients

thttps://lsom.uthscsa.edu/mimg/team-member/stanton-f-mchardy-ph-d/



Michael Mclaughlin | The University of Adelaide

For developing improved fertilizers to enhance crop and animal nutrition to feed and improve the health of a growing world population

tttps://www.adelaide.edu.au/directory/michael.mclaughlin



Shawn A. Mehlenbacher | Oregon State University

For creating new hazelnut cultivars led to a tripling of the acreage in Oregon, and plantings in Chile and Europe

https://horticulture.oregonstate.edu/users/shawn-mehlenbacher



**Charles L. Melcher** | *The University of Tennessee, Knoxville* 

For his medical imaging invention (LSO scintillator) is now helping patients world-wide

ttps://ne.utk.edu/people/charles-l-melcher/



**Tommaso Melodia** | *Northeastern University* 

For work in Computer Engineering

tttps://ece.northeastern.edu/wineslab/tmelodia.php



**Rajesh Menon** | *The University of Utah* 

For revolutionizing imaging with computational multimodal optics, leveraging full photon properties for breakthroughs in science, industry, and technology

ttps://profiles.faculty.utah.edu/u0676529



**Theodore Moise** | *The University of Texas at Dallas* 

For developing along with his team, a low-power memory technology that enables 100x faster data storage than conventional approaches

https://ntxsi.utdallas.edu/contact-us/



**David Morse** | H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute

For the development of a targeted alpha-particle therapy for effective treatment of metastatic uveal melanoma

https://www.moffitt.org/research-science/researchers/david-morse/



Javad Mostaghimi | University of Toronto

For the development of a conical ICP torch for trace element analysis saving over 2 M liters of argon/year; Air-cooled interface for ICP-Mass Spectrometer

https://www.mie.utoronto.ca/faculty\_staff/mostaghimi/



Naima Moustaid-Moussa | Texas Tech University

For significant work in health and economic impacts of metabolic diseases , as millions suffer or die each year from these illnesses

ttps://www.depts.ttu.edu/hs/ns/moustaid-moussa.php



**Christopher Murray** | *University of Pennsylvania* 

For work in Chemistry

https://www.chem.upenn.edu/profile/christopher-b-murray



**Tina M. Nenoff** | Sandia National Laboratories

For the translation of basic research to commercialization of crystalline silicotitanates to clean radioactive Cesium from the nuclear accident at Fukushima Daiichi

## https://www.sandia.gov/research/area/materials-and-advanced-manufacturing-clone-3/people/tina-m-nenoff/



Gabriele Neumann | University of Wisconsin-Madison

For work in Veterinary Medicine

https://www.vetmed.wisc.edu/people/gabrielle-neumann/



**Kytai T. Nguyen** | *The University of Texas at Arlington* 

For development of novel nanoparticles and drug delivery systems to treat cancers, cardiovascular diseases, and lung disorders

https://www.uta.edu/academics/faculty/profile?user=knguyen



**Michael Niederweis** | *The University of Alabama at Birmingham* 

For discovering the channel protein MspA which was used to demonstrate that sequencing of DNA with nanopores is feasible

## https://apps.medicine.uab.edu/FacultyDirectory/FacultyData.asp?FID=17935



**Thomas Nosker** | *Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey* 

For work in Materials Science

https://mse.rutgers.edu/thomas-nosker



Rafail Ostrovsky | University of California, Los Angeles

For inventing numerous fundamental cryptographic algorithms including Oblivious RAM, single-server Private Infomration Retrieval, Garbled RAM

ttps://web.cs.ucla.edu/~rafail/



**Cynthia Owsley** | The University of Alabama at Birmingham

For work in Medicine

ttps://www.uab.edu/medicine/ophthalmology/faculty/owsley



Cengiz Ozkan | University of California, Riverside

For groundbreaking innovations in materials design for batteries, supercapacitors, and semiconductor devices, revolutionizing energy storage, electronics, and advancing technology commercialization <a href="https://profiles.ucr.edu/app/home/profile/cozkan">https://profiles.ucr.edu/app/home/profile/cozkan</a>



#### Makarand Paranjape | Georgetown University

For developing patient-friendly dermal patch technologies for non-invasively sensing blood-borne biomolecules, without drawing blood, and passively delivering drugs transdermally

https://physics.georgetown.edu/makarand-paranjape/



**Dan Peer** | *Tel Aviv University* 

For pioneering work in the field of systemic, cell specific delivery of RNA payloads using targeted lipid nanoparticles

https://english.tau.ac.il/vp\_research\_and\_development



**Yuri Karl Peterson** | *Medical University of South Carolina* 

For leading drug discovery efforts that accelerate and reduce the cost of finding therapies by integrating chemistry, biology, and computing

https://education.musc.edu/MUSCApps/FacultyDirectory/Peterson-Yuri



Konstantin Petrukhin | Columbia University

For work in Opthamology

https://www.vagelos.columbia.edu/profile/konstantin-petrukhin-phd/



Wellington Pham | Vanderbilt University

For the integration of medicinal chemistry with biomarker imaging for personalized and precision medicine

https://engineering.vanderbilt.edu/bio/?pid=wellington-pham



**Edwin Piner** | *Texas State University* 

For Innovating the fundamental materials that enabled commercialization of the multi-billion dollar III-nitride on silicon power electronics industry

ttps://faculty.txst.edu/profile/1922595



**Darrin Pochan** | *University of Delaware* 

For work in Engineering

tttps://www.dbi.udel.edu/biographies/darrin-j-pochan



Francisco Quintana | Harvard University

For identifying mechanisms that regulate the immune system, developing new tools for its investigation and therapies for human diseases

ttps://www.brighamandwomens.org/research/labs-and-projects/quintana/overview



Muhammad Rabnawaz | Michigan State University

For enabling zero-waste packaging through innovations in plastic and paper packaging materials

## https://www.canr.msu.edu/people/rabnawaz-muhammad



P. Srirama Rao | Virginia Commonwealth University

For his work amongst my various patents to co-patent technologies that advanced to clinical trials and received CE mark approval

https://research.vcu.edu/about/vp-for-research-and-innovation/



Ramesh Raskar | Massachusetts Institute of Technology
For work in Electrical Engineering

thttps://web.media.mit.edu/~raskar/



**Edward Ratner** | *University of Houston* 

For developing technology that underlies video streaming today by changing video quality in real-time based on the connection speed

https://dot.egr.uh.edu/programs/undergraduate/computer-information-systems/faculty/?l=ratner&f=ed



Jeff Reed | Virginia Tech

For developing new systems for managing the electromagnetic spectrum that allows for spectrum sharing  $\oplus$  https://reed.wireless.vt.edu



Fan Ren | University of Florida

For work in Chemical Engineering

the https://che.ufl.edu/people/faculty/name/fan-ren/



**Catherine L. Riddle** | *Idaho National Laboratory* 

For technology will save lives during a radiological disaster: Codeac (Colorimetric Detection of Actinides)

ttps://www.nsta.org/science-teacher/science-teacher-novemberdecember-2021/radiochemist-catherine-riddle



Guillermo Risatti | University of Connecticut

For work in Veterinary Medicine

https://cuba.uconn.edu/person/guillermo-risatti/



**Carol Robinson** | *University of Oxford* 

For designing a mass spectrometer that enabled a new phase for structural biology

ttps://www.chem.ox.ac.uk/people/dame-carol-robinson



Cliona Mary Rooney | Baylor College of Medicine

For pioneering the clinical use of virus-specific T-cells for the treatment of cancer

ttps://www.bcm.edu/people-search/cliona-rooney-29800



**Alberto Salleo** | *Stanford University* 

For contributing to the development of the fundamental understanding and technological advances in polymers for optoelectronics and electrochemistry

https://mse.stanford.edu/people/alberto-salleo



**Richard Samulski** | The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

For work in Pharmacology

https://www.med.unc.edu/pharm/directory/r-jude-samulski-phd/



Gaurav N. Sant | University of California, Los Angeles

For translating carbon management technologies from the bench- to commercial scales

https://samueli.ucla.edu/people/gaurav-sant/



**Edward Sargent** | Northwestern University

For developing and commercializing new materials for light sensing and for solar energy conversion

## https://chemistry.northwestern.edu/people/core-faculty/profiles/ted-sargent.html



**Charles Shoemaker** | *Tufts University* 

For the advanced discovery and application of camelid single-domain antibodies as components of immunotherapeutics

ttps://facultyprofiles.tufts.edu/charles-shoemaker



Daniel Siegwart | The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

For pioneering the discovery and development of lipid nanoparticles for delivery of genetic medicines

thttps://profiles.utsouthwestern.edu/profile/133851/daniel-siegwart.html



Neal Sikka | The George Washington University

For inventing medical devices that improve the patient experience

the https://gwdocs.com/profile/neal-sikka



Blake Simmons | Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

For discovery and demonstration of novel biomass deconstruction and conversion technologies

thttps://biosciences.lbl.gov/profiles/blake-simmons/



Rajesh Singh | Morehouse School of Medicine

For research exploring cancer, nanotechnology, and chemokines to improve therapeutic outcomes and overall survival for cancer patients

# https://www.msm.edu/about\_us/FacultyDirectory/MicrobiologyBiochemistryImmunology/RajeshSingh/index.php



Anand Sivasubramaniam | The Pennsylvania State University

For work in Power Management of Datacenters and High-end Computer Systems

thtps://www.cse.psu.edu/~axs53/



**Yiqiao Song** | *Harvard University* 

For working on novel nuclear magnetic resonance instruments, methodology, and diverse applications tttps://www.nmr.mgh.harvard.edu/user/6975



**Vivek Sujan** | Oak Ridge National Laboratory

For pioneering disruptive automotive technologies in telematics and zero emissions, driving industry innovation toward smarter, cleaner, and more efficient mobility

## https://www.ornl.gov/sites/default/files/2021-08/resume\_sujan\_cummins\_2021\_wPublications.pdf



Nian Xiang Sun | Northeastern University

For innovations in integrated magnetic and magnetoelectric materials and microsystems

https://coe.northeastern.edu/people/sun-nian-xiang/



**Zhaoli Sun** | *Johns Hopkins University* 

For pioneering MRG-001, a novel immunoregulatory and regenerative therapy in Phase II clinical trials for diseases lacking effective treatments

https://profiles.hopkinsmedicine.org/provider/zhaoli-sun/2776996



Yang Tao | University of Maryland, College Park

For developing machine vision-guided automation and smart manufacturing technologies to enhance quality, safety, and efficiency across bioengineering, food and agricultural automation

ttps://bioe.umd.edu/clark/faculty/222/Yang-Tao



**Ravi Thadhani** | *Emory University* 

For developing the first diagnostic test for preeclampsia, a major cause of maternal and fetal mortality, approved by the FDA

ttps://whsc.emory.edu/about/leadership/bios/thadhani-ravi.html



**Voon-Yew (Aaron) Thean** | *National University of Singapore* 

For semiconductor innovation that enabled the world's first SiGe logic transistors introduced into high-volume consumer electronics in 2009

ttps://cde.nus.edu.sg/ece/staff/aaron-voon-yew-thean/



**Ashley Parkinson Thrall** | *University of Notre Dame* 

For building the Kinetic Structures Laboratory where she investigates the behavior of modular, rapidly constructible, and deployable structures

ttps://athrall.nd.edu



Martin Thuo | North Carolina State University

For frugal innovations like Heat-free/low temperature solders and seed lubricants

https://mse.ncsu.edu/people/mthuo/



**Theo T. Tsotsis** | *University of Southern California* 

For the development of high temperature membrane reactors and the advancement of novel carbon capture and utilization technologies

https://viterbi.usc.edu/directory/faculty/Tsotsis/Theodore



Francisco Valero-Cuevas | University of Southern California

For creating practical solutions to improve health and wellbeing

https://pt.usc.edu/faculty/francisco-valero-cuevas-phd/



Omid Veiseh | Rice University

For developing and commercializing encapsulated cell-based therapeutics for the treatment of metabolic diseases, cancer, Type-1 diabetes, and other autoimmune disorders

ttps://profiles.rice.edu/faculty/omid-veiseh



**Victor Veliadis** | *North Carolina State University* 

For Commercialization of energy efficient SiC and GaN power devices and electronics, which bring substantial economic growth and harmful emissions reductions

https://ece.ncsu.edu/people/jvveliad/



**Uzi Vishkin** | *University of Maryland, College Park* 

For integrated general-purpose architecture accelerator inventions support the parallel algorithms theory he previously co-founded, impacting Billions of desktops and laptops

thttps://ece.umd.edu/clark/faculty/491/Uzi-Vishkin



**Edmund Waller** | *Emory University* 

For inventing a novel immunotherapy drug that blocks an immune checkpoint pathway and activates T cells to eradicate cancer

tttps://winshipcancer.emory.edu/profiles/waller-edmund.php



**Angela Wandinger-Ness** | *The University of New Mexico* 

For demonstration of GTPase enzymes as drug targets for cancer and infectious diseases

https://hsc.unm.edu/directory/wandinger-ness-angela.html



Grace J. Wang | Worcester Polytechnic Institute

For playing an integral role in the R&D of computer hard disk drives, achieving significant increase of data storage capacity

ttps://www.wpi.edu/news/grace-jinliu-wang-phd-named-worcester-polytechnic-institute-s-17th-president



**Guoan Wang** | *University of South Carolina* 

For contributions in the advancement of semiconductor and RF technologies addressing challenges related to spectrum, power, and size efficiency

# https://sc.edu/study/colleges\_schools/engineering\_and\_computing/faculty-staff/wangguoan.php



Dean C. Webster | North Dakota State University

For coatings systems with reduced environmental and health impact

thttps://www.ndsu.edu/faculty/dewebste/



**Di Wei** | *University of Cambridge*For pioneering nanoengineering contributions, created innovative nano-hierarchical designs

advancing iontronics in energy and information technologies 
ttps://www.cpds.eng.cam.ac.uk/staff/professor-di-wei-0



Marc Steven Weinberg | Draper Laboratory (CDSL)

For first silicon micromachined gyroscope started commercial sensor revolution applied to smartphones, automobiles, drones, aerospace, virtual reality, cameras, machinery, medical, oil-exploration

ttps://ieeexplore.ieee.org/author/37322787100



**Ulrich Wiesner** | *Cornell University* 

For work in Chemical Engineering

https://www.mse.cornell.edu/faculty-directory/uli-b-wiesner



**Hugh E. Williams** | *RMIT University* 

For co-inventing Infinite Scroll while at Microsoft in the early 2000s

https://hughewilliams.com/shortbio/



**Peter Wipf** | *University of Pittsburgh* 

For natural products total synthesis, developing new chemical methods and potential therapeutics, including a PI-3 kinase inhibitor that reached clinical trials

https://www.chem.pitt.edu/person/peter-wipf



Gary E. Wnek | Case Western Reserve University

For his accomplishments are directly traced to students and colleagues over many years. He is grateful for their creativity, engagement and friendship

ttps://case.edu/engineering/about/faculty-and-staff-directory/gary-wnek



Jang-Yen Wu | Florida Atlantic University

For the development of mechanism-based therapeutic intervention for neurological diseases including stroke, Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease

https://www.fau.edu/medicine/directory/jang-yen-wu/



**Wei Wu** | *University of Southern California* 

For being a prolific inventor with 121 issued U.S. Patents with 10 of the patents being licensed to three different startup companies

## https://viterbi.usc.edu/directory/faculty/Wu/Wei



**Younan Xia** | *Georgia Institute of Technology* 

For inventing myriad nanomaterials for applications in catalysis, energy conversion, environmental protection, electronics, photonics, display, nanomedicine, and regenerative medicine

ttps://chemistry.gatech.edu/people/younan-xia



Longya Xu | The Ohio State University

For the invention of clean, efficient, and smart energy-power technologies to make our society better and sustainable

thttps://ece.osu.edu/news/2023/02/ece-professor-longya-xu-elected-2023-national-academy-engineering-cohort



Zhen Xu | University of Michigan

For inventing the first non-invasive, mechanical technology (histotripsy) that uses ultrasound to perform incisionless surgery for cancer treatment

https://bme.umich.edu/people/xu-zhen/



Mengsu (Michael) Yang | City University of Hong Kong

For innovative research and pioneering development of advanced microfluidics and biosensor technologies that significantly enhance early disease detection and personalized medicine

# https://scholars.cityu.edu.hk/en/persons/m-yang%28740ae7ac-ccc4-4569-857f-31d9dfc2ef89%29.html



Yang Yang | University of California, Los Angeles

For accelerating innovation in organic and perovskite photovoltaics, bridging the gap from laboratory breakthroughs to market deployment

https://samueli.ucla.edu/people/yang-yang/



Jianhua Yu | University of California, Irvine

For seminal contributions to advancing innate immune cell-based cancer immunotherapy and oncolytic virotherapy

https://www.faculty.uci.edu/profile/?facultyId=7295



**Carlos A. Zarate Jr.** | *National Institutes of Health* 

For his work with ketamine, which led to the approval of esketamine by the FDA

## https://www.nimh.nih.gov/research/research-conducted-at-nimh/principal-investigators/carlos-zarate



**Ji-Guang (Jason) Zhang** | Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

For Developing a new concept of electrolyte design (Localized High Concentration Electrolytes) that enables high efficiency operation of rechargeable batteries

https://www.pnnl.gov/people/jason-zhang



**Junshan Zhang** | *University of California, Davis* 

For leadership in edge AI and wireless networks, who has developed data-driven technology innovations for various IoT applications

https://faculty.engineering.ucdavis.edu/jzhang/



**Zhongfei (Mark) Zhang** | Binghamton University, State University of New York
For work in Computer Science

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**Min Zou** | *University of Arkansas* 

For developing patented technologies that improved renewable energy, reduced industrial friction, and supported cycling, driving economic growth and creating high-tech jobs

https://engineering.uark.edu/mechanical-engineering/



**Karen J.L. Burg, Ph.D.** | Vice President for Research, University of Georgia, Harbor Lights Endowed Chair, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia, AAAS-Lemelson Invention Ambassador, NAI Fellow, NAI Board Member

Karen J.L. Burg, Ph.D. was named Vice President for Research in 2021. She holds the Harbor Lights Chair in Small Animal Studies in the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Georgia (UGA). Prior to joining UGA, she served as vice president for research and professor of chemical engineering at Kansas State University. Honors to Karen include the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, the inaugural Swiss AO Research Prize, recognition as an American Association for the Advancement of Science-Lemelson Invention Ambassador, an American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellow, an American Council on Education Fellow, an American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering Fellow, a Biomedical Engineering Society Fellow, an International Union of Societies for Biomaterials Science and Engineering Fellow, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology TR Young Innovator, a National Academy of Inventors Fellow, and a US Department of Defense Era of Hope Scholar. Karen is the inventor of record of eight issued patents, with licenses serving as the foundation for a thriving diagnostics company. Karen served as a member of the United States delegation for the 2017 Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) in Hyderabad, India and as alumna ambassador for the 2019 GES in The Hague, The Netherlands.



**Kevin C. Cooke, Ph.D.** | Director of Research Policy, Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU)

Cooke works with the senior research officers of the APLU Council on Research to develop understanding and strategy in response to federal government policies and regulations affecting research and innovation programs and to share information and best practices for the administration of university research operations. Previously, Dr. Cooke was selected as an American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Science and Technology Policy Fellow and worked at the National Science Foundation. He provided program analyses for the strategic visioning of the Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR), an NSF program designed to address the nation's geographic diversity of R&D spending. Dr. Cooke's academic experience includes researching the growth of massive, star-forming galaxies over cosmic time using images and spectra from ground- and space-based telescope facilities, such as the Hubble Space Telescope. He also has a passion for science communication, having worked in the U.S. Space and Rocket Center educating the public on the value of the space race and public investment in R&D. Dr. Cooke earned his Ph.D. in Astrophysical Sciences and Technology from the Rochester Institute of Technology.



**Elizabeth Lea Dougherty, J.D.** | Eastern Regional Outreach Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, HonNAI, NAI Board Member

As the Eastern Regional Outreach Director for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), Elizabeth Dougherty carries out the strategic direction of the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the USPTO, and is responsible for leading the USPTO's East Coast stakeholder engagement. Focusing on the region and actively engaging with the community, Ms. Dougherty ensures the USPTO's initiatives and programs are tailored to the region's unique ecosystem of industries and stakeholders. Ms. Dougherty has more than 25 years of experience working at the USPTO. She served as the Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the USPTO. In this role, she worked closely across the Agency's leadership to implement the policies and priorities for the USPTO. She began her career at the USPTO as a patent examiner after graduating from The Catholic University of America with a bachelor's degree in physics. While a patent examiner, Ms. Dougherty went on to obtain her J.D. from The Columbus School of Law at The Catholic University of America and served as a Senior Legal Advisor in the Office of Patent Legal Administration for a significant part of her career. Over the years, she has also served in the USPTO's Office of Petitions, the Office of Innovation Development, and the Office of Government Affairs.

Ms. Dougherty has dedicated much of her career to the USPTO's outreach and education programs focusing on small businesses, startups and entrepreneurs. In this effort she has developed, implemented, and supervised programs that support the independent inventor community, small businesses, entrepreneurs, and the intellectual property interests of colleges and universities. Similarly Ms. Dougherty has spearheaded a number of special projects with federal, state and local governments, and private organizations to promote and support invention and innovation in the United States.

Ms. Dougherty is a member of the Virginia Bar, the Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court, the Pauline Newman American Inn of Court, the American Bar Association, the Federal Circuit Bar Association, the American Intellectual Property Law Association, the Patent and Trademark Office Society, the Supervisory Patent Examiners and Classifiers Organization, Women in Science and Engineering, Federally Employed Women, and the Network of Executive Women.



**Louis J. Foreman** | Founder and Chief Executive, Enventys

Louis Foreman is founder and Chief Executive of Enventys (www.enventys.com), an integrated product design and engineering firm. Louis graduated from The University of Illinois with a degree in Economics. Over the past 35 years Louis has created 10 successful start-ups and has been directly responsible for the creation of over 20 others. A prolific inventor, he is the inventor of 10 registered US Patents, and his firm is responsible for the development and filing of hundreds more. The recipient of numerous awards for entrepreneurial achievement, his passion for small business extends beyond his own companies. Louis is an Assistant Professor of the Practice in the Entrepreneurship Program at Wake Forest University. Louis is an adjunct professor and the Entrepreneur in Residence at The McColl School of Business and was the 2013 Distinguished Visiting Professor at Johnson & Wales University, where he continues to teach. He also teaches IP for Entrepreneurs at Central Michigan. He was recognized by the National Museum of Education for his Distinguished Contributions to Education. He is a frequent lecturer and radio / TV guest on the topics of small business creation and innovation.

In addition to being an inventor, Louis is also committed to inspiring others to be innovative. Louis was the creator of the Emmy\* Award winning PBS TV show, Everyday Edisons, and served as the Executive Producer and lead judge. The show won 2 Emmys in 4 seasons and appeared nationally on PBS. In 2007, Louis became the publisher of Inventors Digest, a 35- year-old publication devoted to the topic of American Innovation. In 2009, his first book, The Independent Inventor's Handbook, was published by Workman Publishing. In 2015, Louis was awarded the IP Champion Award by the US Chamber of Commerce. In June of 2022, Louis was inducted into the International IP Hall of Fame. He is a board member of the Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO), The Federal Reserve Bank Industry Roundtable, Beyond Campus Innovations, Cryptyde, the Intellectual Property Owners Educational Foundation (IPOEF), and the advisory board of Park National Bank. In 2008, Louis was appointed by United States Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez to serve for a three-year term on the nine-person Patent Public Advisory Committee (PPAC) of the United States Patent and Trademark Office and was appointed to serve an additional three-year term. The Committee was created by Congress in 1999 to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office on matters relating to the policies, goals, performance, budget, and user fees of the patent operation. In 2013 he was asked to serve as Chairman of PPAC until the end of his term in December 2014. In 2011 Louis was called upon, multiple times, to brief the House and Senate Judiciary Committees on legislation related to the US Patent System and its impact on independent inventors. On September 16, 2011, Louis joined the President on-stage for the signing of the America Invents Act into law. This bi-partisan effort represented the most comprehensive overhaul to the US Patent System in over 60 years.



**Kate Hudson** | Deputy Vice President and Counsel for Government Relations and Public Policy, Association of American Universities, HonNAI

Kate Hudson serves as the Deputy Vice President and Counsel for Policy and Federal Relations, her portfolio includes intellectual property, technology transfer, open and public access, data privacy, and copyright issues. In addition, she supports AAU's policy and federal relations work in areas that require legal expertise, such as tax issues related to research, labor and employment, research security policy, higher education Title IX issues, and other regulatory matters important to America's leading research universities. Kate also leads AAU's General Counsels (GC) constituent group and Intellectual Property & Tech Transfer Task Force. She is a former federal agency attorney, serving at the Government Accountability Office, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, and the U.S. General Services Administration as senior counsel.



**Robert S. Langer, Sc.D.** | National Medal of Technology and Innovation Recipient, National Medal of Science Recipient, National Inventors Hall of Fame Inductee, NAI Fellow, David H. Koch Institute, Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Robert S. Langer is the David H. Koch Institute Professor at MIT (there are 13 Institute Professors at MIT; being an Institute Professor is the highest honor that can be awarded to a faculty member). He has written more than 1,400 articles. He also has over 1,300 issued and pending patents worldwide. His many awards include the United States National Medal of Science, the United States National Medal of Technology and Innovation, the Charles Stark Draper Prize (considered the engineering Nobel Prize), Albany Medical Center Prize (largest US medical prize), the Wolf Prize for Chemistry and the Lemelson-MIT prize, for being "one of history's most prolific inventors in medicine." Langer is one of the very few individuals ever elected to the National Academy of Medicine, the National Academy of Engineering, the National Academy of Inventors and the National Academy of Sciences. Society, the Supervisory Patent Examiners and Classifiers Organization, Women in Science and Engineering, Federally Employed Women, and the Network of Executive Women.



**Cato T. Laurencin, M.D., Ph.D.** | *University Professor & Albert and Wilda Van Dusen, Distinguished Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, University of Connecticut, NAI Fellow, NAI Board Member* 

Cato T. Laurencin, M.D., Ph.D. is the University Professor and Albert and Wilda Van Dusen Distinguished Endowed Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Connecticut. A surgeon-engineer-scientist, he is Professor of Chemical, Materials, and Biomedical Engineering at UConn. He serves as Chief Executive Officer of the Connecticut Convergence Institute for Translation in Regenerative Engineering, at UConn Health. He earned his B.S.E. in Chemical Engineering from Princeton University, his M.D., Magna Cum Laude, from the Harvard Medical School, and his Ph.D. in Biochemical Engineering/Biotechnology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Laurencin has produced seminal research and technologies on nanotechnology and tissue regeneration, polymer/ceramic systems for bone regeneration, and biomaterials for soft tissue regeneration. Dr. Laurencin is a pioneer of the field of Regenerative Engineering. He received the NIH Director's Pioneer Award, and the National Science Foundation's Emerging Frontiers in Research and Innovation Grant Award for this field. For his work he has received singular honors including the American Association for the Advancement of Science Philip Hauge Abelson Prize given 'for signal contributions to the advancement of science in the United States', the Simon Ramo Founder's Award from the National Academy of Engineering and the Walsh McDermott Prize from the National Academy of Medicine. He is the first in history to win all three of these awards. Dr. Laurencin is a world leader in invention and innovation, and he is the recipient of the National Medal of Technology and Innovation, America's highest award for technological achievement, award by President Barack Obama in ceremonies at the White House.



Andrew J. Maas, AUTM | AUTM / Immediate Past Chair (2024)

Andy is the Assistant Vice President – Technology Transfer Discovery to Impact Team at The University of Texas at Austin. He has more than 20 years of experience in technology licensing and commercialization.

Andy's activities have taken him from an engineering startup where he built a company from two to 14 employees to academic roles in both university and research foundation settings.

Currently, Andy manages a team within the University of Texas Discovery to Impact supporting Intellectual Property Management, Licensing, Business Development, Collaborative Research, and Legal Strategies.

Prior to his role at UT Austin, Andy was the Associate Vice President for Research over the office Innovation and Ecosystem Development where he was responsible for all technology commercialization, small business support, incubation, acceleration, and SBIR/STTR activities of the LSU Flagship campus in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. At LSU, Andy was the Principal Investigator for a \$160M NSF Engine award, Future Use of Energy in Louisiana (FUEL), brought together 65+ partners across the state and over 165 individuals during the ideation, planning, development and submission process. In addition to the \$160M from the NSF, Louisiana Economic Development committed \$67.5M to support the program.

Andy has been involved in the AUTM Valuation Committee as a Member since 2015 and the Chair from 2016 to 2020.



Arthur Molella, Director Emeritus | Director Emeritus, Smithsonian Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention & Innovation

Arthur P. Molella, Ph.D., was the founding director, now emeritus, of the Smithsonian Institution's Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation at the National Museum of American History. He received his Ph.D. in the history of science from Cornell University and a Doctor of Science, honoris causa, from Westminster University, U.K (2005). At the National Museum of American History, he served variously as curator of electricity, chairman of the Department of History of Science and Technology, and assistant director for History. At Johns Hopkins University, he has served as Senior Lecturer, Dept. History of Science, and currently Lecturer M.A. in Museum Studies, On-Line, Advanced Academic Programs. He was head curator of the Smithsonian's Science in American Life exhibition, co-curator of the international exhibition, Nobel Voices. He has published and lectured widely on the history of science, invention, technology, and modern technological culture. His most recent books include Places of Invention (Smithsonian, 2015), World's Fairs on the Eve of War (Pittsburgh, 2015), World's Fairs in the Cold War (Pittsburgh, 2019). In addition to serving on the Executive Advisory Board of the National Academy of Inventors, he is on the board of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame. He received the 2020 Leonardo da Vinci Medal of the Society for the History of Technology, the international society's highest award.



**Rini Paiva** | Executive Vice President for Selection and Recognition, National Inventors Hall of Fame

Rini Paiva is the Executive Vice President for Selection and Recognition, National Inventors Hall of Fame (NIHF). In this role, she oversees the annual Inductee Selection process for the NIHF, working with a wide-ranging group of experts in science, technology, engineering, intellectual property, and history to ultimately recognize the world's foremost patented inventors for their life-changing and innovative work. In addition, Paiva facilitates the Collegiate Inventors Competition (CIC), which brings recognition to the country's outstanding college students who create the technologies that shape the future. Both the NIHF and the CIC are dedicated to recognizing and fostering invention, creativity, and entrepreneurship. Paiva also provides oversight for the NIHF Museum in Alexandria, Virginia, which features the life-changing Inductees of the NIHF and demonstrates the power of intellectual property and innovation. Also integral to her work is encouraging NIHF Inductees to be involved in the organization's education programs, Camp Invention and Invention Project, so that they may serve as inspiration, encouragement, and examples to younger generations. With the National Inventors Hall of Fame since 1995, Paiva is an authority on the topic of U.S. invention.



**Laura Savatki, MBA, CLP, RTTP** | Executive Director Innovation, University of Louisville, Past Chair, AUTM

Laura directs innovation development efforts for the University of Louisville. In this role, her team is responsible for technology identification & protection, commercialization, and partnership development. Laura has a diverse background as a research scientist, entrepreneur, and start-up advisor, and broad experience bringing inventions to market. Laura's early career in medical research focused on vaccine trials, stem cell biology, transplant/oncology, and cellular assays. Her past roles include Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Prodesse, a company she co-founded, which makes molecular infectious disease diagnostic products (now as part of Hologic). Laura has served on the board for the Alliance of Technology Transfer Professionals (ATTP) which confers the Registered Technology Transfer Professional credential for the profession. She is completing her service as the immediate past Chair of AUTM, the leading association for technology transfer.



**Denise Zannino, Ph.D.** | *Science Policy and Communications Analyst, National Science Foundation* 

Denise Zannino, Ph.D. is a Science Policy and Communications Analyst at the National Science Foundation in the Office of Legislative and Public Affairs. In this capacity she is responsible for internal communications and strategic visioning, project management for special events such as press conferences and symposiums, and general science outreach and communications projects. Prior to this role Denise was a AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellow in the same office. Denise earned her Ph.D. in neuroscience from Vanderbilt University, and a BS in biology and psychology from James Madison University. She is passionate about utilizing her scientific background and experience in biomedical research to communicate science to a varied range of audiences including the public, media, and other scientists, and to promote scientific programs, outreach, and awareness.

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Honoring the lives of the prolific NAI Fellows we lost during the past year



Donald L. Bitzer 1934-2024 North Carolina State University NAI Fellow Class of 2017



**Roy Calne** 1931-2024 *University of Cambridge* NAI Fellow Class of 2012



Arnold I. Caplan 1942-2024 Case Western Reserve University NAI Fellow Class of 2024



**Joanne Chory** 1955-2024 Salk Institute for Biological Studies Tokyo University of Agriculture NAI Fellow Class of 2017



Akira Endo 1933-2024 and Technology NAI Fellow Class of 2012



Robert "Bob" Anthony Holton 1944-2025 *Florida State University* NAI Fellow Class of 2018



Joseph S. Kalinowski 1958-2024 East Carolina University NAI Fellow Class of 2015



Joseph P. Kennedy 1928-2024 *The University of Akron* NAI Fellow Class of 2012



Michael R. Lovell 1967-2024 *Marquette University* NAI Fellow Class of 2013

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Andrew V. Schally 1926-2024 University of Miami NAI Fellow Class of 2015



Gregory Scott Schultz
1949-2024
University of Florida
NAI Fellow Class of 2020



J. Fraser Stoddart
1942-2024
The University of Hong Kong
NAI Fellow Class of 2019



Andrew M. Weiner 1958-2024 Purdue University NAI Fellow Class of 2016



S.D. Worley 1942-2024 AuburnUniversity NAI Fellow Class of 2014

