Dear Membership...

Happy September everyone and welcome back!! I am looking forward to the 2018-2019 academic year. Summer is over and we are back on track for making this a very successful and eventful year for the Women’s Council. Please help me welcome all of our new members.

Please make a plan to bring a friend to our next meeting and support our efforts with RIT. And remember, be the difference you would like to see in the world.

I’ll be with you all at the September meeting!

Warmly,

Cindy Cooper

MISSION: The Women’s Council has an impressive history of supporting RIT since 1955. Through its programs, the members of the Women’s Council will learn about RIT and be ambassadors for RIT in the larger community. The Women’s Council will raise funds to provide scholarships to RIT’s women students. The Women’s Council will actively seek to enhance the academic and campus life of RIT.
With the recent advent of “fake news” and the sheer number of imaging devices in the hands of citizen journalists and combined with the ease of image manipulation, images in the digital era have lost credibility as public trust in image truths has eroded. Additionally, government and forensic agencies must often rely on third party experts to analyze images brought in as evidence. Many media forensic algorithms require expert application and “triage”, to determine what algorithm might best be applied for a particular image to confirm its veracity.

To combat many of these issues, the government embarked on a large-scale project with several components. I am the PI or Principal Investigator for RIT’s Project Medisphere. This project’s focus is directed at creating a single, online tool for use by government and law enforcement agencies to detect if an image (or video) has been manipulated or altered. This would include a determination how it has been altered. The project (called MediFor, short for Media Forensics) involves many universities, private organizations, and contractors from all over the world.

RIT and the Photographic Sciences’ role is unique in this project, in that we are providing all of the manipulations for the other teams to test their algorithms of detection. The project currently employs eight undergraduate students for approximately 5-10 hours per week. Five of those students are from the photo sciences program, two are from motion picture sciences, and one is from the advertising photo program. We are also working with the imaging science department at RIT to assist the students to help cover their tracks” to replicate what real life manipulators with the intent to deceive might attempt.

THANK YOU FROM MARGARET’S HOUSE

Susan G. Northrup, a teacher at Margaret’s House, wrote a “thank you” to the Women’s Council of RIT on the subject of Margaret’s House Shoe Collection:

“With your help 2800 pairs of shoes were collected for the Veteran’s Outreach!!!! Thank you!! RIT is the BEST!!!”
GLASS PUMPKIN SALE: SAVE THE DATE

Proceeds support scholarships and student activities

OCTOBER MEETING — DR. JOSH OWEN: INDUSTRIAL DESIGN & METAPROJECT

Josh Owen is a designer, professor and the Chair of Industrial Design at Rochester Institute of Technology. His work has been featured at the Venice Biennale and is in the permanent design collections of the Centre Georges Pompidou, Chicago Athenaeum, Musée des Beaux-Arts de Montreal, National Museum of American Jewish History, Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Taiwan Design Museum, among others.

Significant manufacturers in the U.S. and Europe produce his award-winning home/design, furniture, and office products, which are regularly featured in design books, periodicals and in critical design discourse. Owen’s “Build” and “Meta” design academic projects have successfully pioneered integrated practice pedagogy for the field of Industrial Design.
Annual Dues are $35. If you are interested in joining, contact: Brenda Beal, 2470 East Avenue #403, Rochester, NY 14610. Email: bealb1849@gmail.com

Dues help support the Council Notes and operating expenses, Margaret’s House, the Outstanding Female Senior Student Award, and the RIT Ambulance Corps.

Additional gifts are tax deductible and may be directed to the Women’s Council Endowed Scholarship of RIT or you may direct your gift where it is most needed to support the Women’s Council of RIT.

If you wish to send a gift to the Endowed Scholarship, please contact Marisa Psaila, Executive Director of the Fund for RIT, at mxpdar@rit.edu or 585.475.4932.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

VISION

The Women’s Council will support the mission of RIT by supporting the success of RIT women students, faculty, and staff.

2018-2019 Meeting Calendar

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Topic: Fake News & Cybersecurity
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**DECEMBER 5, 2018**
Event: Holiday Tea
Location: Chatterbox Club
Performance by: Osher Chamber Music Special Interest Group (SIG)

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Topic: Center for Public Safety Initiatives
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**FEBRUARY, 2019**
No Meeting

**MARCH 20, 2019**
Guest Speaker:
Dr. Kathleen Lamkin-Kennard and students
Topic: Women Engineers of Hot Wheels
Location: Oak Hill Country Club

**APRIL 17, 2019**
Guest Speaker:
Dr. David Munson
RIT President
WCRIT Scholarship Award Presentation
Location: Liberty Hill

**MAY 15, 2019**
Guest Speaker:
Dr. Rebecca Johnson
Topic: A Look at Racial Issues in America
Location: Oak Hill Country Club

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