

# A Celebration of Teaching and Scholarship

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Excellence in Teaching

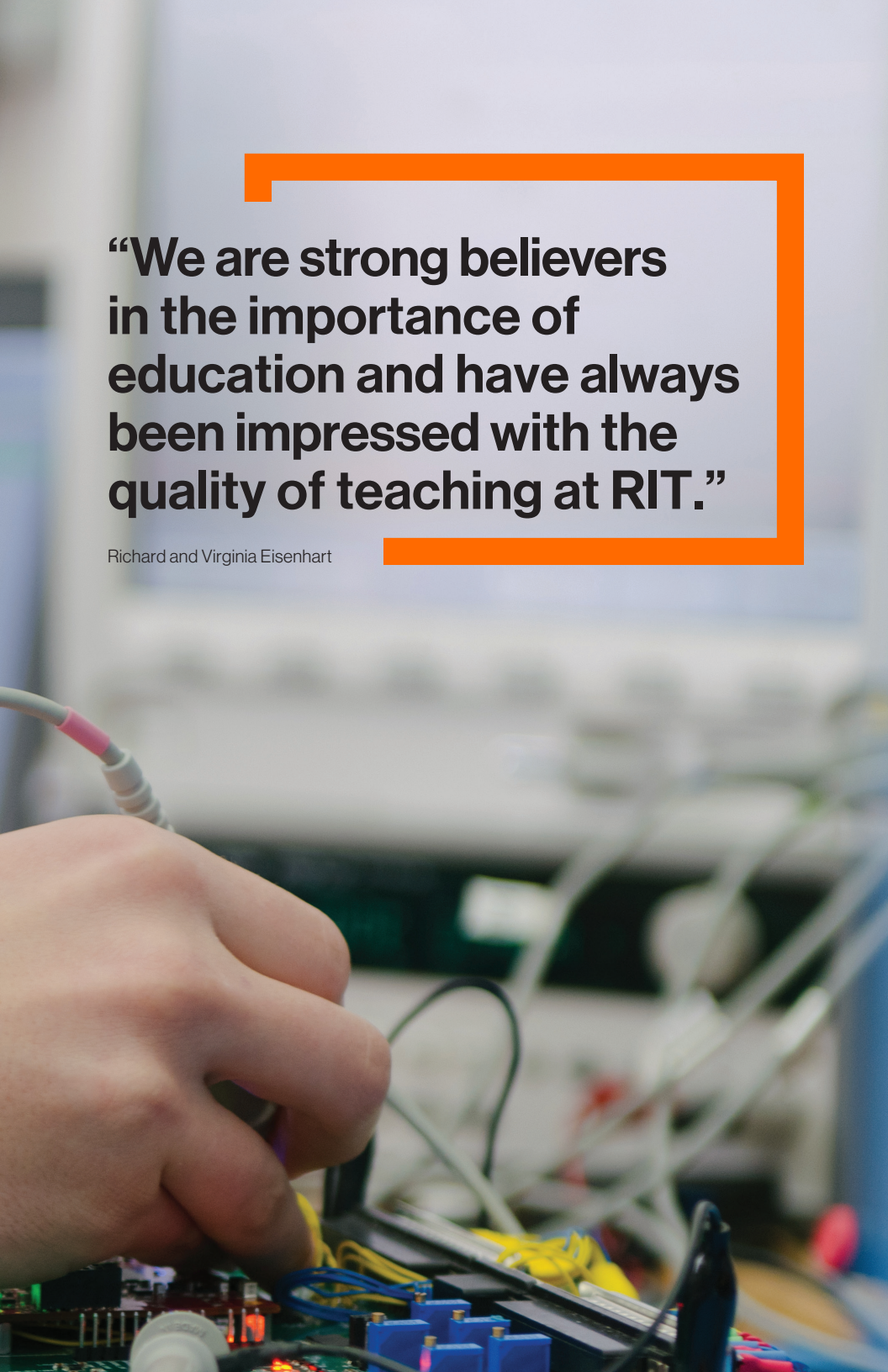
Distinguished Professor

Eisenhart Award for Outstanding Teaching

Trustees Scholarship Award

**Tuesday, April 13, 2023**  
**Rochester Institute of Technology**

**RIT**

A close-up photograph of a person's hand working on a complex electronic circuit board. The hand is holding a small component, possibly a resistor or capacitor, and is in the process of soldering it onto the board. The circuit board is populated with various electronic components, including integrated circuits, resistors, and capacitors. Several colored wires (yellow, blue, black) are connected to the board. The background is blurred, showing more of the workspace and other electronic equipment. The overall scene suggests a technical or engineering environment.

**“We are strong believers  
in the importance of  
education and have always  
been impressed with the  
quality of teaching at RIT.”**

Richard and Virginia Eisenhart

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# Program

## PRESENTATION

Ellen Granberg  
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

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## PROVOST'S OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT TEACHING AWARD

Ryan Bliss  
College of Engineering Technology  
Abdoulaye Maiga  
College of Science

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## PROVOST'S INNOVATIVE TEACHING WITH TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Shaun Foster  
College of Art and Design  
Peter Pincus  
College of Art and Design

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## PROVOST'S EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES AWARD

Bachelor of Science in ASL English Interpretation program  
National Technical Institute for the Deaf

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## PROVOST'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ADVISING

Experienced Advisor: Kara Griffith  
Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences  
New Advisor: Tabitha Vick  
Kate Gleason College of Engineering

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## PROVOST'S EXCELLENCE IN FACULTY MENTORING AWARD

Christine Kray  
College of Liberal Arts  
Blanca Lapizco-Encinas  
Kate Gleason College of Engineering

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## ISAAC L. JORDAN, SR., FACULTY PLURALISM AWARD

André O. Hudson  
College of Science

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## OUTSTANDING TEACHING AWARD FOR NON-TENURE-TRACK FACULTY

Michelle Chabot  
College of Science  
Jessamy Comer  
College of Liberal Arts

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## RICHARD AND VIRGINIA EISENHART PROVOST'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Jennifer O'Neil  
College of Engineering Technology

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## DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR

Carlos Lousto  
College of Science

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## EISENHART AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING TEACHING

Mari Jaye Blanchard  
College of Art and Design  
Clyde Eirikur Hull  
Saunders College of Business  
Jason Listman  
National Technical Institute for the Deaf  
Sharon Mason  
Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences

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## TRUSTEES SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Callie Babbitt  
Golisano Institute for Sustainability  
Jeyhan Kartaltepe  
College of Science

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## CLOSING REMARKS

David C. Munson Jr.  
RIT President





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## **Provost's Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award**



### **Ryan Bliss**

Rochester Institute of Technology  
Manufacturing and Mechanical Systems Integration,  
**College of Engineering Technology**

- MS in Manufacturing and Mechanical Systems Integration with a concentration in Robotics and Automation
- BS in Electrical Mechanical Engineering Technology
- Teaching experience includes Automation Control Systems and Robots & CNC in Integrated Manufacturing
- Industry Experience:
  - Dematic – Controls Engineering Intern
  - Texas Instruments – Equipment Engineering Intern
- Campus Involvement and Leadership:
  - Electric Vehicle Team (EVT)
  - New Student Orientation Programming Assistant
  - Undergraduate Admissions Captain
  - Lab Manager for MMET Robotics and Automation Lab
- Awards and Scholarships:
  - CET Alumni Endowed Scholarship Award (2022)
  - Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar Award (2021)
  - Joseph F. Novek Scholarship Award (2021)

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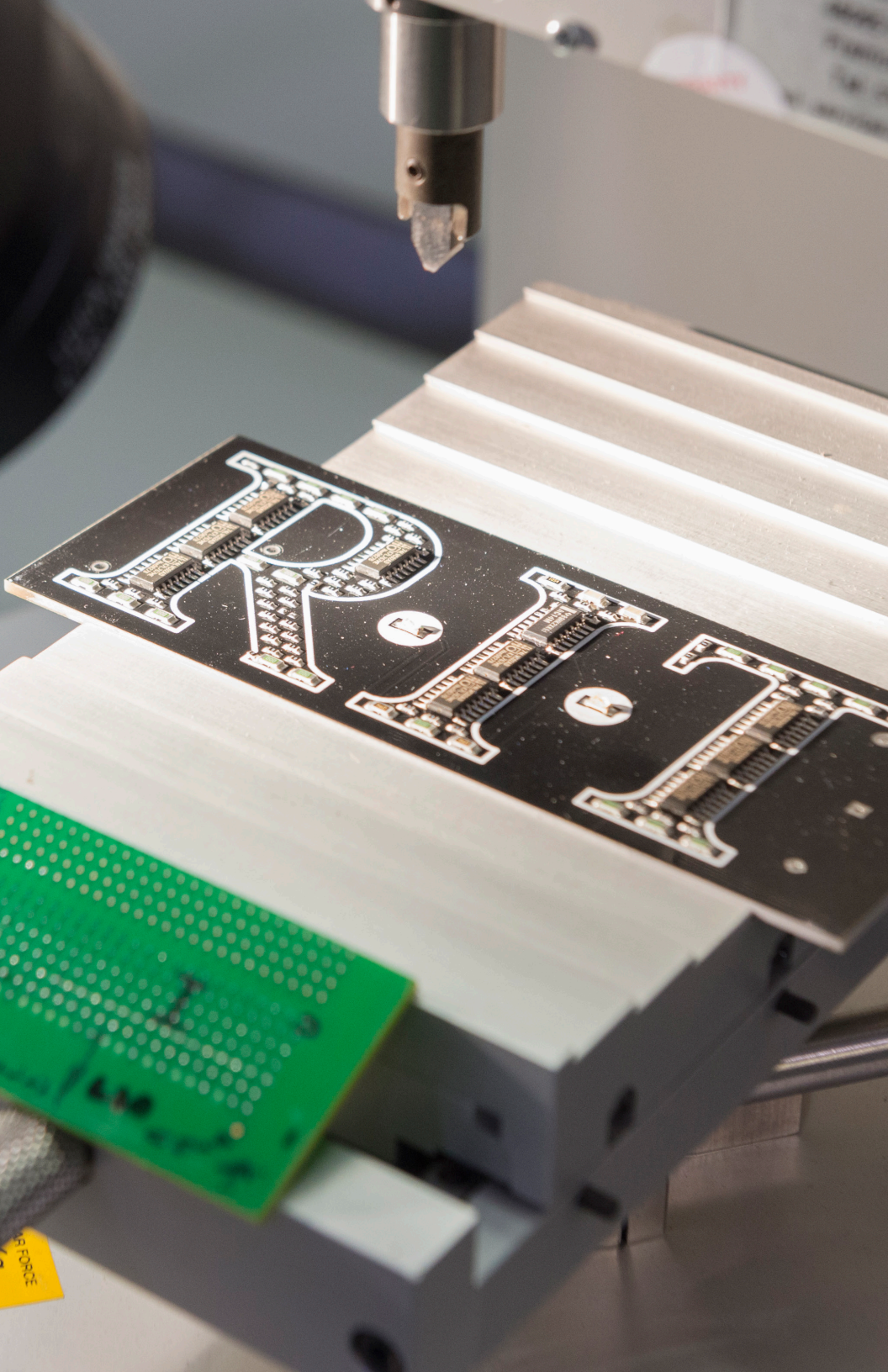


### Abdoulaye Maiga

Rochester Institute of Technology  
Mathematical Modeling,  
**College of Science**

- Ph.D., Mathematical Modeling (2020 - expected in 2025)
- Master of Science, Applied and Computational Mathematics (2020 - 2022)
- The City College of New York (CUNY) BS, Mathematics (2020)
- Awards and Scholarships:
  - School of Mathematical Sciences Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, RIT, Rochester, NY, April 2021
  - Bennington P. Gill Award, The City College of New York, New York, NY, May 2020
  - Family of Irving J. Brenner Scholarship, The City College of New York, New York, NY, May 2020
  - Rich Summer Experience Scholarship, The City College of New York, New York, NY, August 2019
  - Dr. Barnett and Jean Hollander Rich Scholarship, The City College of New York, New York, NY, January 2018, April 2019
- Teaching experience includes:
  - Recitation Instructor for Differential Equations, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, August 2021 – Present
  - Graduate Teaching Assistant for Calculus 1&2, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, August 2020 – August 2021
  - CUNY Tutor Corps, Columbia Secondary School for Math, Science, and Engineering, New York, NY, August 2019 – May 2020
- Organizations
  - National Math Alliance Scholar







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## Provost's Innovative Teaching with Technology Award

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### Shaun Foster

Professor  
School of Design  
**College of Art and Design**

- Joined RIT as a visiting lecturer in 2007
- Director of 3D Digital Design with a passion for next-gen interactive 3D and education.
- 20 years of experience in 3D graphics and interactive educational design
- Led multiple teams and worked on numerous award-winning, national TV, advertising, and interactive education projects.
- Foster's work is at the intersection of next-gen interactive 3D, education, and interdisciplinary collaboration.
- His expertise in technology, tools, and training is the result of his work on multiple grants, including: the NY State Augmented Reality tourism (2013-14), a NSF BioFuel Education (2015), and a HTC Vive (VR) grant (2016), VR Cary 2017, URMV VR Steroid Pathways Learning Grant (2018), EpicMegaGrant Online Learning (2019), EpicMegaGrant Virtual Production (Co-PI 2020), VR Eye Tracking Grant NVidia & IBM-NotreDame (2022), and Meta (2023).
- Foster is the recipient of the EPIC Games ICFVFX Fellowship (2022) and the Provost Innovative Teaching with Technology Award (2023), highlighting his dedication to pushing the boundaries of technology and education.
- Currently focused on XR/VR Eye tracking, AI, and Virtual Production.
- He continues to find enthusiasm by connecting design thinking and creativity to find new potentials for next-generation learning, including posting training on his YouTube channel.
- BBA, University of Wisconsin; 1994
- MFA, Rochester Institute of Technology 2001

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### Peter Pincus

Assistant Professor of Art  
School of Art  
**College of Art and Design**

- Joined RIT in 2014
- Teaches undergraduate and graduate courses including Studio Survey, Wheel Throwing, Ceramics Sculpture, Mold-Making, and Advanced Ceramics Processes.
- Created studio-based General Education course “Josiah Wedgwood’s Legacy” to make ceramics accessible broadly across the RIT community, as well as to bring students from all colleges in an active learning format.
- Published article, “How Removing Distance can Bring us Closer to Answering An Age-Old Question.”, for Studio Potter Journal to document the progression of Josiah Wedgwood’s Legacy.
- Practicing Ceramics Artist whose work has been exhibited in venues such as Ferrin Contemporary, Duane Reed Gallery, Sherry Leedy Contemporary, Lewis Wexler Gallery, Chamber NYC, Greenwich House Pottery, Impakto Gallery, NCECA, Salon Art + Design, SOFA Chicago, Collective Design, and New York Ceramics and Glass Fair.
- His work can be found in numerous private and public collections including the Daum Museum of Contemporary Art, The Everson Museum, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, ASU Art Museum Ceramics Research Center, Schien-Joseph International Museum, and The Arkansas Arts Center Museum.
- Recipient, Louis Comfort Tiffany Award (2017).

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## Provost's Excellence in Student Learning Outcomes Award

*This award recognizes an academic degree program that is committed to best practices in assessment, improving student learning, and continuous program improvement. Nominees must involve stakeholders in assessment, establish effective assessment planning and implementation processes, and demonstrate continuous improvement. In addition to recognition at the Celebration of Teaching and Scholarship awards ceremony, the program receives a cash award of \$4,000 for professional development.*

### ASL English Interpretation, BS Program NTID

Boling, Leisa, Assistant Professor

Bradley, Sandra, Senior Lecturer

Bronk, Alisha, Lecturer

Burruss, Jill, Lecturer

Cagle, Keith, Department Chair

Cannon, Sarah, Lecturer

Carrillo, Marguerite, Senior Lecturer

Chandler, Breana, Senior Staff Assistant

Dean, Robyn, Associate Professor

Fife-Collier, Elayne, Lecturer

Haywood, Barry, Lecturer

Johnston, Lisa, Senior Lecturer

Kurz, Kim, Professor

Listman, Jason, Associate Professor

Maffia, Daniel, Senior Lecturer Interpreting Program Director

McKee, Cheri, ASLIE Curriculum Support/Lab Coordinator

Muroski, Kierstin, Assistant Professor

Prinzi, Lisa, Assistant Professor

Rodrigues, Jeni, Assistant Professor

Smith, Richard, Curriculum Support/Materials Development Coordinator

Talbott, Veronika, Assistant Director Counseling and Academic Advising Services

The Bachelor of Science in ASL-English Interpretation program at NTID prepares students to become qualified entry-level sign language interpreters. The program has done significant work to improve assessment practices.

- The program has implemented a faculty education program to promote a greater understanding of the goals involved in the outcomes assessment process,
- Involves faculty in making improvements to curriculum and instruction by conducting regular assessment meetings and retreats and reviewing student achievement results collaboratively,
- Involves an external advisory group in the annual review, and has recently revised its practices to enhance alignment of program outcomes with industry standards,
- Successfully uses the Taskstream assessment management system to document and evaluate assessment results, recommendations, and action steps,
- Sets a model of a sustainable annual data collection process for other NTID degree programs to emulate,
- Advocates for high standards in defining academic quality as evidenced by their Key Findings and Progress Reports

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## **Provost's Award for Excellence in Academic Advising: New Advisor**

*Developed and implemented by the University Advising Office and the RIT Advisors' Council, this award recognizes exceptional academic advisors and NTID counselor/advisors for their outstanding support of RIT students and their success.*



### **Tabitha (TJ) Vick**

Academic Advisor

**Kate Gleason College of Engineering**

- Joined RIT in January 2020
- Advises students, focusing on industrial engineering students, biomedical engineering students, and students in the engineering exploration program
- Facilitates one-on-one advising sessions and collaborates with campus partners to determine the best resources available to meet students' needs
- Adjunct Faculty, RIT 365: RIT Connections
- Member, American Counseling Association (ACA), 2018 - Current
- Member, National Academic Advising Association (NACADA), 2021 – Current
- BA (Elementary Education), Knox College, 2013
- Master of Science in Education, College Counseling & Student Affairs, SUNY Brockport, 2018
- Tabitha is a mom of 3 children. In her spare time she bakes gluten free treats (macarons, cakes, pies, and everything in between).
- She recently became an avid Minecraft builder and is working on creating an entire city, including an RIT replica.



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## **Provost's Award for Excellence in Academic Advising: Experienced Advisor**

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### **Kara Griffith**

Academic Advisor

School of Interactive Games and Media

**Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences**

- Joined RIT in 2018
- Advises students, focusing on undergraduates in the School of Interactive Games and Media, and those enrolled in the BS/MS option for Game Design and Development
- Facilitates one-on-one advising sessions and collaborates with campus partners to determine the best resources available to meet students' needs
- Adjunct Faculty, College Restoration Program
- Mentor, College Restoration Program
- Member, University Task Force, eForm Committee
- Member, School of Interactive Games and Media, Assessment Task Force
- Member, School of Interactive Games and Media, Curriculum Committee
- BS (Health Sciences), SUNY Brockport
- MS (Mental Health Counseling), St. John Fisher University
- In her free time, Kara enjoys spending time with her husband, Adam Griffith (Assistant Director for Major Events at RIT), and their two sons, Charlie and Cooper

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## Excellence in Faculty Mentoring Award

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### **Blanca Lapizco-Encinas, Ph.D.**

Professor

Department of Biomedical Engineering

**Kate Gleason College of Engineering**

- Joined RIT in 2012
- Expert in insulator-based electrokinetics and microfluidics
- Recipient of the 2020-2021 Trustees Scholarship Award
- Recipient of the 2022 Distinguished Service Award from the AES Electrophoresis Society
- Five publications by Dr. Lapizco-Encinas' research group in 2020 have unveiled a major change in the field of microscale electrokinetics that has revolutionized the entire research area
- Her research group led the pioneering efforts that connected the field of physics with the field of microscale electrokinetic separations
- Author or co-author of 143 peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, or technical papers
- Her publications have gathered more than 4,000 citations in Google Scholar
- Has conducted more than 100 national and international conference presentations
- Advisor to six Ph.D. students, eight MS students, and 25 undergraduate students throughout her career at RIT
- Reviewer for federal programs and 26 distinct journals
- Editor-in-Chief of the Journal ELECTROPHORESIS
- Board member in the AES Electrophoresis Society since 2011
- Previous professional experience includes serving as an associate professor at Tennessee Technological University, associate professor at Tecnológico de Monterrey, and senior research scientist at CINVESTAV-Monterrey
- Fulbright scholar
- Ph.D., chemical engineering, University of Cincinnati; MS, chemical engineering, Instituto Tecnológico de Celaya (Mexico), BS, chemical engineering, Instituto Tecnológico de Sonora (Mexico).

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### Christine Kray, Ph.D

Professor of Anthropology

Undergraduate Program Director, Sociology & Anthropology

**College of Liberal Arts**

- Joined RIT in 2001
- Political anthropologist interested in cultural dimensions of colonialism, postcolonialism, global capitalist resource extraction, and Indigenous resistance
- Mentors out of gratitude for those who paved the way, and informed by feminist and decolonial perspectives on the academy
- Teaches courses in Culture & Politics in Latin America, Immigration to the US, Qualitative Research, Anthropology and History, and Ritual and Performance
- Ethnographer, conducted fieldwork for two years in Mexico and Belize using the Yucatec Maya language
- Author/editor of three books: *Maya-British Conflict at the Edge of the Yucatecan Caste War* (Univ. Press of Colorado, 2023); *Race, Gender, and Political Culture in the Trump Era: The Fascist Allure* (co-edited with Uli Linke, Routledge, 2021); *Nasty Women and Bad Hombres: Gender and Race in the 2016 Presidential Election* (co-edited with Tamar W. Carroll and Hinda Mandell, Univ. of Rochester Press, 2018)
- Delivered more than 50 presentations at national and international conferences
- Awarded McKennan Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowship, Dartmouth College
- BA (anthropology), New Mexico State University; Ph.D. (anthropology), University of Pennsylvania
- Fun fact: Can recite "Hamilton" by heart

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## Isaac L. Jordan, Sr., Faculty Pluralism Award

*The Isaac L. Jordan, Sr., Faculty Pluralism Award recognizes faculty members for their significant contributions to enhance diversity, pluralism, and inclusion within and outside of RIT. As RIT's first chairperson of the Commission for Promoting Pluralism, Isaac L. Jordan, Sr., represented the best of the human spirit. This award assures the continuance of his legacy and honors those who carry out his work.*



### André O. Hudson, Ph.D.

Interim Dean  
College of Science

- Dr. Hudson joined RIT in 2008
- He has been included in this year's list of the "50 Most Important African-Americans in Technology, Journal of Black Innovation.
- The list highlights the "overlooked overachievers" among the 1 million African Americans in the STEM workforce and academia with exciting achievements during the past year.
- Selectees gather for Innovation&Equity22 for the theme, "Economic and Scientific Priorities for the Biden-Harris administration, African Union and Caribbean Community."
- Before being appointed interim dean, he was head of the Thomas H. Gosnell School of Life Sciences.
- He is trained as a biochemist, and the major themes of his research are vested in enzymology and genomics.
- He is an author or co-author on more than 85 peer-reviewed articles, and 5 book chapters, and 1 book, 1 patent and has trained, mentored, and published with scholars ranging from the post-doctoral to the high school.
- His lab has been funded by NIH, NSF, and several industry partners.
- He regularly serves as a panel review member for NIH, NSF, and USDA.
- Dr. Hudson joined the RIT faculty following a post-doctoral fellowship at Rutgers University.
- He earned his B.S. (2000) in Biology from Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA., and his Ph.D. (2006) in Plant Biochemistry from Rutgers University.



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## Outstanding Teaching Award for Non-Tenure-Track Faculty

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### **Jessamy Comer, Ph.D.**

Senior Lecturer  
Department of Psychology  
**College of Liberal Arts**

- Joined RIT in 2012
- Teaches undergraduate courses in Introduction to Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Learning and Behavior, and Senior Capstone, and teaches a graduate course in Developmental Psychology
- Research interests in adolescent development, parent-child relationships, family communication, and autonomy development
- Recipient, Helen and Vincent Nowlis Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2010, University of Rochester Department of Clinical and Social Sciences in Psychology
- Recipient, RIT Provost's Learning Innovations Grant, 2022; RIT Lecturers' Professional Development Grant, 2019
- Co-author of several peer-reviewed empirical research articles in Journal of Adolescence, Child Development, and Journal of Positive Psychology
- Presenter at Teachers on Teaching lecture series at RIT, Society for Research in Child Development biennial meetings, and Developmental Science Teaching Institute biennial meeting
- Member of Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD), Society for Research in Adolescence (SRA), and Society for the Teaching of Psychology (STP)
- Faculty mentor for several undergraduate senior capstone projects and committee member for several Master's theses
- Dual-major advisor for Department of Psychology
- BA (psychology) Baylor University; MA (developmental psychology), Ph.D. (developmental psychology) University of Rochester

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### Michelle Chabot, Ph.D.

Senior Lecturer  
School of Physics & Astronomy  
**College of Science**

- Joined RIT in 2014
- Teaches University Physics I: AP-C Waves and University Physics I: Physics Majors (has taught University Physics II, with emphasis on University Physics I curriculum and pedagogy development, upper-level Classical Mechanics and Advanced Laboratory).
- Developed two labs for Advanced Laboratory
- Recipient of RIT College of Science Faculty Mentor of the Year Award, 2018
- Recipient of Science and Math Education Research Special Honors Award, 2017
- Recipient of RIT SoPA Non-Tenure-Track Faculty Project Award: Annotated Discussion Guides for UPI, 2018.
- Recipient of RIT SoPA Non-Tenure-Track Faculty Project Award: Enhancing Collaborative Learning Materials for RIT University Physics I Students, 2016.
- Received several peer-reviewed external grants from the National Science Foundation and the Research Corporation for Science Advancement/Cottrell Scholars program.
- Co-authored The Physics Teacher 60, 331 (2022) and 2022 J. Phys.: Conf. Ser. 2297 (2022).
- Presenter at the American Association of Physics Teachers Winter Conference, Physics Education Research Conference, GIREP Webinar on Physics Education, American Physical Society March Meeting.
- Member of American Physical Society and the American Association of Physics Teachers.
- Service activities include: RIT Center for Teaching and Learning Faculty Fellow, RIT Course Coordinator for University Physics, RIT Learning Assistant Mentor, RIT SoPA Recruitment Team Member.
- BA (physics and mathematics), Rice University, MA (experimental condensed matter physics), University of Texas at Austin.
- Ph.D. (experimental condensed matter physics), University of Texas at Austin.

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## The Richard and Virginia Eisenhart Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching



*Virginia and Richard Eisenhart*

Rochester Institute of Technology was selected many years ago to participate in the Sears-Roebuck Foundation's Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award Program. Because the program, which was discontinued by Sears-Roebuck, was so successful and enthusiastically received at RIT, it was decided that the Provost's Office would continue to fund the award each year, renaming it the Provost's Excellence in Teaching Award.

Richard and Virginia Eisenhart continued the legacy of the Eisenhart family's support of teaching and learning at RIT by endowing the Provost's Excellence in Teaching Award. In appreciation, this award was renamed the Richard and Virginia Eisenhart Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The late Mr. Eisenhart was chairman emeritus of the Board of Trustees and member for 26 years. He and the late Mrs. Eisenhart were generous supporters of the Eisenhart Memorial Scholarship, the Nathaniel Rochester Society, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT, and the Kilian J. and Caroline F. Schmitt Interfaith Center.

The Richard and Virginia Eisenhart Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching supports undergraduate education at RIT by recognizing the fundamental importance of the quality of teaching to the value of the education process; supporting faculty who have taught three years or less in their pursuit of excellence in teaching and leadership in the campus community; assisting the university in nurturing the academic climate that fosters teaching at its best; and enhancing teaching as a profession.

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## **Richard and Virginia Eisenhart Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching**



### **Jennifer O'Neil, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor  
Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering Technology  
**College of Engineering Technology**

- Joined RIT in 2016
- Teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in the area of thermal fluids
- Engineering education research supported by the Kern Family Foundation
- Recipient of the national 2022 KEEN Rising Star award
- Facilitated numerous faculty development workshops in engineering education pedagogies coupled with entrepreneurial mindset
- Served as a faculty mentor to over 50 faculty at peer engineering institutions
- Spray physicist focused on improving pulmonary drug delivery to pediatric patients
- Research advisor to 1 PhD student in Mathematical Modeling, 17 MMSI student Capstones, 2 MS student Theses, 2 LSAMP students, 4 undergraduate students, and 1 high school student research project.
- Program Allied Faculty of the Ph.D. program in Mathematical Modeling and PHT180
- Author of 7 journal papers, 24 conference papers, 2 magazine articles, and several blogs on engineering education pedagogy
- BS (Mechanical Engineering) from Rochester Institute of Technology; (Mechanical Engineering) from Purdue University



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## Prior Recipients of the Richard and Virginia Eisenhart Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching

<b>1989–90</b>	David Neumann	<b>2005–06</b>	Neil Hair
<b>1990–91</b>	Andreas Langner	<b>2006–07</b>	Alex Bitterman
<b>1991–92</b>	Reed Gershwind	<b>2007–08</b>	Anthony Harkin
<b>1992–93</b>	Nancy Wanek	<b>2008–09</b>	Eric Nystrom
<b>1993–94</b>	Keith Jenkins	<b>2009–10</b>	Robert Garrick
<b>1994–95</b>	Marca Bear	<b>2010–11</b>	Sandra J. Connelly
<b>1995–96</b>	Scott Williams	<b>2011–12</b>	Jason Kolodziej
<b>1996–97</b>	Debra Fromm Faria	<b>2012–13</b>	Kelly Norris Martin
<b>1997–98</b>	Martin Gordon	<b>2013–14</b>	Sean Hansen
<b>1998–99</b>	Carol Marchetti	<b>2014–15</b>	David Halbstein
<b>1999–00</b>	Victor Perotti	<b>2015–16</b>	Reginald Rogers
<b>2000–01</b>	Larry Buckley	<b>2016–17</b>	Benjamin Banta
<b>2001–02</b>	Joseph Fornieri	<b>2017–18</b>	Nathaniel S. Barlow
<b>2002–03</b>	Richard Cliver	<b>2018–19</b>	Michael Brown
<b>2003–04</b>	Sean Sutton	<b>2019–20</b>	Joshua Thorson
<b>2004–05</b>	Peter Hauser Todd Pagano	<b>2020–21</b>	Emmett Ientilucci
		<b>2021–22</b>	Jessica Hardin

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## Distinguished Professor

*The designation is given to RIT faculty who have exhibited a record of singular excellence sustained over the course of their careers.*



### Carlos O. Lousto, Ph.D.

Professor  
School of Mathematical Sciences  
**College of Science**

- Joined RIT in 2007
- Professor Lousto has 15 years of teaching in the School of Mathematical Sciences (SMS)
- Extensive research experience from observational astronomy (Pulsars) to black hole perturbation theory and numerical relativity to string theory and quantum gravity.
- Authored and co-authored over 250 papers, including several reviews and book chapters. His research is funded by NSF and NASA grants and supercomputing allocations in national labs.
- Key author of the breakthrough on binary black hole simulations and his research discovered that supermassive black holes can be ejected from most galaxies at speeds of up to 5000 km/s.
- Performed challenging simulations of small mass ratio black hole binaries up to 1000:1 and at separations up to 100M and for flip-flopping black holes.
- He has designed the Funes (UTB), NewHorizon, BlueSky, and GreenPrairies (RIT) supercomputer clusters to perform binary black hole simulations and used them to support the first detection of gravitational waves from the merger of two black holes.
- He is a founding faculty of the Ph.D. in the Astrophysical Sciences and Technology and Mathematical Modeling programs.
- Distinctions:
  - The APS 2019 Edward A. Bouchet Award Recipient "For contributions to both numerical relativity, conducive to the solution of the binary black hole problem, and the understanding of the first detection of gravitational waves and service to the Hispanic scientific community, including the establishment of the Center for Gravitational Wave
  - Astronomy, the University of Texas at Brownsville in 2003".
  - 2016 Special Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics "For the observation of gravitational waves, opening new horizons in astronomy and physics"
  - In 2012, Carlos Lousto was elected a Fellow of the American Physical Society "For his important contributions at the interface between perturbation theory and numerical relativity and in understanding how to simulate binary black holes".
  - In 2006 and in 2016 his research was acknowledged in the US congressional records.
  - In 1991, Carlos Lousto was honored with an Alexander von Humboldt Foundation fellowship.
- Professor Lousto holds two Ph.D.s, one in Astronomy from the National University of La Plata, (1987) and one in Physics from the University of Buenos Aires (1992)

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# The Eisenhart Award for Outstanding Teaching



*Elsa and M. Herbert Eisenhart*



Teaching excellence has been formally recognized at RIT since 1965, when the Awards for Outstanding Teaching and their accompanying ceremony were established. The scope of the awards program was broadened in 1967 to include Distinguished Young Teachers. The program was further expanded in 1975 to better recognize the diversity of RIT's education by providing a maximum of four awards to faculty members from various educational disciplines.

Although the program has changed, the reasons behind the awards have not: to encourage the professional growth and development of RIT faculty and to specifically recognize those members of the academic body who contribute most to enhance student learning.

The late M. Herbert Eisenhart, former president and board chairman of Bausch & Lomb, Inc., was a member of RIT's Board of Trustees for more than 50 years. His contributions to RIT during that span were countless, and he was the recipient of the RIT Founders Award in 1971.

His commitment to RIT was further evidenced by his generous bequest that created the M. Herbert and Elsa Bausch Eisenhart Endowment Fund, which provides permanence to the Eisenhart Awards for Outstanding Teaching as well as a major scholarship fund.

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2022-2023

## Eisenhart Award for Outstanding Teaching



### **Mari Jaye Blanchard, MFA**

Associate Professor  
School of Film and Animation  
**College of Art and Design**

- Joined RIT in 2015
- Filmmaker and animator focusing on hand drawn, 2D animation and its application in historical and contemporary forms
- Teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in Drawing, 2D-Animation, Storyboarding, Animation Production and a Wellness Class promoting movement.
- Award-winning, animated films have screened globally including SIGGRAPH Asia (Daegu, South Korea), Montreal International Animation Festival/ Animaze (Montreal, Quebec), Demetera International Film Festival (Paris, France)
- Co-created study abroad experience in Peja, Kosovo focused on community engagement in animation festivals, and returned to Kosovo in 2018, 2019 and 2022 to continue work with the Anibar International Animation Festival
- Research includes two-dimensional animation on equirectangular layouts and the use of line in three-dimensional space.
- Fellow and frequent collaborator with the New York Foundation for the Arts, as well as Advisory Committee member from 2016-2019.
- Director and contributing animator on Nickelodeon's first 360-video of SpongeBob SquarePants, as well as upcoming 360-video.
- Partnered with community organization Teen Empowerment to create Chuck Price Virtual Reality 360-film.
- BFA (Painting) Massachusetts College of Art (MassArt), MFA (Painting) University of Pennsylvania, Stuart Weitzman School of Design

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## Eisenhart Award for Outstanding Teaching



### **Clyde Eiríkur Hull, Ph.D.**

Professor of Management  
**Saunders College of Business**

- Joined RIT in 2002
- Teaches courses in Business Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility, Ethical Decision-Making and Corporate Social Responsibility, Entrepreneurship, Leadership in Literature and Film, Technology Management, Strategic Management, Competitive Strategy, and Technology Strategy. Co-developing courses in Sustainable Entrepreneurship and Language and Culture for Sustainable International Entrepreneurship.
- Helped develop the MS Technology Innovation Management & Entrepreneurship
- Extended faculty member, Golisano Institute for Sustainability, primarily in research and working with Ph.D. students.
- Collaborating with Eric Williams, Ph.D., Professor, Golisano Institute of Sustainability, on grants and articles and mentoring Ph.D. students.
- Primary investigator on \$1.249M in grants from the United States Department of State to develop and deliver circular economy (sustainable) entrepreneurship education. This includes analyzing data from 11 countries to find profitable circular-economy opportunities. It also includes working with partners in these countries to deliver circular-economy entrepreneurship education and training locally, working with RIT Certified to deliver circular-economy entrepreneurship training online, and otherwise teaching circular-economy entrepreneurship to as many people as possible in these countries, with the ultimate goal of seeing the students successfully start businesses that benefit both them and the natural environment.
- Researches how business can make a profit being a force for good.
- Published with 10+ RIT faculty members and 8+ RIT students/alumni.
- Authored 30+ peer-reviewed publications, 3500+ citations (Google Scholar)
- Member, Academy of Management, Strategic Management Society
- Chair of Faculty Senate, 2020-2022
- AB (Philosophy), Yale University; MBA, Indiana University Northwest; MB (Management), Ph.D. (Management), Indiana University Kelley School of Business

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2022-2023

## Eisenhart Award for Outstanding Teaching



### Jason D. Listman, Ed.D.

Department of American Sign Language and Interpreting Education  
**National Technical Institute for the Deaf**

- Joined RIT in 2009
- Teaches in multiple programs at the associate, bachelor, and master's levels: the summer New Signers Program; ASL-English Interpretation; Modern Languages and Cultures; and master's in Healthcare Interpreting. Courses include ASL IV; ASL V; Interpreting in Research Settings for both undergraduate and graduate students; Discourse Analysis; Interpreting Frozen and Literary Texts; Interpreting IV; and Issues in Interpreting
- Co-developed ASL IV curriculum that features embedded ASL videos to enhance students' learning
- Co-developed the professional elective Interpreting in Research Settings, a course funded by U-RISE through the National Institute of General Medical Science
- Implemented the Learning Assistant (LA) model in ASL-English Interpretation program courses; supervised four LAs; published in a conference proceedings about applying the LA model in Interpreting Education Programs; and presented on the benefits of LAs with his former undergraduate student at the Conference of Interpreter Trainers
- Currently serves as assistant chairperson of the department of American Sign Language and Interpreting Education; former co-director of the ASL-English Interpretation BS program; former ASL program director
- Directs the American Sign Language for Second Language Learners Research Lab under the Research Center on Culture and Language (CCL); mentored and supervised over 15 undergraduate and graduate students; received two Scholarship Portfolio Development Initiative grants from NTID; supported the CCL Summer Training in Academic Research (STARS) program
- Author/co-author of 10 peer-reviewed articles; presented more than 20 times at national and international conferences
- Specific Research interests include:
  - Best practices for effectively mentoring deaf and hard-of-hearing in science
  - Ontology of Deaf people and how they manifest resilience and navigate a phonocentric society
  - Discover and apply evidence-based pedagogical approaches to effectively teach ASL second language learners
  - Member of the American Sign Language Teachers Association and the Conference of Interpreter Trainers (CIT); current CIT co-treasurer; serves on the Rochester School for the Deaf Board of Directors
  - BS (psychology), Rochester Institute of Technology; MS (secondary education of students who are deaf/hard of hearing), Rochester Institute of Technology/National Technical Institute for the Deaf; EdD (executive leadership, St. John Fisher University)



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2022-2023

## Eisenhart Award for Outstanding Teaching



### Sharon Mason, Ph.D.

Professor

School of Information

**Golisano College of Computing and Information Science**

- Joined RIT in 1997
- Teaches courses in Applied Networking, Network Foundations, Routing and Switching and Network Protocols
- Research focuses on supporting diversity, equity and inclusion for both science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) faculty and computing students to broaden the field of opportunities in academia to underserved and marginalized faculty and students
- Specific research centers on integrating a holistic growth mindset approach into computing education to promote student success as well as problem solving and collaborative learning in computing education
- Secured over \$5.5 million in outside funding as PI and co-PI from National Science Foundation and the Department of Defense to support student scholarships and research in education and diversity, equity and inclusion
- Previous research has focused on strategic approaches designed to enhance recruitment, retention and advancement opportunities for women faculty from diverse ethnic, social, and cultural backgrounds in STEM disciplines, including social and behavioral sciences
- Regularly integrates pedagogical best practices in computing classroom teaching to promote an inclusive learning environment for all students, including creative active learning approaches such as debates and lightning talks
- Co-authored more than 30 conference publications in STEM education
- Served as the founding director of RIT's Women in Computing organization and was a founding co-chair of New York State's Regional Grace Hopper Women in Computing Conference
- Serves on RIT's Council for the Representation and Engagement of Women Faculty
- Regularly serves as a reviewer for broadening participation and inclusivity programs at the National Science Foundation and as a program committee member for various computing education conferences
- BS (communications), Ithaca College; MS (information technology), RIT; Ph.D. (learning sciences), University at Buffalo



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## Prior Recipients of the Eisenhart Award for Outstanding Teaching

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1965–66	Hollis Todd		
1966–67	Frank Clement * Robert Gilman	1979–80	B. Edward Cain David A. Glocker John T. Sanders Richard D. Zakia
1967–68	David M. Baldwin * John Carson	1980–81	Russell M. Gardner E. James Meddaugh Joseph L. Noga Beverly J. Price
1968–69	Homer Imes * Thomas Upson	1981–82	Patricia Ann Andre Clark Martin A. Rennalls Jack Slutzky Houghton D. Wetherald
1969–70	Alexander Lawson * Stanley McKenzie	1982–83	Marcia Birken Hans J. Christensen Sarah Huff Collins Harry G. Lang
1970–71	William Gasser * Lawrence Mothersell	1983–84	Earl W. Fuller Ray C. Johnson Donna Gustina Pocobello
1971–72	Albert Rickmers * Morton Isaacs * Houghton D. Wetherald	1984–85	Ronald Francis Ronald E. Jodoin Roxanna B. (Shan) Nielsen Thomas F. Pray
1972–73	Raymond Biehler	1985–86	Peter Haggerty Nile Root Carol B. Whitlock Fred L. Wilson
1973–74	Pellegrino Nazzaro * Richard Reeve	1986–87	Charles A. Arnold Jr. Margaret B. D'Ambruso Maria Shustorovich Michael Joseph Vernarelli
1974–75	Hobart E. Cowles Bhalchandra V. Karlekar Robert F. Panara Julian Salisnjak	1987–88	Andrew Davidhazy Frederic Gardner Vern Lindberg
1975–76	Loy Golladay Earl Krakower Anthony R. Sears		
1976–77	Austin J. Bonis Ruth Gutfrucht Dickinson Boris Mikolji Paul H. Wojciechowski		
1977–78	Herbert J. Mossien R. Roger Remington Edward L. Scouten Jasper E. Shealy		

1988–89	Paul Peterson Edward Salem Luvon Sheppard Philip Tyler	1999–00	Sidney Barefoot James Campbell Surendra (Vinnie) Gupta Michael Yacci
1989–90	Joseph Brown Richard Doolittle Robert Keiffer William Nowlin	2000–01	John T. Sanders Hany Ghoneim George Georgantas Sidney L. McQuay
1990–91	Terry L. Dennis Barbara J. Hodik Raman Unnikrishnan	2001–02	David Neumann Jayanti Venkataraman Hamad Ghazle
1991–92	James Campbell Sally Fischbeck Paula Grcevic Francis Kearns	2002–03	Michael Peres Josef Török David Suits G. Thomas Frederick
1992–93	Patti Ambrogi Warren Carithers Swaminathan Madhu Lorna Mittelman	2003–04	Patricia Durr Andreas Langner Victor Perotti
1993–94	Timothy Engström Kyle Mattson Douglas Merrill Marilyn Mitchell	2004–05	Abieyuwa Aghayere Robert Barbato Douglas Manchee
1994–95	Joan Carr Margaret Reek Bruce Sodervick Thomas Upson	2005–06	Lynn Fuller Paula Grcevic Edith Hemaspaandra LaVerne McQuiller Williams
1995–96	Jean Douthwright Lynette Finton Mary Sullivan	2006–07	Roberley Bell Chun-Keung (Stan) Hoi Keith Whittington
1996–97	Donald Beil Eugene Fram Dane Gordon Satish Kandlikar	2007–08	Jeffrey D. Kozak Timothy Engström Scott A. Williams
1997–98	Mary Louise Basile Robert H. Rothman Leonard Urso	2008–09	Andrew M. Herbert James E. Moon Hossein Shahmohamad
1998–99	Roberley Bell Sophia Maggelakis James Mallory Kenneth Reek	2009–10	Keith B. Jenkins James R. Vallino
		2010–11	Joseph R. Fornieri Cara Calvelli
		2011–12	Daniel S. Bogaard Bernard Brooks Neil Hair

2012–13	Ivona Bezáková Linda Fleischman Gottermeier Christina Goudreau
2013–14	Kirsten Condry Carl Lutzer
2014–15	Robert D. Garrick Thomas Gasek Christopher Kurz Katie Terezakis
2015–16	Zack Butler Raj Murthy L. Kate Wright
2016–17	Richard Cliver Lynn Fuller Clifford Wun
2017–18	Steven M. Ciccarelli Alex Lobos
2018–19	Hao Zhang George H. Zion
2019–20	Jeanne Christman James Perkins Michael Richmond
2020–21	Amanda Bao Nathaniel Barlow Ammina Kothari
2021–22	Jan van Aardt md Abdullah al Faruque

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## Trustees Scholarship Award

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## Trustees Scholarship Award

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<b>2006–07</b>	Michaël Amy Amitrajeet A. Batabyal Bruce W. Smith	<b>2014–15</b>	Andreas Savakis Jan van Aardt
<b>2007–08</b>	David J. Axon Richard A. Hirsch Santosh Kurinec	<b>2015–16</b>	Denis Cormier James Perkins
<b>2008–09</b>	John R. Schott Michael S. Stinson	<b>2016–17</b>	John Ettlie Carlos Lousto Risa Robinson
<b>2009–10</b>	Joseph P. Hornak Marc Marschark James J. Winebrake	<b>2017–18</b>	Matt Huenerfauth
<b>2010–11</b>	Roy S. Berns	<b>2018–19</b>	Elizabeth Cherry Stefan Preble
<b>2011–12</b>	Joel Kastner Eli Saber	<b>2019–20</b>	Mark Fairchild Linwei Wang
<b>2012–13</b>	Seth M. Hubbard Brian J. Landi	<b>2020–21</b>	Gregory Halpern Blanca Lapizco-Encinas
		<b>2021–22</b>	Eric Williams Qi Yu



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## Trustees Scholarship Award



### **Callie W. Babbitt, Ph.D.**

Professor

Department of Sustainability

**Golisano Institute for Sustainability**

- Joined RIT in 2009
- Principal investigator on almost \$5M in sponsored research, with funding from the National Science Foundation, Consumer Technology Association, and the Staples Sustainable Innovation Lab. Inducted as RIT PI Millionaire in 2016
- Named a Fulbright U.S. Scholar to Croatia in 2019.
- Received National Science Foundation CAREER Award.
- Research focuses on analyzing sustainability challenges and creating circular economy solutions for a wide array of sectors, including consumer electronics, lithium-ion batteries, electric vehicles, plastics, and food waste. Currently directs a \$15-million NSF food waste research network with over 40 collaborators at 14 universities.
- Has advised, mentored, and funded 80 graduate, undergraduate, and high school students. Research with students has been recognized with Best Paper and Best Presentation awards in journals and conferences in the sustainability field.
- Teaches courses on sustainability science, industrial ecology, science communication, and eco-design for the M.S. in Sustainable Systems and Ph.D. in Sustainability.
- Author on 70 contributions to scholarly journals and books, with close to 4,000 citations.
- Invited speaker at 2015 TEDxFlourCity and frequent contributor to videos and podcasts aimed at sharing sustainability science with a broad audience. Research has been featured in news outlets, including NPR, Fortune, National Geographic, Popular Science, Science News, Al Jazeera-English, Grist, and others.
- Serves on the Board of Directors for the National Center for Electronics Recycling, past officer of the International Society of Industrial Ecology, Editorial Board for the journals Clean Technology and Environmental Policy and Resources, Conservation & Recycling, and member of the U.S. Delegation to the 2017 G7 Environmental Ministers Meeting.
- Research has been used by industry partners and government agencies to develop recycling targets, inform sustainable product design, and improve sustainability awareness campaigns.
- B.S. Chemical Engineering, Georgia Tech; M.S. and Ph.D. Environmental Engineering, University of Florida

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## Trustees Scholarship Award



### Jeyhan Kartaltepe, Ph.D.

Associate Professor  
School of Physics and Astronomy  
College of Science

- Joined RIT in 2015
- Dr. Kartaltepe is an astrophysicist in the School of Physics and Astronomy.
- She is an expert in the areas of galaxy formation and evolution, galaxy morphologies, galaxy mergers and interactions, and the properties of infrared galaxies.
- She is a leading member in several large collaborative multi-wavelength surveys, including COSMOS (The Cosmic Evolution Survey), CANDELS (The Cosmic Assembly Near-Infrared Deep Extragalactic Legacy Survey), and CEERS (The Cosmic Evolution Early Release Science Survey).
- She teaches courses across the undergraduate and graduate astrophysics curriculum and mentors undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdocs in a wide range of research projects.
- She has published and submitted over 200 peer-reviewed papers (95 since arriving at RIT), including more than 8 papers published with RIT students as lead authors or co-authors. Since 2017, Dr. Kartaltepe's publication h-index has a value of 61, with more than 15,000 citations.
- During her 7.5 years at RIT, Dr. Kartaltepe has been fully committed to the academic development of the students we educate in the college and, over this time period, she has taken on a remarkable number of students in her research efforts. She has mentored about 40 undergraduate research students, 8 Ph.D. students, 3 MS students, and 3 PostDocs.
- Dr. Kartaltepe is listed among the top 1% of Highly Cited Researchers in the Web of Science by Clarivate Analytics for each of the last 4 years. Her research trajectory is cutting-edge and has recently attracted wide attention in the astronomy community and in the science press.
- She is currently leading the COSMOS-Web program to hunt for distant galaxies and the largest observing program in the world during the first year of operation of the long-awaited James Webb Space Telescope.
- To date, her sponsored-research funding has totaled approximately \$2M.
- Dr. Kartaltepe has also been the research supervisor for high-school summer interns, senior physics capstone students, COS summer undergraduate research fellows, astrophysics REU students, and COS Fast-Forward Program students.
- Research Interests: Galaxy Formation and Evolution, Galaxy Morphology, Observational Cosmology, Ultraluminous Infrared Galaxies, Galaxy Mergers and Interactions, Starburst-AGN Connection, Near-Infrared Spectroscopy
- Education:
  - University of Hawaii, Ph.D. in Astronomy (2009)
  - Dissertation: A Multiwavelength Study of Ultraluminous Infrared Galaxies in the COSMOS Field
  - University of Hawaii, M.S. in Astronomy (2005)
  - Colgate University, B.A. in Astronomy-Physics with High Honors (2003)
  - Magna cum laude, Distinction in the Liberal Arts Core Curriculum



