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**“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

Program

PRESENTATION

Prabu David
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

PROVOST'S OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT TEACHING AWARD

Meghan Childs
College of Science

PROVOST'S INNOVATIVE TEACHING AWARD

Makini Beck
Department of Sociology and Anthropology,
College of Liberal Arts; University Studies,
School of Individualized Study

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Master of Science in Secondary Education of
Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
National Technical Institute for the Deaf

PROVOST'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ADVISING

New Advisor: Liz Martin
Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences
Experienced Advisor: Vicki Rocha
Kate Gleason College of Engineering

PROVOST'S EXCELLENCE IN FACULTY MENTORING AWARD

Ashok Robin
Department of Finance and Accounting
Saunders College of Business
Sarah E. Sarchet
Department of Science and Mathematics
National Technical Institute for the Deaf

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ISAAC L. JORDAN, SR., FACULTY PLURALISM AWARD

Dina Newman
College of Science

OUTSTANDING TEACHING AWARD FOR NON-TENURE-TRACK FACULTY

Douglas Tusch
College of Science
Jodie Crowley
College of Health Sciences and Technology

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

Duygu Akdevelioglu
Saunders College of Business

DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR

Mark Fairchild
College of Science
Michaël Amy
College of Art and Design

EISENHART AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING TEACHING

Hye-Jin Nae
College of Art and Design
Dorin Patru
Kate Gleason College of Engineering
Carl Salvaggio
College of Science

TRUSTEES SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Matthew Wright
Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences
Thomas Gaborski
Kate Gleason College of Engineering

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David C. Munson Jr.
RIT President

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Provost's Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award



Meghan Childs, MS

Rochester Institute of Technology
Ph.D. Student, Mathematical Modeling
College of Science

- Grew up in Anchorage, AK before moving to Portland, OR to attend college.
- Graduated with BS in Applied Mathematics from the University of Portland.
- Joined the Mathematical Modeling Ph.D. program at RIT in the fall of 2020.
- Graduated in 2022 from RIT with a MS in Applied and Computational Mathematics
- Pursuing Ph.D. at RIT (in 4th year)
- Research:
 - Data-Informed Modeling of Infectious Disease, specifically COVID-19 Spread on University Campuses. (Dissertation Research at RIT)
 - Machine Learning Models of Immune Cell Response (Internship Research at Los Alamos National Lab)
 - Mathematical Modeling of the Opioid Epidemic (Undergraduate Research at the University of Portland)
- Industry:
 - Los Alamos National Lab - Computational Sciences Graduate Student
- Teaching Experience:
 - Teaching Assistant for Calculus (RIT) (2020-2021)
 - Workshop Instructor for Calculus (RIT) (2021)
 - Recitation Instructor for Differential Equations (RIT) (2022-Present)
 - Camp Director and STEM Program Specialist for Girl Scouts of Alaska (2022)
- Awards and Scholarships:
 - Steven M. Wear Endowed Graduate Fellowship (RIT) (2023)
 - Distinguished Graduate Student Teacher (RIT) (2023)
 - Archbishop Christi Scholarship (University of Portland) (2016-2020)



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Provost's Innovative Teaching Award

The Innovative Teaching Award recognizes a full-time RIT faculty member who teaches in effective and innovative ways that improve the student educational experience.



Makini Beck, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor

School of Individualized Study & Department of Sociology and Anthropology
College of Liberal Arts

- Joined RIT in 2018
- Recipient of RIT Division of Diversity and Inclusion Faculty Beacon Award, 2023
- Received \$600k National Science Foundation (NSF) INCLUDES grant to support women of color STEM students called WiSEN
- Has co-authored 14 publications spanning across peer-reviewed journals and edited books on the co-mentoring partnerships among women of color academics, international women teachers' pedagogical practices in urban schools, and the experiences of STEM women of color students in higher education
- Has delivered over 60 presentations at local, national, and international conferences
- Teaches courses in Urban Poverty; Urban Injustice; Black America, Culture and Hip Hop; Individuals and Society; and Research in Cultural Contexts
- Has co-led study aboard courses to Dubrovnik, Croatia (2022), Rio, Brazil (2023), and Dubai, UAE (2023). Upcoming study aboard trip, Ghana, 2024-2025.
- Favorite quote: W. Churchill (1941) "...never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never-in nothing, great or small, large or petty — never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense"
- Fun facts: Enjoys international travel, reading, and volunteering at the EquiCenter William and Mildred Levine Ranch in Honeoye Falls, NY.
- BA (American Studies), SUNY Old Westbury; MEd (Secondary Education), St. Bonaventure University; Ph.D. (Teaching and Curriculum), University of Rochester
- She is ever grateful for the unwavering support of her husband, Jack Beck, Professor in the School of Film and Animation, College of Art and Design at RIT



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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.

Master of Science in Secondary Education of Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, NTID

Team photo on opposite page:

Topmost Row (left to right)

Dr. Scott Gentzke
Visiting Assistant Professor

Mr. T.J. Sanger II
Coordinator of Graduate
Advising, Engagement
and Retention

Mr. Suryo Sahetapy
Visiting Lecturer

Middle Row (left to right)

Dr. Christopher Kurz
Professor

Mr. Victor Ramos
Senior Staff Assistant
Dr. Patrick Graham
Department Chair, Professor

Bottom Row (left to right)

Mx. Kit Kenyon
Coordinator of Program
Assessment and
Accreditation

Dr. Jessica Williams
Interim Department Chair
(NTID),
Assistant Professor (MSSE)

Dr. Thomastine Sarchet
Director of the Office of
International Educational
Outreach (IEO), Assistant
Professor (MSSE)

Mrs. Jennifer Gentzke
Lecturer

Not Pictured

Dr. David Meek
Visiting Assistant Professor

The **Master of Science in Secondary Education (MSSE) of Students Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (MSSE) program** at NTID is designed for deaf, hard-of-hearing, and hearing students with a passion for teaching. The faculty and staff of the MSSE program are dedicated to continuous improvement. MSSE faculty and staff recently developed a program specific Teacher Performance Assessment (TPA), in accordance with the NYS Office of Teaching Initiatives. The MSSE program opted to develop a TPA that is strongly aligned with state, accreditation, and teacher certification examination standards and focuses on Deaf Education learning environments and competencies essential to serving multicultural, multilingual, and multimodal students: something that has never existed before. Additionally, the MSSE program :

- Regularly engages faculty in planning, collecting data, and using results to make improvements to curriculum, instruction, and assessment practices
- Develops and refines tools such as the student handbook, signature assignments, web resources, and rubrics that contribute to student success in the program and the classroom
- Analyzes data across terms and academic years to measure growth, identify needs, and inform new benchmarks and goals for the program
- Collects and uses feedback from alumni, employers, and current students every year to continually improve the program

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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.



Liz Martin, M.Ed

Academic Advisor

Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences

- Joined RIT in Residence Life in 2019, moved into Advising in 2021
- Advises 300 students in the Cybersecurity BS and BS/MS programs along with the Cybersecurity and Cybersecurity Risk Management Minors.
- RIT 365 Facilitator since 2019
- Member of the Tiger Parent Project, 2019
- Advisor for alpha Kappa Delta Phi International Sorority chapter here at RIT and The Sporadic Alliance for Casual Kicks (SACKs) -Hacky Sack Club here at RIT
- FirstByte Student Engagement Committee Member, Golisano Staff Advisory Council Member, RIT Honors Program Advocate for Cybersecurity
- BS in Communication from SUNY Brockport
- M.Ed in Higher Education Administration from University at Buffalo

Liz shares:

Being here today is the work of and support from the best village: my husband and rock Caleb, parents Sheila and Joe Herrmann, siblings Tracy, Mike and Andy, mentor Katie Buckley, the most supportive and fun coworkers, dedicated faculty and of course the goofiest, inspiring students who fill the days with laughter, challenge, and confusing technology terminology. Celebrating with you all today means the world to me!

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Provost's Award for Excellence in Academic Advising: Experienced 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.



Vicki Rocha, MS

Academic Advisor

Kate Gleason College of Engineering

Joined RIT in July 2017

Advises Chemical Engineering and Engineering Exploration students. Facilitates one-on-one advising sessions using student-centered approach in developing educational plans that are consistent with student goals.

- 2023 KGCOE Student Impact Award recipient
- Nominated for 2020 Provost's Award for Excellence in Academic Advising
- Nominated for 2019 Provost's Award for Excellence in Academic Advising
- Nominated for 2018 Presidential Award for Outstanding Staff
- Nominated for 2018 Provost's Award for Excellence in Academic Advising

Advising and student success related areas of service and/or committees:

- Member, E-Form Committee
- Member, Starfish Note Committee
- Member, First Year Advising Lead
- Mental Health First Aid certified
- Member, NACADA: The Global Community for Academic Advising (since 2015)

Academic advising areas of interest:

- Interest in Appreciative Advising, student-centered approach, support of high-achieving students

Academic degrees:

- Master of Higher Education - Student Affairs; University of Rochester (May 2015)
- Bachelor of Science- Interdisciplinary Studies (College of Education); University of North Texas (May 2002)

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Excellence in Faculty Mentoring Award

The Provost's Excellence in Faculty Mentoring Award recognizes an RIT faculty member who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to faculty mentoring by actively helping less experienced faculty in developing their career(s) at RIT by offering advice, feedback, and guidance that reflects a deep understanding of their department, college, and university.



Ashok Robin, Ph.D.

Professor
Department of Finance and Accounting
Saunders College of Business

- Joined RIT in 1989
- Previously worked an Assistant Professor of Finance for 2 years at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, teaching Corporate Finance & Financial Reporting.
- Ashok is always interested in teaching a new course – in Academic Year 2023- 2024, he taught a Personal Finance course for undergraduates for the first time and a Ph.D. seminar in the area of Technology in Accounting & Finance.
- Next up is a special course in Corporate Finance offered to medical professionals running departments at Rochester Regional Health. Ashok will co-teach this course with my Department Chair during this summer.
- In the past Ashok taught courses in Corporate Finance, Investment Management, International Finance, Derivatives & Risk Management, Financial Analytics, and Data Management for Business Analytics. Ashok taught at all levels – UG, G, Exec Ed, and Doctoral.
- He says his next teaching adventure is probably “AI in Finance”.
- Research focuses on corporate disclosures (what corporations say to the outside world), causes and effects. For example, a recent study on voluntary COVID related disclosures in SEC filings.
- Ashok published many high impact papers over the years, gathering more than 10,000 citations in total.
- Current research interests are in the area of AI – specifically in using LLM to parse corporate text disclosures.
- He worked with numerous junior faculty over the years. At the present time, he has ongoing research projects with at least 4 junior faculty.
- He enjoys curriculum design, and has been instrumental in creating graduate programs in the areas of Computation Finance & Business Analytics. He served as program director for finance graduate programs in the past.
- Since his Ph.D. is from Buffalo, he says he has been knocking around NYS! (it can't be the food so it must be the weather)
- He appreciates the natural beauty of this area and listening to birds is a new hobby.

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Sarah E. Sarchet, MS

Principal Lecturer
National Technical Institute for the Deaf

- Began as adjunct at RIT in 2011; was hired as a lecturer in 2013; promoted to senior lecturer in 2018; promoted to principal lecturer in 2023
- Teaches biology courses in NTID and tutors deaf and hard of hearing students in biology in the College of Science; has tutored over 60 unique COS courses
- Has served as director of the NTID Faculty Fellowship (NFF), mentoring 15 full time faculty and overseeing 5 mentors, since 2020. NFF is a three-year faculty mentoring experience for individuals seeking careers as instructors of deaf and hard of hearing students in post-secondary settings
- Served as Faculty Associate for Non-Tenure Track Faculty to the Office of the Provost, 2020-2023
 - Conducted writing workshops to mentor and support 35 non-tenure track faculty in preparing their promotion documents for either senior lecturer or principal lecturer
 - Created college-wide mentoring program at NTID for all new non-tenure track faculty hires since 2021
- Co-PI of \$7,000 AdvanceRIT Connect Grant to host “Sister Scholars Connect: Black Women Faculty Writing Retreat” in fall 2023. 30 Black women scholars from 10 different universities participated
- Co-Chair, COACHE Survey Taskforce 2023, Academic Affairs
- Recipient, Division of Diversity and Inclusion Faculty Beason Award, 2020-2021
- Recipient, NTID Outstanding Teaching Award for Non-Tenure Faculty, 2018-2019
- Member, National Science Teaching Association, since 2010
- Cellular and molecular biologist
- B.S. (biology), M.S. (secondary deaf education), Rochester Institute of Technology

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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.



Dina L. Newman, Ph.D.

Research Director, Center for Advancing Scholarship to Transform Learning
Professor, Thomas H. Gosnell School of Life Sciences
College of Science

- Joined RIT in 2003
- Founder and Co-chair of the Undergraduate Genetics Education Network, which offers free online workshops for faculty who teach genetics, including topics such as "Discussing Race in the Genetics Classroom" and "Geneticists' Relationships with Eugenics." (2020-present)
- Director of the HHMI-funded Inclusive Excellence (IE) program (2018-2023), which engaged the majority of COS faculty in DEI-related programming, established permanent DEI leadership in COS, and funded over 40 undergraduate research fellows from underrepresented groups.
- The IE program (along with U-RISE) led to a \$100,000 prize awarded to COS and NTID from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for Institutional Excellence in Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility in Biomedical and Behavioral Research. (2024)
- First COS Faculty Leader for Diversity and Inclusion (2018-2019)
- Recipient of a Provost's Learning Initiation Grant (PLIG) to design and implement more inclusive grading practices in genetics, intro bio and biochemistry courses. (2022-2023)
- Recipient of an AdvanceRIT Connect grant to mentor women and junior faculty on enhancing their professional visibility using website design and social media. (2020-2021)
- Executive committee member of the Women in Science group (2012-present)
- Member of the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force for the American Society of Human Genetics (2019-2020)
- Mentor for 3 post-doctoral researchers on DEI-related projects, with multiple peer reviewed papers published (2019-present)
- Member of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee at RIT (2022-present)

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Outstanding Teaching Award for Non-Tenure-Track Faculty

The Outstanding Teaching Award for Non-Tenure-Track Faculty recognizes excellence in teaching by non-tenure-track teaching faculty at RIT who have made a significant commitment to students at RIT.



Douglas Tusch, Ph.D.

Lecturer
School of Chemistry and Materials Science
College of Science

- Joined RIT in 2017
- Recipient of the Student Government Extra Mile Award, 2019
- Teaches Organic Chemistry I Lectures and Labs, Organic Chemistry II lectures and labs (has taught general chemistry and biochemistry courses)
- Coordinator for the Organic Chemistry Teaching Laboratories
- Recipient of RIT Provost's Learning Initiative Grant, 2019
- Member of the American Chemical Society
- Faculty Advisor to numerous undergraduate students
- Faculty Advisor to RIT Student Chapter of the American Chemical Society and the RIT Iota Psi chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity
- Research interests in Chemical education, with a focus on improved lab experiences and sign language as a teaching strategy
- Co-author of J. Chem. Educ. 2022, 99, 5, 2032-2043
- Service activities focused on recruiting and retention efforts, health and safety in laboratory settings
- B. S. (Biochemistry) Rochester Institute of Technology, M.S. (Chemistry), Ph.D. (Chemistry) University of Rochester

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Jodie Crowley, BS, RDMS, RVT

Clinical Coordinator and Lecturer
Diagnostic Medical Sonography

College of Health Sciences and Technology

- Joined RIT as an Adjunct in 1997, became a full time Clinical Coordinator in 2004 and a Lecturer in 2020
- Teaches courses in the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program including Sonography Scanning Skills and Technology I and II, as well as portions of Clinical Sonography I and II, Ultrasound Special Topics and support to Abdominal & Small Parts I and II, Sonography Vascular Evaluation, Obstetrical Sonography I and II and Gynecology Sonography
- Professional Advisor in the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program
- Advisor to the Ultrasound Student Association since 2004
- Professional Training Seminar for doctors from Croatia (summer 2015)
- Participant of the summer STEM camp for high school students (summer 2017)
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program, Board Member
- Advisor and contributor to Brick City and Imagine RIT
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography Pinning Ceremony (annually)
- Board of Trustees College Showcase (summer 2023)
- Guest Speaker, Intersections: The RIT Podcast, Ep. 12, Opportunities in the Field of Ultrasound (2019)
- Previously worked at URMC/Strong Memorial Hospital, Radiology Ultrasound Department as Assistant Supervisor/Sonographer.
- Staff Sonographer at Rochester Regional Health
- Contributing author "Ultrasound Secrets: Questions and Answers Reveal the Secrets to Skillful Ultrasound Examination and Diagnosis"
- Rochester Ultrasound Society, Officer
- Co-organizer to multiple Rochester Ultrasound Society conferences
- BS (Diagnostic Medical Sonography) Rochester Institute of Technology
- Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer with specialties in Abdomen/Small Parts, OB/GYN and Vascular

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



Duygu Akdevelioglu, Ph.D.

MIS, Marketing and Analytics
Saunders College of Business

- Joined RIT in 2018
- Teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in marketing including digital marketing and new product development
- Pedagogical Fellow at UC Irvine- Instructor for Teaching Assistant Professional Development Program (TAPDP) for the incoming Ph.D. and MBA students
- Faculty mentor for several undergraduate students and committee member for several Master's theses
- Duygu's work is at the intersection of technology, digital marketing and social networks
- Author of 6 journal articles, more than 20 conference papers, 3 book chapters and grants
- Best Competitive Paper Award Consumer Culture Theory Conference (2017)
- Recipient of AdvanceRIT Connect Grant (2020-2021) as a co-PI and organized "Networking Networks" speaker series on social networks theory and analysis
- Recipient of RIT Grant Writers' Bootcamp Seed Funding Grant (2020)
- Member of Association for Consumer Research, American Marketing Association, Academy of Marketing Science and Consumer Culture Theory
- BS (Business Administration) and MS (Marketing) from Bilkent University, Turkey; Ph.D. (Marketing) from University of California, Irvine

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

1989-90	David Neumann	2006-07	Alex Bitterman
1990-91	Andreas Langner	2007-08	Anthony Harkin
1991-92	Reed Gershwind	2008-09	Eric Nystrom
1992-93	Nancy Wanek	2009-10	Robert Garrick
1993-94	Keith Jenkins	2010-11	Sandra J. Connelly
1994-95	Marca Bear	2011-12	Jason Kolodziej
1995-96	Scott Williams	2012-13	Kelly Norris Martin
1996-97	Debra Fromm Faria	2013-14	Sean Hansen
1997-98	Martin Gordon	2014-15	David Halbstein
1998-99	Carol Marchetti	2015-16	Reginald Rogers
1999-00	Victor Perotti	2016-17	Benjamin Banta
2000-01	Larry Buckley	2017-18	Nathaniel S. Barlow
2001-02	Joseph Fornieri	2018-19	Michael Brown
2002-03	Richard Cliver	2019-20	Joshua Thorson
2003-04	Sean Sutton	2020-21	Emmett Ientilucci
2004-05	Peter Hauser Todd Pagano	2021-22	Jessica Hardin
2005-06	Neil Hair	2022-23	Jennifer O'Neil

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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.



Mark D. Fairchild, Ph.D.

Professor

Program of Color Science / Munsell Color Science Laboratory
College of Science

- Joined RIT faculty in 1986 (Joined RIT as a student in 1982)
- B.S./M.S. in Imaging Science, Rochester Institute of Technology, 1986
- M.A./Ph.D. in Vision Science, University of Rochester, 1990
- Research supervisor for 68 graduate students (50 M.S., 18 Ph.D.)
- Authored and co-authored over 400 scientific publications including more than 100 peer-reviewed journal papers
- Author of the text, *Color Appearance Models*, currently in its 3rd edition, by Wiley
- Author of forthcoming book, *Munsell Trees: A Season of Leaves and Colors*, from RIT Press
- Wrote and published three internet resources with associated books for color education and research
- Co-Edited the *Handbook of Color Psychology*, published by Cambridge University Press
- Mark's research on color perception, color imaging, and a variety of other topics ranging from visual perception while golfing to the sensory evaluation of the colors of wines has been externally funded by numerous industrial, foundation, government, and alumni sponsors continuously since 1986.

Awards and recognitions include:

- Macbeth (research), Nickerson (service), and Godlove (lifetime achievement) Awards, Inter-Society Color Council
- Davies Medal (contributions to digital photography), Royal Photographic Society
- Bartleson Award (research by a young scientist), Colour Group of Great Britain
- Bowman Award (education), Society for Imaging Science & Technology

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Distinguished Professor

Mark D. Fairchild, Ph.D. continued

- Otto Schade Prize (research contributions), Society for Information Display
- Fellow of Optica and Society for Imaging Science & Technology
- Sixteen Journal, Publication, and Presentation Awards
- RIT Trustees Scholarship Award
- Served on numerous technical committees creating standards for color measurement and color imaging

Previous RIT administrative positions include:

- Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education, College of Science
- Founding Head, Integrated Sciences Academy, College of Science
- Director, Munsell Color Science Laboratory
- Director, Program of Color Science
- Ph.D. Program Director, Color Science and Imaging Science

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Distinguished Professor

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Michaël Amy, Ph.D.

Professor of the History of Art
School of Art
College of Art and Design

- Joined RIT in August 2000
- Taught the history of art for over 23 years at RIT, first in the Foundations Department, and subsequently in the School of Art, College of Art and Design
- The first faculty member to offer course electives in Renaissance and Baroque art and architecture at RIT, Michaël Amy taught classes on "Art and Architecture in Italy: 1250-1400", "Renaissance Painting in Flanders", "Art and Architecture of the Italian Renaissance Courts", "Art and Architecture in Florence and Rome" (15th and 16th century), "Art and Architecture in Venice and the Veneto" (15th and 16th century), "Baroque Rome", and "Art and Architecture in Italy: 1600-1750", as well as the annual year-long introductory "Survey of Western Art and Architecture" (ca. 25,000 BCE to ca. 1900), and -unexpectedly- 6 classes on "Twentieth Century Art" over two academic years shortly following his arrival at RIT
- Published over 30 articles, on Renaissance or contemporary art
- Published over 60 essays on contemporary art in monographs, exhibition catalogues, and brochures
- Published over 30 interviews with artists, chiefly in Art in America, Sculpture, Afterimage, and The Art Section
- Published numerous exhibition reviews of -mostly- contemporary art, chiefly in Art in America, Sculpture, and tema celeste, as well as book and exhibition reviews in CAA.Reviews
- Published 3 books on contemporary art
- Published texts, which appeared cumulatively in over 10 languages, on extremely well-known as well as emerging artists from around the world
- Wrote over the past quarter century about painting, sculpture, architecture, drawings, photography, video, and installation art, executed in a wide variety of styles, across a considerable chronological span, and exploring a vast range of themes, ideas, and agendas

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Distinguished Professor

Michaël Amy, Ph.D. continued

- Delivered over 40 conference papers and guest lectures combined, and appeared on discussion panels
- Curated two exhibitions of contemporary abstract art (in SOHO, NYC, and Westport, CT)
- Awarded many fellowships and grants, including from the Samuel H. Kress Foundation, and the Belgian American Educational Foundation
- Awarded the Gitner Family Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Graphic Communication by RIT's College of Imaging Arts and Sciences (now the College of Art and Design) in May 2006
- Received a Trustees Scholarship Award from RIT In May 2007
- BA in art history and archaeology, Vrije Universiteit Brussel; MA and PhD in art history, New York University's Institute of Fine Arts
- Member of the International Association of Art Critics (AICA), and a Contributing Editor at Sculpture (Washington, DC)

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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Eisenhart Award for Outstanding Teaching



Hye-Jin Nae, MFA

Associate Professor
School of Design
College of Art and Design

- First joined RIT in 2008
- Teaches courses in the area of user interface (UI), user experience (UX), interactive, new media and visual communication design
- Specialized in applied UI/UX design solutions in data-driven interfaces, mobile apps, websites, software, design systems, and various other digital applications across a broad spectrum of product spaces
- 20 years of design experience, including Creative Director and Lead Experience Architect at EffectiveUI, Lead Designer at Yahoo!, and Senior Visual Interaction Designer at Kodak, designing and developing user experience and interface designs for consumer products, online media, digital and mobile solutions, and wide-ranging emerging form factors
- Holds multiple US design patents and received numerous accolades, including iF Communication Awards, International Consumer Electronics Show (CES), w3 Awards, Webby Awards, International Design Awards, Indigo Design Awards, American Advertising Awards, MITX Interactive Awards, Communicator Awards, ITEXPO, Businessweek, American Graphic Design Awards, Communication Arts Design Awards, UCDA Design Awards, American InHouse Design Awards, among others
- Collaborated as PI and Co-PI on research projects from the Department of Homeland Security and the National Institute of Health to leverage the design process and capabilities to create solutions that address complex problems between users, technology, and content through interactive solutions
- BFA (Graphic Design), University of Wisconsin; MFA (Computer Graphics Design), Rochester Institute of Technology

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Eisenhart Award for Outstanding Teaching



Dorin Patru, Ph.D.

Associate Professor
Electrical and Microelectronic Engineering
Kate Gleason College of Engineering

- Joined RIT in 2002.
- Teaches digital and computer systems courses and associated labs in the EME department at the undergraduate and graduate level.
- Developed 10 courses with associated labs meant to bridge the gap between theoretical concepts and practice, providing students with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed as engineers.
- Advised and co-advised more than 100 undergraduate students during their multi-disciplinary senior design projects.
- Advised 32 undergraduate research students funded by NSF-REU and AIM-Photonics/NIST, and two McNair Scholars.
- 2001 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award recipient in the College of Engineering and Architecture, Washington State University, Pullman, WA.
- Pursuing applied and fundamental research in digital, embedded, and computer systems funded by NSF, NASA, NIST, and corporations (HP). Secured more than \$700,000 in external funding as a principal investigator and more than \$3Mil. as a co-investigator.
- Advised more than 50 graduate students, who completed a MSc thesis or a MSc graduate paper.
- Co-authored one journal, one transaction, one technical report, and 26 papers at conferences organized by IEEE, ACM, AIAA, and ASEE.
- BS/MS (EE) Technical University Cluj-Napoca, Cluj-Napoca, Romania; PhD (EE) Washington State University, Pullman, WA.

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Eisenhart Award for Outstanding Teaching



Carl Salvaggio, Ph.D.

Professor of Imaging Science
Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science
College of Science

- Joined RIT in 1981 (as a BS/MS student)
- Joined RIT in 1986 (as a research scientist and instructor)
- Joined RIT in 2002 (as a faculty member)
- Teaches classes in Object-Oriented Scientific Programming, Image Processing, Computer Vision, Remote Sensing, and High-Speed Photography
- One of the founding members of the Digital Imaging and Remote Sensing Laboratory
- Director of the Digital Imaging and Remote Sensing laboratory for the past 7 years
- Founder of the Digital Imaging and Remote Sensing Enterprise Center
- Served as the Imaging Science undergraduate program and minor coordinator of 12 years
- Co-chaired the RIT Research Computing Advisory Board for 6 years
- Published over 140 journal articles, conference proceedings, technical reports, book chapters and patents
- Served as the primary research advisor for 14 doctoral, 24 masters, and 48 undergraduate students in Imaging Science
- Served as a research committee member for 74 doctoral and 81 masters students across Imaging Science, Computer Science, Mechanical Engineering, and Astrophysical Science and Technology
- Principal Investigator on approximately \$10M in sponsored research from numerous U.S. government, intelligence, defense, and contractor organizations conducting research in the application of imaging as a solution to a myriad of real-world problems for national defense
- Regularly serves as an independent assessment reviewer for United States Department of Energy National Laboratory advanced research programs
- BS/MS in Imaging Science from the Rochester Institute of Technology
- Ph.D. in Environmental Resource Engineering from Syracuse University and the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry



Prior Recipients of the Eisenhart Award for Outstanding Teaching

1964–65	Clarence Tuites	1978–79	Julie J. Cammeron Robert L. Snyder John S. Zdanowicz
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		

*Award for Distinguished Young Teacher

1988–89	Paul Peterson Edward Salem Luvon Sheppard Philip Tyler	1999–00	Sidney Barefoot James Campbell Surendra (Vinnie) Gupta Michael Yacci	2012–13	Ivona Bezáková Linda Fleischman Gottermeier Christina Goudreau
1989–90	Joseph Brown Richard Doolittle Robert Keiffer William Nowlin	2000–01	John T. Sanders Hany Ghoneim George Georgantas Sidney L. McQuay	2013–14	Kirsten Condry Carl Lutzer
1990–91	Terry L. Dennis Barbara J. Hodik Raman Unnikrishnan	2001–02	David Neumann Jayanti Venkataraman Hamad Ghazle	2014–15	Robert D. Garrick Thomas Gasek Christopher Kurz Katie Terezakis
1991–92	James Campbell Sally Fischbeck Paula Grcevic Francis Kearns	2002–03	Michael Peres Josef Török David Suits G. Thomas Frederick	2015–16	Zack Butler Raj Murthy L. Kate Wright
1992–93	Patti Ambrogi Warren Carithers Swaminathan Madhu Lorna Mittelman	2003–04	Patricia Durr Andreas Langner Victor Perotti	2016–17	Richard Cliver Lynn Fuller Clifford Wun
1993–94	Timothy Engström Kyle Mattson Douglas Merrill Marilyn Mitchell	2004–05	Abieyuwa Aghayere Robert Barbato Douglas Manchee	2017–18	Steven M. Ciccarelli Alex Lobos
1994–95	Joan Carr Margaret Reek Bruce Sodervick Thomas Upson	2005–06	Lynn Fuller Paula Grcevic Edith Hemaspaandra LaVerne McQuiller Williams	2018–19	Hao Zhang George H. Zion
1995–96	Jean Douthwright Lynette Finton Mary Sullivan	2006–07	Roberley Bell Chun-Keung (Stan) Hoi Keith Whittington	2019–20	Jeanne Christman James Perkins Michael Richmond
1996–97	Donald Beil Eugene Fram Dane Gordon Satish Kandlikar	2007–08	Jeffrey D. Kozak Timothy Engström Scott A. Williams	2020–21	Amanda Bao Nathaniel Barlow Ammina Kothari
1997–98	Mary Louise Basile Robert H. Rothman Leonard Urso	2008–09	Andrew M. Herbert James E. Moon Hossein Shahmohamad	2021–22	Jan van Aardt md Abdullah al Faruque
1998–99	Roberley Bell Sophia Maggelakis James Mallory Kenneth Reek	2009–10	Keith B. Jenkins James R. Vallino	2022-23	Mari Jaye Blanchard Clyde Eirikur Hull Jason D. Listman Sharon Mason
		2010–11	Joseph R. Fornieri Cara Calvelli		
		2011–12	Daniel S. Bogaard Bernard Brooks Neil Hair		

Trustees Scholarship Award

The Education Core Committee of the Board of Trustees established the Trustees Scholarship Award in 2005 to recognize RIT faculty members who have demonstrated excellent records of academic scholarship at RIT over at least a three-year period. Up to two faculty members are selected annually to receive this award. Faculty scholarship that qualifies for the Trustees Scholarship Award must be scholarship that "is integral to, and not separated from, all aspects of a student's educational experience at RIT" and that fits within one or more of the following classifications: teaching/pedagogy, application, integration, or discovery.

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2005–06	Satish G. Kandlikar Harry G. Lang Ryne Raffaele	2014–15	Andreas Savakis Jan van Aardt
2006–07	Michaël Amy Amitrajeet A. Batabyal Bruce W. Smith	2015–16	Denis Cormier James Perkins
2007–08	David J. Axon Richard A. Hirsch Santosh Kurinec	2016–17	John Ettl Carlos Lousto Risa Robinson
2008–09	John R. Schott Michael S. Stinson	2017–18	Matt Huenerfauth
2009–10	Joseph P. Hornak Marc Marschark James J. Winebrake	2018–19	Elizabeth Cherry Stefan Preble
2010–11	Roy S. Berns	2019–20	Mark Fairchild Linwei Wang
2011–12	Joel Kastner Eli Saber	2020–21	Gregory Halpern Blanca Lapizco-Encinas
2012–13	Seth M. Hubbard Brian J. Landi	2021–22	Eric Williams Qi Yu
2013–14	Manuela Campanelli Jennifer Schneider	2022–23	Callie W. Babbitt Jeyhan Kartaltepe

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Matthew Wright, Ph.D.

Professor and Chair
Department of Cybersecurity
Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences

- Joined RIT in 2016, initially as director of the Center for Cybersecurity, and later as the Director of Research for what is now ESL GCI.
- Helped to raise research in cybersecurity from less than \$1M/year to over \$3M/year in six years.
- Principal Investigator on \$3.0 million in externally funded projects, with the majority coming from the National Science Foundation.
- Received an NSF CAREER Award in 2010 for his work in traffic analysis in systems for anonymity online.
- Head of the DeFake project, which is developing and deploying a usable deepfake detection tool for journalists and intelligence analysts.
- Developed and taught classes like “Deep Learning Security,” “Internet Security,” and “Anonymity & Tor” that bring his research into the classroom.
- Published many papers in the top venues in cybersecurity, human-computer interaction, and computer networks.
- The third most cited “Matt Wright” on Google Scholar with over 5,000 citations on his over 100 published works. The top two “Matt Wright”’s have about 14,000 citations each, so he has a ways to go to reach #1.
- Has mentored 84 students on research in some “official” capacity, and many faculty in a mostly unofficial capacity, and they – along with his many collaborators – deserve the nearly all of the credit for the nice things in this list.

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Trustees Scholarship Award



Thomas Gaborski, Ph.D.

Professor
Department of Biomedical Engineering
Kate Gleason College of Engineering

- Joined RIT in 2012
- Founding Member of the Biomedical Engineering Department
- Founding Director of the Biomedical and Chemical Engineering Ph.D. Program
- Incoming Department Head of Biomedical Engineering
- Has taught 10 different undergraduate and graduate engineering courses at RIT including designing and developing 6.
- His research focuses on developing and utilizing ultrathin nanomembranes for tissue-on-a-chip and biological separations.
- His work on developing next-generation membranes for vascular tissue-on-a-chip is helping to eliminate animal models in drug discovery and enabling the possibility of patient-specific drug testing.
- He was recognized with the Young Innovator Award in Cellular and Molecular Bioengineering by the Biomedical Engineering Society.
- He has been awarded over \$5 million in research funding during his career. Inclusive of collaborating groups, the total value of these awards exceeds \$18 million.
- He has been a principal investigator on 11 research grants and a collaborating co-investigator on 6 additional research grants. These grants come from six different Institutes at the National Institutes of Health (Institute of Aging, Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering, Institute of General Medical Sciences, and National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute), the National Science Foundation, New York State, and two industry partners.
- Research Mentor to more than 30 undergraduates, 4 master’s students, 10 doctoral students and 3 postdoctoral researchers.
- B.S. in Biological Engineering from Cornell University. M.S. and Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Rochester.

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