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6 Books to Add to Your Summer Reading List

By Victor Rogers

Searching for a good book to read while on vacation (or staycation)? Look no further. We asked a few avid readers for recommendations, and they delivered. The books range from the telling of Teddy Roosevelt’s scientific expedition of an unknown Amazon tributary to the story of a rebellious teen forced to spend the summer with her father.

The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt’s Darkest Journey

By Candice Millard


“I’m happy to recommend a book I thought I wouldn’t like but actually had trouble putting down: River of Doubt. It’s the story of Theodore Roosevelt’s scientific expedition to chart what was, at the time, an unknown tributary of the Amazon — the River of Doubt. What is history reads like fiction, and the development of personalities as well as the actual story behind the almost fatal (to him) exploration of this piece of South America is really fascinating. A great summer read that still feeds the brain and won’t have you feeling guilty!”

—Martín García, associate vice president for International Development, Office of Development

Four Tech Students Earn Fulbrights

By Kristen Bailey

Three recipients come from the College of Engineering, while the fourth comes from the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts. All will pursue international graduate study or international research through the Fulbright program.

On April 23, Georgia Tech’s Academic Faculty Senate approved changes to the Institute’s Grade Substitution policy that were proposed by the Student Regulations Committee. The previous policy permitted first-time, first-year students to repeat a course in which they received a D or an F grade, and have their new grade substituted for the old grade in the calculation of the academic grade point average (GPA). That policy now extends to all undergraduate students during any year of study.

The policy began as a way to support first-year students in their transition to the college environment, which usually has a different structure of teaching and learning than high school.

“Accompanied by other ‘first-time’ changes in students’ lives, such as being away from home and their families, these ‘firsts’ can collectively contribute to lower performance in a course that is not a true reflection of the student’s ultimate achievements in a program,” said Natasha Boland, Fouts Family Professor in the H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering.

The policy changes grew out of the work of the Diversity and Inclusion Council of the College of Engineering, of which Boland is a part.

The council began meeting in 2017 with the mission to “identify, raise awareness of, and work on issues related to diversity and inclusion.” The group formed at the direction of Steve McLaughlin, Dean and Southern Company Chair of the College of Engineering, with support from Pinar Keskinocak, the William W. George Chair and Professor in the H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering.

In their work, the group noticed differences in retention rates for transfer students. They began to dig deeper to find out why those rates differed.
EVENTS

ARTS AND CULTURE

May 31
Max Amini brings his Authentically Absurd Tour to the Ferst Center for the Arts at 8 p.m.
arts.gatech.edu

Through July 12
The Robert C. Williams Museum of PapERMaking hosts two exhibits, Postage Required and Marvelous Marbling. The museum is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
paper.gatech.edu

SEMINARS AND LECTURES

June 5
Human Resources hosts a Be Well session on Preventing Identity Theft from 11 a.m. to noon in Room 117, Smithgall Student Services (Flag) Building.
hr.gatech.edu/bewell

June 9–10
The Women in Data Science Workshop is the kickoff event of the Data Science Forum and will take place in the Klaus Advanced Computing Building. View a full agenda, learn more, and register at:
dsf.ideas.gatech.edu/events/wdsf

June 9–12
The Machine Learning in Science and Engineering Conference, also part of the Data Science Forum, will take place at the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center. Learn more and register at:
dsf.ideas.gatech.edu/events/mlse

WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING

June 5
Tech Ends Suicide Together hosts a QPR Training session from noon to 2 p.m. in Room 117 of the Smithgall Student Services (Flag) Building. Additional sessions will take place in alternate locations on June 18, July 8, and July 19. Learn more and RSVP at:
c.gatech.edu/qpr

June 6
Workday will go live on July 1. Tune in to a webinar from 1 to 2:30 p.m. to learn more about training, support, and important dates as the final transition approaches. Learn more and RSVP at:
transformation.gatech.edu

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Technologies, which are both relocating their innovation centers to Coda, and WeWork, which will be home to several startup companies. Coda is also directly responsible for attracting Anthem Technology to the area. The company aims to move some 1,000 employees to Tech Square.

“Coda is one of the city’s most important office projects in decades,” wrote J. Scott Trubey in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution earlier this year. In 2016, Invest Atlanta, the City of Atlanta’s development authority, estimated that Coda could have an economic impact of $813.8 million over the next two decades.

“Collaboration among different disciplines, and between academia and industry, will be critical to developing solutions to the complex societal challenges facing us in the years ahead,” said Chaouki Abdallah, Georgia Tech’s executive vice president for Research. “Coda is intended to facilitate that through a unique design including a collaborative core with a spiral staircase that creates opportunities for unanticipated collisions and constructive interactions among those working in the building.”

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An open plaza welcomes visitors to Coda from West Peachtree Street. Below, Tech employees from Information Technology work in some of the new collaborative spaces. The building’s facade is primarily glass, as seen from West Peachtree Street.
## FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Stirceus Barnes, program director in CEISMC, was named a recipient of the 2019 Horizons Leadership Award, which is given to a Horizons executive director or site director who contributes both on a local and national level and embodies the spirit of Horizons, which provides academic, cultural, and recreational programs for students from under-served communities.

The National Academy of Engineering honored Paul Benkeser, senior associate chair and professor in the Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering, Joseph Le Doux, associate professor in the Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering, and Wendy Newstetter, director of Learning Sciences Research in the College of Engineering, with the 2019 Bernard M. Gordon Prize medal for innovation in engineering and technology education.

Atlanta Public Schools named CEISMC its Outstanding Postsecondary Partner at an awards ceremony earlier this month.

Tushar Krishna, assistant professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, has been named a recipient of the Google Faculty Award. Krishna was also recently chosen as a recipient of Facebook Research’s Faculty Award for AI System HardwareSoftware Co-Design. He was one of eight selected from 88 submissions worldwide.

The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health has chosen Wilbur Lam, associate professor in the Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering, to receive an Emerging Investigator Award. The award is one of only seven awarded this year.

The Georgia Tech Library’s “We are Library Next” video, produced with Washington, D.C.-based partner Hillmann and Carr, earned three Association of Research Libraries (ARL) film awards Thursday, May 9.

Glaccio Paulino, Raymond Allen Jones Chair in the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, has been elected a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, a recognition of his achievements that’s reserved for fewer than 4% of the society’s members.

John Popenis, professor in the School of Architecture, received an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Thessaly, Greece, on May 8. The award was conferred in recognition of distinguished contributions to the discipline of architecture, architectural research, and architectural education in Greece and abroad.

Matthew Reallf, Professor and David Wang Sr. Fellow in the School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, was named Person of the Year for 2018 by the Carpet America Recovery Effort (CARE), a nonprofit charged with advancing market-based solutions for carpet recycling and landfill diversion of post-consumer Tech. He was honored at the 17th Annual CARE Conference in Houston, Texas, on May 1.

Bobby Strickland, senior graphic designer in Professional Education, won two bronze Indigo Design Awards for his work on graphics related to Ethics Awareness Week at Georgia Tech. The American Astronautical Society has announced that Panagiotis Tsiorras, David & Andrew Lewis Chair in the Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering, has been elected a Fellow of the Society, the highest-ranking membership offered.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### KRISTEN BAILEY INSTITUTE COMMUNICATIONS

Rick Clark lives and breathes the college admission process every day and knows how stressful it can be for high schoolers and parents alike. That’s why this summer, the director of Undergraduate Admission will share his expertise with the campus community at a forum for any faculty and staff member who has a high schooler that plans to apply to college.

The Basics of College Admission will provide tips for approaching the process pragmatically as a family, no matter where a student plans to apply. Clark said anyone in the Tech community with a high schooler who is thinking about going to college should attend.

“We want the program to be a benefit for faculty and staff,” he said. “It won’t be about how to get into Georgia Tech, but we’ll talk about good ways to visit schools, how to put together a balanced college list, and how admission decisions are made. There will be something relevant for anyone with a student going into ninth through 12th grade.”

Employees are welcome to bring their high school students but do not have to. Even for those who have already had a student go through the process, Clark says there are things to be learned.

“We hear from parents who say, ‘I’m gonna do this differently next time,’” he said. Clark and his staff write a weekly blog about college admission and the holistic process, which offers thoughts on getting ready to apply to and go to college for high schoolers, their parents, and their family members. He also recently co-authored The Truth about College Admission, which will be released in September from Johns Hopkins University Press.

The event will take place Thursday, June 13, from 1:15 to 3:45 p.m. in the Clary Theatre of the Bill Moore Student Success Center. Attendees can register online. Those who can’t attend can view a similar presentation Clark gave to Georgia Tech alumni in 2018 at c.gatech.edu/admissionforum.

## CRÉC Offers Swim Lessons to Members, Nonmembers

CHRISTINE LEMASTER
CAMPUS RECREATION CENTER

Swimming is the only sport that could save your life. At one time or another, you are bound to find yourself around water, whether you’re at the beach, on a boat, or lounging by the pool with friends. It is also a skill that you never too young or too old to acquire.

The Campus Recreation Center (CRC) offers swim programs to fit all levels and needs.

“Water safety and knowing how to swim is important for everyone,” said Stephanie Belcher, aquatics and fitness coordinator at the CRC.

The CRC offers two levels of lessons, in either a group or private environment, to build confidence and ensure safety in the pool. Instructional swim programs are available for both members and nonmembers, with classes available for anyone aged 5 and up.

Group lessons are offered Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday. Small group lessons are limited to six participants in four 30-minute sessions. Private classes are scheduled separately by contacting Stephanie Belcher. Semi-private classes consist of two students per instructor and include two 30-minute lessons. Private lessons are customized to swimmers’ abilities and include two 30-minute lessons.

Group lessons begin the week of June 3 and run through the end of July.

Visit crc.gatech.edu/aquatics/lessons for pricing and registration information.
An American Marriage
By Tayari Jones, Riverhead Books (2018)

“An American Marriage was a really good read — exciting from start to finish. The story is about a newlywed couple who had it all until one night their world was turned upside down. While visiting family, the husband has a nonsensical encounter with a woman at the hotel where they were staying. Something happens to the woman that very night, and now the husband is being accused. His marriage and entire world are changed forever.”

—Nikita Walker, human resources coordinator, College of Design

The Last Song
By Nicholas Sparks, Grand Central Publishing (2009)

“The Last Song is a very emotional book. It tells the story of Ronni, a rebellious teenager who hates her father but is forced to spend the summer with him. It will be a summer full of tests, trials, pain, and joy that will change her life forever. I love the writing style; it’s so real, yet poetic. The book reminded me of what is important in life. Overall, it highlights the importance of understanding people’s varying experiences and paths through life. The world around me vanished while I was reading this book a few years ago, and it’s stuck with me ever since.”

—Melissa Buchanan, program and operations manager, Advanced Technology Development Center

Lincoln in the Bardo
By George Saunders, Random House (2017)

“A story of a father’s love for his son and the depth and power of mourning are woven together through a series of fictional first-person accounts told through the eyes of the living and the dead. This is one of the most outlandish yet somehow believable novels I’ve ever read. You will connect with each and every character as you meet them, and laugh and cry as you hear their stories.”

—Emily Tahikadine, director of development, Parent Giving and Student Life

Bel Canto
By Ann Patchett, Perennial, HarperCollins (2001)

“This is Ann Patchett’s masterpiece, in my opinion. In the story, a famous American soprano is taken hostage when she performs for a wealthy industrialist in South America. It’s a heartbreaking story driven by human connection in the face of danger and uncertainty, and it highlights the importance of understanding people’s varying experiences and paths through life. The world around me vanished while I was reading this book a few years ago, and it’s stuck with me ever since.”

—Jessie Brandon, graphic designer, College of Design

Reamde
By Neal Stephenson, William Morrow, Brilliance Audio (2011)

“Having liked some of Neal Stephenson’s other books, I decided to listen to Reamde on a whim without reading the description. It was a 38.5 hours/1,056 pages of nonstop action, drama, and humor with a wonderfully unique cast of characters. It was my favorite book of 2018, and it was over too soon. I encourage you to just dive in, but if you must know: The plot manages to combine drama, action, mystery, and funny asides, all while exploring the intriguing world of cyberpunk. The novel is a thrilling ride that will leave you wanting more. Overall, it was a really enjoyable read.”

—Lauren J.R. Lange, engineering major, College of Design

Topping It Off

Workers continue construction on the Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design. Here, on May 13, a worker adds a solar panel to the roof of the structure. The building will open and begin hosting events in September. Follow its construction progress at livingbuilding.gatech.edu.

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