The Georgia Tech Post Office has started operations in its temporary space in the new Exhibition Hall, where it will stay until late 2022 while the Student Center is renovated. With the move comes a transition to High Density Mail, which trades mailboxes for more space-efficient folders. Despite these changes, student addresses will not change. The only significant difference in the Postal Services experience is that letter mail will now trigger an email notification to be picked up at the window, just like packages. Learn more at postoffice.gatech.edu.

Photo courtesy of Campus Services
Maintaining Your Mask

When combined with physical distancing and regular handwashing, wearing a face covering is useful in slowing the spread of the coronavirus. As of July 15, the University System of Georgia (USG) requires all students, faculty, staff, and visitors to wear a face covering while inside campus facilities where 6 feet of physical distancing may not be possible. Environmental Health and Safety is providing cloth face coverings for the Tech community. Here are some tips for wearing and cleaning them.

1. **When wearing a mask, make sure the top of it comes close to the bridge of your nose, and the bottom goes under your chin.** Tighten the loops or ties so that it fits snugly around your face, with no gaps.

2. **It’s good to have several masks.** This allows for the rotation of masks and time to wash between wears. All Georgia Tech employees will be provided two reusable face coverings.

3. **The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends washing cloth face coverings after each use.** They can be machine washed or cleaned by hand, using regular laundry soap and the warmest water setting appropriate for the cloth used to make the face covering. If using a washing machine, the masks may be put in with the rest of the laundry. If using bleach or hydrogen peroxide when washing it, be aware that chemicals will degrade the fibers of the face covering, making it less effective over time. You can put them in a dryer (on low heat) or let them air dry.

4. **If you cannot wash the face covering after each use, health officials suggest putting a worn mask safely out of reach.** Studies have found that viruses usually decay faster on fabric or other porous materials than on hard materials like plastic or metal.

**Do not:**
- Wear the mask below your nose.
- Leave your chin exposed.
- Wear it too loosely.
- Pull the mask down and let it rest under your chin.

**Do:**
- Wash your hands before and after wearing a mask.
- Use the loops or ties to put on and take off your mask. (Do not pull the front of the mask to remove it.)

If you are alone or safely distanced from others and need to remove your mask, take it off completely instead of resting it under your chin. Your neck area may have been exposed to the virus, and putting the mask there may contaminate it.

Remember, the virus spreads mainly among people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet). The use of cloth face coverings is especially important in those situations or when it is difficult to main physical distancing. For more tips to stay healthy, see the preventive resources section of the Stamps Health Services site at [health.gatech.edu/coronavirus/prevention-wellbeing](http://health.gatech.edu/coronavirus/prevention-wellbeing).
Windows of Welcome to Celebrate Return to Campus

ELIZABETH GEIGER
GEORGIA TECH ARTS

Staff, faculty, and students are invited to help make campus feel like home again with Windows of Welcome.

Georgia Tech Arts encourages members of the Tech community to think of their office window or door as an inspirational gallery that can bring a smile to a student’s face. Artwork or words of encouragement could reflect your department or unit’s work, or simply stake a claim to the joys of being a Ramblin’ Wreck.

Use whatever supplies you have on hand, and include a border or header with the text “Windows of Welcome.” Art should be on display by Monday, Aug. 10, and remain there until at least Aug. 17. All participants are expected to abide by the Georgia Tech Codes of Conduct and all applicable safety and facility regulations.

Post pictures of your windows and art displays on social media with the hashtags #windowsofwelcomeGT and #swarmstrenGT, and tag both Georgia Tech @georgiatech and Georgia Tech Arts @artsattech (@artsatgt on Twitter).

Questions about Windows of Welcome can be sent to info@arts.gatech.edu.

Photos from Windows of Welcome will also be shared at arts.gatech.edu.

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houses the Office of the President and other campus leadership, before growing to include 18 other buildings. Now it is being incorporated into all campus buildings. AWARE allows occupants to get a personal understanding of their waste footprint, sort their materials as recycling or landfill, and alleviate the burden on custodial staff.

“This transition will allow our custodial teams to reallocate time and focus on disinfecting tasks related to Covid-19,” said Emma Brodzik, campus recycling coordinator. “It will also help advance Georgia Tech’s sustainability goals related to waste diversion.”

During regular operations, the campus produces an estimated 400 tons of landfill waste each month and almost 200 tons of recycling or compost that is diverted from the landfill. Having office occupants further sort their material has historically shown to increase diversion from landfills.

Effective June 18, research buildings that are part of the summer ramp-up transitioned to the AWARE program. Each ramp-up phase will include more campus facilities; the whole campus will have the capacity to participate by Aug. 1. As each building adopts AWARE, custodians in those buildings will no longer service deskside or individual office waste containers.

The Office of Solid Waste Management and Recycling will be sharing information to building managers and the Office of Emergency Preparedness to get occupants ready for the transition. For an overview, visit the Recycling website. Questions can be directed to Brodzik at emma.brodzik@faculty.gatech.edu.

President Cabrera sorts recycling in Clough Commons.

Photo by Emma Brodzik
Mentor, Model, Advocate: Burnett Retires After 13 Years

REBECCA KEANE
IVAN ALLEN COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Rebecca Burnett, the Class of ’58 Endowed Professor in the School of Literature, Media, and Communication (LMC) and director of the Writing and Communication Program (WCP) at Georgia Tech, retired Aug. 1. She has been appointed Professor Emerita.

Burnett joined Georgia Tech in 2007. She innovated the WOVEN approach to teaching and learning communication, emphasizing rhetoric, process, multimodality (written, oral, visual, electronic, and nonverbal), collaboration, and assessment. The program serves all Georgia Tech students — some 5,000 to 6,000 a year take WCP courses. With a goal of creating a culture of communication across the whole campus, the program also positioned Georgia Tech, the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, and LMC as an international model.

“Dr. Burnett transformed WCP into an integral part of education at Georgia Tech, introducing students to academic rigor at our institution, helping them to become more capable communicators, and involving them in the campus life and community,” said Richard Utz, professor and chair of the School of Literature, Media, and Communication. “Because of her leadership, Georgia Tech is known for an outstanding program in multimodal communication.”

Burnett’s leadership also encompassed hiring, training, and mentoring 40 Brittain Postdoctoral Fellows and lecturers who teach WCP classes; overseeing the renovation of the Stephen C. Hall Building (which houses the WCP); and construction of the campuswide Naugle CommLab, sustaining donor relations to make such enhancements possible. Some of Burnett’s accomplishments included creating a professional development program for WCP faculty; supporting the design and development of WOVENText, WCP’s required textbook for English 1101 and English 1102; establishing WCP’s portfolio assessment system; and linking technical communication with a client-based capstone course in computing.

When she came to the Ivan Allen College in 2007, WCP was in a nascent stage and connections with other units were minimal. Burnett developed strong partnerships for the program with other colleges and units.

Early in her tenure, Burnett developed sections of composition and technical communication that introduced discipline-specific multimodal courses to engage students in communication activities and discussions particular to their majors. Science and engineering majors explored ethical and sociological ramifications of scientific advancements such as cloning, transgenics, and genetic enhancement as they appear in film and literature. Architecture majors focused on ways in which representations of space and the built environment in literature and media become staging grounds for constructing, defending, and renegotiating definitions of both individual and national identity.

Read more about Burnett’s accomplishments at c.gatech.edu/burnett.

FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Sam Coogan received the 2020 Donald P. Eckman Award at the American Control Conference, which was held July 1-3 in an online format. Coogan serves as the Demetrius T. Paris Assistant Professor, an endowed position in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, where he holds a joint appointment.

Eva Dyer, assistant professor in the Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering, has been named one of three recipients of the 2020 McKnight Technological Innovations in Neuroscience Awards, which awards $600,000 in grant funding.

Felix Herrmann, professor and Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar in Energy, is the recipient of the 2020 Reginald Fessenden Award, presented by the Society of Exploration Geophysicists. He is receiving this award with Charles (Chuck) Mosher, of ConocoPhillips, for their pioneering work in the development and application of compressive sensing in seismology.

Hua Wang, associate professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, has been selected for the 2020 Qualcomm Faculty Award (QFA) for his contributions to wideband energy-efficient radio-frequency (RF)/mm-Wave circuits and novel wireless transceiver system architectures that have influenced the research and development in the commercial sector of the semiconductor industry.

Shimeng Yu, associate professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, has been named as a recipient of the IEEE/ACM Design Automation Conference Under-40 Innovators Award. This award recognizes the top young innovators who have made a significant impact in the field of design and automation of electronics.