



# The Whistle

Work and Life at Georgia Tech Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024



## Staff Awards Nomination Period Open

Do you work with an outstanding co-worker or team member? Is there a new hire in your department who exhibits visionary leadership? Are you the team member who finds solutions? Then take the time to nominate them, or yourself, for a Staff Award.

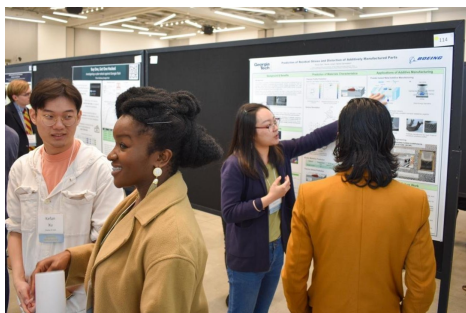
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## Mark Your Calendar for the Atlanta Science Festival

This year, Science and Engineering Day will serve as the kickoff event for the entire festival, taking place March 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those interested in volunteering or hosting a demonstration of their work should register by Jan. 16.

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## Judges Wanted for Graduate Student Conference

This year's Career, Research, and Innovation Development Conference will feature a virtual and in-person poster competition. Faculty members are needed to judge both, and are asked to devote about an hour of their time.

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### Borowitz Takes Space Expertise to Washington

Mariel Borowitz, space policy expert in the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, serves part-time as the director of international space situational awareness engagement in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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## Human Resources Updates



### It's National Mentoring Month

Take ownership of your professional growth, or use your experience to empower others, through MentorTech. Register by Jan. 31 to potentially be matched in February.

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### Self-Assessments Due Jan. 31

The annual process presents an opportunity for employees and their supervisors to collaborate on setting expectations, review the previous year's work and accomplishments, and discuss paths to improvement.

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## Faculty/Staff Achievements



**Priti Bhatia**, director of facilities and capital planning for the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, was one of three people nationwide to receive the 2023 Pacesetter Award from the Association of Physical Plant Administrators (APPA). The award is given annually to individuals who have made significant contributions to their region and to their APPA chapter.



**Mo Li**, professor in the School of Materials Science and Engineering, has received the Humboldt Research Award from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. The award honors internationally leading researchers in recognition of their entire academic record to date.



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## Upcoming Events

Media Arts Day 2024:  
Empathy Bytes and Virtual  
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Thursday, Jan. 18  
2 – 3 p.m.  
Scholars Event Network  
Theater, Price Gilbert Library

Career Empowering  
Discussions: Job Families  
and Career Pathing

Thursday, Jan. 25  
1 – 3 p.m.  
Online

Virtual Lecture: Elevated  
Paper

Tuesday, Jan. 23  
8 – 9 p.m.  
Online

Faculty Professional  
Development: Spring  
Writing Retreat

Thursday, Jan. 25  
1 – 4 p.m.  
Online

Honorary Degree  
Presentation for Microsoft  
CEO Satya Nadella

Thursday, Jan. 25  
10 – 11 a.m.  
Atlantic Theater, John Lewis  
Student Center

Ephrat Asherie Dance:  
UNDERScored

Friday, Jan. 26  
8 – 10 p.m.  
Ferst Center for the Arts

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