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**ENDOWED FELLOWSHIP**  
**Steven O. Lane Junior Faculty Fellowship**

The late Steven O. Lane was a 1978 graduate of Virginia Tech. He was considered a worldwide leader in spacecraft antenna design, spending his entire career with Boeing Satellite Systems. Among his accomplishments were 12 patents and several professional papers. Steven loved Tech and always gave credit for his success in large part to his education.

Dr. Julia Ross, Dean of the College of Engineering has nominated Assistant Professor Harpreet S. Dhillon to the Steven O. Lane Junior Faculty Fellowship, concurring with the recommendations of Dr. Luke F. Lester, Department Head of the Bradley Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, the Bradley Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Honorifics Committee, and the College of Engineering Honorifics Committee. Dr. Dhillon is qualified because he meets the criteria of the recipient to conduct research in antennas, electromagnetics, or related fields as directed by the donor.

Dr. Dhillon earned his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin in 2013, where he was a Microelectronics and Computer Development (MCD) Fellow in 2010-11. He received the B.Tech. degree in Electronics and Communication Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati, India in 2008, and the M.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from Virginia Tech in 2010. In academic year 2013-14, he was a Viterbi Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. He joined the Bradley Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Virginia Tech as a tenure-track Assistant Professor in fall of 2014 and was named the Outstanding New Assistant Professor by the Virginia Tech College of Engineering in 2017. During his doctoral studies, he held short-term visiting positions at Alcatel-Lucent Bell Labs in Crawford Hill, NJ, Samsung Research America in Richardson, TX, Qualcomm Inc. in San Diego, CA, and Cercom, Politecnico di Torino in Italy.

Dr. Dhillon has earned a reputation of being a truly gifted researcher having consistently produced seminal research results that have been extensively cited and utilized by his peers worldwide. Clarivate Analytics (formerly Thomson Reuters) included him in their annual list of Highly Cited Researchers in 2017. He was the only one from Virginia Tech to feature on this highly-selective list. Dr. Dhillon's work has received five best paper awards, including three exceptionally competitive annual awards from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Communications Society: (i) the 2014 IEEE ComSoc Leonard G. Abraham Prize, (ii) the 2015 IEEE ComSoc Young Author Best Paper Award, and (iii) the 2016 IEEE ComSoc Heinrich Hertz Award. These awards are particularly impressive given the high selectivity and rigorous competitiveness (one paper is chosen from the past three calendar years for each of these awards). Dr. Dhillon is also an extremely gifted teacher who has successfully integrated several ideas from his research into his classes. Due to his engaging teaching style, he is consistently rated very highly both by his peers and the students.

Dr. Dhillon has shown remarkable research productivity during his relatively short career. In about three years since he joined Virginia Tech in Fall 2014, his research has resulted in 34 journal publications all of which were published in the top journals of his area, such as IEEE Transactions on Wireless Communications and IEEE Transactions on Communications. He has also published 35 conference papers while at Virginia Tech. He has secured or helped to secure a high level of sponsored funding to support his research. This includes five awards from the National Science Foundation and one from the National Spectrum Consortium. He is Principal Investigator in five of these awards. The total amount of these awards is \$5.4M, with VT's share being \$3.6M and Dr. Dhillon's share being \$1.9M.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Dr. Harpreet S. Dhillon be appointed the Steven O. Lane Junior Faculty Fellow of Electrical and Computer Engineering for a period of three years, effective April 10, 2018, with a salary supplement as provided by the endowment and, if available, with funds from the eminent scholars match program.

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**ENDOWED CHAIR**  
**Nicholas and Rebecca Des Champs Chair of Mechanical Engineering**

The Nicholas and Rebecca Des Champs Chair in Mechanical Engineering was established in 2017 in honor of Nicholas and Rebecca Des Champs, benefactors of the endowment. The intent of this endowment is to establish a named Chair in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. This chair will be held continuously by the Department Head of Mechanical Engineering, regardless of who serves in that role; the appointment expires when the recipient no longer serves as Department Head of Mechanical Engineering. Dean Julia Ross has nominated Dr. Azim Eskandarian, Department Head of Mechanical Engineering, as the Nicolas and Rebecca Des Champs Chair of Mechanical Engineering on the recommendation of the Department of Mechanical Engineering Honorifics Committee.

Dr. Eskandarian has been professor and head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering (ME) at Virginia Tech since August 2015. In spite of his relatively short time, Dr. Eskandarian has had a large impact on the ME department. He has proven himself to be an engaged and effective leader, with an uncanny ability for building consensus and bringing different groups together toward the betterment of the department. His energy and enthusiasm are clearly evident, especially with respect to departmental organization, faculty recruiting, and quick actions to implement a functioning strategic plan for the department.

Dr. Eskandarian developed strategic directions for the department with the consensus of the faculty and started several new initiatives to enhance the quality of scholarship, the student experiential learning, and diversity within the department and streamlined several departmental procedures with new policies. He has made significant contributions to developing new academic curricula at both graduate and undergraduate levels, laboratories, and research centers, and has conducted pioneering research in intelligent vehicles and vehicle active and passive safety, among many other areas. He expanded several international academic exchanges and partnerships leading to both student exchanges and scholarship activities among collaborating institutions.

Dr. Eskandarian has made outstanding contributions to Virginia Tech, Commonwealth of Virginia, and the nation through his effective leadership and innovative research in the field autonomous vehicles and vehicle safety.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Dr. Azim Eskandarian be appointed the Nicholas and Rebecca Des Champs Chair in Mechanical Engineering, effective April 10, 2018, with a salary supplement and operating budget as provided by the endowment and, if available, with funds from the eminent scholars match program.

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**ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP**  
**American Electric Power Professorship**

Dr. Julia Ross, Dean of the College of Engineering has nominated Professor Chen-Ching Liu to the American Electric Power Professorship, concurring with the recommendation of the Bradley Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Honorifics Committee and Department Head, Luke Lester. Dr. Liu is eminently qualified because of his pioneering contributions in research in the field of Electric Power Systems.

Dr. Chen-Ching Liu obtained his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley in 1983. He joined Virginia Tech in January 2018. Before joining Virginia Tech, Dr. Liu was Boeing Distinguished Professor of Electrical Engineering at Washington State University (WSU), Pullman, WA. He has also served as professor of Electrical Engineering and associate dean of Engineering at the University of Washington, Seattle, Palmer Chair Professor at Iowa State University, and professor and acting/deputy principal of the College of Engineering, Mathematics, and Physical Sciences at University College Dublin, Ireland.

Dr. Liu is recognized around the world for his pioneering research in intelligent system methodologies for power systems. His work on power system restoration in transmission and distribution systems led to practical tools for the power industry through Electric Power Research Institute and Pacific Northwest National Lab. Dr. Liu has 142 publications in major technical journals, 28 invited book chapters, 162 conference papers, and three edited books. Dr. Liu has supervised 36 Ph.D.s and more than 50 master's students over the last 34 years as a professor.

Dr. Liu was elected a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) in 1994. He received the Presidential Young Investigator's Award from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the White House in 1986 and the IEEE Power and Energy Society Outstanding Power Engineering Educator Award in 2004. Professor Liu was also recognized with a Doctor Honoris Causa by the Polytechnic University Bucharest, Romania, in 2013. While he served on the faculty of WSU, he was elected a Member of the Washington State Academy of Sciences in 2014.

Dr. Liu served in leadership positions in international communities of power system engineering. He served as a member of the Governing Board of the IEEE Power and Energy Society, Founding President of the International Council of Intelligent System Applications to Power Systems, as well as Chair of the IEEE Power and Energy Society Fellow Committee and Technical Committee on Power System Computing, Analysis, and Economics.

As a senior faculty member at Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE), Virginia Tech, Dr. Liu serves as Director of the Center for Power and Energy. In this position, he will take the leadership role to further grow the power system program at ECE that has a long tradition of accomplishments and worldwide reputation.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Dr. Chen-Ching Liu be appointed the American Electric Power Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering for a period of five years, effective April 10, 2018, with a salary supplement as provided by the endowment and, if available, with funds from the eminent scholars match program.

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## **ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP W.C. English Professorship**

The W.C. English Professorship was established in 1992 in honor of W. Curtis English, the benefactor of the endowment. The intent of this endowment was to establish a named professorship in the College of Engineering. Dean Julia Ross has nominated Dr. Wenjing Lou for the English Professorship based on the recommendations of the Department of Computer Science and the College of Engineering Honorifics Committee.

Professor Lou is one of the most distinguished and productive scholars and educators in the Department of Computer Science and the College of Engineering. Her research in information and network security is a major component of the university's growing reputation and impact in the critically important area of cybersecurity. Dr. Lou has made innovative and widely cited research contributions in a diverse set of challenging security and privacy contexts, including problems arising in wireless networks, mobile ad hoc networks, sensor networks, network management and routing, and data security and privacy in the cloud. Her work has been recognized by her technical community with numerous honors, including receiving the Technical Recognition Award from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Communications Society Technical Committee on Security, and being recognized as an IEEE Fellow.

Professor Lou's contributions in mentoring students and in serving her professional community are also outstanding. Six of her ten PhD graduates hold tenured or tenure-track positions at research-oriented universities, including three who have received the National Science Foundation (NSF) CAREER award. Dr. Lou has filled numerous leadership roles at the top international conferences in her field and has been associate editor for several premier journals. She led the establishment of the IEEE Conference on Communications and Network Security; she is currently the steering committee chair of this conference. Professor Lou recently served for three years as program director at NSF where she managed the network security portfolio in NSF's Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace (SaTC) program, and the wireless networks portfolio in the Networking Technology and Systems program. The SaTC program is the largest computer science research program at NSF and the largest unclassified cybersecurity research program in the world. Her influential technical leadership and ground-breaking research will continue to impact the field of cybersecurity for many years to come.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Dr. Wenjing Lou be appointed to the W.C. English Professorship for a period of five years, beginning August 10, 2018, with a salary supplement as provided by the endowment and, if available, with funds from the eminent scholars match program.

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**ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP**  
**Charles P. Lunsford Professorship**

Dr. Julia Ross, Dean of the College of Engineering, nominates Professor Linsey C. Marr for appointment to hold the Charles P. Lunsford Professorship, concurring with the recommendations of the Honorifics Committee of the Via Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE) and the CEE Department Head, Dr. W. Samuel Easterling. The Charles P. Lunsford Professorship was established in 1976 by Charles P. Lunsford II of C.L. Lunsford Sons & Izard, Inc., of Roanoke, Virginia.

Over the past 14 years, Dr. Marr has established a highly-regarded, dynamic program in air quality engineering at Virginia Tech. Air pollution has overtaken water quality and sanitation as the top environmental risk factor for disease worldwide, so Dr. Marr's work is particularly valuable to society and to Virginia Tech. She has secured a substantial amount of external funding, with \$17.3M in externally sponsored research and \$7.1M as her share. Linsey's funding sources include the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Institutes of Health, the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, and others. Many of her research awards have come from highly competitive, peer reviewed proposal review processes.

Dr. Marr's stellar research has been recognized with an NSF CAREER Award as well as a prestigious NIH New Innovator Award (five-year, \$2.3M award). She is one of a relatively small number of engineers selected for this award, conducting research studying the transmission of influenza viruses by bioaerosols. A more recent exceptional honor was her selection to serve as a member of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Committee on Grand Challenges and Opportunities in Environmental Engineering and Science for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Of the committee's 18 members, nine are National Academy members, one is a MacArthur Fellow, and others are the science directors of organizations such as the Environmental Defense Fund. To have been selected to serve with this elite and distinguished group is a true testament to the high esteem held for Linsey and her research and scholarly pursuits.

Dr. Marr likewise has an excellent record of publishing high-quality research in top-ranked research journals. She has published a total of 81 refereed journal articles with over 100 papers and presentations at conference and professional meetings. According to Google Scholar, Linsey's work has been cited over 3900 times with an H-Index of 32. Over one quarter of her papers have been published in *Environmental Science & Technology/Environmental Science & Technology Letters*, the flagship journal in the field of environmental science and engineering.

Dr. Marr's work in the classroom is likewise of high quality. Her teaching evaluations in courses are very strong and reflect instruction at every level from the required junior-level introductory course to advanced graduate-level courses. She is known as a very demanding instructor and is at the same time well respected by her students.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Dr. Linsey C. Marr be appointed to the Charles Lunsford Professorship in Engineering for a period of five years, effective April 10, 2018, with a salary supplement and operating budget as provided by the endowment and, if available, with funds from the eminent scholars match program.

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**ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP**  
**Nick Prillaman Professorship**

Dr. Julia Ross, Dean of the College of Engineering, nominates Professor Peter Vikesland for appointment to hold the Nick Prillaman Professorship, concurring with the recommendations of the Honorifics Committee of the Via Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE) and the CEE Department Head, Dr. W. Samuel Easterling. The professorship was established in 1986 by Mr. Nick Prillaman, Jr.

Dr. Vikesland, in addition to his faculty appointment in the CEE Department, serves as the Director of the Sustainable Nanotechnology (VT SuN) Interdisciplinary Graduate Education Program (IGEP), one of 14 interdisciplinary programs administered through the Graduate School. This is but one example of Dr. Vikesland's commitment to going above and beyond in working across departments to foster the highest level of quality in student mentoring. Dr. Vikesland's leadership of the VT SuN IGEP was key in attracting a prestigious \$2.6M National Nanotechnology Coordinated Infrastructure award at Virginia Tech, NanoEarth, on which he is a co-PI. Most recently, Dr. Vikesland was awarded as PI a 5 year \$3.6M Partnership in International Research and Education (PIRE) grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF). These highly coveted PIRE grants provide support for international research and education experiences for graduate and undergraduate students. These grants are part of Dr. Vikesland's impressive record of being part of over \$13M in funded research with a personal share over \$6M.

Dr. Vikesland has creatively applied his knowledge in analytical chemistry, aquatic chemistry, and public health to a variety of topics: (1) development of nano-enabled sensors for the tracking of pathogens and their DNA, (2) determining the environmental impacts of nanoparticles as contaminants, (3) determining the triggers and kinetics of disinfection by-product formation, and (4) characterizing the chemical properties of aerosols. Dr. Vikesland's work has been critically important to developing integrated environmental engineering designs to promote public health.

Dr. Vikesland's research has been recognized with an NSF CAREER Award and he was recently elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry. Achieving Fellow status in the chemical profession denotes a high level of accomplishment as a professional chemist, having

Dr. Vikesland's publishing record is excellent, with noteworthy novelty and quality of work products. He has published 90 refereed journal articles, edited three books and written two book chapters. According to Google Scholar, Dr. Vikesland's work has been cited 3,800 times with an H-Index of 33.

Dr. Vikesland is an active and innovative teacher, typically teaching three courses per year. In addition to developing new graduate-level CEE courses in Advanced Environmental Chemistry, Nanotechnology for Sustainable Engineering, and Environmental Organic Chemistry, he also regularly taught undergraduate courses in Public Health Engineering and Introduction to Environmental Engineering. He has advised or co-advised 11 PhD students and 14 master's students to completion and has advised or co-advised nearly 70 undergraduate research projects.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Dr. Vikesland be appointed to the Nick Prillaman Professorship in Engineering for a renewable period of five years, effective April 10, 2018, with a salary supplement and operating budget as provided by the endowment and, if available, with funds from the eminent scholars match program.

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**ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP**  
**Dr. and Mrs. Dorsey Taylor Mahin Endowed Professorship**

The Dr. and Mrs. Dorsey Taylor Mahin Endowed Professorship was established in 1996 through a gift to the Virginia Tech Foundation from Mrs. Helen Mahin. Mrs. Mahin was a longtime friend and supporter of the college and Veterinary Teaching Hospital, and recognized the importance of pets in our lives. She wanted to particularly memorialize her cat and her husband, and to honor her veterinarian, Dr. Gregory C. Troy. Dr. Gregory C. Troy was named as the Dr. and Mrs. Dorsey Taylor Mahin endowed professor from April 2004 until his retirement from the university in July 2015. The professorship was established to recognize and reward a senior faculty member who demonstrates exemplary professionalism, clinical excellence, and noteworthy compassion for both animals and owners at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine (VMCVM) at Virginia Tech.

Dr. John H. Rossmeisl, Jr. joined the VMCVM in 1998, first as an internal medicine resident, then also completed a second residency in neurology/neurosurgery. He was hired into a faculty appointment in 2003 and since that time has been promoted to Professor with tenure. He is one of the rare faculty members who has been able to excel in all mission areas of a land-grant university: service, teaching, research and outreach.

Dr. Rossmeisel's research has been dedicated to the development of novel therapies for malignant brain tumors, which represent some of the most aggressive and treatment-refractor types of cancers of both dogs and humans. His successful research program has been recognized by two prestigious NIH grants, his discoveries are helping both veterinary and human patients, and he is considered to be within the top five researchers in the world in the area of canine neuro-oncology.

Dr. Rossmeisel has developed an extensive interdisciplinary research and graduate student program and has been recognized by numerous teaching awards from students and peers. His consultations and case management are outstanding and his behavior in the clinic and elsewhere in the college defines professionalism for the academic clinician. He evaluates science with a strong sense of ethics, and is always committed to putting his patient's best interests above all other considerations. He is very good at explaining complex procedures and scientific terminology to owners, has skill and patience in ensuring they understand and are comfortable with every aspect of their animal's care. He genuinely adores the dogs he works with, greeting their improvements with enthusiasm and enduring clinical setbacks as if they were happening to his own dog.

Dr. Rossmeisl is an exceptional neurologist and internist. His expertise has been recognized within the profession by being elected as president of a national organization, serving on professional committees, and being in high demand for national speaking engagements.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Dr. John H. Rossmeisl, Jr. be appointed the, effective be appointed to the Dr. and Mrs. Dorsey Taylor Mahin Endowed Professorship for a period of 5 years, effective April 10, 2018, with a salary supplement and operating budget as provided by the endowment and, if available, with funds from the eminent scholars match program.

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**ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP**  
**Thomas M. Wells and Kathy Dargo Professorship in**  
**Accounting and Information Systems**

The Thomas M. Wells and Kathy Dargo Professorship in Accounting and Information Systems was established in 2011 to provide support for chaired professorships in the Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech. The Department of Accounting and Information Systems has recommended that the professorship be awarded to Professor Sudip Bhattacharjee. The departmental Personnel Committee and the College Honorifics and Awards Committee endorsed this nomination as did Dean Robert Sumichrast.

Professor Bhattacharjee received his Ph.D. in Business Administration in 1997 from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. In 2001, following five years of service on the faculty of the Sawyer School of Management at Suffolk University, he joined the Accounting and Information Systems Department in the Pamplin College of Business as an assistant professor. He received tenure in 2007 and was promoted to full professor in 2017.

Professor Bhattacharjee is an internationally recognized and impactful scholar in behavioral accounting, examining judgment and decision making in auditing and accounting. He has published 19 journal articles, six of which appear in the field's top journals. External reviewers note the impact of his research contributions to advancing scholarship and auditing practice.

Professor Bhattacharjee is also a recognized student mentor having participated on 12 doctoral dissertation committees, chairing five. He has taught a range of courses in the areas of behavioral and financial accounting, data analysis and management control systems. In short, Professor Bhattacharjee is a highly accomplished scholar and mentor fully deserving of this professorship.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Professor Sudip Bhattacharjee be appointed to the Thomas M. Wells and Kathy Dargo Professorship in Accounting and Information Systems effective August 10, 2018, with a salary supplement as provided by the endowment and, if available, with funds from the eminent scholars match program.

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**ENDOWED FACULTY FELLOWSHIP**  
**Deloitte Foundation Faculty Fellowship in ACIS**

The Deloitte Foundation Faculty Fellowship in ACIS was established in 2011 to provide faculty fellowship support to an outstanding faculty member in the Department of Accounting and Information Systems at Virginia Tech. The Department of Accounting and Information Systems has recommended that the fellowship be awarded to Dr. Ling Lei Lisic. The departmental Honorifics Committee and the College Honorifics and Awards Committee endorsed this nomination as did Dean Robert Sumichrast.

Dr. Lisic received her Ph.D. in Accounting from the University of Connecticut in 2008. She joined the faculty of the School of Business at George Washington University that fall, receiving tenure there in 2015. She joined the faculty of the Accounting and Information Systems Department in the Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech faculty as an associate professor in 2017.

Dr. Lisic is a highly published and impactful scholar in the areas of audit and organizational control. She has published 14 articles in refereed journals, with her three most recent articles all being published in top journals in the accounting field. She also serves on the editorial board of three journals in her field. Her research trajectory is very strong and she is emerging as a highly impactful scholar.

Dr. Lisic is also an effective classroom instructor. She has taught a range of courses in the areas of financial statement analysis, auditing and financial and managerial accounting. Dr. Lisic is an accomplished scholar and fully deserving of this fellowship.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Dr. Ling Lei Lisic be appointed to the Deloitte Foundation Faculty Fellowship in ACIS effective August 10, 2018, with a salary supplement as provided by the endowment and, if available, with funds from the eminent scholars match program.

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## **ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP**

### **Suzanne Parker Thornhill Professorship in Business Information Technology**

The Suzanne Parker Thornhill Professorship in Business Information Technology was established in 1998 to provide support for the Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech. The Department of Business Information Technology has recommended that the professorship be awarded to Professor Paul Benjamin Lowry. The departmental Honorifics Committee and the College Honorifics and Awards Committee endorsed this nomination as did Dean Robert Sumichrast. Professor Lowry received his Ph.D. in Management Information Systems in 2002 from the University of Arizona. Since 2014 he has served as a tenured full professor on the faculty of the City University of Hong Kong. He will join the Virginia Tech faculty as professor of Business Information Technology in the fall of 2018.

Professor Lowry is an internationally recognized, highly published and impactful scholar. He is currently recognized as the 2nd most productive Information Systems scholar in the world based on publications in the top six information systems journals. He has published 96 journal articles, many of which are in the field's top journals. As of this past July, his work has received more than 4,600 citations generating an H-index of 37. External reviewers note his very high level of research productivity noting Dr. Lowry's impressive and consistent record of research excellence.

Professor Lowry is also a recognized student mentor having published 77 papers with 75 different undergraduate and graduate students in addition to placing 35 masters students in top Ph.D. programs in the US and Canada and serving on 20 doctoral dissertation committees. He has taught a range of courses in the areas of data analytics and data mining, information systems and operations management and doctoral seminars in theory building and theory-inspired design in information systems research. In short, Professor Lowry is a highly accomplished scholar and mentor fully deserving of this professorship.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Dr. Paul Benjamin Lowry be appointed to the Suzanne Parker Thornhill Professorship in Business Information Technology effective August 10, 2018, with a salary supplement as provided by the endowment and, if available, with funds from the eminent scholars match program.

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**ENDOWED JUNIOR FACULY FELLOWSHIP**  
**Mary F. McVay and Theodore R. Rosenberg Junior Faculty Fellowship**

The Mary F. McVay and Theodore R. Rosenberg Junior Faculty Fellowship was established in 2004 to provide faculty support for the Pamplin College of Business. A college search committee has recommended that the professorship be awarded to Dr. Frank May, assistant professor in the Department of Marketing. The college honorifics and awards committee endorsed this nomination as did Dean Robert Sumichrast.

Dr. Frank May received his Ph.D. in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing from the Darla Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina. He joined the faculty in the Department of Marketing as an assistant professor in 2014.

Dr. May is a highly active and successful researcher. His work addresses the role of time and self-control in consumer choice. He has already published five articles in the *Journal of Consumer Research*, one of the field's top journals; a record that places him among the elite young scholars in his field.

Dr. May is developing a strong record as an undergraduate instructor in consumer behavior. In addition, he works with and actively mentors several marketing doctoral students. In short, Dr. May is a highly accomplished young scholar fully deserving of this junior faculty fellowship.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Dr. Frank May be appointed to the Mary F. McVay and Theodore R. Rosenberg Junior Faculty Fellowship effective August 10, 2018, with a salary supplement as provided by the endowment and, if available, with funds from the eminent scholars match program.

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**ENDOWED FACULTY FELLOWSHIP**  
**PwC Senior Faculty Fellowship in Accounting and Information Systems**

The PwC Senior Faculty Fellowship in Accounting and Information Systems was established in 2004 and amended in 2016 to provide support for the Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech. The Department of Accounting and Information Systems has recommended that the fellowship be awarded to Professor Steven D. Sheetz. The departmental Honorifics Committee and the College Honorifics and Awards Committee endorsed this nomination as did Dean Robert Sumichrast.

Professor Sheetz received his Ph.D. in Business Administration with a major in Information Systems and minor in Linguistics in 1996 from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He joined the faculty of the Department of Accounting and Information Systems in the Pamplin College of Business in 1996 as an assistant professor. He received tenure in 2002 and was promoted to full professor in 2015.

Professor Sheetz is a recognized and impactful scholar in the impact of social and online systems and communities on participants and societal outcomes. He has published 23 referred journal articles and 26 published proceedings addressing contexts ranging from the impact of social media in Tunisia to patient centered care in electronically supported health care.

Professor Sheetz is a skilled instructor and student mentor. He has taught a range of courses in the areas of database management, information systems design, structured systems development and programming at the undergraduate and graduate levels. He has been a significant contributor to the highly ranked Masters of Information Technology program. Professor Sheetz is an accomplished scholar and fully deserving of this fellowship.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Professor Steven D. Sheetz be appointed to the PwC Senior Faculty Fellowship in Accounting and Information Systems effective August 10, 2018, with a salary supplement as provided by the endowment and, if available, with funds from the eminent scholars match program.

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## **ENDOWED FACULTY FELLOWSHIP Curling Faculty Fellowship in ACIS**

The Curling Faculty Fellowship in ACIS was established in 2013 to provide the Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech the expanded opportunity to attract and retain outstanding scholars in the field of accounting. The Department of Accounting and Information Systems has recommended that the fellowship be awarded to Dr. Sarah E. Stein. The departmental Personnel Committee and the College Honorifics and Awards Committee endorsed this nomination as did Dean Robert Sumichrast.

Dr. Stein received her Ph.D. in Accounting from the University of Missouri at Columbia in 2013. She joined the faculty of the Accounting and Information Systems Department in the Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech faculty as an assistant professor in the fall of 2013.

Dr. Stein's research examines factors influencing audit quality and efficiency. She is a productive young scholar having published three articles in refereed journals, two of which are published in one of the top journals in the accounting field. She is well recognized in the field and is a frequent presenter at top academic conferences. She serves on one editorial board and is an active reviewer for several prominent journals in the field of accounting. Her research pipeline is very strong and she is emerging as an impactful scholar.

Dr. Stein is also a very effective classroom instructor. She has taught a range of courses in the areas of financial statement auditing and governance and ethics and has served on four doctoral dissertation committees. Dr. Stein is an accomplished young scholar with a very bright future and fully deserving of this fellowship.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Dr. Sarah E. Stein be appointed to the Curling Faculty Fellowship in ACIS effective August 10, 2018, with a salary supplement as provided by the endowment and, if available, with funds from the eminent scholars match program.

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**ENDOWED FACULTY FELLOWSHIP  
L. Mahlon Harrell Junior Faculty Fellowship in  
Accounting and Information Systems**

The L. Mahlon Harrell Junior Faculty Fellowship in Accounting and Information Systems was established in 1998 to provide support for the Department of Accounting and Information Systems in the Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech. The Department of Accounting and Information Systems has recommended that the professorship be awarded to Dr. Michael C. Wolfe. The departmental Personnel Committee and the College Honorifics and Awards Committee endorsed this nomination as did Dean Robert Sumichrast.

Dr. Wolfe received his Ph.D. in Accounting from the Oklahoma State University in 2013. He joined the faculty of the Accounting and Information Systems Department in the Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech faculty as an assistant professor in the fall of 2013.

Dr. Wolfe's research examines the impact of regulatory change, ethics and emerging influences like crowdsourcing on decision making in accounting and finance. He is a productive young scholar having published four articles in refereed journals, one of which is published in one of the top journals in the field of accounting. He is frequent presenter at top academic conferences in his field and he is an active reviewer for several prominent journals in the field of accounting. He has an active research pipeline and his impact on the field is growing.

Dr. Wolfe is also a very effective classroom instructor. He has taught a range of courses in the areas of financial statement analysis and financial accounting. Dr. Wolfe is young scholar with a bright future and deserving of this fellowship.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Dr. Michael C. Wolfe be appointed to the L. Mahlon Harrell Junior Faculty Fellowship in Accounting and Information Systems effective August 10, 2018, with a salary supplement as provided by the endowment and, if available, with funds from the eminent scholars match program.

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