

SUMMARY

Reappointments to Endowed Chairs, Professorships, or Fellowships (3)

August 19, 2025

Each college has formal procedures for the reappointment to endowed chairs, professorships, and fellowships that include review by a college honorifics committee or promotion and tenure committee.

After review by the appropriate college committee the college dean makes recommendations for approval by the provost and the Board of Visitors. Such an appointment may continue through the active career of the professor at the university, unless it is relinquished in favor of some other honored or administrative appointment or unless the appointment has specific term limitations that may be renewable.

The following faculty members are recommended for reappointments to endowed chairs, professorships, or fellowships at Virginia Tech.

College of Engineering (3)

Y. Thomas Hou	Bradley Distinguished Professorship of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Josh Iorio	Preston and Catharine White Fellowship
Ashley Johnson	Preston and Catharine White Fellowship

ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP**Bradley Distinguished Professorship of Electrical and Computer Engineering**

An endowment in support of the Bradley Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) was established with a generous gift from the late Mrs. Marion Bradley Via in honor of her father, Harry Lynde Bradley, co-founder of the Allen-Bradley Company. The endowment was recognized through the naming of the department and supports a number of initiatives including scholarships, fellowships, and professorships, all aimed at enhancing the quality of the department's programs. In concurrence with the recommendations of the department head of the ECE and the Chair of the ECE Honorifics Committee, Dean Julia Ross nominates Dr. Y. Thomas Hou for reappointment as the Bradley Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Dr. Hou is a nationally and internationally recognized scholar who brings significant visibility to Virginia Tech. He has made significant contributions to key areas in computer networking. Dr. Hou is a truly remarkable scholar, having published two textbooks, 12 book chapters, 182 journal articles, and 208 conference papers. His research publications have earned 12 Best Paper Awards including the prestigious 2023 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) International Conference on Computer Communications (INFOCOM) Test of Time Paper Award. His work has been cited more than 25,500 times, and he holds an h-index of 78, placing him among the most influential networking researchers in the world.

Dr. Hou has been a principal investigator of 32 projects and co-principal investigator of 26 projects totaling \$33.6M, with his personal share exceeding over \$12.6M. The majority of his funding has been awarded through highly competitive programs from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Office of Naval Research (ONR).

Dr. Hou is a dedicated and effective educator and mentor. His former postdoctoral fellows and doctoral graduates have received numerous prestigious honors, including an endowed chair professorship at a major research university, three Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Fellows, four National Science Foundation (NSF) CAREER Awards, a Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Young Faculty Award, and two leadership roles as chief executive officers (CEO) of successful start-up companies.

Dr. Hou was named an IEEE Fellow for "contributions to modeling and optimization of wireless networks" and a Distinguished Scientist of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM). From 2015 to 2018, he served as an IEEE Communications Society Distinguished Lecturer.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Dr. Y. Thomas Hou be reappointed as the Bradley Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, effective August 10, 2025, for a renewable period of five years, with a salary supplement and operating budget as provided by the endowment.

August 20, 2025

**ENDOWED FACULTY FELLOWSHIP
Preston and Catharine White Fellowship**

The Preston and Catharine White Endowment in the Myers-Lawson School of Construction was established with a generous gift from Preston and Catharine White to support associate and assistant directors of the School known as the Preston and Catharine White Fellows. These fellowships strengthen the leadership team within the highly ranked Myers-Lawson School of Construction at Virginia Tech. Dean Ross has nominated Dr. Josh Iorio, assistant director, for reappointment as the Preston and Catharine White Fellow, based on the recommendations of the Myers-Lawson School of Construction and Honorifics Committee.

In addition to being an active graduate teacher, Dr. Iorio serves as the graduate director for the Myers-Lawson School of Construction. In this role, he oversees the entire graduate program, including collaborations with the Vecellio Program in Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE). His teaching is in the areas of construction leadership, professional proficiencies, and other related topics.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Dr. Josh Iorio be reappointed to the Preston and Catharine White Faculty Fellowship for a renewable period of one-year, effective August 10, 2025, with the current eminent scholar salary supplement and annual operating budget provided by the endowment.

August 20, 2025

**ENDOWED FACULTY FELLOWSHIP
Preston and Catharine White Fellowship**

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Ms. Johnson serves as the associate director of the Myers-Lawson School of Construction for Academics.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Ms. Ashley Johnson be reappointed to the Preston and Catharine White Faculty Fellowship for a renewable period of one-year, effective August 10, 2025, with the current eminent scholar salary supplement and annual operating budget as provided by the endowment.

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