

SCS TODAY: June 1, 2020

[A late-day M-W-F update from the SCS Dean's Office]

The injustices all of us have witnessed during recent weeks are horrific and heartbreaking, to say the least. Wherever you are and however you may be experiencing these events, I reiterate what President Jahanian shared yesterday: at times like this we must reflect on what we can do to make society, including our own community, more just. And it is up to each of us to take part in confronting and dismantling racism and injustice wherever they exist. This may feel like an overwhelming, systemic problem that is too big to wrap our arms around. But it is important to realize there are opportunities to combat this insidious problem every day. This is hard. We must recognize that we may ourselves have unconscious biases that affect how we interact with others. The only way to change the future is to look inward and ask ourselves hard questions...what am I basing this on...why do I feel or think this way? What do I need to do to change? In SCS, we will continue with our work to demonstrate CMU's values of respect, diversity, equity and inclusion. These are very important values, which take a very personal dimension for my family, and because of that I remain steadfast in my commitment to adhere to and follow these core values.

TODAY'S TOPIC

— See who's been nominated for SCS 2020 Staff Recognition awards: <https://scsdean.cs.cmu.edu/foundersday/current-recipients.html>. Stay tuned, as winners will be announced in SCS TODAY in the days ahead.

LOOKING AHEAD

— Virtual event: The Power of Pioneers: Preserving CMU's Computer Science Videotape Collection, Thursday, June 11 at 7 p.m. (EDT). Step into the past and experience what it was like to learn from some of the world's greatest minds of computer science. Register here: <https://thepowerofpioneers.splashthat.com/>

TO KNOW

— [Robotics researcher Zeynep Temel selected as WEF young scientist](#)
— How social networks function in emergencies: [a study questions the benefits of social networks to disaster response](#)

Until Wednesday,
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