

SCS WEDNESDAY WIRE | February 9, 2022

A midweek update from the SCS Dean's Office

SCS NEWS + AWARDS

— Laszlo Jeni, systems scientist in the Robotics Institute and director of the [Computational Behavior Lab](#), and Sean Qian, associate professor of Civil & Environmental Engineering and director of the [Mobility Data Analysis Center](#) (MAC), will [collaborate with Fujitsu Limited](#), a leading Japanese information and communication technology company, to develop social digital twin technology with an emphasis on exploring practical applications for the work.

— [Congratulations to Bob Harper](#), a professor in the Computer Science Department, on receiving the 2021 ACM SIGPLAN Programming Languages Achievement Award – considered among the top honors in the field of programming languages – in recognition of his significant and lasting contributions to the field.

— As reported last week, Changliu Liu, an assistant professor in the Robotics Institute, was among a handful of CMU researchers who presented work to U.S. President Joe Biden during his visit last week. Ruixuan Liu and Rui Chen, both Ph.D. candidates in robotics, joined her for the demonstration. Ask any innovator or researcher and they will tell you demos can be nerve-wracking experiences. [Demonstrating new technology for the president](#) certainly takes it to the next level, but he put nerves at ease.

REGISTER NOW!

— Coming up on Thursday and Friday, February 10-11: CMU's fourth annual [INTERSECT@CMU: The Future of Business, Technology and Humanity](#) conference. Each year this gathering brings together CMU thought leaders, industry partners and experts from around the world to discuss some of society's most pressing challenges. This year's conference, **Innovating a Sustainable Future for All**, features speakers and panelists who will discuss urgent issues facing our planet as they relate to cities and infrastructure; peaceful, just and inclusive societies; climate; and resilient and inclusive economies. [Be sure to register](#). INTERSECT@CMU is virtual, free and open to all.

— [Register for the next virtual session](#) of "Rosie Talks" on Sunday, February 13 at 3 p.m. Get inspired by speakers including Somdatta, a high school senior and member of Girls of Steel, and Maggie, a Girls of Steel mentor and Ph.D. student studying robotics. "Rosie Talks" is a monthly webinar series hosted by Girls of Steel Robotics, celebrating the experiences and accomplishments of the Pittsburgh area's girls and women involved in STEM.

LAST CALL

— Are you a Ph.D. student who can describe your research and its importance in three minutes? [Register](#) for the [2022 3MT Competition](#), presented by CMU Libraries. Registration ends Monday, February 14 at 5:00 p.m. ET. [Three Minute Thesis](#) (3MT) is an internationally recognized competition that challenges Ph.D. students to present a compelling oration on their thesis and its significance in three minutes, in language that anyone can understand. Winners of preliminary rounds will compete for \$500 - \$3,000 in research/travel grants in the 3MT Championship. CMU's 2022 3MT Championship will be held Wednesday, March 30. Visit the [3MT LibGuide](#) for more information.

Until next week,

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