

MIT Industrial Liaison Program Faculty Knowledgebase Report

2017 MIT Startup Showcase Silicon Valley

March 1, 2017 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Registration

8:45am

Welcome & Introduction - MIT
Karl Koster
Executive Director, MIT Corporate Relations
Director, Alliance Management
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Karl Koster is the Executive Director of MIT Corporate Relations. MIT Corporate Relations includes the MIT Industrial Liaison Program and MIT Startup Exchange.

In that capacity, Koster and his staff work with the leadership of MIT and senior corporate executives to design and implement strategies for fostering corporate partnerships with the Institute. Koster and his team have also worked to identify and design a number of major international programs for MIT, which have been characterized by the establishment of strong, programmatic linkages among universities, industry, and governments. Most recently these efforts have been extended to engage the surrounding innovation ecosystem, including its vibrant startup and small company community, into MIT's global corporate and university networks.

Koster is also the Director of Alliance Management in the Office of Strategic Alliances and Technology Transfer (OSATT). OSATT was launched in Fall 2019 as part of a plan to reinvent MIT's research administration infrastructure. OSATT develops agreements that facilitate MIT projects, programs and consortia with industrial, nonprofit, and international sponsors, partners and collaborators.

He is past chairman of the University-Industry Demonstration Partnership (UIDP), an organization that seeks to enhance the value of collaborative partnerships between universities and corporations.

He graduated from Brown University with a BA in geology and economics, and received an MS from MIT Sloan School of Management. Prior to returning to MIT, Koster worked as a management consultant in Europe, Latin America, and the United States on projects for private and public sector organizations.

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He is currently a board member of The New York Times Company, Sony Corporation, Digital Garage, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Ito's honors include TIME magazine's "Cyber-Elite" listing in 1997 (at age 31) and selection as one of the "Global Leaders for Tomorrow" by the World Economic Forum (2001). In 2008, BusinessWeek named him one of the "25 Most Influential People on the Web." In 2011, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Oxford Internet Institute.

Ito briefly attended Tufts University, majoring in computer science, and the University of Chicago, majoring in physics. He received an honorary D.Litt from The New School in New York City in 2013, and an honorary doctor of humane letters from Tufts University in 2015.

His book, "Whiplash: How to Survive Our Faster Future," (co-authored with Jeff Howe) is due out in December 2016.

9:00am

Welcome & Introduction - Google
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Bradley Horowitz is vice president of product for Google's social products, including Google+. He has also led product for Google's consumer application division which includes Gmail, Gtalk, Google Docs, Google Voice, and Calendar.

Before joining Google in February 2008, Horowitz was Yahoo's vice president of Advanced Development where he drove the acquisitions of Flickr and MyBlogLog, launched the Brickhouse incubator and developed new products like Yahoo! Pipes. Additionally, he was responsible for the company's initiative to open up its platform which included overseeing the Yahoo Developer Network (YDN). Previously, he was co-founder and CTO of Virage, where he oversaw the technical direction of the company from its founding through its IPO and eventual acquisition by Autonomy.

Horowitz was a PhD candidate at the MIT Media Lab. While at the Media Lab, he worked on a number of topics related to computer vision, graphics and image processing, which resulted in a patented new technique for the recovery of structure, motion and camera parameters from video sequences.

Horowitz holds an MS in Media Science from MIT and a BS in Computer Science from the University of Michigan.

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Panel Discussion: Organizing for innovation in university labs (MIT Media Lab), tech (Google's Area 120 incubator), VC (the Silicon Valley model) and corporate venturing (GE)
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Matt Huang
Partner, [Sequoia Capital](#)



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Start Up Lightning Presentations #1

Trond Undheim
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Trond heads up the Startup Initiative at MIT's Industrial Liaison Program (ILP), facilitating productive relationships between industry and MIT's startup ecosystem. He is a former Senior Lecturer at the MIT Sloan School of Management. Trond is a serial entrepreneur with Scandinavian roots, and is currently the Founder of Yegii, Inc., the insight network, and Managing Director of Tautec Consulting.

Trond is a leading expert on technology development across industries such as IT, Energy, and Healthcare. His knowledge spans entrepreneurship, strategy frameworks, policy making, action learning, virtual teamwork, knowledge management, standardization, and e-government. He wrote the book *Leadership From Below* (2008). Trond speaks six languages and is a frequent public speaker on business, technology, and wine.

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Prior to that he was the founding CEO Wamda, a platform of programs and networks that aims to accelerate entrepreneurship ecosystems across the Middle East and North Africa region. He also served as a Venture Partner of Wamda Capital, a growth capital VC fund. His work in the MENA region is credited with playing a key role in strengthening its nascent entrepreneurship ecosystem.

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- Ben Vigoda, CEO and co-founder, Gamalon
- Natan Linder, CEO and co-founder, Tulip Interfaces
- Yaniv Altschuler, CEO and co-founder, Endor
- Guy Zyskind, CEO and co-founder, Enigma
- Julie Legault, CEO and co-founder, Amino Labs
- Nan-Wei Gong, CEO and co-founder, Figur8

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Networking Break

11:00am

The investment horizon: AI, AR and autonomy

Sue Siegel

CEO, [GE Ventures](#)



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Sue Siegel is CEO of GE Ventures, GE's growth and innovation business comprised of GE Ventures, GE Licensing, and New Business Creation (NBC). GE Ventures invests in and partners with the entrepreneurial ecosystem across Healthcare, Energy, Software, Advanced Manufacturing, and Lighting and starts and grows companies via its New Business Creation unit. GE Licensing creates shareholder value through GE's IP. She also leads Healthymagination, GE's innovation catalyst for addressing healthcare's major global challenges via partnerships to improve the quality, access, and affordability of healthcare.

Sue has 30+ years of combined experiences in the corporate world and in venture capital. Previously, as a Silicon Valley-based financial VC, Sue led investments and served as Board member of companies in personalized medicine, digital health, and life sciences at MDV. Before venture capital, at Affymetrix (NASDAQ: AFFX) as President and Board Member, she drove the company's transformation from a pre-revenue start up to a global, multi-billion dollar market cap genomics leader. And previously, Sue led strategy, technology development, licensing, manufacturing, as well as new market creation & development at Bio-Rad, DuPont, and Amersham.

Sue has served on many corporate board, public and private, along with non-profit boards. She currently serves on the Boards of: the National Venture Capital Association, Stanford Hospital Board's IT Council, University of California's Innovation Council, Harvard Partners' Innovation Advisory Board, the Cleveland Clinic's Innovation Council, and USC's Schaeffer Center for Health Policy. Most recently Sue served on President Obama's Precision Medicine Initiative as a member of the Working Group to set guidelines for its establishment and served as an inaugural Board member for the NIH's National Center for Advancing Translation Sciences. She serves on the Executive Committee of Santa Clara University's Miller Center for Social Entrepreneurship, is a President's Circle member of the National Academies of Science, a Henry Crown Fellow of the Aspen Institute, is a member of YPO-WPO, and Women Corporate Directors. In the bestselling business book: *Multipliers: How The Best Leaders Make Everyone Smarter*, Sue was a featured "Multiplier". She was recognized as one of "The 100 Most Influential Women in Silicon Valley".

Sue lives in Silicon Valley with her husband and her two sons. When not working, you might find her hiking the scenic trails of Northern California.

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- Romain Lacombe, CEO and co-founder, Plume Labs
- Alan Ringvald, CEO and co-founder, Relativity6
- Matt Beane, Chief Human Robotics Officer, Humatics
- Aye Moah, Chief Product Officer & co-founder, Boomerang
- Nataly Youssef, President and Chief Analytics Officer, MyA Health
- Ramiro Almeida, co-founder, Optimus Ride
- Nathan Wilson, Chief Technology Officer, Nara Logics

Human Data Analysis
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Rosalind Picard, Sc.D., is a scientist, inventor, entrepreneur, author, professor and engineer. She is best-known for her book, *Affective Computing*, which proposed and described how to give skills of emotional intelligence to computers -- including voice assistants, robots, agents, and many kinds of interactive technologies. While trying to create ways to objectively measure data related to emotion, she pioneered wearable technologies to monitor and analyze physiological data in daily life, giving rise to new research and inventions at the intersection of wearables, physiology, and physical and mental health.

Picard is a named inventor on over a hundred patents, with impact that earned her recognition as both a member of the National Academy of Engineering and as a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors. Her contributions include wearable and non-contact sensors, algorithms, and systems for sensing, recognizing, and responding respectfully to human affective information. Her inventions have applications in autism, epilepsy, depression, PTSD, sleep, stress, dementia, autonomic nervous system disorders, human and machine learning, health behavior change, market research, customer service, and human-computer interaction, and are in use by thousands of research teams worldwide as well as in many products and services.

She is founder and director of the MIT Media Lab's Affective Computing Research Group, where she teaches and mentors students in research. Her research and engineering contributions have been recognized internationally, also with election as a fellow to the IEEE, the ACM, the AAAC and the APA. Picard is the recipient of the [2022 International Lombardy Prize for Computer Science Research](#), which is described by many as the "Nobel prize in computer science". The Lombardy prize includes an award of a million euros, which Picard donated to research.

Picard has co-founded two successful businesses, [Empatica](#) providing FDA-cleared biomarkers, a platform for clinical trial data collection from wearables, and the first FDA-cleared smartwatch to detect seizures, and [Affectiva](#), providing Emotion-AI technologies (now part of Smart Eye, AB). She serves on the Board of Directors of Empatica.

Picard interacts regularly with industry and has consulted for many companies including Apple, AT&T, BT, Harman, HP, i.Robot, Merck, Motorola, and Samsung. Her group's achievements have been featured in forums for the general public such as The New York Times, The London Independent, National Public Radio, Scientific American Frontiers, ABC's Nightline and World News Tonight, Time, Vogue, Wired, Forbes, Voice of America Radio, New Scientist, and BBC programs such as "Hard Talk" and BBC Horizon with Michael Mosley.

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A Human-centered Vision of Autonomy
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Panel discussion: Corporate & academic collaboration: Lessons learned on augmented reality, autonomous transportation, and artificial intelligence

Jean-Marc Frangos

Managing Director, Products & Services Research and Open Innovation, [BT Technology Service and Operations](#)



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As Managing Director, Products & Services Research and Open Innovation, Jean-Marc Frangos is responsible for managing the research programmes to prepare BT's future offering aimed at the Consumer and Business markets, including areas such as TV over IP, Virtual Reality, IoT and Cloud Technologies. He is also responsible for innovation partnerships with venture capitalists, start-ups and industry peers in the United States, Asia, and Europe.

Based in Silicon Valley, Jean-Marc identifies disruptive technologies and innovative service opportunities, and establishes the technical and commercial links with BT's research and operational divisions. He runs the internal idea management process which identifies the best innovation candidates from 100,000+ BT employees worldwide. His team also designed and runs BT Infinity Labs, a novel incubator concept based in Shoreditch, London, to foster collaboration with the UK entrepreneur community.

Jean-Marc has held a wide range of technology, customer facing and operational responsibilities in Europe and in the US during the course of his 25-year career in the world of telecommunications, and was one of the founders of BT's European expansion.

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1:10pm

Academic Innovator Talk: "Driverless cars what's next?"

Sertac Karaman

Associate Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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Lunch and Startup Exhibit