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Welcome and Introduction
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Randall S. Wright is a program director with MIT's Industrial Liaison Program. He manages the interface between the managements of companies, headquartered in the United States and Europe, and the senior administration and faculty of MIT.

As a program director for MIT, he convenes teams of researchers and faculty members to provide on-going emerging technology intelligence and strategic advice for the world's leading technology companies. He is a sought-after speaker, delivering keynote speeches focused on emerging technology opportunities and challenges, and counter-intuitive insights in executive panels and discussions. Randall draws on extensive experience advising executives on a range of emerging technology areas including digital transformation, big data, robotics, green buildings, water efficiency, energy storage, biofuels, advanced materials, and manufacturing. He provides navigation and recommendations on the emerging technologies and adoption landscapes critical to future business growth, as well as creation, development, and execution of programs of research between industry and MIT.

Randall has been bestowed by Federal President of Austria Dr. Heinz Fischer with the decoration Cross of Honor in Gold for Services to the Republic of Austria for his "outstanding contribution to the development of relations between Austria and MIT".

Prior to MIT, Randall was a marketing manager for Pfizer, Inc., a major U.S. pharmaceuticals company. He was also a strategic planning analyst for Pennzoil Company-- a Fortune 500 oil and natural resources company. Randall is an invited lecturer at Northeastern University's Executive M.B.A. Program where he lectures on innovation and corporate strategy. His column Innovation Counterculture looks at ideas and perspectives on strategy, organization, and thinking to help executives connect to the world of innovation outside their organizations and he is published regularly in Research-Technology Management, the award-winning journal of the Industrial Research Institute.

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MIT's ecosystem develops the future tools and approach for our future manufacturing needs
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Dr. Brian Anthony is a leading expert in the design of intelligent, or smart, instruments and methodologies for monitoring, measuring, and controlling complex physical systems. His interdisciplinary work spans mechanical, electrical, and optical engineering, seamlessly integrated with computer science and optimization, to deliver innovative solutions across manufacturing, healthcare, and other industries.

At the core of Dr. Anthony's research is computational instrumentation—the development of advanced tools and techniques to observe and manage intricate systems, particularly in manufacturing and medical diagnostics. His contributions include pioneering measurement and imaging technologies that enhance precision and performance in both industrial and clinical settings.

With over 30 years of experience, Dr. Anthony combines deep academic insight with practical industry expertise in technology innovation, product development, and entrepreneurship. He has successfully guided market-driven solutions from concept to commercialization, especially at the intersection of information technology and advanced manufacturing. His achievements include receiving an Emmy Award from the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for technical innovation in broadcast engineering.

In the classroom, Dr. Anthony is dedicated to teaching the modeling and analysis of large-scale systems to support decision-making in domains such as manufacturing, medicine, and entertainment. He also leads efforts in developing optimization algorithms and software tools for system design and evaluation.

Dr. Anthony's dual roles in academia and industry position him as a bridge between cutting-edge research and real-world application, driving impactful technologies that shape the future of engineering and innovation.

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AI and Manufacturing
Duane S. Boning
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Dr. Duane S. Boning is the Clarence J. LeBel Professor in Electrical Engineering, and Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science in the [EECS Department](#) at MIT. He is affiliated with the MIT [Microsystems Technology Laboratories](#), and serves as MTL Associate Director for Computation and CAD. He is also the Engineering Faculty Co-Director of the [MIT Leaders for Global Operations \(LGO\)](#) program, serving in that role since September 2016. From 2004 to 2011, he served as Associate Head of the EECS Department at MIT. From 2011 through 2013 he was the Director/Faculty Lead of the [MIT Skoltech Initiative](#), and from 2011 through July 2018, he was the faculty Director of the [MIT/Masdar Institute Cooperative Program](#).

Dr. Boning received his S.B. degrees in electrical engineering and in computer science in 1984, and his S.M. and Ph.D. degrees in electrical engineering in 1986 and 1991, respectively, all from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was an NSF Fellow from 1984 to 1989, and an Intel Graduate Fellow in 1990. From 1991 to 1993 he was a Member Technical Staff at the Texas Instruments Semiconductor Process and Design Center in Dallas, Texas, where he worked on semiconductor process representation, process/device simulation tool integration, and statistical modeling and optimization.

Dr. Boning is a Fellow of the IEEE, and has served as Editor in Chief for the IEEE Transactions on Semiconductor Manufacturing, and as chairman of the CFI/Technology CAD Framework Semiconductor Process Representation Working Group. He is a member of the IEEE, Electrochemical Society, Eta Kappa Nu, Tau Beta Pi, Materials Research Society, Sigma Xi, and the Association of Computing Machinery.

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[Meter](#): Next-generation volumetric imaging for manufacturing inspection

Eduardo Torrealba
Co-Founder and CEO
[Meter](#)

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Advanced processes applied to industrial needs

Katrin Ellen Daehn
Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Materials Science and Engineering

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Future skills for the manufactures and industries of tomorrow
David E. Hardt
Ralph and Eloise Cross Professor, Mechanical Engineering
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Professor Hardt is a graduate of Lafayette College (BSME, 1972) and MIT (SM, PhD, 1978). He has been a member of the Mechanical Engineering faculty at MIT since 1979. His teaching focuses on control, dynamics and manufacturing processes. His disciplinary focus is system dynamics and control, as applied to manufacturing at both the process and system level.

Dr. Hardt has served as Director of the MIT Laboratory for Manufacturing and as Engineering Co-Director for the MIT Leaders for Manufacturing Program. He is currently leader of the Manufacturing Systems and Technology Program, part of distance teaching and research collaboration between MIT and Singapore.

Dr. Hardt also serves as the Graduate Officer for the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

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[Eureka Robotics](#): Enabling High Accuracy – High Agility automation

Cuong Pham
Co-Founder
[Eureka Robotics](#)

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Processes and Artificial Intelligence in Design
Wojciech Matusik
Professor, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science , [MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory](#)



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Wojciech Matusik is a professor in MIT's Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and leads the Computational Fabrication Group at the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory. His research interests are in computer graphics, computational design and fabrication, computer vision, robotics and human-computer interaction. Before coming to MIT, he worked at Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratories, Adobe Systems and Disney Research Zurich. He has received a Ruth and Joel Spira Award for Excellence in Teaching, a DARPA Young Faculty Award and a Sloan Foundation fellowship. He has been named one of the world's top 100 young innovators by MIT Technology Review and received a Significant New Researcher Award from ACM Siggraph. He earned a PhD in computer graphics at MIT.

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Workforce of the Future
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Elisabeth B. Reynolds, Ph.D., is Professor of the Practice at the MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning. She was Special Assistant to President Biden for Manufacturing and Economic Development at the National Economic Council (NEC, 2021-2022) where she helped lead the Administration's work on national manufacturing strategy, supply chain resilience, and industrial strategy. Before working at the NEC, Reynolds was a Principal Research Scientist and executive director of the MIT Industrial Performance Center (2010-2021), an interdisciplinary research center focused on systems of innovation and industrial transformation. She also co-led the MIT Task Force on the Work of the Future (2018-2021) which examined the relationship between emerging technologies and work. Reynolds' work and research focus on systems of innovation and manufacturing including growing innovative firms to scale and digital technology adoption.

Reynolds has worked on rebuilding manufacturing capabilities in the U.S. in a number of capacities including advising three Massachusetts governors. She is on the board of the non-profits, Advanced Functional Fabrics of America (AFFOA) and the Advanced Regenerative Manufacturing Institute (ARMI) as well as an advisor to the Special Competitive Studies Project, a Washington think tank focused on national security and critical technologies.

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MIT Startup Exchange Lightning Talks

[Realtime Robotics](#): Autonomous Motion Planning and Spatial Perception for Industrial Automation

Tom Munger
Director of Sales
[Realtime Robotics](#)

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Using AI and Machine learning in product and process design
Richard Braatz
Edwin R. Gilliland Professor, [MIT Department of Chemical Engineering](#)



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Dr. Richard D. Braatz is the Edwin R. Gilliland Professor of Chemical Engineering at MIT, where he conducts research into advanced biomanufacturing systems. He is the Director of the Center on Continuous mRNA Manufacturing and leads process data analytics, mechanistic modeling, and control systems for projects on vaccine, monoclonal antibody, and gene therapy manufacturing. Dr. Braatz received an M.S. and Ph.D. from the California Institute of Technology and was the Millennium Chair and Professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a Visiting Scholar at Harvard University before moving to MIT. Dr. Braatz has collaborated with more than 20 companies, including Novartis, Pfizer, Merck, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Biogen, Amgen, Takeda, and Abbott Labs. He has published over 300 papers and three books. Dr. Braatz is a Fellow of IEEE, IFAC, AIChE, and AAAS and a member of the U.S. National Academy of Engineering.

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Project Manus: MIT's campus makerspaces and student maker communities
Martin Culpepper
Professor, Mechanical Engineering



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Marty Culpepper, a Professor of Mechanical Engineering, is MIT's first Maker Czar. He leads MIT's effort to upgrade legacy spaces/equipment, introduce new technologies, create new campus makerspaces, foster maker communities, and collaborate with peer universities, alumni, government, and industry. Professor Culpepper is the recipient of an NSF Presidential Early Career Award, two R&D 100 awards, a TR100 award, and a Joel and Ruth Spira Teaching Award. His areas of expertise are in Precision Engineering, Manufacturing, and Thermo/Fluid system design.

He is a self-described gear head who loves working on his Ducati and Mustang, but not as much as riding/driving them. He loves building things at MIT and at home in his own shop. His favorite maker tools are mills and waterjets, though he's become fond of glass blowing.

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[Akasha Imaging](#): "See it, Build it!" Perception Solutions for Manufacturing

Kartik Venkataraman
CEO
[Akasha Imaging](#)

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Teaching Predictive Multiscale Materials Design
Markus J. Buehler

Jerry McAfee Professor, [MIT Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering](#)
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Dr. Markus J. Buehler, Jerry McAfee Professor of Engineering at MIT, and Co-Founder and CTO of [Unreasonable Labs](#), is a leading researcher in computational modeling across domains, from materials to biology to physics. Markus' expertise bridges AI to multi scale materials modeling. He recently co-developed a method that uses artificial intelligence to generate new protein designs with specific strengths, mimicking natural materials like silk. This approach, which uses computer simulations for testing, allows the creation of proteins with desired mechanical properties, such as strength and flexibility, beyond what is naturally available. Markus earned a Ph.D. at the Max Planck Institute for Metals Research at the University of Stuttgart and held post-doctoral appointments at both Caltech and MIT. Buehler has received many awards, including the Feynman Prize, the Drucker Medal, and the Washington Award. He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering.

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MIT Professional Education
Myriam Joseph

Manager, Business Development and Marketing, [MIT Professional Education](#)

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Closing Remarks