

**MIT Industrial Liaison Program Faculty Knowledgebase Report**

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2023 MIT Startup Exchange Demo Day, Live from CA!

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June 15, 2023 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

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8:00 AM

Registration & Networking

## Opening Remarks

Rebecca McCathern  
Head of People  
[Samsung Electronics](#)

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Senior Director, [MIT Corporate Relations](#)



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Dr. Taegyun Moon joined Corporation Relations in October 2021 as Program Director. Moon will be working in the Life Science group.

Dr. Moon left his current position as Chief Strategy Officer at Aspen Imaging Healthcare in Plano, TX. In his role at Aspen, he has led new business development and, among other accomplishments, launched a new product through his partnership with Samsung. With some authorized overlap with Aspen, Moon also led strategy and business development for NeuroNexus Technologies (a University of Michigan spinoff) in Ann Arbor. Before that, he spent more than five years with Samsung Economic Research institute in Seoul as a Principal Research Analyst focusing on medical devices, pharma, and the digital health industries. Other positions held include Consultant at Boston Consulting Group (Seoul),

9:05 AM

Keynote: Exciting Times in Semiconductors: Start-Ups are a Critical Catalyst For Growth

Martin Scott

Sr. Technologist and VP, Samsung Catalyst Fund

[Samsung](#)

9:15 AM

Keynote: The Geek Way

Andrew McAfee

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Andrew McAfee is the Co-Director of the IDE and a Principal Research Scientist at the MIT Sloan School of Management,

His research investigates how information technology changes the way companies perform, organize themselves, and compete. At a higher level, his work also focuses on how computerization affects competition, society, the economy, and the workforce. In addition to having numerous papers published, McAfee also writes a widely read blog, which is at times one of the 10,000 most popular in the world. He is the author or co-author of more than 100 articles, case studies and other materials for students and teachers of technology. Prior to joining MIT Sloan, McAfee was a professor at Harvard Business School. He has also served as a fellow at the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard Law School. McAfee received his doctorate from Harvard Business School, and completed two Master of Science and two Bachelor of Science degrees at MIT. He speaks frequently to both academic and industry audiences, and has taught in executive education programs around the world.

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In this time of profound technological change and intense competition, what kinds of companies are going to win? In this talk, Dr. McAfee gives his answer. The winners will be those that follow the geek way: an interlinked set of practices that allow a company to be simultaneously agile, innovative, and efficient. These practices were largely developed at tech companies on the West Coast of the US, but they are spreading widely. The geeks have given the company an upgrade.

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Founder and CEO  
[Claira](#)

Jay Liu  
Co-founder and CEO  
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Startup Q&A

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Networking Break

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Ross Bonner  
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Startup Q&A

12:10 PM

Lunch Exhibit

MC:  
Rebekah Miller  
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While at Merck KGaA, Miller established a strong track record in industry-university partnerships, corporate entrepreneurship, and innovation management, with experience in roles spanning Technology Scouting, Alliance Management, and New Business Development. Early in her career, she led early phase R&D projects as a member of the Boston Concept Lab, which focused on technology transfer from academia.

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1:30 PM

The US Industrial Strategy  
Elisabeth B. Reynolds

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Lenny Mendonca  
Former Chief Economic and Business Adviser to Governor Gavin Newsom of California  
Chair, California High-Speed Rail Authority  
Senior Partner Emeritus  
[McKinsey & Company](#)

#### Breakout Sessions - What's New at MIT. Intersection with Industry

The Future of Data and Super Computing are among the top research initiatives currently ongoing at MIT. Both have significant impact on the most diverse industry sectors. Each breakout session features an MIT faculty/researcher as well as an industry guest speaker. Speakers will share the breakthrough technologies being developed across campus, and practical use cases. The sessions will be followed by a Q&A with the audience.

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Breakout 1: The Future of Data

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Taylor Reynolds

Technology Policy Director

[MIT's Internet Policy Research Initiative](#)

Zafer Sahinoglu

General Manager

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## Breakout 2: A New Approach to Super Computing

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Vijay N. Gadepally

Senior Scientist and Principal Investigator

[MIT Lincoln Laboratory](#)

Application domains such as autonomous vehicles, recommender systems, airborne platforms use a variety of hardware platforms for the various phases of their lifecycle. Training AI models may occur in the high-performance computing or cloud environments but deployed to edge or serverless platforms. There are numerous differences between these platforms and many questions of efficiency and performance that arise when moving from one system to another. For example, what is the "right" hardware platforms to use when moving an application from the datacenter to edge platforms? The "right" platform may depend on the need to maximize power efficiency, maximize computing performance, or other application demands that are dynamic in nature. Our research has focused on developing new machine learning tools that can be used to help tailor hardware settings for different AI and scientific computing tasks. In this talk, I will discuss work related to improved power efficiency for datacenter and edge platforms, methods to include edge platforms such as serverless computing for HPC, and machine learning based strategies to tune heterogeneous computing platforms for recommender systems. Finally, I will discuss environmental and carbon footprint impacts of high performance computing along with a community drive to standardize reporting.

Manisha Gajbe

Principal Engineer, HPC Application Performance, Systems Architecture Lab

[Samsung Electronics](#)

A growing number of classical HPC applications - modeling and simulation applications - are bottlenecked due to insufficient memory bandwidth. At the same time, AI applications, which are forming an increasingly important part of HPC, and compute in general, are often bottlenecked because of insufficient communication (node to node) bandwidth. In this talk, Manisha Gajbe will discuss the research we are undertaking to design the hardware and software architecture for HPC and AI applications to obtain the next level of exponential increase in performance. Gajbe will suggest a path forward based on leveraging tightly integrating memory and compute, called Memory Couple Compute (MCC), and describe the interesting design space that needs to be considered to make this architecture a reality. The architectural space is broad, so a key aspect of our investigation involves codesign involving application developers and system software with key users. Gajbe will describe how these architectural decisions can be influenced by codesign. A successful effort on this front will produce a MCC capability that has the potential to be the next discontinuity in HPC and AI.

3:15 PM

Networking Break

3:35 PM

Sustainability: The Backbone of the Future of Work

Gregoire Viasnoff

Global Head of Incubation Practice of SE Ventures

[Schneider Electric Ventures](#)

In this session, we will explore how sustainability has become the essential foundation for shaping the work landscape of tomorrow. Discover how integrating sustainable practices and principles can drive innovation, enhance productivity, and create a resilient and thriving operating model. Gain valuable insights, and real-world examples that will empower you to embrace sustainability as the driving force behind a prosperous and sustainable future of work.

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Discussion Panel: Work of the Future  
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In 2018 MIT launched the Task Force on the Work of the Future to understand how emerging technologies are changing the nature of human work and the skills required—and how we can design and leverage technological innovations for the benefit of everyone in society. In this session, speakers from academia, a tech startup, and investment will share their views on trends and the impact of the growing adoption of new technologies in the workplace.

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