



## THE WEEKLY

Dear new faculty,

We are so excited you have joined Mason. Come meet the [Institute of Digital Innovation \(IDIA\)](#). Learn about what IDIA offers and how you can connect to its research infrastructure.

RSVP [here](#).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### IDIA Connect Series: Figure Eight Federal

The [Institute for Digital Innovation \(IDIA\)](#) is launching its IDIA CONNECT series to connect Mason faculty, researchers, and students with industry and non-governmental organizations, as well as local, regional, and national government entities.

Join our first IDIA CONNECT event, where we connect you with Figure 8 Federal.

RSVP [here](#).

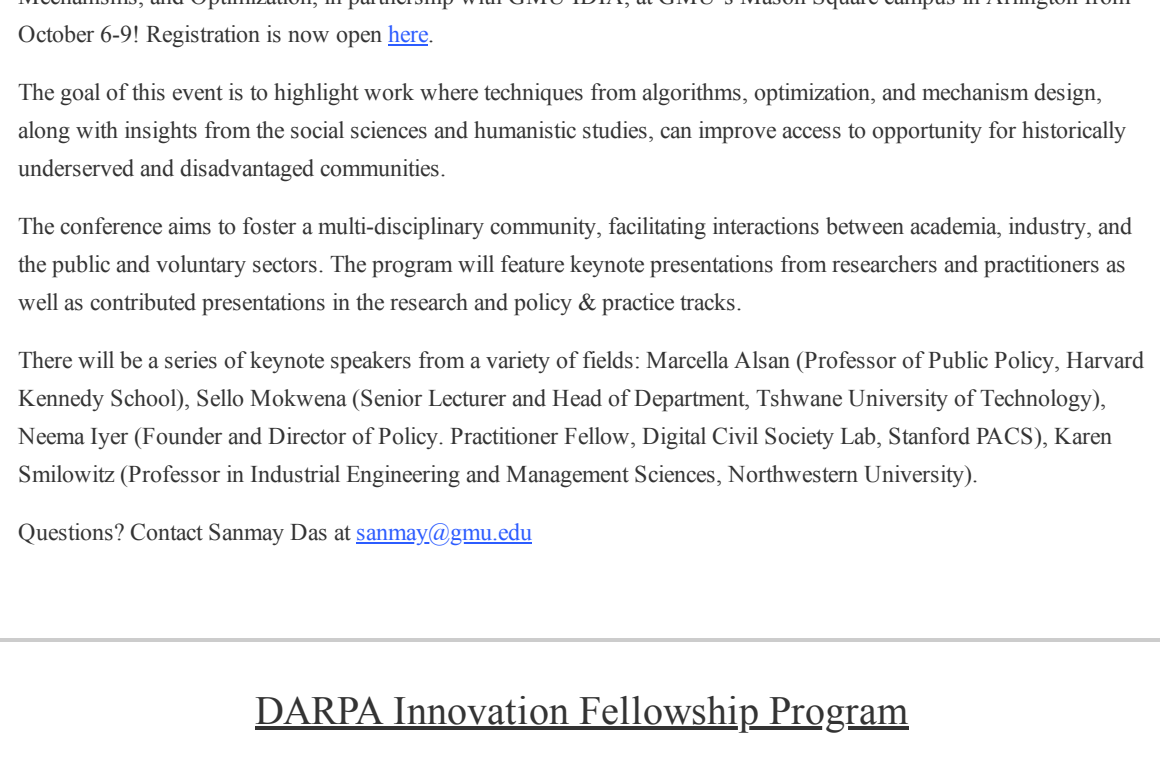


### Anti-Racism and Inclusive Excellence Conference

Monday, October 24, 2022, 8am - 6:30pm ET  
Mason Square, Arlington, Virginia

Save the date for [George Mason University's](#) Anti-Racism and Inclusive Excellence Initiative, hosting its first-ever conference featuring panels, workshops, and conversation groups with researchers and changemakers from across the country.

More information [here](#).



### Faculty Matters Workshop Series

The next Faculty Matters Workshop Series, which is co-sponsored by the Office of Faculty Affairs and Development and Research Development for Fall 2022, is on October 6th from 1:00-2:30pm on Zoom. The workshop series is designed to address key issues central to faculty development and success. The October workshop, How to Ethically Mentor, Author, and Collaborate, focuses on engaging with colleagues about best practices when considering the ethical dimensions of your scholarly work and collegial relationships. Participants will have the chance to win a free book, [Coaching and Mentoring for Academic Development](#), by [Kay Guccione & Steve Hutchinson](#).

Register [here](#).

### ACM EAAMO Conference

The Department of Computer Science is hosting ACM EAAMO, the Conference on Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimization, in partnership with GMU IDIA, at GMU's Mason Square campus in Arlington from October 6-9! Registration is now open [here](#).

The goal of this event is to highlight work where techniques from algorithms, optimization, and mechanism design, along with insights from the social sciences and humanistic studies, can improve access to opportunity for historically underserved and disadvantaged communities.

The conference aims to foster a multi-disciplinary community, facilitating interactions between academia, industry, and the public and voluntary sectors. The program will feature keynote presentations from researchers and practitioners as well as contributed presentations in the research and policy & practice tracks.

There will be a series of keynote speakers from a variety of fields: Marcella Alsan (Professor of Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School), Sello Mokwena (Senior Lecturer and Head of Department, Tshwane University of Technology), Neema Iyer (Founder and Director of Policy, Practitioner Fellow, Digital Civil Society Lab, Stanford PACS), Karen Smolowitz (Professor in Industrial Engineering and Management Sciences, Northwestern University).

Questions? Contact Sanmay Das at [sanmay@gmu.edu](#)

### DARPA Innovation Fellowship Program

A new DARPA effort aims to recruit standout scientists and engineers beginning their careers for a two-year position at the agency. The DARPA Innovation Fellowship Program will select fellows to develop and manage a portfolio of high-impact, exploratory research efforts to help identify breakthrough technologies for the Department of Defense.

More information is [here](#).



## STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Accelerate Student Competition



## VARIOUS OPPORTUNITIES

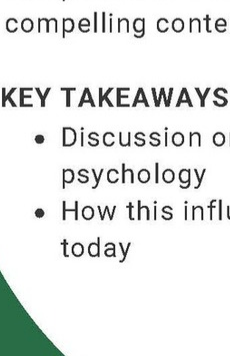
### The Evolution of Content Creation through Game Technology Seminar



Mason Enterprise

## THE EVOLUTION OF CONTENT CREATION THROUGH GAME TECHNOLOGY

SEPTEMBER 22, 2022, 4PM - 6PM | IN-PERSON @ MASON SQUARE IN ARLINGTON



**SPEAKER: JAMES CASEY**

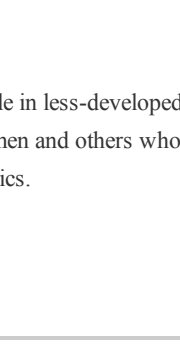
- INTERIM DIRECTOR, VIRGINIA SERIOUS GAME INSTITUTE (VSGI), GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
- ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, COMPUTER GAME DESIGN PROGRAM, GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
- VIDEO GAME DEVELOPER

**WHAT WE'LL DISCUSS:**

In this seminar, we'll talk about how gaming has evolved and why these tools are now being used in Movies, TV, Industry, Military, Sciences, and even today's big push for Web 3.0 and the Metaverse. Thinking about how these game technologies and games can influence your own business and life is what our discussion will be about, so join us and find out more. This seminar is great for companies or individuals interested in learning how to visualize and create compelling content, simulations, training, or marketing.

**KEY TAKEAWAYS INCLUDE:**

- Discussion on Game technologies, platforms, and psychology
- How this influences businesses, education, and the like today



**REGISTER HERE!**

Mason Square @ Arlington | Vernon Smith Hall | Plaza Level

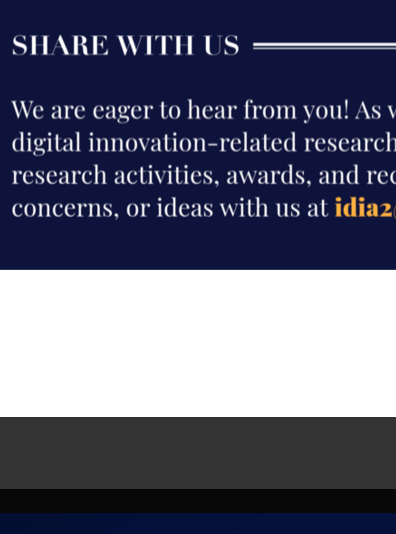
### NSF Entrepreneurial Fellowships for Engineers and Scientists

The U.S. National Science Foundation announced a new \$20 million investment in Entrepreneurial Fellowships through a multi-year cooperative agreement with Activate.org. The Activate Fellows supported by NSF will be scientists and engineers from a variety of backgrounds and regions across the U.S. who will translate research breakthroughs to new products and services with broad societal benefits.

The Entrepreneurial Fellowships will help make entrepreneurship more accessible for people in less-developed innovation ecosystems, expanding geographic diversity and increasing participation of women and others who have been traditionally underrepresented in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

More information [here](#).

### CIP2 2022 Annual Fall Conference



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**C-IP<sup>2</sup> Presents an Academic Conference**

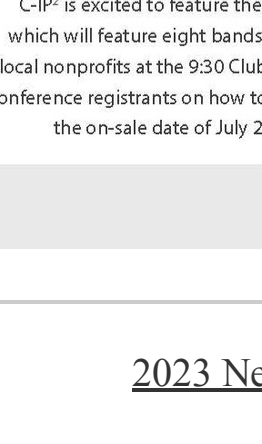
## IP on the Wane: Examining the Impacts as IP Rights are Reduced

**Co-Hosted with the Global Antitrust Institute (GAI) and the National Security Institute (NSI)**

**SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2022**

George Mason University,  
Antonin Scalia Law School  
Arlington, Virginia (in person only)

Scan or click on the QR code below to visit the event website!



**ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

After decades of efforts by some to slow the perceived expansion of intellectual property rights (IPR) around the globe, policymakers and courts in a number of countries have responded by placing greater limitations on IPR.

Now that such limits have been in effect for a few years, researchers have been able to start measuring the impact on innovators, creators, and the overall economy. C-IP<sup>2</sup>'s Annual Fall Conference brings together leading researchers, policymakers, creators, and innovators to share their experiences and results.

C-IP<sup>2</sup> is excited to feature the Seventh Annual Law Rocks Washington DC, which will feature eight bands of legal professionals rocking out to benefit local nonprofits at the 9:30 Club on Sept. 22! C-IP<sup>2</sup> will be in touch with paid conference registrants on how to receive a discounted concert ticket prior to the on-sale date of July 29th. Learn more at [https://lawrocks.org/dc/](#)

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### 2023 Next System Fellows - Applications Open

The Next System Fellows now accepting applications for admission to the Spring 2023 cohort of [Next System Fellows](#).

Please read more about [our courses](#), [internship program](#), and the [new field of Next System Studies](#) - a truly transdisciplinary approach to preparing for a transition to a better society that unites the social sciences and humanities, business and management, environmental and biological sciences, and technology and computer sciences. [Read about last year's cohort](#), our first Next System Fellows. Take a [look at this short video](#) to get a sense of one of the activities experienced by our Fellows.



Application deadline is November 15th, but our admissions committee **begins the formal review of applications on October 1st**.

If you are interested, you can learn more and apply [here](#).

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[Centers for Chemical Innovation](#)

Deadline: October 18, 2022

[NASA Space Technology Graduate Research Opportunities Call For Proposals](#)

Deadline: November 2, 2022

## AWARDS

**Congratulations to:**

**Plavchan, Peter P.** from the [College of Science](#) for receiving the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and Space Administration grant on *STAR-Line mission development*.

## IDIA AFFILIATION

Did you know that, as an IDIA faculty affiliate, you are eligible to:

Compete for [internally-funded IDIA projects](#)

Serve as [IDIA Advisory Council members](#)

Receive support for [IDIA relevant events](#)

Get featured in our next weekly: [IDIA Weekly Spotlight](#)

Become part of the [dynamic multidisciplinary faculty network](#) focused on digital techniques and technologies to advance fields as diverse as finance, education, built infrastructure, science, economics, agriculture, health, transportation, entertainment, national security, and social justice.

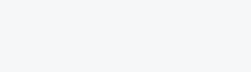
There is no financial burden to you or your departments for affiliation with the institute. Participation in IDIA does not prevent its members from being associated with other university centers. If you are not already affiliated, we encourage you to submit your profile [here](#).

## SHARE WITH US

We are eager to hear from you! As we work with your colleges to compile updates on digital innovation-related research activities at Mason, we would love to hear about your research activities, awards, and recent publications. Please share any successes, concerns, or ideas with us at [idia2@gmu.edu](#)



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