

SCS TODAY: May 20, 2020

[A late-day M-W-F update from the SCS Dean's Office]

TODAY'S REMINDERS

- **SCS Town Hall** for FACULTY & STAFF tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. You can send questions ahead of the meeting here: <https://forms.gle/ijmiVR8VmMdRCBbg6>. The Zoom link to join this meeting is <https://cmu.zoom.us/j/99014973744>. The agenda will focus on our scenario planning for returning to campus in the fall for research, work and instruction.
- Instead of a single **SCS Founders Day** event, we will announce the winners of our Faculty and Staff awards in upcoming issues of SCS TODAY. Now is an ideal time to recognize some of the accomplishments and perseverance of SCS staff. Nominations for Staff Recognition Awards in six categories remain open at <https://scsdean.cs.cmu.edu/foundersday/nominate.html> through Friday, May 22.

TO KNOW

- [Nearly half of the Twitter accounts discussing “reopening America” may be bots](#)
- [Phillip Gibbons will receive ACM's Paris Kanellakis Theory and Practice Award](#)
- [Maxwell Wang awarded Hertz Fellowship](#)

CONGRATULATIONS TO 2020 SCS FACULTY AWARD WINNERS!

- **Allen Newell Award for Research Excellence:** Lujo Bauer, Nicolas Christin, Lorrie Cranor, Saranga Komanduri, Michelle Mazurek, William Melicher, Sean Segretti, Rich Shay and Blase Ur -- for their pioneering contribution to the science of evaluating password strength and for embodying this science in online tools that enable individuals and groups to more easily secure their systems.
- **A. Nico Habermann Educational Service Award:** all Faculty and TAs in SCS who made the spring term of 2020 possible. We would not have had a spring term if our faculty and TAs didn't accept and accommodate all the challenges and realities they were dealt this term -- technologically, professionally and socially.
- **Herbert A. Simon Award for Teaching Excellence in Computer Science:** Brian Railing, Assistant Teaching Professor, CSD
- **Ruth and Joel Spira Excellence in Teaching Award:** Terry Lee, Assistant Teaching Professor, ISR

This award was created by Lutron's founders to recognize professors who excel in the classroom by helping students learn, understand and apply the fundamentals of engineering. Mr. Spira felt passionately that hiring graduates with a keen understanding of engineering fundamentals was key to Lutron's long-term success. This year marks the seventh Carnegie Mellon School of Computer Science Spira Excellence in Teaching Award.

Until Friday,
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