

## SCS WEDNESDAY WIRE | July 28, 2021

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### VACCINE DATABASE FOR CMU FACULTY AND STAFF

Remember to upload your COVID-19 vaccination documentation to CMU's vaccine database before Monday, August 2. For instructions on how to enter your information in [HealthConnect](#), visit the [COVID-19 vaccine database webpage](#). CMU is committed to protecting the confidentiality of vaccination registration data and will use it only for the purposes described in the [COVID-19 Vaccination Data Collection Privacy Notice](#). If you have not yet been vaccinated, CMU will provide [on campus clinics](#) during August and September.

### PLANNING AN ORIENTATION GATHERING?

Limits on in-person gatherings remain at 50 individuals if indoors and 50% of capacity if outdoors. However, these limits do not apply to classes or CMU-organized first-year undergraduate orientation events. If you anticipate attendance of more than 50 people (indoors) or 50% (outdoors) for an orientation event you may be planning, email [Philip Lehman](#) to initiate an exception request.

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### SCS NEWS + AWARDS

— The Simons Foundation recently appointed Maria Florina “Nina” Balcan, the Cadence Design Systems professor in computer science, [a Simons Investigator in theoretical computer science](#).

— Associate Professor Aarti Singh in the Machine Learning Department will use her [research on decision-making algorithms to study the evolution of the universe](#) as part of the Simons Collaboration on Learning the Universe.

— Assistant Professor Aaditya Ramdas in the Machine Learning and Statistics and Data Science departments has received the Bernoulli Society for Mathematical Statistics and Probability's [New Researcher Award](#).

— Robotics Institute Ph.D. candidates Gengshan Yang and N Dinesh Reddy have been [named Qualcomm Innovation Fellows](#) for their work to model smart cities.

— N Dinesh Reddy was also part of a Robotics Institute team that earned [Best Paper recognition](#) at the 2021 IEEE Intelligent Vehicles Symposium. He and master's students Fangyu Li and Xudong Chen were advised by Srinivasa Narasimhan, professor and interim director of the Robotics Institute.

— Earlier this month, Robotics Science and Systems awarded its [2021 Best Paper](#) to Chao Cao, a robotics Ph.D. candidate; Hongbiao Zhu, research associate; Howie Choset, Kavcic-Moura Professor of Computer Science; and Ji Zhang, systems scientist.

Until next week,  
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### REMEMBER YOUR RESOURCES

Connect with a [Dean's Advisory Committee](#) if you have questions or concerns you want to share. Connect with a representative leader from [SCS Council](#) if you'd like to submit a topic for Council to consider. Coronavirus [Updates & Information](#) and [FAQs](#)  
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