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*A message from the Associate Dean  
for Student Affairs and Special Programs*  
**Donna Fox**

## Proposed Handbook for Integrity Issues

*by Donna Fox*

I hope you are doing well and looking forward to an excellent spring 2021 semester. With COVID-19 vaccines on the horizon and other positive overall changes, hope doesn't feel quite so elusive anymore.

The Dean has asked us to embark on a project that will help guide our faculty as they deal with students who are tempted to cheat (or are caught doing so) on assignments (particularly in light of the increased online instruction mode). [Jason Kinser](#), [Jennifer Salerno](#) and I will help guide this project to create a faculty handbook that addresses issues of academic dishonesty.

Please share this [link](#) with any faculty who might be interested in contributing to this project. They can jot down ideas that could be included, provide pertinent links and share experiences which might be helpful to others. We will try to modify into a cohesive and usable product.

If anyone would like to give a seminar on the topic, there is space at the bottom of the shared document

to volunteer. If there is someone you know of that can speak to this subject, we can try to get them to present as well.

Thanks for spreading the word. If anyone has questions, you can refer them to [me](#).

Add your thoughts

## MASON SCIENCE COMMUNITY

### Mason develops computational tools to optimize ship design and train naval architects

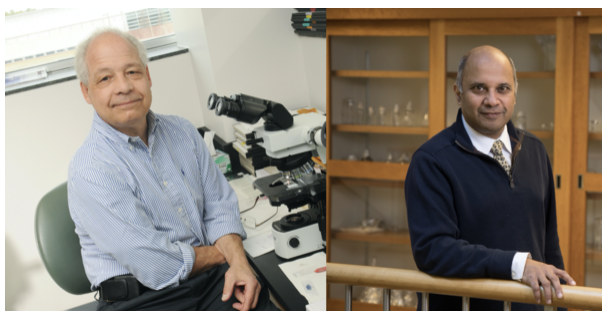
*By Tracy Mason*

[Chi Yang](#), a professor of computational fluid dynamics in the [Department of Physics and Astronomy](#), leads a U.S. Navy funded research group that has developed a computational tool, SimDShip, to accomplish innovative, simulation-based design of ship hull forms.



Full story

## RESEARCH & DISCOVERY



### Mason scientists and Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey collaboration receives U.S. Army's Breakthrough Award to better inform HER2 breast cancer treatment

*By Tracy Mason*

The College of Science announced an exciting \$1.33 million collaboration with Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey and Mason's [Center for Applied Proteomics and Molecular Medicine](#) (CAPMM) which taps cancer research diagnostics and treatment strengths within the medical facilities and CAP/CLIA laboratory respectively of the two regional powerhouses.

Full story

# IN THE NEWS

## Luo Research Lab releases two new publications

[Chemistry and Biochemistry](#) Assistant Professor [Chao Luo](#) recently released two new publications - one in [Chemical Communications](#), the other in [Advanced Functional Materials](#). Authors include Mason alumna Rosemary Hall, graduate students Kathryn Holguin, Motahareh Mohammadiroudari, Jinghao Huang, and Eric Young, as well as postdoc Kaiqiang Qin. Luo's research focuses on exploring new materials and new chemistries for high-energy and sustainable batteries.



[More on Professor Luo](#)

## Happening at Mason



### Outstanding Achievement Awards 2021: Call for Nominations

The Outstanding Achievement Awards honor Mason's faculty and staff across many award categories and celebrate their hard work, dedication, and contributions to the university. You are invited to nominate a colleague for an award by the deadline of March 5, 2021.

[Learn more](#)

## Events

### Colloquium on Computational Social Science/Computational Data Sciences

February 12, 2021 | 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Hear Blake LeBaron, the Abram L. and Thelma Sachar Chair of International Economics at the International Business School, discuss his paper "Epidemics with Space, Movement, and Asymptomatic Spreading."

### **Chemistry Seminar Series**

February 15, 2021 | 4 to 5 p.m.

Hear Andre Clayborne, Assistant professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, speak on *Understanding the Properties of Inorganic-Organic Hybrid Nanoparticles for Materials Development*.

### **College of Science Faculty Meeting**

February 17, 2021 | 3 to 4 p.m.

Check your email for Zoom link

### **ScienceConnect 2021 (Virtual)**

February 25, 2021 | 1 to 3 p.m.

Connect with Mason Science faculty, staff, and students and hear from select faculty about their ongoing research. Be sure to join us for Trivia from 2 to 3 p.m. Participants must register to gain access.

[See Full Calendar](#)

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