



Georgia Tech

Academic Advisors Network

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ADVISOR SPOTLIGHT



Name: Ellen Murkison Riley

Dept: Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Title: Academic Advising Manager

Hometown: West Point, Illinois

Alma Mater/Degree(s): Master of Education; Higher Education Administration/Student Personnel Services from the University of South Carolina

Bachelor of Arts; Political Science from Illinois State University

Favorite Activity/Hobby: Travel planning then traveling! I especially have enjoyed getting to travel with my kids Ben (23) and Brian (19), some of our favorite trips have included Alaska, the Grand Canyon, and Italy. Before and/or without my kids, I've been to 20 countries and 37 states. I've always got a trip planned in the future!

Best Part of My Job: I love the individual interaction with students, but I get a lot of pride and sense of accomplishment from overseeing our Peer Mentoring program in ChBE. That first semester of college can be so overwhelming and getting feedback from former mentees in the program of how much it helped them during that transition means the world. It's also very rewarding to train and oversee the mentors, as they grow into leadership roles. I especially love when former mentees come back to work in the program as mentors – full circle moment!

Favorite Place on Campus: The Eco-Commons next to the Kendada building. It's a great place to just do some walking meditation 😊. I love to wander and enjoy the beautiful landscape design, flowers, & trees when I need to center myself. But no, in case you're wondering, I haven't gone down the slides!

Unique Thing I Bring: I've been fortunate to be heavily involved in NACADA throughout my time at GT, and I'm currently wrapping up a two year tenure as the Region 4 Chair after serving in several other roles including Awards Chair, Georgia Liaison and a member of the (ill-fated) Puerto Rico Annual Conference Planning Committee. I've published an article in the NACADA Academic Advising Today, and presented on multiple topics over the years, which is a great way to push myself to expand my circle of advising connections.

Anything Else: I have been at GT since 2015, but my first role as an academic advisor was all the way back in 2002! I love this work, it's really a vocation and I am so glad I have been able to serve in an advising role for so long with such great colleagues!

GTAAN UPDATES

Meet Your Executive Board!

President: Adrienne Hillman, CHBE

VP of Operations & Assessment: Ashlee Toomey-Flinn, OIE

VP of Communications: Sudie Davis, ISyE

VP of Engagement: VACANT

VP of Training & Development: Amanda Blocker, LMC

For more information on the Executive Board, please visit our website!

[GTAAN Website](#)

In order to streamline GTAAN newsletter submissions, we are reviving the guidelines and instructions for submitting items.

- Please provide us with a PDF or image if possible.
- If no PDF or image, please keep your submission to 150 words or less.
- Provide us with website links or documents that we can link to if applicable.
- Expiration date. If no date provided, your item will run in two newsletters max.
- Please make sure you use the submission form. Do not email the GTAAN email address directly **GTAAN Submission Form**
- Have all submissions sent in by Wednesday (the day before) at 4pm

Also, please make sure you're checking your spam folders for GTAAN newsletters. We have had individuals mention that the last few newsletters have gone to their spam, so please mark our address as safe!

Please be patience with us as we learning a new newsletter creation system and trying out new things and layouts--some things might not look like they did before! We are a work in progress and we appreciate your patience!

Questions? Email Sudie Pennebaker Davis, VP of Communications at gtaan@gatech.edu.

[GTAAN Submission Website](#)

GTAAN Best Practices Conference 2025

We are very excited to be hosting our next **GTAAN Best Practices Conference on Monday, May 19th, 2025!** It will be held in the Academy of Medicine, which is such a great building. *Please mark your calendars now.* We are putting a call out for committee members, so we can schedule our first meeting in December before the new year. If you are interested in learning more and/or joining, please complete this brief Qualtrics survey

[Best Practices Committee Interest Form](#)

GTAAN VP of Engagement Open Position

We have an open position on our executive board - **VP of Engagement**. Thank you Davis Palubeski for your years of service to this board! Here is a brief description of the position if you are looking to throw your name in the hat for this great leadership role:

Responsible for coordinating plans and executes the programs for monthly GTAAN general meetings. Provides orientation and turns over all materials to successor. Supports other executive members as needed. One of our goals for the future is to have the VP of Engagement find exciting ways to welcome and engage new advisors on campus.

Please complete this Qualtrics if you are interested in joining an amazing team of advisors on the exec board:

GTAAN MEETING AND CONNECTION DATES

All meetings are held from 11am-12pm in Clough Lounge 211 or Skiles unless otherwise stated.

- September 24th
 - GTAAN Connections
 - Topic: Scheller Steven A. Denning Technology & Management Overview
- October 8th
 - GTAAN Connections
- October 17th
 - GTAAN Meeting
 - Topic: Registrar Updates, Core IMPACTS
 - Presenters: Crystal Elster & Ansley Sharp
- November 7th *NEW DATE-CHANGED TO AVOID PHASE I START*
 - GTAAN Meeting
 - Topic: TBD - would you like to present here? Please let us know! gtaan@gatech.edu

UPCOMING DEADLINES & EVENTS

MIT Sloan School of Management Specialized Master's Info Session

Come learn about MIT's Specialized Master's Programs: Master of Finance, Master of Business Analytics, and the Early Deferred Admission MBA

Register: bit.ly/3ku1bZa



FIND YOUR PATH.

MIT Sloan's Specialized Masters Programs

Are you interested in a deep dive in finance or data science to jump-start your career? Or, are you looking to plan ahead with a deferred MBA offering? On September 26, tune in to learn about our STEM-designated master's degree programs—Master of Finance, Master of Business Analytics and our MBA Early Deferred Admission Offering.

You will learn how MIT's programs integrate expertise from the MIT Sloan School of Management, MIT Operations Research Center, Golub Center for Finance and Policy, and Lab for Financial Engineering. Admissions representatives will answer your questions about important application dates and will share tips on navigating the admissions process for each of these programs.

Join us online. We can't wait to meet you!

[Specialized Masters Programs and Admissions Overview](#)
Georgia Tech

Thursday, September 26, 2024
4:30-6:15 p.m. Eastern Time
Online



REGISTER HERE: bit.ly/3ku1bZa



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Applying to Grad School Week



Georgia Tech
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Applying to Grad School Week

SEPT 16 - 20, 2024

Looking to apply to graduate school?

Pre-Graduate and Pre-Professional Advising is hosting a series of virtual events to get you started on your graduate school journey.

Swipe for a full schedule of events and register at the link in bio!



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**SEPT
16** | **Grad School Application Essentials**
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**SEPT
17** | **Preparing to Become a Grad Student:
Faculty Panel**
11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**SEPT
17** | **Grad School or Job Search?
Understanding Your Options**
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**SEPT
17** | **Pre-Health, Post-Bac, and Specialty
Masters Programs Panel**
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

**SEPT
18** | **Prestigious Fellowships & Grad School**
10:00 am - 11:00 am

**SEPT
18** | **Undergraduate Research Opportunities
Program (UROP) Panel Session**
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**SEPT
19** | **Life of a Grad Student Panel: Featuring
Current GT Grad Students**
11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**SEPT
19** | **First-Gen to Grad School: A Panel with First-
Generation GT Grad Students & Faculty**
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

**SEPT
20** | **Statement of Purpose Writing Workshop**
9:00 am - 11:00 am

Applying to Grad School Week 2024

Denning T&M Program Info Session

Denning Technology & Management Program – Class of 2027

Monday, September 23

8:00pm – 9:00pm

Information Session hosted by the T&M Program staff and a panel of current students discussing different aspects of the program.

COLLEGE & DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

First Year Wellness Experience (FYWE) Instructor Toolkit in Canvas Commons

*Interested in boosting student engagement in your courses?
Eager to embed student success strategies in your teaching style?*

A new Canvas Commons resource for faculty and instructors contains course assets to complement the First Year Wellness Experience (FYWE), a new, Institute-wide initiative, coordinated by Housing and Residence Life, to introduce all first-year GT undergraduate students to the 8 Dimensions of Wellness and facilitate their skill development in each area.

- **To access the resource, please login to Canvas and in the Commons search for "First Year Wellness Experience Instructor Toolkit"** (be sure to clear any filters first).

- While designed specifically for instructors of first year undergrads, this content may be beneficial to students at all levels of study.

The First Year Wellness Experience is one action strategy in the *Cultivate Well-Being Action & Transformation Roadmap with a Focus on Students*. There is also a *Cultivate Well-Being Action & Transformation Roadmap with a Focus on Faculty and Staff*. Learn more at <https://wellbeingroadmaps.gatech.edu/>.

Changes to Math Minor Effective Fall 2024

New Minor Addition Process: In order to better communicate information and expectations to prospective math minors and to streamline the minor addition process, the School of Math will now require students to attend a Math Minor Information Session as the first step of adding the minor. See flyer linked below for more details.

Fall sessions will be held:

Friday, September 20 from 2:00-3:00pm in Skiles 169

Friday, October 25 from 3:30-4:30 in CoC 052

[Math Minor Info Page](#)

[Info Session Registration](#)

[Math Minor Policy Updates](#)

MSE Minor and Change of Major Info Sessions



Georgia Tech School of Materials Science and Engineering

MSE Change of Major

A Bachelor of Science degree (B.S.) in Materials Science & Engineering (MSE) prepares students for a wide variety of career or graduate school options. MSE is an enabling discipline that focuses on developing processes needed to design and create materials with atomic and molecular scale structures that provide the properties necessary for meeting performance requirements for functions and applications for meeting next generation societal challenges.

Admitted Summer or Fall First-Year Students:

Admitted first-year applicants who are seeking a change of major should attend a group Change of Major Information Session to learn more about the degree. To sign up for a meeting, please complete [change of major meeting request form](#).

Virtual “Change of Major” Information Session Dates for 2024:

- September 26, 11:00 a.m.
- October 31, 11:00 a.m.
- November 4, 11:00 a.m.

Zoom Session Link: <https://tinyurl.com/MSEchangeofmajor>

MSE adheres to the Institute’s [Change of Major policies](#), but has implemented academic advising protocols to ensure that this important decision is in the student’s best interest and provides the foundation for a successful career. According to Institute policies, newly admitted students in their first term of enrollment cannot receive approval for a change of major request until after the deadline for withdrawal with a W grade. Change of major requests submitted after this date are processed at the end of the term and approved changes become effective for the next term of enrollment.

For additional information and FAQs regarding change of major, please refer to: [Change of Major info](#)

Admitted Transfer Students:

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MSE Undergraduate Minor

Quick Facts

The School of Materials Science and Engineering offers an undergraduate minor in Materials Science and Engineering for non-MSE majors. Materials are the enabling basis for almost all other engineering and scientific disciplines. The purpose of this minor is to broaden the materials background of non-materials students and to introduce them to a materials focus approach to problem solving that is different than that provided by their major. Non-MSE undergraduate majors are encouraged to participate in the program provided they have the appropriate prerequisites and approval of their major program academic advisor.

Requirements

The requirements for earning a minor in Materials Science and Engineering is to complete **15 semester hours** of MSE courses, 12 hours of which must be at the 3000 level or above and none of which may be lower than the 2000 level. Many students will be able to complete a considerable portion of this requirement by scheduling some of the required courses as the free electives required by their major.

Application Process

1. Attend a MSE Minor Information Session
2. Seek out advisement for proposed schedule, if necessary
3. Complete minor form via DocuSign (https://registrar.gatech.edu/info/change-minor-form_ds)
4. Add MSE Advisor Name & Email to Minor Form for signature and final processing
5. Add Registrar Office Email to Minor Form for signature and final processing (comments@registrar.gatech.edu)

Course Credits

Students should consult with their primary academic advisor to determine if/how these Materials Science and Engineering courses may apply to degree requirements.

Fall 2024 Information Sessions via Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/4r3m62nh>

September 19 12:00-1:00pm

October 17 11:00-11:45am

November 14 11:00-11:45am

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Virtual Academic Appointment via Zoom, link will be provided upon request.

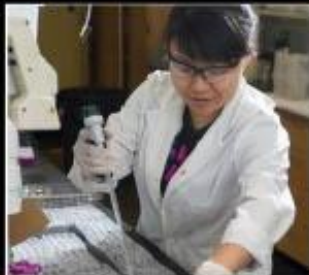
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I-House Spring 2025 Application is open!



I-House Application Details

- ✓ Due October 1st by 11:59EST for Spring 2025! Applications are found on the website below :)
- ✓ A community where Tech students room with Exchange students
- ✓ Get involved in community events such as Atlanta United games, trips to museums, and cooking!
- ✓ Learn about the world through new friends!



Apply at ihouse.gatech.edu →

About I-House:

I-House is a living learning community shared between current undergraduate Georgia Tech students and incoming exchange students with the purpose of embracing diverse culture and building meaningful connections through a caring community and active committee involvement. With residents from around the world housed in **Gray and Hayes Halls** on East Campus, students join a vibrant community that explore first-hand what it means to live in a globalized world as they navigate intercultural differences and conquer unfamiliar environments, emerging as a more enlightened and empathetic individual.

JOB OPENINGS

Program & Operations Manager - Job ID 275990

The Center for Health and Humanitarian Systems (CHHS) has an opening for a **Program & Operations Manager** (Job Opening #275990). A detailed job description and the link to the Careers posting is included below. Please feel free to share with your colleagues and networks. For additional information please reach out to Dima Nazzal, dima.nazzal@isye.gatech.edu or Pinar Keskinocak, pinar@isye.gatech.edu.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Select the link below to access our careers site.
2. Sign-in to access your account or select the New User link to create one if you aren't an existing user .
3. Review the job posting and select the apply button to begin your application.

You can view and apply for this job

at: https://selfservice.hprod.onehcm.usg.edu/psp/hprodssso/CAREERS/APPLICANT/c/HRS_HRAM_FL.HRS_CG_SEARCH_FL.GBL?

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The position will be open through September 30, 2024.

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