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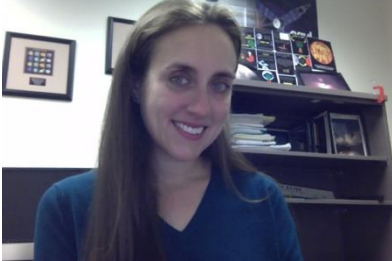
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### **Biography**

Wendy Kelly is an Associate Professor in the School of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Georgia Tech. She earned her B.S. in Pharmacy at Oregon State University in 1996, an M.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1998, and a Ph.D. in Chemistry at the Johns Hopkins University in 2004. Before joining the faculty at Georgia Tech in 2006, she was a National Institutes of Health Postdoctoral Fellow at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Kelly's research is focused on the biosynthesis and biosynthetic engineering of medicinal natural products – naturally occurring compounds produced by bacteria that have the potential to be utilized in human medicine. Through her research, she seeks to understand the assembly of central molecular scaffolds appearing in families of metabolites that vary in their biological activity according to unique peripheral modifications. This information can ultimately be applied to direct the biosynthesis of designer metabolites possessing antimicrobial or anticancer properties. Dr. Kelly has been recognized with a Hesburgh Award Teaching Fellowship (Georgia Tech), a Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Young Faculty Award, and the Camille and Henry Dreyfus New Faculty Award, and she has served as a Counselor for the American Chemical Society Division of Biological Chemistry.

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Carol Paty received her B.A. in Physics with Honors and in Astronomy from Bryn Mawr College and her Ph.D. in Earth and Space Sciences from the University of Washington in 2006. She was a postdoctoral fellow at Southwest Research Institute for two years working on NASA's Cassini mission before joining the faculty in the School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at Georgia Tech where she has helped build a nationally recognized program in Planetary and Space Sciences.

Her research is focused on understanding planetary magnetospheric dynamics and moon-magnetosphere interactions using a combination of computational simulations and data collected by space based instruments on the Cassini and Galileo spacecrafts and the Hubble Space Telescope. She applies plasma dynamic simulations to icy moons and outer planet magnetospheres, and implemented plasma-neutral interactions in global simulations. Dr. Paty was a participating scientist on the Cassini mission to Saturn, and is currently a co-investigator on the Plasma Environment Package for the European mission to Ganymede (JUICE). She is also a co-investigator on both the Plasma Instrument for Magnetic Sounding (PIMS) and the Radar for Europa Assessment and Sounding: Ocean to Near-surface (REASON) instruments for NASA's Europa Clipper mission.

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Benjamin Flowers joined the faculty of architecture in 2005. His work examines architecture as a form of social activity situated within the intersecting spheres of politics, culture, and economy. Looking in particular at skyscrapers and stadiums, he focuses on the ways these structures are constructed, the ends to which they are used, and the nature of public reaction to them. His research has attracted recognition and funding from Columbia University's Buell Center for Architecture, Cornell University's John Nolen Fellowship, the Society of Architectural Historians, and the Hagley Museum and Library. He is currently completing a second book on stadia, *Beautiful Moves: Designing Stadia* (LundHumphries, forthcoming). His most recent book is a global survey of the stadium, *Sport and Architecture* (Routledge, 2017). His second book, *Architecture in an Age of Uncertainty* (Ashgate Press, 2014), examined the political economy of architecture during the recent great recession. His first book, *Skyscraper: The Politics and Power of Building New York City in the Twentieth Century* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2009), was named a 2010 Outstanding Academic Title in Architecture by Choice Magazine. He is the director of Stadia Lab.

Flowers was awarded the Dean William L. Fash Award for Teaching Excellence from the School of Architecture in 2017 and was the College of Architecture's 2012 Georgia Power Professor of Excellence. In 2008 Flowers was awarded the Outstanding Teacher Award from the College of Architecture. Flowers received his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota and his B.A. from Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT. He grew up in Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala, Bulgaria, Romania, and Washington, DC.

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Dr. Wheaton received his PhD in Neuroscience and Cognitive Sciences from the University of Maryland, College Park in 2005. He was a fellow at the National Institutes of Health (Medical Neurology Branch, 2001-2005) studying neural function and recovery of motor control after stroke. In mid-2005 he was awarded a post-doctoral fellowship at the Baltimore Veterans Affairs Medical Center (Maryland) where he performed neuroscience research in aging and stroke motor control in Veterans.

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Dr. Rodríguez is Associate Professor of Spanish at Georgia Tech and co-editor of the collection of essays *New Documentaries in Latin America* (Palgrave, 2014). He is also co-editing a book series, *Reframing Media, Technology, and Culture in Latin America*, for the University Press of Florida.

Professor Rodríguez is a Latin American film scholar whose research focuses on the representation of Latin American cities in documentary. He studies how Latin American documentaries represent contemporary urban issues such as housing problems, transportation dynamics, water resources, economic development, and social movements. For Rodríguez, documentary is an audiovisual discourse that opens the possibility to examine urban imaginaries, which in turn reveal the ways city dwellers perceive, experience, and transform their cities. Many documentaries offer ways of imagining the city that either overlap with or challenge some of the “mental mappings” and “interpretive grids” developed by dwellers, visitors, and tourists when exploring different urban realities. Viewers can infer and reconstruct an imaginary map of the city each time a documentary gives shape to the navigation of the physical city and to the routes, itineraries, and actions of city dwellers. In his publications, Rodríguez explores documentaries as moving maps and embodied cartographies of contemporary urban issues.

He completed his doctorate at Duke University's Literature Program, where he also earned a certificate in Latin American Studies. His research areas include documentary studies, sustainability, critical theory, urban studies, and digital humanities. His articles have appeared in *The Journal of Latin American Cultural Studies*, *Latin American Perspectives*, *Revista Iberoamericana*, *Revista Pensamiento de los Confines*, *Debats*, *Journal of Sport History*, and *La Habana Elegante*. He has published chapters in various books, including *Miradas al margen: Cine y subalternidad en América Latina y el Caribe*, ed. Luis Duno-Gottberg (Caracas: Fundación Cinemateca Nacional, 2009); *Poéticas de José María Lima: Tradición y sorpresa*, ed. Áurea María Sotomayor (Pittsburgh: Instituto Internacional de Literatura Latinoamericana, 2012); *Redes hipertextuales en el aula: Claves y conceptos*, ed. José Manuel de Amo, Osvaldo Cleger and Antonio Mendoza (Barcelona: Editorial Octaedro, 2015); and *Sports and Nationalism in Latin America*, ed. Héctor Fernández L'Hoeste, Robert Irwin, and Juan Poblete (forthcoming in Palgrave). He has taught courses on Latin American cities, Spanish Service Learning, Globalization in Latin America, Latin American documentaries, Science Fiction from Latin America and Latin American music. At the School of Modern Languages, Dr. Rodríguez has participated in the organization of various events, including the symposium on Latin American Media Studies in the Age of Digital Humanities.

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Jonathan Clarke is the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs and an Associate Professor of Finance in the College of Business. He received his PhD from the Katz Graduate School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh. His undergraduate degrees are in Mathematics and Economics from Indiana University in Bloomington. His research has been presented at a number of conferences including the American Finance Association, SFS Cavalcade, Western Finance Association, the Utah Winter Finance Conference, and the North American Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society.

Dr. Clarke's work has been published in the Journal of Finance, Journal of Financial Economics, Management Science, the Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis, the Journal of Business, Journal of Behavioral Finance, the Journal of Banking and Finance, Annals of Finance, Journal of Empirical Finance, and the Journal of Corporate Finance. His paper titled "Long-Run Performance And Insider Trading In Completed And Canceled Seasoned Equity Offerings" won the 2001 William F. Sharpe award for best published paper in the Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis.

Dr. Clarke is an award winning teacher. He was voted the 2009 and 2013 MBA Core Professor of the Year, was a 2009 Hesburgh Award teaching fellow, and received the 2010 James F. Frazier, Jr. Award for Teaching Excellence. He has taught in custom programs for NCR, GE, Premier, Clorox, Lockheed Martin, and the National Football League. Dr. Clarke is a former director of the Eastern Finance Association, on the editorial board of The Financial Review, and edits the Handbook of Modern Finance.



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Dr. Keskinocak's research focuses on the applications of operations research and management science with societal impact, particularly health and humanitarian applications, supply chain management, and logistics/transportation. Her recent work has addressed infectious disease modeling, evaluating intervention strategies, and resource allocation; catch-up scheduling for vaccinations; hospital operations management; disaster preparedness and response (e.g., prepositioning inventory); debris management; centralized and decentralized price and lead time decisions. She has worked on projects with companies, governmental and non-governmental organizations, and healthcare providers, including American Red Cross, CARE, CDC, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Emory University, and Intel Corporation.

She currently serves as a department editor for Operations Research (Policy Modeling and Public Sector area), associate editor for Manufacturing & Service Operations Management, and as a member of the board and the executive committee of INFORMS. Previously she served as INFORMS Vice President of Membership and Professional Recognition, is the co-founder and past-president of INFORMS Section on Public Programs, Service, and Needs, and the president of the INFORMS Health Applications Society.

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### Biography

John E. Taylor is the inaugural Frederick Law Olmsted Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Dr. Taylor received his PhD in 2006 from Stanford University on the topic of innovation in architecture, engineering and construction industry networks, and his research continues to explore such network dynamics. At Georgia Tech, he is the founder and Director of the Network Dynamics Lab (<http://ndl.gatech.edu/>), which examines industrial and societal dynamics associated with information system integration, industry globalization, workforce virtualization, shifting workforce demographics, energy conservation in and across buildings, and human mobility during natural disasters.

Dr. Taylor's research has received over \$6M in funding from the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy, the Earth Institute, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, and other public and private funding sources. His research was awarded the National Science Foundation's CAREER Award in 2011 and an Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Industry Studies Fellowship in 2009. Dr. Taylor has authored over 200 technical publications, including publishing over 75 journal manuscripts. His research publications have won many conference and journal best paper awards, including five journal best paper awards. He was awarded the ASCE Thomas Fitch Rowland Research Prize in 2009 and the ASCE Daniel W. Halpin Award in 2015 for his scholarship.

Dr. Taylor's pedagogical efforts focus on developing the problem-solving skills required for students to navigate a dynamic and changing industry. His efforts to integrate real world problems into the classroom resulted in him receiving the CII Outstanding Instructor Award in 2011 and the CII Distinguished Professor Award in 2013. In 2013, his technology-enriched pedagogical efforts were awarded the XCaliber Award from the Virginia Tech Office of the Provost. His teaching and advising efforts were also awarded both the G.V. Loganathan Teaching Award for Excellence in Civil Engineering Education and a Favorite Faculty Award from Virginia Tech in 2014. Dr. Taylor was selected to receive the Certificate of Teaching Excellence from the Virginia Tech College of Engineering in 2016. Dr. Taylor serves on four editorial boards that span computer science, civil engineering and organizational studies, including two as Associate Editor. He has guest edited two journal special issues, most recently a special issue in the ASCE Journal of Computing in Civil Engineering on "Computational Approaches to Understand and Reduce Energy Consumption in the Built Environment" in 2014. For his service, in 2013 he received the Distinguished Service Award from the Engineering Project Organization Society. Prior to entering academia, Dr. Taylor worked in industry as a project manager and was the founder of two technology startups in the civil engineering field. Still engaged in entrepreneurship, Dr. Taylor serves on the Advisory Board for three technology startups.

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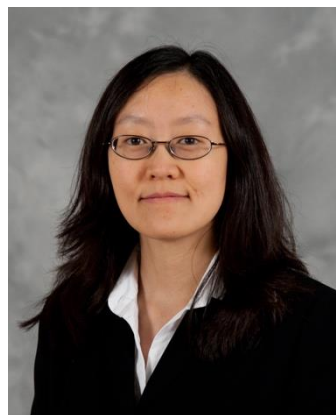
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