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Biography

Nisha Botchwey is an Associate Professor of City and Regional Planning at the Georgia Institute of Technology and an adjunct professor in Emory University's School of Public Health. An expert in health and the built environment as well as community engagement, she holds graduate degrees in both urban planning and public health. Dr. Botchwey co-directs the National Physical Activity Research Center, PARC, both the Atlanta Neighborhood Quality of Life and Health Dashboard and the data dashboard for Health, Environment and Livability for Fulton County, and directs the Built Environment and Public Health Clearinghouse.

Dr. Botchwey's research focuses on health and the built environment, health equity, community engagement, and data dashboards for evidence-based planning and practice. She is co-author of Health Impact Assessment in the USA (2014), convener of a national expert panel on interdisciplinary workforce training between the public health and community design fields, and author of numerous articles, scientific presentations and workshops. Dr. Botchwey has won distinctions including an NSF ADVANCE Woman of Excellence Faculty Award, a Hesburgh Award Teaching Fellowship from Georgia Tech and the Georgia Power Professor of Excellence Award, a Rockefeller-Penn Fellowship from the University of Pennsylvania's School of Nursing and a Nominated Changemaker by the Obama White House' Council on Women and Girls. She has also served on the Advisory Committee to the Director for the Centers of Disease Control Prevention, is a Social Sciences Panel Member for the Ford Foundation's Fellowship Program, and member of the Voices for Healthy Kids Strategic Advisory Committee for the American Heart Association.

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Dr. Harmon's research centers on educational uses of emerging technologies and has, for the last few years, focused on eLearning, particularly with respect to synchronous, online learning environments. He is a past president of the Association of Educational Communications and Technology, an international professional association of thousands of educators and others whose activities are directed toward improving instruction through technology.

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Biography

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Biography

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He is the author of Cloning: A Beginner's Guide (Oneworld Publications, 2007), an accessible introduction to the science of cloning and embryonic stem cells and the ethical and policy controversies this science inspires. Aaron completed his Ph.D. in Public Affairs at Princeton University, where his dissertation research examined the impact of public policy on the development of human embryonic stem cell science. He also holds an M. Phil. from the University of Cambridge, where, as a Churchill Scholar, he studied computational biology at the Sanger Centre and developed algorithms to help analyze the human genome sequence, and a B.S. in Biology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was a Morehead Scholar.

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Biography

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She holds a B. S. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1998), a M. S. from Northwestern University (1999) as well as a Ph. D. from Northwestern University (2005). She served as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Harvard Medical School and Brigham & Women's Hospital for Brandeis University (2005-2007).

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She graduated from Duke University with a B.S. in Geology and Physics in 1986 after which she worked for several years as a computer programmer in support of oceanographic research teams. She received her Ph.D. in 1995 from Columbia University and was a post-doctoral fellow at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution before serving on the faculty at Columbia University from 1996-2003. She served as Editor of Earth and Planetary Science Letters from 2012-2015.

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His research program focuses on the shock-driven mixing and combustion, the physics of hydrodynamic instabilities, and advanced power conversion cycles. He is a recipient of National Science Foundation CAREER Award and US AFOSR Young Investigator Award in 2013. He was the first Georgia Tech recipient of the DOE-Early Career Award in 2016. His group has published more than 100 papers in journals and conferences. He was an invited participant in the 2016 National Academy of Engineering's US Frontiers of Engineering Symposium.

He was the Joint-Secretary for the International Shock Wave Institute and served as the co-chair for the 29th International Symposium on Shock Waves (ISSW). He is currently an Associate Editor of ASME Journal of Fluids Engineering and serves on the Editorial board of Shock Waves (Publisher-Springer & Verlag). Currently he is the member of External Affairs Committee of APS-Division of Fluid Dynamics. He has received several awards for his efforts and effectiveness in teaching, including CATERPILLAR Teaching Excellence Award, Texas A&M ASME Professor Mentorship Award and recently named 2018-2020 Provost Teaching and Learning Fellow.

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