Welcome!

• Great Agenda
• Most importantly a great collection of people
• Networking opportunities
  • Breaks
  • Tours and Handsheet Making

• Ultimately the purpose is to celebrate and re-engage with old friends
  • Alumni and friends in the house!
  • Current Students and Faculty
  • Share stories and reminisce
  • Enjoy the camaraderie of our shared experiences
President Henry M. Wriston,
Lawrence College,
Appleton, Wisconsin.

Dear President Wriston:

I am glad to know of the organization of the Institute of Paper Chemistry at Lawrence College. The importance of sound technical processes based upon scientific research is becoming ever more important to American industry.

Through the association of institutions of learning with business the colleges will be in a position more adequately to serve present day needs. By associating themselves with institutions of learning the industries may keep abreast of scientific developments and make a sound contribution to the progress of the nation.

I hope that the success of this cooperative effort will point the way to other fruitful enterprises of like character.

Yours faithfully,

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Chaouki T. Abdallah is the Executive Vice President for Research (EVPR) at the Georgia Institute of Technology. As a direct report to President G.P. “Bud” Peterson and a member of the president’s cabinet, the EVPR serves as chief research officer for the Institute. This position provides overall leadership for the research, economic development, and related support units within Georgia Tech.

Abdallah began his college career at the Faculté d’ingénierie of the Université Saint-Joseph in Lebanon, then obtained a bachelor of engineering (B.E.) degree from Youngstown State University in 1981, and a M.S. and Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Georgia Tech in 1982 and 1988, respectively. He joined the Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) Department at the University of New Mexico (UNM), where he served as professor of electrical and computer engineering. Between 2005 and 2011, Abdallah was the ECE department chair, and he served as provost and executive vice president of academic affairs at UNM from 2011 to 2016. In 2017-18, he served as acting president, interim president, and finally the 22nd president of UNM. On September 1, 2018, he joined Georgia Tech as its EVPR.
Shofner joined the faculty following post-doctoral training at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. She received a bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin and a Ph.D. in Materials Science from Rice University.

At Georgia Tech, Shofner’s research focuses on designing hierarchically structured polymeric materials for structural and functional applications through approaches such as novel processing, polymer crystallization and nanoparticle assembly and templating. In her current research, these methods have been employed preferentially to biobased materials. Shofner’s research has been recognized with the Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Award from Oak Ridge Associate Universities and the Solvay Advanced Polymers Young Faculty Award.
James L. Ferris  
President – IPST (retired)

Jim was born and raised in Washington State, and received his BS degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Washington in 1966. He then began a 30-year career with Weyerhaeuser Company with leaves of absence for graduate school [5 years] and military service [3 years].

After receiving his Doctorate from the Institute of Paper Chemistry in 1974, he rejoined Weyerhaeuser and served in various technical positions in research and the Pulp Business. In 1988, Jim was appointed VP-Research for the paper group of Weyerhaeuser and served on the Research Advisory Committee of IPST.

In 1996, he left Weyerhaeuser to join The Institute of Paper Science and Technology in Atlanta, GA where he served as President and Trustee.
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Ronald W. Rousseau is Professor and C.J. “Pete” Silas Endowed Chair Emeritus at the Georgia Institute of Technology, where he served for more than 26 years as chair of the School of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering. While serving as school chair, he also served two separate terms as interim director of the Institute of Paper Science and Technology. Prior to moving to Georgia Tech, he was a faculty member at North Carolina State University.

Dr. Rousseau holds B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Chemical Engineering from Louisiana State University and a Docteur Honoris Causa from L’Institut National Polytechnique de Toulouse. He received the Founders Award, the Warren K. Lewis Award, and the Gerhard Award in Separations from the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. He is a Fellow of both AIChE and the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a member of the LSU Engineering Hall of Distinction.

Dr. Rousseau is co-author of Elementary Principles of Chemical Processes (now in its fourth edition) and editor of the Handbook of Separation Process Technology. His research has explored separation processes, with an emphasis on the use of crystallization in separation and purification processes.
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Camilla Abbati is a Senior Analyst and Product Manager for Fisher International, a leading business intelligence and strategy consultant to the pulp and paper industry. Her activities enhance and grow Fisher International’s product portfolio as well as support consulting projects.

Camilla has more than 10 years of experience in project development and process design. Her areas of expertise include process simulation, equipment design, capital cost estimation, and investment risk analysis. Before joining Fisher International, Camilla was process engineer expert for Rhodia / Solvay Group in Brazil, having the opportunity to design and execute multi-million-dollar projects in Latin America and Europe.

Camilla holds Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Chemical Engineering from UFSCar and UNICAMP (Brazil), and recently concluded her PhD at North Carolina State University, Department of Forest Biomaterials, with a minor in Business. Her research interests are related to approaches and methodologies to aid investment decisions at early stages of design, such as techno-economic assessment and risk analysis, for the pulp and paper and biobased industries.
Virginia Howell
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Virginia Howell is the director of the Robert C. Williams Museum of Papermaking. Prior to this position she served as the Education Curator for the museum since 2013. Howell has a Master’s Degree in History from the University of Mississippi, and a B.A. in History and American Studies from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. She has been a museum educator for twenty years: beginning at Reynolda House, Museum of American Art in Winston-Salem, NC, as program coordinator at the North Carolina State Capital, and ten years at Cape Fear Museum of History and Science in Wilmington, North Carolina.

As Education Curator at the Robert C. Williams Museum of Papermaking, she expanded programming for school audiences, increased outreach opportunities to Georgia Tech students and faculty, and developed a homeschool workshop series that explores the many different uses of paper. In her role as Director of the museum, she seeks to support the mission of the museum to “collect, preserve, increase, and disseminate knowledge about papermaking—past, present, and future.”
Thomas E. Rodencal is president of Tom Rodencal & Associates, a consulting company serving the paper and allied industries. He has over 45 years of experience in mill operations and corporate project support. He has a BS in Paper Engineering from SUNY College of Forestry and Environmental Science. He has worked for several large paper companies including Hammermill Paper, International Paper, Georgia-Pacific, and Domtar Paper. His last position was with Nalco Company as an Industry Technical Consultant. Mr. Rodencal has worked with many grades of paper including specialty, fine, bleached and unbleached board, coated groundwood and coated free sheet, as well as tissue and towel. The consulting practice offers support to manufacturing operations, efficiency improvement studies, capital upgrade studies, training and support for due diligence studies.

Tom is a TAPPI Fellow and recipient of the TAPPI Distinguished Service Award. Since retirement from full time work, he has been doing research on papermaking history, with a focus on the history of old pilot and miniature machines. He published the history of the TAPPI Paper and Board Division for the TAPPI 100th Anniversary event in 2015.
Gary W. Black  
Commissioner of Agriculture - Georgia Department of Agriculture  
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For over 38 years Gary W. Black has championed sound state and federal policies impacting food safety, science-based environmental stewardship and agricultural marketing. Now beginning his third term, Commissioner Black remains committed to fostering growth in Georgia’s number one industry.

Black’s love of agriculture was first sparked on his family’s farm in Commerce. He became an active member of the Commerce FFA and was elected State President of the Georgia FFA Association in 1975. Black then attended the University of Georgia’s College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences where he earned a degree in Agricultural Education and interned with United States Senator Herman Talmadge and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Nutrition.

Upon completing his degree at the University of Georgia, Black began his career at the Georgia Farm Bureau coordinating leadership development programs for young farmers. In 1989, he was named President of the Georgia Agribusiness Council. While at GAC, he was instrumental in establishing the AgriTrust of Georgia insurance program, agriculture promotions during the Centennial Olympic Games, and developing a strong reputation for agriculture advocacy in the legislative and regulatory arena.

Black was first elected to serve as the Commissioner of Agriculture in November 2010. He has improved career paths for employees and established high standards for customer service. Under his leadership, the Department’s food safety and animal health regulatory programs have received national acclaim and the Georgia Grown brand’s economic impact can be seen in every corner of the state and beyond. His innovative vision to strengthen school nutrition has resulted in expanded markets for Georgia farmers and improved the quality of nutrition for Georgia students. In recognition of these successes, Commissioner Black was named Georgia Trend Magazine’s Georgian of the Year in 2017.

Commissioner Black and his wife Lydia continue to raise commercial beef cattle on his family farm in Commerce. Both of his adult children work in the agriculture and food industries. The Blacks are active in the Sunday school and music ministries of Maysville Baptist Church.
TOURS
1:30 – 5:00
MUSEUM and/or LABORATORIES
Please follow these challenging instructions:

Taking the Museum Tour only (4):
Please follow our Museum and Education Staff to the Lobby and to the George Mead Education Center

Taking the Laboratory Tour only (8):
Please follow me to the Lobby and out the door to our bus

Taking both Tours (15):
We will need to split up this group and take 9 people to the Museum and 6 people to the bus

If you did not pre-register for the tours but would like to, please come with us, but we will want to even the numbers attending each

** We will reconvene here in the Cafeteria for the reception at 5:30**