

**Silver Jackets Speakers 2020**

Month	Speaker	Topic
January 14	Nathan Hartman, JD MTS Principal, Hartman Private Law	<p>Latest Estate Planning Issues, including Financial Power of Attorney update. What is all the "buzz" about?</p> <p>Nathan Hartman will join us on January 14th and provide important Estate Planning Updates for 2019/2020, including a discussion on new Financial Power of Attorney rules. He will cover the foundation documents for estate planning in Georgia, and how you can avoid probate and interference from the court in your family matters, as well as a new Financial Power of Attorney introduced in 2017.</p>
February 11	Prof. Peter Ludovice, Director, Center for Academic Enrichment	<p>Applied Humor in Your Life</p> <p>Dr. Pete Ludovice, the world's only engineering professor by day and stand-up comedian by night, will illustrate the value of humor in education, communication, innovation and therapeutic applications based on his recent research at Georgia Tech on applied humor. While seemingly out of place in engineering, this recent work has garnered him the 2019 Innovation in Education Award from the Educational Division of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. We commonly claim that learning should be fun, but Pete will illustrate how humor can help accomplish this while simultaneously proving that engineers can be funny, and not just funny-looking.</p>
March 10	Dr. Stephen Dickerson, Prof. Emeritus, Atlanta-Region Transit Link Representative	<p>An Atlanta without Transportation Congestion</p> <p>Professor Emeritus Stephen Dickerson will speak on the modifications of transit options that could vastly reduce transportation congestion in the Atlanta area. A large opportunity</p>

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		for the reduction of congestion involves sharing of transit resources. The past few years have seen several new sharable modes of transportation introduced at scale: Uber and Lyft, scooters, bike rentals (e-bikes and conventional) and personal bikes. In addition, rapid rail, street cars, busses, van pools and ride sharing are available. Smart phones currently interact with all these modalities but in an uncoordinated way
April 14	No meeting due to Covid 19.	
May 12	No Meeting due to Covid 19.	
September 15	Marilyn Somers Honorary Alumna 2008, Director, Georgia Tech Living History Program	Finding Your Roots  Marilyn Somers, founder/director of the Georgia Tech Living History Program, will explain briefly a few things Living History has done besides collecting interviews over the past years. Her presentation called "Finding Your Roots" was created to show the evolution of a specific Tech Program and is Tech history presented in an entertaining way.
October 158	Lisa Dickerson, MD Medical Director of the Physician Assistant Program at Mercer University. and Emily Richardson, MD GT's Stamps Health Services	Everything you always wanted to know about Physician Assistants but were afraid to ask AND a talk with a GT doctor on the frontline of GT's response to the COVID pandemic  Dr. Dickerson will discuss the difference in training, licensing, and scope of practice between physicians and PAs, and will briefly touch on the history of the PA profession and its possible future. As well, Dr. Emily Richardson of GT's Stamps Health Services will discuss COVID testing and procedures being followed on campus to secure the health of students and faculty during this pandemic.

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<p>November 10</p>	<p>Wayne E. Whiteman, Ph.D., P.E. Principal Academic Professional Director of the Office of Student Services Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering Georgia Institute of Technology</p>	<p>Online Learning in Higher Education and Blended/Flipped Classrooms"</p> <p>Higher education is undergoing a period of rapid change. Online courses have increased significantly. The impact of technology on the classroom experience is being felt by both students and faculty. Complete online learning alone has significant disadvantages. Engineering education has seen a growing trend of using blended/flipped classes. A typical blended/flipped classroom has students learn some course content before the scheduled class time through online videos or other supplemental material. More interactive learning activities and group work is conducted during class time. A great deal of research has been conducted in recent years to assess the effectiveness of online learning and these mixed instruction courses. In this presentation, Dr. Whiteman will review this research and looks at some of the implications of online learning in higher education.</p>
<p>December 8</p>	<p>Yves H. Berthelot, Vice-Provost for International Initiatives and Steven A. Denning Chair for Global Engagement.</p>	<p>GT's global engagement: Opportunities and Challenges</p> <p>Georgia Tech is involved in many forms of global engagement both home and abroad. (see <a href="http://www.global.gatech.edu">http://www.global.gatech.edu</a>) The Office of International Initiatives at Georgia Tech coordinates these activities.</p> <p>Our speaker will review Georgia Tech's guiding principles for international engagement and focus on a few examples related to our students, to our campuses in Lorraine and Shenzhen, and to Research and Capacity building. It will be followed by a discussion about GT's response to the current challenges facing US universities with regard to foreign influence.</p>