

## Candidate for Chair

Amos O Olagunju  
St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN, USA

### **BIOGRAPHY**

#### Academic Background:

Ed.D., University of North Carolina, 1987, Educational Research and Evaluation.

#### Professional Experience:

Professor/Prof Emeritus, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN, 2002 – Present;  
Interim Dean of Undergraduate Studies, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN,  
2008 – 2010;  
Chief Research Officer and Dean of Graduate Studies, Winston Salem State University,  
Winston-Salem, NC, 2006 – 2007.

#### Professional Interest:

Bioinformatics, Quantitative security risk assessments, Numerical computing, Statistics  
and operational research, Artistic storytelling of breakthrough computing technologies.

#### ACM Activities:

Track Chair of Conferences, SIGITE, 2015 – Present;  
Reviewer for SIGITE, ACM Reviewer, SIGITE, ACM Reviews, 2005 – Present;  
Editor, First Student ACM Conference, ACM Student Group, 1990.

#### Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Member of Editorial Board, IJICS, and JSCI, 2015 – Present;  
Member of Editorial Board, The British Journal of Psychology, 2010 – Present;  
CAC Commissioner, TC and PEV, ABET, 2010 – Present.

#### Awards Received:

Carnegie Diaspora IT Program Fellow, 2019;  
Special Fulbright Specialist in IT Scholar, 2017;  
ACM Reviewer of March Month, 2014;  
Navy-American Soc. of Engineering Education Senior Fellow, 2000.

### **STATEMENT**

I am appreciative of the opportunity to be asked to serve as the SIGITE Chair. I have been an active member of the ACM since 1981. Now I am a lifetime member of the ACM. Over the years, I have been an active member of SIGITE, SIGCSE, SIGOPS, SIGIR, SIGMOD, and other SIGS. Our leaders at these Special Interest Groups have

connected members to new ventures and opportunities. While working with the ideas from previous SIGITE chairs, I look forward to our collaborative efforts to increase participation from high schools, two-year and four-year institutions, and research institutions in our joint efforts to improve IT/IS/CS/Cybersecurity curriculums. As Chair, I will seek your inputs on how we can enhance more participation at our annual and local activities. I ask for your support, to help make all activities of SIGITE more visible and beneficial to our worldwide audience.

## Candidate for Chair

Ray Trygstad  
Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL, USA

### **BIOGRAPHY**

#### Academic Background:

Master of Science, University of Denver, 1990, Systems Management.

#### Professional Experience:

Industry Professor of Information Technology and Management, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL, 2011 – Present;  
Director of Information Technology, School of Applied Technology, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL, 2002 – 2016;  
Lecturer in Information Technology and Management, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL, 2002 – 2011.

#### Professional Interest:

Cybersecurity management and policy, Information technology management and policy, Information Technology Ethics, Academic Administration, Open Source operating systems and applications.

#### ACM Activities:

Vice-Chair, ACM SIGITE, 2018 – Present;  
Executive Committee Member, ACM SIGITE, 2015 – 2018;  
Member, ACM / ACM SIGITE, 2012 – Present.

#### Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

ABET Computing Accreditation Commission: Commissioner, 2021-Present and Program Evaluator, Information Technology & Cybersecurity, ABET Computing Accreditation Commission, 2014 – Present;  
2018 Conference Co-Chair , Women in Cybersecurity (WiCyS), 2017 – 2018;  
National Chair, Gamma Nu Eta Information Technology Honor Society, 2012 – 2013.

#### Awards Received:

ACM SIGITE Logo Design Competition, 2019;  
Professional Member, Gamma Nu Eta - I.T. Honor Society, 2011;  
Navy Commendation Medal, 1992.

### **STATEMENT**

As a SIGITE Vice Chair and Executive Committee Member, I am intimately familiar with

SIGITE, the membership, and what the organization has accomplished. I want us to do more, and I know we can. I believe that we can grow and expand by active outreach to academic programs in Information Technology and to the industry that hires our graduates. I believe we can grow our involvement in Cybersecurity by working in close cooperation with SIGUCCS and SIGSAC. I believe we should provide a broader umbrella and increase diversity in technology fields through strengthened connections with organizations such as AnitaB.org, BDPA, WiCyS, WITI, and HBCUs. I believe that we should increase our impact and the visibility of Information Technology as an academic discipline by creating awards for quality teaching by higher education faculty, for outstanding research in the field by college and university faculty and students, and for innovation in information technology education by K-12 educators. I believe we should forge a formal relationship with CompTIA to the benefit of all. I believe we can teach our colleagues across all disciplines in higher education that there is more to computing than computer science. I want to lead that effort.

## Candidate for Vice-Chair

Elham Ebrahimi  
University of North Carolina Wilmington, NC, USA

### **BIOGRAPHY**

#### Academic Background:

Ph.D., Clemson University, 2017, Human-Computer Interaction.

#### Professional Experience:

Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina Wilmington, NC, 2018 – Present.

#### Professional Interest:

STEM in K-12 Education, Broadening Participation in STEM, Virtual and Augmented Reality, Simulation Training and Interactive Media, User Experience Design (UX).

#### ACM Activities:

Conference Chair, ACM Symposium on Applied Perception, 2019 – 2020;  
Student Volunteer, ACM Symposium on Applied Perception Conference, 2016;  
ACM Member, 2019 – Present.

#### Membership and Activities in Related Organizations:

Poster Chair, IEEE International Conference on Virtual Reality, 2020;  
Research Demo Chair, IEEE International Conference on Virtual Reality, 2017;  
Local Organizer Chair, IEEE International Conference on Virtual Reality, 2016.

#### Awards Received:

Best Paper Award, ACM Symposium on Applied Perception Conference, 2020;  
Best Paper Award, IEEE Virtual Reality Conference, 2018;  
Best Paper Award, ACM Symposium on Applied Perception Conference, 2016;  
Best Poster Award, IEEE Symposium on 3D User Interfaces Conference, 2016.

### **STATEMENT**

I am honored to have been asked to run for the SIGITE Vice-Chair position. I have been an ACM member since 2013, contributing to the success of ACM women and running an ACM club at UNCW since 2019. During and after my Ph.D., I have served as a committee member on several faculty hires at UNCW, Conference Chair for ACM SAP 2020, Poster Chair at IEEE VR 2020, Research Demo Chair at IEEE VR 2017, ACM-W officer at Clemson University 2016-2017, Local Organizer Chair at IEEE VR 2016, Demo Contest Judge at IEEE VR 2014.

In the last three years, I have been an advocate and an active participant to bridge the diversity gap in my community. At UNCW, I have started a group that consists of faculty members, industry and community partners, and K-12 educators to stimulate middle school students in marginalized communities' interest in robotics, intelligent systems, computer science, chemistry, and biology.

SIGITE provides a platform for open discussion, and it brings together different groups of people from all over the world interested in information technology. As SIGITE Vice-Chair, I would like to continue the conversation around diversity and inclusion and explore new ways to address it. Additionally, I am interested in creating regional SIGITE hubs connected to other hubs worldwide to allow more research collaboration between different sectors (local, national, or international) and to recruit more members.

## Candidate for Vice-Chair

Svetlana Peltsverger  
Kennesaw State University, Marietta, GA, USA

### **BIOGRAPHY**

#### Academic Background:

Ph.D., Institute for Systems Analysis, Russian Academy of Sciences, 2004,  
Computer Science.

#### Professional Experience:

Associate Dean College of Computing and Software Engineering, Professor of  
Information Technology, Kennesaw State University, Marietta, GA, 2018 – Present;  
Interim Associate Dean College of Computing and Software Engineering, Kennesaw  
State University, Marietta, GA, 2016 – 2018;  
Associate Professor, Interim Chair Department of Information Technology, Kennesaw  
State University, Marietta, GA, 2014 – 2015.

#### Areas of Professional Interest:

Computer Security and Privacy, Data Management Systems, Computing Education  
and Curriculum.

#### ACM Activities:

ACM Education Board, IT-Transfer 2020 Curriculum Review Task Group, 2018 – 2019;  
ACM Education Board, IT2017 Curriculum Review Task Group , 2014 – 2017;

### **STATEMENT:**

I am honored to be nominated to serve as the Vice-Chair of SIGITE. I have been a proud ACM member for 15 years and an evangelist for Information Technology education for 10 years. I have organized many events/showcases for my college, achieved sizable enrollment growth as a chair of the IT department, and served on the ACM/IEEE IT2017 Curriculum Committee. If elected, I will build on SIGITE's existing strengths and use my organizational skills and passion for IT education to bring SIGITE to a new level of recognition.

I plan to explore unconventional conference tracks such as “professional speed dating”, Pecha Kucha, flash presentations of the students of the hosting institution, campfire-style gatherings during breaks and I will be also open to ideas and suggestions from others. To promote membership, I will bolster virtual participation, find mentors for new members, and seek feedback from those who have stopped participating. Because of

the applied nature of the IT discipline, I would like to promote collaboration with other SIG communities. I have the energy and diverse professional and cultural background to serve. I would love to give back to SIGITE, which has given me so much.



## Candidate for Secretary-Treasurer

Russell McMahon  
University of Cincinnati, OH, USA

### **BIOGRAPHY**

#### Academic Background:

MEd., University of Cincinnati, 1981, Education.

#### Professional Experience:

Associate Professor, University of Cincinnati, OH, 1999 – Present;  
Teacher, Northwest Local Schools, Cincinnati, OH, 1995 – 1999;  
IT Training and Development, Cincom Systems, Cincinnati, OH, 1994 – 1995.

#### Areas of Professional Interest:

History of computing, Improvisation and creative problem solving skills, IT-related meetups, Data technologies, Improving diversity in IT.

#### ACM Activities:

Treasurer/Secretary, SIGITE, 2020 – Present.

### **STATEMENT**

Russell McMahon has been teaching IT related subject matter since 1980 and has been a faculty member in the School of Information Technology at the University of Cincinnati since 1999. He is the assistant director for the undergraduate BSIT/BSCyber programs. Prior coming to UC he has taught at several area high schools and spent more than 8 years in the IT world. He is very active in the IT-related user group community having served on the boards of multiple groups. Since 2018, he has served as the host chair for the local SQL Server annual conference. In the past 4 years, he has given workshops on improvisation for computer technologists to enhance their communication and teamwork skills. He spoke at the International Development Informatics Association Conference in 2020 in Macau (online) and he was a keynote speaker at the 2019 Congreso Internacional de Ingenieria de Systems in Lima, Peru. In February-2019, he served as a Fulbright Specialist in Kazakhstan where he worked with the computing faculty at Miras University to help with their technical English and he taught improvisation techniques to students and faculty. He serves as the faculty advisor for the UC Improv student group.

## Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer

Xin Tian  
Kennesaw State University, Marietta, GA, USA

### **BIOGRAPHY**

#### Academic Background:

Ph.D., Old Dominion University, 2018, Information Technology.

#### Professional Experience:

Assistant Professor, Kennesaw State University, Marietta, GA, 2018 – Present;  
Adjunct Professor, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA, 2015 – 2018.

#### Professional Interest:

Management Information Technology, Social Media Analytics, Information Technology, Education, Cybersecurity, Data Mining.

### **STATEMENT**

I am honored to have been nominated to be SIGITE's Secretary/Treasurer. I have been a member of SIGITE for 3 years since I was a Ph.D. student. I have served as a treasurer in professional as well as student organizations. With a Ph.D. in business and a master's degree in computer science, I am a detailed-oriented person. I know how to manage finances according to the Financial Accountability Policy of ACM. My business and IT expertise has prepared me well for serving you, and ACM SIGITE, as Secretary/Treasurer.

ACM SIGITE has grown fast in recent years, and the annual conference has received more and more high-quality papers and presentations over the years. SIGITE is continuing to attract more IT educators to participate and become a member with clear membership benefits. This will require understanding diverse cultural, educational, and professional contexts and better connectivity in local communities.

Finally, we must attract more new members and promote our SIGITE community to IT professionals and educators. If elected as Secretary/Treasurer, I will work with the Executive Committee members to prepare the annual budget, monitor SIGITE's disbursement, and prepare financial reports.