## "Advancing Semiconductor Leadership Through HBCU Innovation"

**Howard University** Armour J. Blackburn University Center April 3-4, 2025





**DATE:** APRIL 3, 2025



**TIME: 8:30AM - 5:00PM** 

TIME	EVENT	
7:30 AM - 8:25 AM	Event Registration/Breakfast	
8:30 AM - 8:45 AM	<ul> <li>Welcome and Opening Remarks</li> <li>Dr. Ben Vinson Ill, President, Howard University</li> <li>Pamela Clarke, Sr. Director of Research Development, Howard University</li> <li>Bruce Jones, PhD, Sr. VP for Research, Howard University</li> </ul>	
8:50 AM - 9:00 AM	Introduction of Keynote Speaker George White, PhD, Director Strategic Partnerships, Georgia Institute of Technology	
9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	Keynote Address Thomas Caulfield, PhD, President and CEO, GlobalFoundries	
9:50 AM -10:00 AM	Apple Silicon Initiative	
10:00 AM-10:30 AM	Coffee Break + Tabling+ Networking	
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	<ul> <li>Panel: Academic-Industry Partnerships in Semiconductor Research &amp; Development</li> <li>Moderator: Donnell Walton, PhD, Deputy Director, RITA UARC Panelists:</li> <li>Danielle Ferguson-Macklin, Global DEI Program Manager, Teradyne</li> <li>Michelle Williams, Executive Director, SEMI Foundation</li> <li>Denise Evans, Manager Systems Engineer, Northrop-Grumman Mission Systems Division</li> <li>Jeremy Muldavin, PhD Director Sales Development A&amp;D, Cadence</li> </ul>	
11:30 AM -12:30 PM	<ul> <li>Panel: Role of Al in Semiconductor Development: How Al is Revolutionizing Chip Design and Verification</li> <li>Moderator: Sonya Smith, PhD, Professor &amp; Executive Director, RITA UARC</li> <li>Panelists:</li> <li>Ron Duncan, Head of Innovation Programs, Chief Innovation Office, Synopsys</li> <li>Hassan Salmani, Associate Professor, Electrical Engineering &amp; Computer Science, Howard University</li> <li>Dinadayalane Tandabany, Professor of Chemistry, Clark Atlanta University</li> <li>William Chapman, PhD, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Sandia National Laboratories</li> </ul>	

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12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	<ul> <li>Lunch Break</li> <li>Student Achievement in Microelectronics Award Ceremony, Frances Williams, PhD, Clark Atlanta University</li> <li>Micron Educator Hub Presentation: Ariela Gruszka, TPG University Project Manager, Micron</li> </ul>
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Tabling+ Networking
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM  Workforce  Development is a theme throughout each breakout room.	Breakout Room 1: Technology & Design Session Chairs: Dina Tandabany (Clark Atlanta University) & Kevin Kornegay (Morgan State University) Abstract Presenters: Theodore Johnson, Intel Kevin Kornegay, Morgan State University Wenjie Che, Howard University
Breakout Room Locations	Malcolm Bogroff, Howard University Eniola Ajegbemika, North Carolina A&T State University Mahdi Hasanzadeh, North Carolina A&T State University
Technology & Design: The Reading Lounge	Breakout Room 2: Materials & Fabrication Session Chairs: Vanessa Smet (Georgia Institute of Technology) & Eric Seabron (Howard University) Abstract Presenters:
Materials & Fabrication: The Gallery Lounge	Michael Spencer, Morgan State University Zhiping Luo, Fayetteville State University Sugata Chowdhury, Howard University Indika Senevirathna, Clark Atlanta University Joshua Burrow, Morgan State University
Quantum & Photonics: The Digital Auditorium	Ningxin Li, Clark Atlanta University Baraka Chimba, Alabama A&M University Monté Hendrix, Morgan State University
Applications & Sustainability: The Forum	Breakout Room 3: Quantum & Photonics Session Chairs: Shyam Aravamudhan (North Carolina A&T State University) & Demetris Geddis (Hampton University) Abstract Presenters: Jose Azucena, North Carolina A&T State University Vineet Kumar Sharma, Howard University Daniel Vrinceanu, Texas Southern University
Breakout Room Five: Micron DRAM: Truth & Service	Cameron Lewis, Howard University Sheikh Mahtab, Morgan State University

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3:00 PM - 4:40 PM	Breakout Room 4: Applications & Sustainability (Industry Tutorials)
5.55 T.W. 1.15 T.W.	Session Chairs: Hassan Salmani (Howard University) Industry Presenters
Workforce	Ron Duncan, Head of Innovation Programs, Chief Innovation Office, Synopsys
Development is a theme throughout	Abstract Presenters: Michelle Williams, SEMI Foundation
each breakout	David Lockett, Meharry Medical College
room.	Thong Le, Norfolk State University
	Breakout Room 5: Micron DRAM Memory Array Virtual Reality Experience *Invitation Only*
4:40 PM - 4:50 PM	Announcements HBCU CHIPS Network Initiating Committee
4:50 PM - 5:10 PM	University Partners Program (UPP) Discussion *Invitation Only*
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Reception
	Ballroom Armour J. Blackburn University Center

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8:00 AM - 8:15 AM	Welcome and Introduction of CEO Fireside Chat Speaker & Moderator
	George White, PhD, Director Strategic Partnerships, Georgia Institute of Technology
8:15 AM - 9:00 AM	CEO Fireside Chat Moderator: Erin Lynch, PhD, President, Quality Education for Minorities (QEM) Network
	Speaker: Todd Younkin, PhD, CEO and President, Semiconductor Research Corporation
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	<ul> <li>Panel: Workforce Development for the Semiconductor Industry</li> <li>Moderator: Talitha Washington, PhD, Executive Director, Center for Applied Data Science &amp; Analytics, Howard University</li> <li>Panelists:</li> <li>Carl McCants, PhD, Special Assistant to the DARPA Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency</li> <li>Brian Best, IT Director, Micron</li> <li>Aurelia Williams, PhD, Special Advisor to the President, and Norfolk State University</li> </ul>
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Coffee Break + Tabling+ Networking
10:30 AM -11:30 AM	<ul> <li>Panel: The Future of Semiconductor Design and Manufacturing</li> <li>Moderator: Kevin Kornegay, PhD, Eugene Deloatch Endowed Professor, Morgan State University</li> <li>Panelists:</li> <li>Robert Sarkissian, Director Aerospace and Defense Sector, Cadence Design Systems</li> <li>Ron Duncan, Head of Innovation Programs, Chief Innovation Office, Synopsys</li> <li>Antonio de la Serna, Principal Director, Strategic Technologies, Siemens EDA</li> <li>Greg Pickrell, PhD, Domain Chief Engineer- Microfabrication, Sandia National Laboratories</li> </ul>

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	CollabNext Presentation  Lew Lefton, PhD, Georgia Institute of Technology Firdous Kausar, Fisk University Beverly Robinson, Fisk University Hina Raja, Fisk University
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Tabling+ Networking
2:00 PM - 3:45 PM  Workforce  Development is a	Breakout Room 1: Technology & Design Session Chairs: Daniel Vrinceanu (Texas Southern University) & Shyam Aravamudhan (North Carolina A&T State University) Abstract Presenters: Shyam Aravamudhan, North Carolina A&T State University
theme throughout each breakout room.	Xuemin Chen, Texas Southern University Mahsa Tahghigh, Howard University
Breakout Room Locations	Anu Upadhyaya, Howard University Kishak Cinfwat, Morgan State University Mehdi Elahi, North Carolina A&T State University
Technology & Design: The Reading Lounge	Breakout Room 2: Materials & Fabrication Session Chairs: Patricia Mead (Norfolk State University) & Frances Williams (Clark Atlanta University) Abstract Presenters:
Materials & Fabrication: The Gallery Lounge	Anirban Goswami, Howard University Kristen Harris, Alabama A&M University Daniel Harrison, Morgan State University Miles Phifer, North Carolina A&T State University Daemar Casey, Delaware State University
<b>Quantum &amp; Photonics:</b> The Digital Auditorium	Malachi Moody, Delaware State University Ashwaq Bahkali, Texas Southern University Abhitej Divi, Prairie View A&M University
Applications & Sustainability: The Forum	Breakout Room 3: Quantum & Photonics Session Chairs: Darwish Abdalla (Dillard University) & Mohammadreza Hadizadeh (Central State University) Abstract Presenters: Darwish Abdalla, Dillard University
<b>Breakout Room Five</b> : Micron DRAM: Truth & Service	Mohammadreza Hadizadeh, Central State University Joao Prioli, North Carolina A&T State University Eric Seabron, Howard University Mubbashar Khan, Central State University Ashutosh, Howard University Robert Coleman, Howard University

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Workforce	Industry Presenters Joanna Pritchard, PhD, Global Academic Strategy & Engagement, Siemens
Development is a theme throughout	Abstract Presenters: Suxia Cui, Prairie View A&M University
each breakout room.	Kinnis Gosha, Morehouse College Sandra Eddie, Norfolk State University
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	Breakout Room 5: Micron DRAM Memory Array Virtual Reality Experience
	*Invitation Only*
3:45 PM - 4:00 PM	Closeout Session HBCU CHIPS Network Initiating Committee
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