

SUMMARY

New Appointments to Endowed Chairs, Professorships, or Fellowships (11)

April 9, 2024

Each college has formal procedures for the nomination and appointment to endowed chairs, professorships, and fellowships that include review by a college honorifics committee or promotion and tenure committee.

After review by the appropriate college committee the college dean makes recommendations for approval by the provost and the Board of Visitors. Such an appointment may continue through the active career of the professor at the university, unless it is relinquished in favor of some other honored or administrative appointment or unless the appointment has specific term limitations that may be renewable.

The following faculty members are recommended for endowed chairs, professorships, or fellowships at Virginia Tech.

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (2)

Zachary Easton	H. E. and Elizabeth F. Alphin Professor of Agriculture and Life Sciences
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Michael Persia	John W. Hancock Professorship
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College of Engineering (5)

Matthew Eatherton	Montague-Betts Professor of Structural Steel Design
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Scott England	Crofton Faculty Fellowship
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Riley Fitzgerald	Ryan and Krista Frederic Junior Faculty Fellowship
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Matthew Hicks	CACI Faculty Fellowship in Cyber Security
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Eric Jacques	Thomas M. Murray Family Junior Faculty Fellowship
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College of Science (3)

Michelle Olsen	I. D. Wilson Chair
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Webster Santos	College of Science Faculty Fellow
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Hector Tzavellas	H.H.H. Faculty Fellowship in Economics
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Pamplin College of Business (1)

Thomas Mayock	Michael G. Miller Professorship
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ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP

H. E. and Elizabeth F. Alphin Professor of Agriculture and Life Sciences

The H. E. and Elizabeth F. Alphin Professorship was established in 1995 with a generous gift from Colonel Horace E. Alphin (Class of 1934) and his wife, Elizabeth F. Alphin, to further the scholarly endeavors of Virginia Tech in the area of agriculture and life sciences. The professorship appointment is for a five-year period.

Dean Alan Grant has nominated Dr. Zachary Easton for appointment as the H. E. and Elizabeth F. Alphin Professor of Agriculture and Life Sciences, in concurrence with the recommendations of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Honorifics Committee, department head Dr. Dwayne Edwards, and the Department of Biological Systems Engineering Honorifics Committee.

Dr. Easton is an exceptionally prolific researcher, having published over 100 peer-reviewed scientific articles in high-impact journals as well as over 200 abstracts, extension publications, and other scholarly outputs. He has achieved this level of consistent productivity on the strength of sustained funding from highly competitive sources that have included the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Science Foundation, and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency as well as many regional and Commonwealth funding agencies. Dr. Easton has expanded his reach and influence through supervision of 17 graduate students, four postdoctoral associates, and numerous undergraduates whom he formally taught or mentored as part of their respective research projects. For these and other accomplishments, Dr. Easton has been recognized with numerous awards including the Universities Council on Water Resources Mid-Career Award for Applied Research, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Excellence in Applied Research Award, College of Engineering Outstanding Assistant Professor, and five National Distinction designations.

With its focus on hydrology, water quality, water management, and non-point source pollution, Dr. Easton's program has achieved enduring and material impacts in applications including best management practices for Virginia agriculture, enhancement of the Chesapeake Bay, and protection of the watershed that provides drinking water to New York City. As a result of this purposeful integration of research and extension responsibilities, Dr. Easton has achieved broad changes in policy and practice along a wide swath of the Eastern Seaboard, to the present and future benefit of literally millions of residents.

Dr. Easton's accomplishments embody the ideals of scholarly excellence and leadership that the Alphin's cherished and encouraged when they established the professorship that bears their names and honors their mutual legacy.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Dr. Zachary Easton be appointed as the H. E. and Elizabeth F. Alphin Professorship of Agriculture and Life Sciences for a five-year term effective January 1, 2024, with a salary supplement as provided by the endowment.

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ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP
John W. Hancock Professorship

The John W. Hancock Professor of Animal and Poultry Sciences was established in 1985 by John W. Hancock to honor the services and assistance provided to him by Gary Minish, George Litton, and Dan Kite, former animal sciences faculty members. The professorship in the college recognizes a faculty member who is making significant contributions to research and teaching in animal-related programs in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Dean Alan Grant nominates Dr. Michael Persia as the John W. Hancock Professor of Animal and Poultry Sciences, now named the School of Animal Sciences (SAS), with the support of Dr. David Gerrard, director of the School of Animal Sciences, and the College Honorifics Committee.

Dr. Persia's serves the largest production animal agriculture sector (poultry) in the commonwealth through the Virginia Poultry Federation, Virginia Poultry Disease and Health Taskforce, Virginia Egg Council/Virginia Egg Board and in leadership of the Virginia Poultry Health and Management Seminar. He teaches and mentors a large number of graduate and undergraduate students to enter the poultry and allied industries. He creates new knowledge on mechanisms of nutrient utilization for chickens and turkeys. He helped bring a novel phytase feed ingredient to market for animal feed.

Dr. Persia has published a significant number of refereed manuscripts and popular press articles related to poultry sciences and was recognized by the American Feed Industry Association as the Poultry Nutrition Award recipient. With dedication, he has advised a plethora of undergraduate students in research-based experiential learning activities and contributed to the National Academy of Science Engineering and Medicines committee to revise the "Nutritional Requirements of Poultry," a document essential to commercial poultry nutrition and production.

Dr. Persia has served his profession chairing the Poultry Science Association annual meeting and held numerous leadership and editorial offices and chaired committees in that organization as well as the Southern Poultry Science Society, and he has provided distinguished contributions to the school and college through participating in and chairing numerous committees.

Dr. Persia received his bachelor's degree from Penn State University and a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Dr. Michael Persia be appointed to the John W. Hancock Professorship of Animal and Poultry Sciences for a five-year term effective January 1, 2024, with a salary supplement provided by the endowment.

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ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP

The Montague-Betts Professorship in Structural Steel Design

The Montague-Betts Professorship in Structural Steel Design was established in 1987 in recognition of William E. Betts, Jr., Class of 1932. Mr. Betts was President of the Montague-Betts Co. of Lynchburg, a structural steel fabrication company, and created the endowment with a generous gift. Dean Julia Ross has nominated Dr. Matthew R. Eatherton for appointment to the Montague-Betts Professor of Structural Steel Design in the Charles E. Via, Jr. Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE). The nomination is likewise recommended by the Honorifics Committee of the CEE Department as well as by CEE Department Head, Dr. Mark A. Widdowson.

Dr. Eatherton is an internationally recognized faculty member in the field of steel structures who brings a number of significant strengths in his research, teaching, and service to Virginia Tech. He is acknowledged to be one of the leading researchers in the area of seismically resilient and sustainable structural systems. His work has beneficially impacted national design codes. Dr. Eatherton has published 86 peer-reviewed papers, books and book chapters. He directed or co-directed approximately \$6.7M in externally funded research with a personal share of approximately \$3.4M.

The quality of Dr. Eatherton's research has been recognized several times, including his selection by the American Institute of Steel Construction with the Milek Faculty Fellowship in 2012 and the Early Career Faculty Award in 2016; the VT College of Engineering Dean's Award for Outstanding New Assistant Professor in 2013 and College Faculty Fellow in 2016; and the National Science Foundation CAREER Award in 2015. Dr. Eatherton currently holds the title of Raymond G. and Madelyn Ann Curry Faculty Fellow in the CEE Department.

Dr. Eatherton is recognized as a dedicated classroom instructor and research advisor. Dr. Eatherton was awarded the 2021 COE Certificate of Teaching Excellence for his instructional expertise. Dr. Eatherton is also well respected and sought out as a graduate advisor as reflected by the number of students that he has advised or co-advised. These include having advised or co-advised to completion 8 Ph.D. students and 40 master's students.

Dr. Eatherton has made outstanding contributions in teaching, mentoring, research, scholarship, service, and leadership that benefit Virginia Tech, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the nation, and the world.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Dr. Matthew R. Eatherton be appointed to the Montague-Betts Professorship in Structural Steel Design for a five-year renewable term, effective November 10, 2023, with a salary supplement and annual operating budget as provided by the endowment.

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ENDOWED FACULTY FELLOWSHIP
Crofton Faculty Fellowship

The Crofton Faculty Fellowship in Aerospace and Ocean Engineering (AOE) was established with a generous gift from Kevin T. Crofton. The professorship enables AOE at Virginia Tech to generate new interest and capability in understanding the space environment. Dean Julie Ross has nominated Dr. Scott England as the next Crofton Faculty Fellow based on the recommendations of the Department of Aerospace and Ocean Engineering and Honorifics Committee.

Dr. England has excelled at scholarship, teaching, service, and outreach at Virginia Tech. Through his innovative teaching methods and novel course content integrating space plasma physics with classical Aerospace Engineering, he has impacted hundreds of Aerospace and Ocean Engineering students. He has received two Dean's awards for excellence in teaching and has been instrumental in guiding and mentoring undergraduate and graduate students seeking careers in space science and exploration.

Dr. England has excelled in scholarly research. His research in upper atmosphere remote sensing and interaction dynamics modeling is improving our understanding of the low Earth orbit space environment. He has contributed to growth of the Virginia Tech Center for Space Science and Engineering Research (Space@VT), a collaboration across multiple College of Engineering departments. He has over 4700 citations, an h-index of 34, and i10-index of 68, indicating his research has high impact especially for a faculty member at the Associate Professor rank.

Dr. England serves the National Academy of Science, NASA, NSF, and the American Geophysical Union. He selflessly contributes to Virginia Tech as a junior faculty mentor, in AOE faculty search, and as a member of both the AOE undergraduate and graduate committees.

Dr. England through his scholarship in space plasma physics for Aerospace Engineering has made outstanding contributions to Virginia Tech, to the Commonwealth of Virginia and to the nation by his innovative research, teaching, and service to the community, and through his publications.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Dr. Scott England be appointed to the Crofton Faculty Fellowship in Aerospace and Ocean Engineering for a 5-year renewable term, effective November 10, 2023, with an operating budget as provided by the endowment.

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ENDOWED FACULTY FELLOWSHIP

Ryan and Krista Frederic Junior Faculty Fellowship

The Ryan and Krista Frederic Junior Faculty Fellowship in Aerospace and Ocean Engineering was established by the generous gift by Ryan and Krista Frederic. The creation of this fellowship enables The Kevin T. Crofton Department of Aerospace and Ocean Engineering, Virginia Tech to generate new interest in space-related engineering challenges. Dean Ross has nominated Dr. Riley Fitzgerald as the Ryan and Krista Frederic Junior Faculty Fellow, based on the recommendations of the Kevin T. Crofton Department of Aerospace and Ocean Engineering Department Head and Honorifics Committee.

In his two years at Virginia Tech Dr. Fitzgerald has already demonstrated great promise in the fields of scholarship, teaching, service, and outreach at Virginia Tech. His work with students has been impressive, achieving high teaching evaluation scores for his courses.

He has rapidly built a research group of 8 graduate researchers and has already graduated six directly-advised M.S. students. He has also advised over a dozen undergraduate research students for research credit. He was nominated for a 2024 Annual Academic Advising Award.

Dr. Fitzgerald has kindled a rapidly rising research program in astrodynamics, orbit determination, cislunar operations, and space systems engineering. His dedicated efforts have already won NASA's Space Technology Mission Directorate Early Career Faculty grant, and he has been selected for the Virginia Space Grant Consortium Young Investigator Program.

Dr. Fitzgerald has demonstrated great promise as a researcher, teacher and advisor, and as a rising star in the field of space engineering.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Dr. Riley Fitzgerald be appointed to the Ryan and Krista Frederic Junior Faculty Fellowship in Engineering for a five-year term, effective April 10, 2024, with an operating budget as provided by the endowment.

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ENDOWED FAULTY FELLOWSHIP
CACI Faculty Fellowship

Recognizing the continuing need for faculty fellowships and the ongoing need for endowments in support of the College of Engineering at Virginia Tech, CACI, Inc., established the CACI Faculty Fellowship. Dr. Julia Ross, Dean of the College of Engineering has nominated Associate Professor Matthew Hicks for the CACI Faculty Fellowship in Cyber Security, concurring with the recommendations of Dr. Calvin J. Ribbens, Department Head of the Department of Computer Science, and the Department of Computer Science Honorifics Committee.

Dr. Hicks earned a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 2013. He was a postdoctoral scholar and lecturer at the University of Michigan from 2013 to 2016. After a year as a member of the technical staff at MIT Lincoln Laboratory, he joined the Department of Computer Science at Virginia Tech in 2017 as a tenure-track assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor with tenure in 2022.

Dr. Hicks performs research, teaches, and mentors students working at the intersection of computer architecture, computer security, and embedded systems. His research contributions span hardware and embedded system security, intermittent computation on energy harvesting devices, and micro-architecture-level security. The quality of his publication record, which includes 23 papers at the very best and most competitive conferences in his field, is one of the best in the Computer Science Department. He is the recipient of two early career awards from federal funding agencies: the NSF CAREER award and the DARPA Young Faculty Award. He has been part of \$10.2 million in externally funded research, with a personal share of \$3.9 million. He is a recipient of an “R&D World Top 100” award and a “Top Picks in Hardware and Embedded Security” award from the IEEE.

Dr. Hicks regularly teaches cyber security courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. He has advised or co-advised one post-doctoral scholar, three completed Ph.D. students, ten M.S. students, and ten undergraduate research students. He has served on technical program committees for all the major conferences in his field, and he has served on multiple faculty search committees in the department.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Dr. Matthew Hicks be appointed to the CACI Faculty Fellowship in Computer Science for a five-year renewable term, effective November 10, 2023, with a salary supplement and discretionary funds to support research as provided by the endowment.

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ENDOWED FACULTY FELLOWSHIP
The Thomas M. Murray Family Junior Faculty Fellowship

The Thomas M. Murray Family Junior Faculty Fellowship was established in 2021 through a gift from Dr. Thomas M. Murray. Dr. Murray is a highly-accomplished expert in structural steel research and design who holds the title of professor emeritus at Virginia Tech and who previously held the Montague-Betts Professorship of Structural Steel Design in the Charles E. Via Jr. Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering until his retirement in 2008. Dean Julia Ross nominates Dr. Eric Jacques for appointment to the Thomas M. Murray Family Junior Faculty Fellowship in the CEE Department. The nomination is likewise recommended by the Honorifics Committee of the CEE Department as well as by CEE Department Head, Dr. Mark A. Widdowson.

Dr. Jacques has established himself as an outstanding faculty member in the Via Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering in the analysis, design, and retrofit of reinforced concrete structures. He has gained national notoriety by studying the response of structural and non-structural building components to blast loads and by developing novel experimental techniques and diagnostics to characterize energetic materials and their effects on structures. Dr. Jacques has shown true excellence in research, as demonstrated by the Office of the Navy Young Investigator Award. He directed or co-directed approximately \$5M in externally funded research with a personal share of approximately \$2M. Dr. Jacques has published 21 peer-reviewed publications.

Dr. Jacques has already been recognized as an exceptional instructor in the classroom. He was awarded the 2021 COE Certificate of Teaching Excellence for his instructional expertise. Dr. Jacques has advised or co-advised to completion 2 Ph.D. students and 11 master's students and has mentored 9 students in undergraduate research projects.

Dr. Jacques has demonstrated many notable contributions in teaching, mentoring, research, scholarship, service, and leadership that bring visibility to Virginia Tech and advances the field of structural engineering.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Dr. Eric Jacques be appointed the Thomas M. Murray Family Junior Faculty Fellow, for a three-year renewable term, effective November 10, 2023, with an annual operating budget to support research as provided by the endowment.

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ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP
The I. D. Wilson Chair in the College of Science

The I. D. Wilson Chair in the College of Science was established in 2014 by Luther and Alice Hamlett to honor I. D. Wilson, a long-time faculty member and administrator in the Department of Biology. Dr. Hamlett was an avid supporter of the Academy of Integrated Science, the School of Neuroscience and the Department of Biological Sciences within the College of Science.

Kevin T. Pitts, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Science, has nominated Michelle L. Olsen, Ph.D., to this endowed position and this nomination has been endorsed by the Honorifics Committee of the College of Science. Dr. Olsen has recently been appointed Director of the School of Neuroscience while continuing to serve as Professor at Virginia Tech.

Professor Olsen received a bachelor's degree in biochemistry from Southern Oregon University and her Ph.D. in neurobiology from University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). She served for 5 years as assistant professor at UAB, and after completing a successful tenure review there, joined Virginia Tech in 2016 as an associate professor in the School of Neuroscience. She was promoted to professor in 2022.

Dr. Olsen is a neurobiologist and an internationally recognized expert in astrocyte biology as it relates to disease pathologies such as epilepsy and Alzheimer's disease. She has received numerous awards and honors including both a Dean's Faculty Fellow Award and an Excellence in Teaching Award. She has served her scientific discipline in a number of ways, including as a reviewer on numerous national and international grants for the National Institute for Health, the Medical Research Council (UK) and the Dutch Research Council; as an editor and associate editor for the *Wiley WIREs Mechanisms of Disease* and *Frontiers in Cellular Neuroscience* and as a reviewer for over 40 top journals in the field.

Throughout her years at Virginia Tech, Professor Olsen has been instrumental in the growth and development of the School of Neuroscience. In her role as Director of Graduate Studies, she developed the PhD. program in neuroscience and stewarded this new program through university governance, external review by academic and industry experts and the State Council for Higher Education of Virginia. She also served as co-director of the molecular and cellular biology Ph.D. program where she developed and directed an interdisciplinary degree program with concentrations in cell signaling and cancer, inflammation and immunity, microbiology and neurobiology.

Since arriving at Virginia Tech, Professor Olsen's research achievements have been extraordinary. She has identified numerous unanswered questions in neurobiology and has applied her expertise to make a number of fundamental discoveries. She has published over 40 articles as a faculty member and contributed to over \$16M in extramural research grant funding, with more than \$6M coming to her own laboratory. In addition to running her internationally recognized laboratory, Professor Olsen is a passionate mentor directing research for both undergraduate and graduate students at Virginia Tech.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Michelle L. Olsen, Ph.D. be appointed to the I. D. Wilson Chair in the College of Science, effective October 15, 2023, with a salary supplement as provided by the endowment.

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ENDOWED FACULTY FELLOWSHIP
College of Science Faculty Fellowship

The College of Science Faculty Fellowships were established in 2019 through support from alumni and friends of the College to enhance the national and international prominence of the Virginia Tech College of Science. These fellowships are intended to recognize faculty dedicated to extraordinary research and teaching; to recruit scholars with exceptional records of achievement; and/or retain high-performing faculty members who make significant contributions to the university's research efforts and beyond. A recipient shall hold the fellowship for a period of three years with possible renewal.

Dr. Kevin T. Pitts, Dean of the College of Science, has nominated Dr. Webster Santos, Professor of Chemistry, for appointment to one of these fellowships.

Dr. Santos received the Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Virginia in 2002. He was a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard University from 2002-2006, funded by a Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award from the National Institutes of Health. He joined the faculty at Virginia Tech as a tenure-track assistant professor in 2006. In 2013, he was promoted to associate professor with tenure and in 2018 to professor.

Dr. Santos, currently serving as the Director of the Virginia Tech Center for Drug Discovery, is an expert medicinal chemist with a strong interest in developing drugs 'from bench to the clinic'. His research is currently focused on compounds with novel modes of action to treat fatty liver disease, neurodegenerative diseases, traumatic brain injury, stroke, and aging. Further, one of the major goals of Dr. Santos' research project is to develop a drug that increases metabolism without exercise, a program that has implications in obesity and diabetes.

Dr. Santos has 20+ issued and pending patents. He has received numerous awards including the College of Science Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award and appointment as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry. He serves on the editorial advisory board of Current Medicinal Chemistry, and has over 100 published papers in peer-reviewed journals. Research from his laboratories has resulted in three spin off companies: Flux Therapeutics, SphynKx Therapeutics, LLC. and Continuum Biosciences, Inc. His work is supported with funds from the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, and various foundations. His laboratory has trained 29 Masters and PhD students, and he has an active laboratory that involves undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral students in chemistry.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Dr. Webster Santos be appointed to a College of Science Faculty Fellowship effective August 10, 2023 through August 9, 2027, with operating support as provided by the endowment.

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ENDOWED FACULTY FELLOWSHIP
H.H.H. Faculty Fellowship in Economics

The H.H.H. Faculty Fellowship in Economics was established in the Department of Economics with a generous gift from Dr. Hans H. Haller. Dr. Haller began his career in the Department of Economics as an Assistant Professor in 1986 and has stayed in the Department since then. He established this fellowship to support an outstanding faculty member in Economics with a preference for junior faculty.

Dr. Kevin Pitts, Dean of the College of Science, has nominated Dr. Hector Tzavellas, Assistant Professor of Economics, to be the recipient of this fellowship for the next two years, concurring with Dr. Niloy Bose, Interim Head of the Department of Economics, and with the recommendation of the Department of Economics Honorifics Committee,

After earning his Ph.D. from George Washington University, Dr. Tzavellas joined the Department of Economics as an assistant professor in the Fall of 2021. He is also an affiliate faculty at the Kellogg Center of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics. Dr. Tzavellas is a theorist working on network theory – a rapidly growing field of research with wide applications for analyzing economic behaviors and outcomes. Dr. Tzavellas’s research is at the intersection of three areas: (i) games on networks with incomplete information, (ii) Endogenous network formation, and (iii) the macroeconomic and financial impacts of single or multi-layered connectivity. He has already published three papers, including one in the *International Economic Review* - a top-tier general-interest economics journal.

Dr. Tzavellas’s current research focuses on network games under incomplete information. Most research in network theory assumes that players have complete information about the network, which is an inaccurate representation of reality. Dr. Tzavellas’s research proposes a new mechanism to establish the existence and uniqueness of an optimal set of strategies for any pattern of uncertainty that individuals may have over the true architecture of the network. This significant contribution to network theory has already received attention among the leading experts in the field.

Dr. Tzavellas has already made a name for himself in the research community. He served as a reviewer for a number of academic journals. He also co-organized the NSF-funded annual network conference (hosted by Virginia Tech in 2022) and the Washington Area Network Economics Symposium with attendees from the Federal Reserve, U.S. Treasury, and IMF. Dr. Tzavellas has been active in the supervision of doctoral students. He is currently co-chairing the committee of one Ph.D. student and serving on several dissertation committees. He received the “Outstanding Faculty in Graduate Courses” award in 2022 from the Economics Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Hector Tzavellas, Ph.D. be appointed the H.H.H. Faculty Fellow in Economics effective November 10, 2023 through August 9, 2027, with operating support as provided by the endowment.

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ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP
Michael G. Miller Professor of Real Estate

The Michael G. Miller Professor of Real Estate was formed in 2023 to attract and retain an outstanding faculty member in the Blackwood Department of Real Estate. The Pamplin Faculty Honorifics and Awards Committee recommends that Thomas Mayock be appointed to the Michael G. Miller Professor of Real Estate. The recommendation is supported by the department honorifics committee, Dr. Kevin Boyle, Head of the Blackwood Department of Real Estate, and the Pamplin Honorifics and Awards Committee. Dean Saonee Sarker also supports this recommendation.

Dr. Mayock received his Ph.D. in Economics in 2009 from Florida State University. He joined the Blackwood Department of Real Estate in August 2023 as an Associate Professor with tenure. Prior to this, he held the role of Assistant Professor at Montclair State University, Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of North Carolina, and most recently, Associate Professor of Economics at the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Mayock has an extensive history of past and ongoing research. Dr. Mayock has published 21 journal articles, with 15 of the articles published in real estate journals on Pamplin's Elite journals list. The American Real Estate Society, one of the two academic organizations of real estate faculty in the U.S., gives the Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics their highest ranking of Exceptional. Five of Dr. Mayock's articles have been published in this journal. Six of his elite journal articles were published over the past five years. Looking to the future, Dr.

Mayock has seven journal articles in progress, which indicates a productive and continuing research program. One of those articles is a R&R at the Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics and a second is a R&R at the American Economic Review.

The topics of his research (e.g., adverse selection in mortgages, mortgage default, affordable housing) support Pamplin's Human Condition pillar outlined in the 2019-2024 strategic plan and Virginia Tech's Equity and Social Disparity in the Human Condition destination area.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Thomas Mayock be appointed to the Michael G. Miller Professorship in Real Estate effective November 5, 2023, with an annual research budget provided by the endowment.

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