

## SCS WEDNESDAY WIRE | April 14, 2021

A mid-week update from the SCS Dean's Office | [SCS NEWS](#) | [SCS EVENTS](#)

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*This is another disturbing week as we learned of a killing and a violent attack of Black Americans by police. Regardless of circumstances or details of the incidents, I denounce these acts – on behalf of everyone in SCS – as I do with any and all fatal and violent acts against Black Americans.*

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## TAKE THE [SYMPTOM SURVEY](#) DAILY | TAKE THE [TARTAN TEST](#) WEEKLY

All of us share [A Tartan's Responsibility](#). As members of the CMU community we must do our part to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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### SCS NEWS + AWARDS

— In an article in the spring 2021 issue of [AI Magazine](#), ISR adjunct senior systems scientist Ganesh Mani and six other authors [lay out new challenges for AI](#) in health, wealth and wisdom – nearly 33 years after a vision for the future including foundations and grand challenges of AI was [laid out by Turing Award winner Raj Reddy](#) in his 1988 Presidential address to the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI).

— The acclaimed snake-like robot can now [slither its way underwater](#), allowing the modular robotics platform to inspect ships, submarines and infrastructure for damage. A team from [Matt Travers](#) and [Howie Choset's](#) [Biorobotics Lab](#) in the Robotics Institute tested the [Hardened Underwater Modular Robot Snake](#) (HUMRS) last month in CMU's pool, diving the robot through underwater hoops, showing off its precise and smooth swimming and demonstrating its ease of control.

— For her contributions to the field of speech processing research and decades of service to the community, Maxine Eskenazi, a principal systems scientist in the LTI, [has been selected as a fellow](#) of the [International Speech Communication Association](#) (ISCA), a nonprofit organization promoting research related to speech communication science and technology.

— In SCS, five assistant professors [received grants through Google's inaugural Research Scholar Program](#). Congratulations to [Pravesh Kothari](#) in CSD; [Nihar Shah](#) in MLD+CSD+ECE; [Virginia Smith](#) in MLD+ECE; [Nathan Beckmann](#) in CSD+ECE; and [Sivaraman Balakrishnan](#) in Dietrich College and an affiliated faculty member in MLD.

### TOMORROW

— April 15, 1-2 p.m. – For faculty: you're invited and encouraged to attend [virtual office hours of SCS Partnerships](#) to learn more about exploring funding opportunities for research.

— April 15, 2 p.m. – The SCS New Faculty Intro Series wraps up. Meet two new SCS faculty members, assistant professors from the HCII Alexandra Ion and David Lindlbauer, and learn more about their research. Be sure to [register and plan to attend](#).

### FRIDAY

— April 16, 1 p.m. – [Stand Up Against Street Harassment Training](#). This one-hour training provides a clear, adaptable and expert-approved set of tools that will help you be more prepared and safely intervene when you experience or witness harassment in public spaces. This training is for all members of the campus community, friends and family members.

## **CARNIVAL: NO CLASSES TOMORROW OR FRIDAY...ENJOY!**

— Carnival is one of CMU's most anticipated weekends of the year with Tartans coming together for traditions including Booth, Buggy, Mobot, Scotch'n'Soda and Activities Board as well as contests, events and talent competitions. [Spring Carnival and Reunion Week](#) is virtual this year on a platform that allows for a more connected online experience. [Register and participate!](#)

## **NEXT WEEK**

— Monday, April 19, 2-3 p.m. – The Dean's Ph.D. Advisory Committee (DPAC)'s [Remote Wellness Group](#) will host on Zoom "Handling Grief and Finding Happiness in Times of the Pandemic," presented by CaPS for graduate students. [RSVP](#) and send email to [remote-wellness-dpac@lists.andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:remote-wellness-dpac@lists.andrew.cmu.edu) if you have questions.

Until next week,

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## **REMEMBER YOUR RESOURCES**

Connect with a [Dean's Advisory Committee](#) if you have questions or concerns you want to share.

Connect with a representative leader from [SCS Council](#) if you'd like to submit a topic for Council to consider.

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