Please join me in welcoming nine new tenure track faculty members to the college. These scholar-teachers will contribute work and expertise in their special areas of interest. They will also enrich the intellectual environment within the college and Georgia Tech by expanding our range of disciplinary and interdisciplinary research and the learning experiences we provide our students. I am confident that each of these individuals will further our momentum in knowledge creation, innovation, and problem solving at the intersection of the humanities, social sciences, and technology.

- Jacqueline J. Royster, Dean

**Paul Alonso, Assistant Professor, School of Modern Languages.** A Peruvian journalist and author, he holds master's degrees in journalism and Latin American studies, and a Ph.D. in journalism from the University of Texas, Austin. Alonso is the author of three books of fiction and has published in prestigious international newspapers and magazines. His research focuses on the convergence of journalism, entertainment, satire, politics, and popular culture. Alonso has been a staff member of the Knight Center for Journalism in the Americas since 2004.

**Daniel Amsterdam, Assistant Professor, School of History, Technology, and Society.** Amsterdam received his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. He comes to Georgia Tech from The Ohio State University, where he taught modern U.S. history and American urban history for four years. Amsterdam is completing The Roaring Metropolis: Businessmen’s Forgotten Campaign for a Civic Welfare State for publication with the University of Pennsylvania Press. It includes a detailed analysis of 1920s Atlanta. He will soon embark on a second book project, tentatively titled On the Outskirts of Hope: Employment Policy and the Urban Poor since the War on Poverty.

**Mariel Borowitz, Assistant Professor, The Sam Nunn School of International Affairs.** Borowitz earned a Ph.D. in public policy at the University of Maryland. Her research dealt with international cooperation in climate monitoring via satellite. Her research and teaching specializations include technology policy and space policy. Borowitz earned a master's degree in international science and technology policy from the George Washington University and a bachelor of science degree in aerospace engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

**Matej Drev, Assistant Professor, School of Public Policy.** Drev is an applied economist whose research focuses on the economics of technological innovation and international economics. He joins the college after completing his Ph.D. at Carnegie Mellon University in 2013, where he was affiliated with the Heinz College and the interdisciplinary Strategy, Entrepreneurship, and Technological Change Research Group. His research has been published in leading scholarly journals and presented at conferences and seminars in the United States, Europe, and Asia.

**Nassim JafariNaimi, Assistant Professor, School of Literature, Media, and Communication.** She received her Ph.D. in design from Carnegie Mellon University and holds a master's in information design and technology from Georgia Tech. Her research interest is in the ethical and political implications of emerging technologies. She examines the experiential and participatory dimensions of social media and their relationship to establishing and supporting democratic forms of social interaction. Her research is situated at the intersection of design, the humanities, and human computer interaction.
Yasha (Yakov) Klots, Assistant Professor, School of Modern Languages. He has a Ph.D. in Russian literature from Yale University and an M.A. from Boston College. He has taught at Yale University and at Williams College. His research fields are contemporary Russian poetry, émigré literature and culture, linguistic anthropology, bilingualism, literary translation, Gulag narratives, urbanism, the mythology of St. Petersburg, and the representation of other cities in Russian literature. He is the author of Joseph Brodsky in Lithuania (St. Petersburg, Perlow Design Center, 2010).

Mary G. McDonald, Homer Rice Chair in Sports and Society, School of History, Technology, and Society. McDonald has a Ph.D. from the University of Iowa and she was previously a professor of sociology at Miami University in Ohio. A past president of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, McDonald has published more than three dozen refereed articles and book chapters and co-edited Reading Sport: Critical Essays on Power and Representation, a foundational work in the field. She has edited special issues of the Sociology of Sport Journal devoted to “(post) identity and sport” and “whiteness and sport” and is a frequent speaker on these and other subjects in professional forums and other venues. As Homer Rice Chair, she will head the new IAC initiative in sports, society, and technology.

Matthew E. Oliver, Assistant Professor, School of Economics. Oliver hails from Memphis, Tennessee. He received his bachelor's degree in business economics from the University of Memphis in 2008, and his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Wyoming in 2013. His primary fields of expertise are environmental and natural resource economics and international trade and development. Oliver's research interests focus on energy resources and energy infrastructure, particularly natural gas markets and interstate pipelines. Additionally, he has a wide variety of ongoing research projects, including topics such as bio-economics and invasive species, international negotiations on climate change, and governance and resource use in developing countries.

John Matthew (Johnny) Smith, Assistant Professor, School of History, Technology, and Society. Smith, who received his Ph.D. from Purdue University, came to HTS in fall 2012 as a postdoctoral fellow and was recently appointed assistant professor in sports history. His book, The Sons of Westwood: John Wooden, UCLA, and the Dynasty That Changed College Basketball, will appear this fall in the University of Illinois Press series on sport and society. Smith has published three scholarly articles and is at work on a biography of Muhammad Ali. He will teach modern U.S. history and a variety of foundational courses in the sports, society, and technology undergraduate program, which he will coordinate.