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Saturday, April 8, 1pm  
National Center for Supercomputing Applications Auditorium  
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Host Welcome

1:10 - 1:20pm *Martin Wong* - UIUC College of Engineering, Executive Associate Dean

Opening Remark

1:20 - 1:40pm *Lei Hong* - Consul General of China to Chicago

Keynote Speech

On the Cutting Edge: What's Next Beyond the Horizon?

1:40 - 2:10pm *Wen-mei Hwu* - UIUC, Sanders-AMD Endowed Chair of ECE

2:10 - 2:40pm *Dehai Kong* - SVC Angel Fund, Managing Partner

2:40 - 3:00pm Networking Break

Concurrent Session 1 (NCSA 1040)

The Making of a Business: Entrepreneurship in US and China

3:00 - 4:30pm

*Yi Lu* - UIUC, Jay and Ann Schenck Professor of Chemistry

*Herb Huang* - Ningbo Semiconductor International Corporation, CEO

*Tianyi Joe Zhu* - West Suburban Angels, Co-Founder

*Wen-mei Hwu* - UIUC, Sanders-AMD Endowed Chair of ECE

Moderator: Weihua Zheng - Serionix, Inc., Co-Founder

Concurrent Session 2 (NCSA 1122)

The Era of Artificial Intelligence: Where Technology is Headed

3:00 - 4:30pm

*Deming Kong* - Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering

*Tony Zhang* - Zacks Investment Management, Portfolio Manager

*Farris Wu* - ZenStone Venture Capital, Founder & Managing Director

*Jingyuan Wang* - NewDo Venture Capital, Managing Partner and President

*Dehai Kong* - SVC Angel Fund, Managing Partner

Moderator: Y. Wayne Wu - UIUC Computer Science Dept.

Concurrent Session 3 (NCSA 1030)

From Campus to Career: How International Background Succeeds in U.S.

3:00 - 4:30pm

*Harrison Ding* - Multiple Listing Network Ltd,  
Executive Director & CEO

*Hong Cheng* - Morningstar Investment Management LLC,  
Senior Investment Analyst

*Alan Zhang* - Nanhua USA LLC, Legal and  
Compliance Officer

*Justin Li* - Hemi Ventures, Investor

Moderator: Jia Xing - UIUC BCS, Assistant Director

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Mr. HONG Lei is a diplomat of the People's Republic of China, serving as Consul General of China to Chicago. Having served as spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2010 to 2016, Hong is the 25th spokesperson since the spokesperson system was established in the ministry in 1983.

Wen-mei Hwu is a distinguished professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign and a pioneer in compiler design, computer architecture and parallel processing. Professor Hwu is the Sanders-AMD Endowed Chair in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. He is also the co-director of Universal Parallel Computing Research Center, which is sponsored by Intel and Microsoft. He directs the IBM- UIUC Center for Cognitive Computing Systems Research, UIUC CUDA Center of Excellence and serves as one of the principal investigators of the NSF Blue Waters Petascale computer project. Dr. Hwu received his Ph.D. degree in Computer Science from the University of California, Berkeley.



With twenty years of R&D and management experience in the Silicon Valley, and involvement in five startups, Dehai Kong is the founding partner of three angel funds and one VC fund. Mr. Kong has invested in deep technology and other new industrial revolution enablers, such as big data, sensing, computer vision, as well as biomedical, new material, new energy and smart manufacturing.

Yi Lu is a professor of chemistry, biochemistry, bioengineering, materials science and engineering at University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. Prof. Lu is both an AAAS and RSC fellow, as well as a recipient of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Professor Award. He was ranked among the world's most influential researchers in both 2015 and 2016, and is the co-founder of two startup companies, ANDalyze and Glucosentient.



Dr. Deming Chen is an electrical and computer engineering professor at University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. He earned his PhD in computer science from University of California at Los Angeles in 2001. His primary research focus revolves around computer aided design of integrated circuits. Chen has published over 140 journals concerning various computer hardware and algorithms. He is also a six-time recipient of the Best Paper Awards. In 2016, he co-founded a startup, Inspirit IoT, Inc., for design and synthesis for machine learning targeting the IoT industry. He is currently the President and Chairman of the Board of the company. Inspirit IoT recently received an NSF SBIR (Small Business Innovation Research)





Tianyi Joe Zhu is an international entrepreneur and angel investor. Mr. Zhu co-founded West Suburban Angels, and is also the chairman of Zhu Holdings Group as well as Jiangsu Full Cell Energy Technologies. Mr. Zhu is well-known as a biotech proponent in Northern Chicago. Serving on the board of several non-profit organizations, Mr. Zhu is the current US representative for the Chinese Welfare Population Foundation, which reports to the Chinese Ministry of Civil Affairs. Zhu is also a University of Illinois Alumni Association: UIAAAN Featured Alumni, and recently received the honor of 2015 Mandarin Leader for Entrepreneurship.

Herb Huang is currently the CEO of Ningbo Semiconductor International Corporation and previously the senior director of technology and technical marketing at Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation. Dr. Huang received his Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering at University of Minnesota and his BS in Applied Mechanics from Hunan University (China).



Farris Wu is the co-founder and managing director of ZenStone Venture Capital, a Silicon Valley-based venture capital that bridges Asian capital and global opportunities with emphasis on the US market. ZenStone actively seeks late seed and early venture stage opportunities in startups that are driven by technology and/or business model innovations. Dr. Wu holds a B.S. and a M.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from the Harbin Institute of Technology (China) as well as a Ph.D. degree in Electrical Engineering from University of Texas at Austin. He has published over 30 academic papers and 6 patents on several fields of science and technology.

A Silver Scholar graduate, Jingyuan Wang received his MBA degree from Yale University. Mr. Wang is currently the partner and president of NewDo Venture, a venture capital company devoted to facilitating ambitious startups to succeed in their initial stage with its angel fund and other strategic resources.



Prof. Tony Zhang is currently a portfolio manager at Zacks Investment Management, a leading wealth management firm. Mainly managing the Zacks Market Neutral Fund, Prof. Zhang has made great achievements in the market neutral industry. The Market Neutral strategy is ranked as a Top 10 fund in the long/short category by Morningstar 2016. Prof. Zhang is also an assistant professor at the University of Maryland Baltimore County, with a concentration in portfolio management based on fundamental and quantitative factors, market neutral strategies, and big data analytics.





Hong Cheng is a Senior Investment Analyst at Morningstar Investment Management LLC. She started her career as an Operations Associate at Morningstar Investment Services LLC in 2010 and joined the investment team since 2011. Hong holds a bachelor's degree in Finance from Renmin University of China and two Master's degrees in Finance and Computational Finance, both from DePaul University. Hong recently graduated from the MBA program at the University of Chicago, Booth School of Business. She is a CFA Charterholder. Hong is a passionate writer on career development and job searching skills for international students. Her Wechat account and column at Zhihu gained wide popularity among Chinese Students studying abroad.

Harrison Ding is the founder of HiElites.com (formerly MLN.com), a one-stop international educational service brand under Haiyu Network LLC. Before founding HiElites.com, Mr. Ding served as a Global Council chair at IBM, leading a global IBM team of 400 supply chain professionals and responsible for strategic sourcing of technical and other services. Mr. Ding is also a founding Board Member of the Internet Committee of Zhejiang Entrepreneur Association and a founding Mentor of Global Mentor Board.



Yun Zhang is the Chief Compliance Officer and General Counsel at Nanhua USA LLC, a FMC (futures commission merchant). He is a U.S. attorney admitted to the Illinois Supreme Court and a Chinese attorney. Mr. Zhang received Juris Doctor (J.D.) from Loyola University Chicago School of Law and Bachelor of Law (LL.B.) from East China University of Political Science and Law. He worked at McDermott Wills & Emery LLP, Shanghai Office, in 2015 as a summer associate.

Entrepreneur turned investor, Justin Li graduated from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. After founding Bleep, a location based social app, Mr. Li started his investing career at WI Harper a cross-border venture capital firm in the Bay Area. Mr. Li currently leads Hemi Ventures & practice in biotech and healthcare startups.



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