Carleton University

Science Student Success Centre

MARCH 4

2025

COMPUTER SCIENCE INDUSTRY MIXER

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

CARLETON UNIVERSITY
Richcraft Hall Atrium

IN COLLABORATION WITH:

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SciSoc

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EVENT SCHEDULE

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM   **Registration**

6:00 PM - 6:15 PM   **Welcome and Introduction**

Dr. Kim Hellemans, Associate Dean (Undergraduate Recruitment, Wellness and Success), Faculty of Science, Assistant Professor and Provost's Teaching Fellow, Department of Neuroscience, Director of Stress, Trauma and Resilience Working Group

SSSC Mentors: Fabrice Mikobi & Mekedes Abiy Computer Science Team Co-Leads

6:15 PM - 6:30 PM   **Conversation #1**

6:30 PM - 6:45 PM   **Conversation #2**

6:45 PM - 7:00 PM   **Conversation #3**

7:00 PM - 7:15 PM   **Conversation #4**

7:15 PM - 7:30 PM   **Conversation #5**

7:30 PM - 8:00 PM   **Wrap-up & Reception**

Feel free to visit the SciSoc and cuHacking's tables any time throughout the evening.

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TABLE	NAME	BIOGRAPHY
1	**Martin Soukup** Chief Technology Officer Solink Corporation	Martin has a BA in Psychology from Carleton and an MS in IT from the University of Liverpool and over 30 granted and pending patents. He currently leads global R&D and information security for Solink's AI-enabled video intelligence service and advises high-growth healthtech and FinTech startups around the world.
2	**Andrew Garneau** Software Engineer, Fellow.app	Andrew graduated from Carleton in 2023 with an Honours degree in Computer Science. Andrew ran cuHacking in 2020 and 2021, and was a mentor at the SSSC. He has interned at Ross Video, CAE, Macadamian (now acquired by Emids), and Statistics Canada.
3	**Georges Antoine** Growth Engineer, Trunk.io	Georges-Antoine is a Growth Engineer at Trunk.io. Previously, he led Growth Engineering team at Fellow.app, driving product growth, optimization and experimentation. He holds a Bachelor's in Computer Engineering from the University of Ottawa. A dedicated advocate of open-source software, he actively maintains several popular tools and projects.
4	**Gautam Subra** IT Executive, Public & Private Sector & **Hindal Mirza** Strategic Advisor and Consultant, Hindal Mirza & Associates	Gautam Subra is a seasoned IT executive with private & public sector experience. He founded and led an IT system integrator before transitioning to the public service, where he held IT leadership roles in multiple federal government departments. Currently, Gautam serves on several boards for arts, culture, and community service organizations. He also volunteers at summer festivals in Ottawa. Gautam studied Electrical Engineering at Carleton University at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Seasoned Business Development professional with over 20 years of facilitating the growth of small- and medium-sized enterprises. Hindal graduated from Carleton with an Honour Degree in Philosophy and Literature, studies law through university of London, UK and is the co-founder of many startups locally in Ottawa, and is also an advisor to companies in the USA and in India.

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5	**Sara Miles** Applications Director, Solace & **Moodi Edalatmanesh** Team Lead - Software Development, Solace	Sara Miles is a seasoned technology professional with extensive experience in leading application development and quality assurance teams. She joined Solace as Director of Applications in July 2024. Sara previously held several positions at Kinaxis from 2010 to 2024, including Director of Platform Quality Assurance, where responsibilities included managing multiple QA teams and coordinating scrum processes. Sara holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Carleton University. Mahmood (Moodi) Edalatmanesh is a Team Lead at Solace, a company at the forefront of the Event-Driven Architecture (EDA) market. He earned a Master of Science in Computer Science from Brock University before beginning his career as a Junior Software Developer at CENX Inc. in 2014, where he worked on solutions for telecom companies like Verizon to visualize and manage their networks. In 2018, he joined Ericsson Canada Inc. as a Senior Software Developer.
6	**Dutta Sourav** Data Informatics Leader, Ciena & **Fazlay Rabbi** Solutions & Integrations Engineer II, Ciena	Dutta Sourav began his career as a Senior Software Engineer at Aricent (Altran Group) in 2014 before transitioning into data science, driven by a passion for analytics. He has led AI-driven automation, predictive analytics, and data governance initiatives across HR and supply chain functions at Ciena. Currently, as a leader in Data Informatics, he drives AI-powered supply chain strategies. Fazlay Rabbi graduated from Carleton University with a degree in Computer Science, majoring in the Software Engineering stream and minoring in Mathematics. He joined Ciena right after graduation, having previously worked as a front-end and embedded software developer co-op.

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7	**Devinder Singh** Full-Stack Software Developer, Ross Video & **Usman Abba Babakura** Software Developer, Ross Video	Devinder Singh is a highly skilled Full Stack Software Developer at Ross Video, where he has been an integral part of the Overdrive team for over five years. His role involves developing interconnected software solutions, actively contributing to technical discussions, and helping drive innovation within the team. With a strong focus on problem-solving and collaboration, he takes on complex development tasks and ensures seamless execution of projects. He earned a Master's in Computer Engineering (Data Science) from Carleton University. Usman Abba Babakura is a Software Developer at Ross Video, contributing to the OverDrive team since December 2021. His journey with Ross Video began as a co-op student in his second year at Carleton University, where he gained hands-on experience working on newsroom control systems. After multiple successful terms, he transitioned into a full-time role, where he now plays a key role in both backend and frontend development, CI/CD pipeline improvements, and automation verification/testing using Robot Framework and other tools.
8	**Brian Silverstone** President & General Manager, Avaya Canada	Brian Silverstone is the President and General Manager of Avaya Canada. He holds a degree in Computer Mathematics from Carleton University. Brian began his career at Nortel, where he took on various technical roles before transitioning into marketing, where he held several management positions, including time spent living and working in Europe. He then moved into Product Management, Business Development, and later Sales. After joining Avaya, he progressed through multiple sales leadership roles, eventually taking on responsibility for the company in Canada.

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9	**Sibyl Weng** Finance Manager, DLS Technology Corporation	Sibyl Weng graduated from Carleton University with a B.Comm in Accounting and is a Finance Manager at DLS. DLS specializes in infrastructure design, cloud computing, cybersecurity, and predictive analytics. The company also supports business continuity and various sectors' technology needs. Each year, DLS hires co-op students and engages the community to support youth in tech.
10	**Matthew Chandrawan** Team Lead - Application Development, The Canadian Dairy Commission	Matthew graduated from Carleton with a Bachelor of Computer Science and a concentration in Software Engineering. He has previously worked as a Software Engineering at LS Telcom; currently works as a team lead at Canadian Dairy Commission.
11	**Abhinav Shukla** Quality Engineer, Stackadapt	He graduated from Carleton University with a Bachelor of Computer Science and has been part of the Ottawa tech scene since 2008. He has worked at StackAdapt, a fully remote company, for over three years. Passionate about mentorship, he helps the younger generation succeed in business and the workplace.

General Questions

What made you decide to enter your field?
What experiences and decisions led you to where you are today?
What are some pros and cons of your job?
How long have you been working at your current company?
What is the work culture at your company like?
How did you decide that you wanted to work for your current company?
What other companies have you worked at, and how does your previous job differ from your current one?
What is a typical day at work like for you?
How relevant was your schooling to your day-to-day life in the technology industry?
Do you have a favourite project that you worked on?

Types of Companies

How does working for the government differ from working at a private sector?
What differences are there between working for a start-up, a small company and a large company? What are some advantages of working at a start-up?
What are some advantages of working for the government?
What are some advantages of working for a large company?

Finding Employment

In your opinion, how important are side projects?
In your opinion, how important are grades when applying for jobs?
What advice would you have for students entering the job market for the first time in the next few years?
What is the best way to get experience as a student?
If you were to choose a field within the technology industry today, which would you choose and why?

Side Projects

Have you ever been involved in a hackathon? If so, what did you work on?
Were/are you involved in any open source side projects?
Are you involved in any events or activities related to computer science in your free time that you enjoy?