A POWERFUL ADVOCATE
FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ACADEMIC FREEDOM

A Celebration of Jack Minker’s Career in Academia and Human Rights

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WELCOME

Ming Lin, Elizabeth Stevinson Iribe Chair of computer science at the University of Maryland

Mihai Pop, professor of computer science and interim director of the University of Maryland Institute for Advanced Computer Studies

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

William E. “Brit” Kirwan is chancellor emeritus of the University System of Maryland, where from 2002 to 2015 he provided leadership to the state’s public higher education system. A noted mathematician, Brit was the 26th president of the University of Maryland from 1989 to 1998 and a faculty member in the university’s mathematics department for 34 years.

Darryll Pines is the Nariman Farvardin Professor of aerospace engineering and dean of the A. James Clark School of Engineering. Under his leadership, the Clark School has enhanced its stature as one of the nation’s top engineering schools, with numerous ranked programs and strong experiential learning opportunities for students.

SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE

J. Robert Dorfman is a professor emeritus of physics. He served as director of the Institute for Physical Science and Technology, dean of the College of Computer, Mathematical and Physical Sciences, and vice president for academic affairs and provost.

Stephen Halperin is a professor of mathematics. He served as dean of the College of Computer, Mathematical and Physical Sciences for 12 years, helping integrate the college with the College of Chemical and Life Sciences in 2010.

Amitabh Varshney is a professor of computer science and dean of the College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences. He served as director of the Institute for Advanced Computer Studies for eight years and was the university’s interim vice president for research for 18 months.

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED COMPUTER STUDIES

Larry Davis is a Distinguished University Professor of computer science and director of the Center for Automation Research. He served as chair of computer science from 1999 to 2012 and was the founding director of the Institute for Advanced Computer Studies.

Victor Basili is a professor emeritus of computer science who served as chair of the computer science department from 1982 to 1988. He founded the Fraunhofer Center for Experimental Software Engineering at Maryland, serving as the center’s executive director from 1998 to 2004.

Ashok Agrawala has been active in the computer science department for 47 years. He is director of the Maryland Information and Network Dynamics Laboratory.

Joseph Jaja is a professor and interim chair of the electrical and computer engineering department. He served as the university’s interim vice president and chief information officer for one year, and as director of the Institute for Advanced Computer Studies from 1994 to 2004.

Samir Khuller is a professor of computer science who served as chair of the department from 2012 to 2017.

15-Minute Break
SERVICE TO THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

John Cherniavsky is a senior adviser for research at the National Science Foundation’s Division of Research on Learning in Formal and Informal Settings. During the 1980s, he served with Jack Minker on the NSF’s computer science section committee.

W. Richards Adrion is a professor emeritus of computer science at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where he directs the Expanding Computing Education Pathways Alliance.

Maria Zemankova is a program director of the National Science Foundation’s Information and Intelligent Systems Division, where she manages proposals and awards in areas of data, information and knowledge management.

SERVICE TO ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Wendy Revel serves on the board of directors for the American Jewish International Relations Institute. Ms. Revel will read comments written by former ambassador Richard Schifter, who from 1985 to 1992 served as assistant secretary of state for human rights and humanitarian efforts.

Walter Reich is the Yitzhak Rabin Memorial Professor of International Affairs, Ethics and Human Behavior, and a professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at The George Washington University. He served as director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum from 1995 to 1998.

SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS

V.S. Subrahmanian is a distinguished professor in cybersecurity, technology and society at Dartmouth College. He was previously at the University of Maryland for 28 years, including six years as director of the Institute for Advanced Computer Studies.

Michael Gelfond is a professor of computer science at Texas Tech University, where he founded and leads the Knowledge Representation Lab. He is the executive editor of the Journal of Logic and Computation.

Teodor Przymusinski is a professor emeritus of computer science and engineering and a faculty member in the electrical engineering department at the University of California at Riverside.

Jorge Lobo is a research professor at the Catalan Institution for Research and Advanced Studies at Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona. He received his doctoral degree at the University of Maryland, with Jack Minker as his adviser.

Arcot Rajasekar is a professor at the University of North Carolina School of Information and Library Science, and chief scientist at the Renaissance Computing Institute. He received his doctoral degree at the University of Maryland, with Jack Minker as his adviser.

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