CELEBRATING IMPACT & INNOVATION
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
GRASP Impact & Innovation: Celebrating 40 Years

Dear GRASP Alumni, Friends, and Current Members,

On behalf of the Program Committee, the GRASP Directors, and the Dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Science, it is my great pleasure to invite you to join us for a birthday celebration marking the fortieth anniversary of Penn’s GRASP lab. Today, September 27th, 2019, we have planned a full day of talks from a small representative sample of GRASP’s long and growing list of hugely distinguished alumni. Beyond representing their own personal technical achievements, we have asked our speakers to discuss the nature of their GRASP experience, reflect on its career influence, and then consider what future measures and directions the institution can take to benefit its next generations in similar ways.

A special “Thank You” to our GRASP at 40th Program Committee and GRASP Faculty, Staff and Researchers:

Julie A. Adams
Gregory Hager
M. Ani Hsieh
Jana Kosecka
Sarah Tang

Sincerely,

Dr. Daniel Koditschek,
Program Committee Chair, GRASP at 40th Director, PERCH
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th
at the Sheraton University City Hotel

8:00 - 9:00  Breakfast & Registration

9:00 - 9:05  Welcome
Dr. Vijay Kumar, Nemirovsky Family Dean, SEAS

9:05 - 10:25  Academic Speakers
Session Chair: Dr. Vijay Kumar

10:25 - 10:45  Break

10:45 - 12:00  Academic Speakers (cont.)
Session Chair: Dr. Ruzena Bajcsy

12:00 - 13:30  Lunch

13:30 - 14:50  Industry/Govt Speakers
Session Chair: Dr. Kostas Daniilidis

14:50 - 15:00  Break

15:00 - 16:00  Industry/Govt Speakers (cont.)
Session Chair: Dr. George Pappas

16:00 - 16:30  Break

16:30 - 17:30  Brief Remarks
Session Chair: Dr. Daniel Koditschek

17:30  Closing Remarks
Dr. Daniel Koditschek, Director, PERCH
ACADEMIC SPEAKERS
Katerina Fragkiadaki PhD ’13
Nora Ayanian PhD ’11
Hadas Kress-Gazit PhD ’08
Paulo Tabuada PostDoc ’03
Eero Simoncelli Faculty ’93
Gerda Kamberova PhD ’92
Howie Choset UG ’90
Peter Allen PhD ’85
Ken Goldberg UG ’84

INDUSTRY/GOVERNMENT SPEAKERS
Eric Krotkov PhD ’87
Angela Lai UG ’94/MS ’94
Robert Mandelbaum PhD ’95
Volkan Isler PhD ’04
Katherine Kuchenbecker Faculty ’07–’16
Alex Kushleyev UG ’07/MS ’09
Vivian Chu ROBO ’13
Avik De PhD ’17
Franc Solina  PhD '87
James C. Gee  PhD '96
Venkat Krovi  PhD '98
Bert Tanner  PostDoc '03
Calin Belta  PhD '03
Kevin Galloway  PhD '10
Chinwendu Enyioha  PhD '14
Rebecca Pierce Khurshid  PhD '15
Philip Dames  PhD '15
Monroe Kennedy  PhD '19
Feifei Qian  PostDoc '19
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th
Dinner at Sunset Social
80 S 30th St, Philadelphia, PA 19104

18:30 - 19:30 Registration & Hors d'oeuvres
19:30 - 20:00 Dinner
20:00 - 21:00 Special Dinner Remarks
21:00 Group Photo & Dessert

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th
at Pennovation - 3401 Grays Ferry Ave

8:30 - 9:00 Breakfast & Registration
9:00 - 10:30 Demos at the GRASP Lab at PERCH
Outdoor Aerial Net, SCALAR Lab & 3rd Floor
10:30 - 12:00 GRASP Researcher Presentations
Outdoor Aerial Net
12:00 - 12:05 Closing Remarks
Dr. Daniel Koditschek, Director, PERCH
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Parking:
Parking at the Sheraton will be $15 discounted parking. Pick-up sticker at the Registration Table to be used when exiting the garage.
DIRECTIONS TO SUNSET SOCIAL
80 S 30th St, Philadelphia, PA 19104

1. Start by heading east on Chestnut towards 34th street.

2. Continue on Chestnut and turn right on 30th street (walking towards the parking garage).

3. Walk down 30th street (on the east/left side of the street) until you arrive at a walkway between the Cira Green parking garage and the FMC building.

4. Turn left and head down the walkway alongside the parking garage. Take the parking garage elevator up to the 12th floor/Sunset Social.
THANK YOU!

GRASP at 40th Program Committee
GRASP Faculty
GRASP Staff
GRASP Members
Lamont Abrams (CETS)
Dianna Feng (GRASP Logo Designer)