

# RESEARCH & INNOVATION WEEK

*Showcasing discoveries, igniting change* / MARCH 23–27, 2026

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## COFFEE & PASTRIES

8:15am – 9:00am

## OPENING SESSION

- 9:00am **SMU Research Week Kickoff**  
*Dr. Suku Nair, Vice Provost for Research, SMU*
- 9:10am **Plenary Talk**  
**Devanand K. Shenoy, Ph.D.**  
*Strategy Advisor, IBM Semiconductors*  
**“Opportunities for Microelectronics to Enable AI Capabilities for National Security and the Private Sector”**

## BREAK

9:55am – 10:15am

## FACULTY RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATIONS

- 10:15am **Introduction**  
*Dr. Scott Douglas, Associate Vice Provost for Research, SMU*
- 10:20am **Dr. Heidi Wu, Assistant Professor**  
*Dept. of Physics*  
*Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, SMU*  
**“Gravity: Attractive or Repulsive?”**
- 10:45am **Dr. Mahesh Krishnamurthy, Professor and Chair**  
*Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering*  
*Lyle School of Engineering, SMU*  
**“Power and Energy Systems in the Age of AI”**
- 11:10am **Dr. Wenhua Di, Research Professor**  
*Div. of Arts Management and Arts Entrepreneurship*  
*Meadows School of the Arts, SMU, and*  
*Dept. of Economics,*  
*Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, SMU*  
**“SMU DataArts Research”**
- 11:35am **Open Discussion**

## SESSION CLOSE

11:45am

**Opening  
Session -  
Research**

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