

RESEARCH & INNOVATION WEEK

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

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MARCH
23

COFFEE & PASTRIES

8:30am – 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. ([Speaker Bio](#))
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