

# **Florida Gulf Coast University**

## ***Software Technologies Distinguished Lecture Series***

### **Introduction**

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FGCU's Software Technologies Distinguished Lecture Series has a five-year tradition. Organized by the Computer Science and Software Engineering faculty at FGCU, jointly with the Southwest Florida Regional Technology Partnership and Economic Development Partners in the region, the series has as its objectives to educate both the professionals and a broader audience in the intricacies of modern technologies of software development, and to provide a forum for exchange of ideas among the participants.

This year the presentations are grouped in three categories. First, two external speakers deliver lectures on cutting-edge technologies, which are critical to the well-being of our nation: cyberphysical systems and their security, and software development for space missions. In the second category, two lectures delivered by local speakers deal, respectively, with important aspects of intellectual property rights in software and present an overview of high tech companies in the region. Finally, two former FGCU students will talk about their career accomplishments in the area of software development, thus, attracting potential new students to begin studies at FGCU and obtain a software engineering degree from our school.

If you are software or IT professional, you just cannot miss these lectures. If you are a student of any computing or IT program at the college level, you must come to learn about the hottest topics in software development, which may help your future career. If you are in high school and interested in computers, attending the lectures will broaden your view of computing and help you make the optimal decision when choosing the professional path. If you are just a member of general public, then this is your chance to get educated on the role of software in a contemporary society and the new developments happening both here in your backyard and in the outside world.

