

# **FALL 2024 INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATES SYMPOSIUM**

**October 24, 7:30 AM – 7:30 PM EST**

**Thursday, October 24**

**Rochester Riverside Convention Center**

**7:30 – 8:15 AM: Networking Breakfast**  
Riverside Court

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**8:15 – 8:45 AM: Welcome to the I.A. Symposium**  
Thomas G. Brown, Director  
The Institute of Optics | University of Rochester  
Lilac Ballroom

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**8:45 – 9:00 AM: Welcome from RIT**  
Jan van Aardt, Director  
Center for Imaging Science | Rochester Institute of  
Technology  
Lilac Ballroom

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**9:00 – 9:30 AM: Abbie Watnik**  
Naval Research Lab  
“Optical Physics at the Naval Research Laboratory”  
Lilac Ballroom

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**9:30 – 10:00 AM: Faculty Innovation Showcase**  
UR and RIT Faculty  
Lilac Ballroom

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**10:00 – 10:50 AM: Poster Session/Coffee Break**  
Galleria

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**10:50 – 11:20 AM: Master’s Student Showcase**  
UR and RIT Students  
Lilac Ballroom

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**11:20 – 11:50 AM: PhD Research Showcase**  
UR and RIT Students  
Lilac Ballroom

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**11:50 – 12:00 PM: Hajim Alumni Award**  
Wendi Heinzelman, Dean  
Hajim School of Engineering and Applied Science/UR  
Lilac Ballroom

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**12:00 – 12:20 PM: Congressman Joe Morelle**  
Update on the Optics and Photonics Caucus  
Lilac Ballroom

**12:20 – 12:30 PM: EDA Tech Hub**  
Cristina Killingsworth, Acting Assistant Secretary,  
Economic Development Administration  
Lilac Ballroom

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**12:30 – 1:20 PM: Networking Lunch**  
Galleria

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**1:20 – 2:00 PM: Company Introductions**  
Lilac Ballroom

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**2:00 – 2:30 PM: Barry Silverstein**  
Meta Reality Labs  
“Optical Grade Silicon Carbide to Enable a Future of  
Electro-Photonics”  
Lilac Ballroom

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**2:30 – 3:00 PM: Company Introductions**  
Lilac Ballroom

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**3:00 – 3:15 PM: Optica and SPIE Student Chapter  
Updates**

Trevor Shooshan, Optica Chapter President  
The Institute of Optics | University of Rochester

Quazi Rushnan Islam, SPIE Chapter President  
The Institute of Optics | University of Rochester

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**3:15 – 5:30 PM: Company Connection Showcase**  
Highland Ballroom

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**4:45 – 5:30 PM: Women in Optics Happy Hour**  
Hosted by SPIE and OPTICA Student Chapters  
Riverside Court

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**5:30 – 7:30 PM: Networking Reception**  
Lilac Ballroom