

Women in Circuits and Systems (WiCAS) at ISCAS 2022

A “Women in Circuits and Systems” (WiCAS) event took place during the IEEE International Symposium on Circuits and Systems (ISCAS), held in Austin (TX), USA, from May 28 through June 1, 2022. The event was held on May 30, 2022, organized by Jennifer Blain Christen (Arizona State University, USA), and Nicole McFarlane (University of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA).

The event was titled “Navigating the professional virtual/hybrid/in-person world,” and was hybrid in format and featured an in-person panel of three distinguished speakers of varying backgrounds (Figs. 1–2):

- Kelly Gaither, Director of Health Analytics/Senior Research Scientist at Texas Advanced Computing Center and Associate Professor in the Department of Women’s Health at the Dell Medical School at UT Austin,
- Manish Kumar, Associate Professor in Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering, UT Austin, and
- Pamela Abshire, Professor in Electrical and Computer Engineering at University of Maryland, College Park.

The panel moderators were Jennifer Blain Christen and Nicole McFarlane (Fig. 3).

The 60-minute panel event kicked off with a brief oral summary of literature and statistics on increased female attendance at virtual meetings in science and engineering conferences and the panelists gave their viewpoints on the challenges of costs and logistics of the three meeting formats (virtual, hybrid, and in-person), participant engagement in virtual and hybrid formats, networking, and issues such as “zoom fatigue” (Fig. 4). Although the in-person attendance at the conference was smaller than in past years, the event was well attended by the in-person attendees (Fig. 5), who were able to enjoy high quality dessert snacks during the event.

There were also online attendees, and the virtual portion of the event was open to all CAS members who were interested through a separate registration process. Virtual attendees were encouraged to reach out to other conference attendees, both in-person and virtual, through the conference platform. Finally, the video of the panel session was made available to all ISCAS 2022 registrants through the conference platform for about 2 months after the conference.

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Figure 1. WiCAS session.

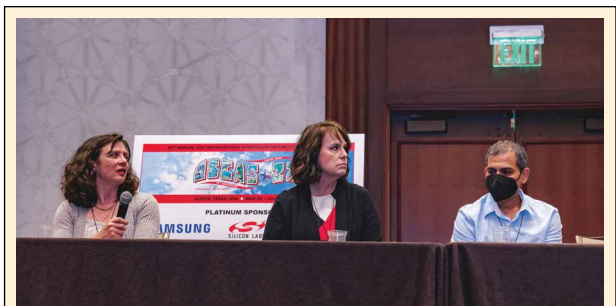


Figure 2. WiCAS panelists: (from the left) Pamela Abshire, Kelly Gaither, Manish Kumar.



Figure 3. WiCAS co-chairs: Jennifer Blain Christen (left) and Nicole McFarlane (right).



Figure 4. WiCAS panel.



Figure 5. Some attendees during the WiCAS panel.

Conference in Romania

The 16-th International Symposium on Signals, Circuits and Systems (ISSCS 2023), will be held at Iasi, Romania on July 13-14, 2023. It is a pleasure for us to invite interested researchers to actively participate in this conference (<http://scs.etc.tuiasi.ro/isscs2023/>) by contributing a paper and/or organizing a special session as well as encouraging colleagues to attend. This conference will be held in hybrid form with both on-site and online presentations.

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