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# fall member event

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**Wednesday, October 22, 2025**

*This agenda is subject to change*

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**8:00–9:00 am Registration + Breakfast**

Registration E14 Lobby

Breakfast Silverman Skyline/Winter Garden

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**9:00–9:30 am Member Welcome** Multi-Purpose Room

Jessica Rosenworcel, Executive Director, and Tod Machover, Faculty Director

Andy Lippman, Associate Director, Head, Viral Communications

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**9:30–10:10 am Creating Disciplines** Multi-Purpose Room

This panel highlights Media Lab Faculty who have created new disciplines. Hear about how they came to these ideas and how they have actualized them.

**Panelists:** Professor Hiroshi Ishii, Tangible Media, Professor Joseph Jacobson, Molecular Machines, Professor Rosalind Picard, Affective Computing

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**10:10–10:40 am Break** Multi-Purpose Room

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**10:40–12:00 pm Research Updates** Multi-Purpose Room

Faculty + Primary Investigators for each research group provide updates on the key research areas within their group since we convened last spring.

Professor Paul Liang, Multisensory AI

Professor Rosalind Picard, Affective Computing

Professor Cynthia Breazeal, Personal Robots

Professor Canan Dağdeviren, Conformable Decoders

Guillermo Herrera-Arcos, PhD student, Biomechatronics [In lieu of Professor Hugh Herr]

Professor Deblina Sarkar, Nano-Cybernetic Biotrek

Professor Joseph Jacobson, Molecular Machines

Professor Kevin Esvelt, Sculpting Evolution

Professor Fadel Adib, Signal Kinetics

Professor Hiroshi Ishii, Tangible Media

Professor Behnaz Farahi, Critical Matter

Professor Zach Lieberman, Future Sketches

Professor Tod Machover, Opera of the Future



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**12:00–1:00 pm Lunch + Networking** Silverman Skyline/Winter Garden

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**1:00–2:20 pm Research Updates** Multi-Purpose Room

Dr. Neha Narula, Digital Currency Initiative

Professor Ramesh Raskar, Camera Culture

Dr. Andy Lippman, Viral Communications

Professor Pattie Maes, Fluid Interfaces

Professor Joe Paradiso, Responsive Environments

Professor Danielle Wood, Space Enabled

Professor Deb Roy, Center for Constructive Communication

Dr. David Sun Kong, Community Biotechnology Initiative

Professor Mitchel Resnick, Lifelong Kindergarten

Professor Kent Larson, City Science

Professor Sandy Pentland, Human Dynamics

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**2:20–3:00 pm Innovating for Impact: E14 Fund Startup Showcase** E14 + E15

A close-up on the intersection between MIT Media Lab's research and E14 Fund's investment in deep-tech startups poised for real-world application. The MIT-affiliated fund was born at the Media Lab.

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**3:00–5:00 pm Open House** E14 + E15

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**5:00 pm Adjourn or optional tour of the Media Lab**

For the optional tour, please meet in the E14 Lobby

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**5:30 pm *Making What Matters* co-presented with MIT's Morningside Academy for Design** Multi-Purpose Room [Optional]

Making What Matters introduces Tony Fadell — inventor, entrepreneur, investor, and author of *Build: An Unorthodox Guide to Making Things Worth Making* — as MAD's inaugural Designer in Residence. Fadell, known for his creation of the iPod, iPhone, and Nest, will discuss how design decisions shape technology, daily life, and the futures we imagine, with Paola Antonelli, Senior Curator of Architecture and Design at MoMA.

