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Bader (http://www.cc.gatech.edu/~bader/), a professor in the School of CSE and executive director of the High-Performance Computing Lab, succeeds Regents’ Professor Richard Fujimoto (http://www.cse.gatech.edu/people/richard-fujimoto), who has served in the role since 2007 and through CSE’s elevation to “school” status in 2010. Fujimoto has continued to serve as chair amid the search and will remain as a professor within the school.

Bader will assume his new role in July 2014. His appointment is contingent upon approval by Georgia Tech President G.P. “Bud” Peterson and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

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Bader earned his Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the University of Maryland, College Park, in 1996 after earning both a B.S. in computer engineering in 1990 and an M.S. in electrical engineering in 1991 from Lehigh University. During his doctoral research, he was a NASA graduate fellow and was awarded a National Science Foundation research role in experimental computer science after receiving his doctorate.

In 1998, he became an assistant professor and Regents’ lecturer at the University of New Mexico. In 2005 he joined Georgia Tech’s College of Computing, where he became a full professor in 2008 and an integral part of the formation of the School of CSE.

“I believe that the School of CSE has firmly established itself as the country’s premier department for solving real-world challenges through advanced computational techniques, thanks to a world-class faculty and dedicated students,” Bader said. “My plan as school chair is to accelerate our impactful research and gain recognition for further successes by solving grand challenges that make this world a better place for all.”

While at Georgia Tech, Bader has established himself as an expert in the design and analysis of parallel and multicore algorithms for real-world applications, including computational biology and genomics and massive-scale data analytics.

For his work (http://www.cc.gatech.edu/~bader/resume.html), he has earned recognition as a fellow with both IEEE and AAAS, received a National Science Foundation CAREER award and numerous industry awards from IBM, NVIDIA, Intel, Cray, Oracle/Sun Microsystems, and Microsoft Research. InsideHPC recognized him as a “RockStar” of high-performance computing, and HPChwire’s cited him among “People to Watch” (http://www.cse.gatech.edu/content/david-bader-selected-one-hpcwire%E2%80%99s-%E2%80%9Cpeople-watch%E2%80%9D-2014) in both 2012 and 2014.

Bader serves as a board member of the Computing Research Association (CRA), on the NSF Advisory Committee on Cyberinfrastructure, on the Council on Competitiveness High Performance Computing Advisory Committee, on the IEEE Computer Society Board of Governors and on the steering committees of the IPDPS and HiPC conferences. He is editor-in-chief of IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems (TPDS) and program chair for IPDPS 2014.

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