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**Innovative Approaches to
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Dr. Ben Shneiderman**



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TOPIC: Innovative Approaches to Technology Transfer and Collaborative Research – Dr. Ben Shneiderman (information item)

COMMITTEE: Economic Development and Technology Commercialization

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: January 28, 2016

SUMMARY: Dr. Ben Shneiderman will discuss guiding principles and strategies to nurture collaborations and catalyze innovation. He will also present the ideas in his forthcoming book that explore the multiplicative impact of collaborations and organizational partnerships as well as how contemporary research teams get a further boost from fresh ways of using the Web, social media, and visual communications tools that amplify collaborations.

Dr. Shneiderman is a Distinguished University Professor in the Department of Computer at the University of Maryland, College Park and the Founding Director of the Human-Computer Interaction Laboratory.

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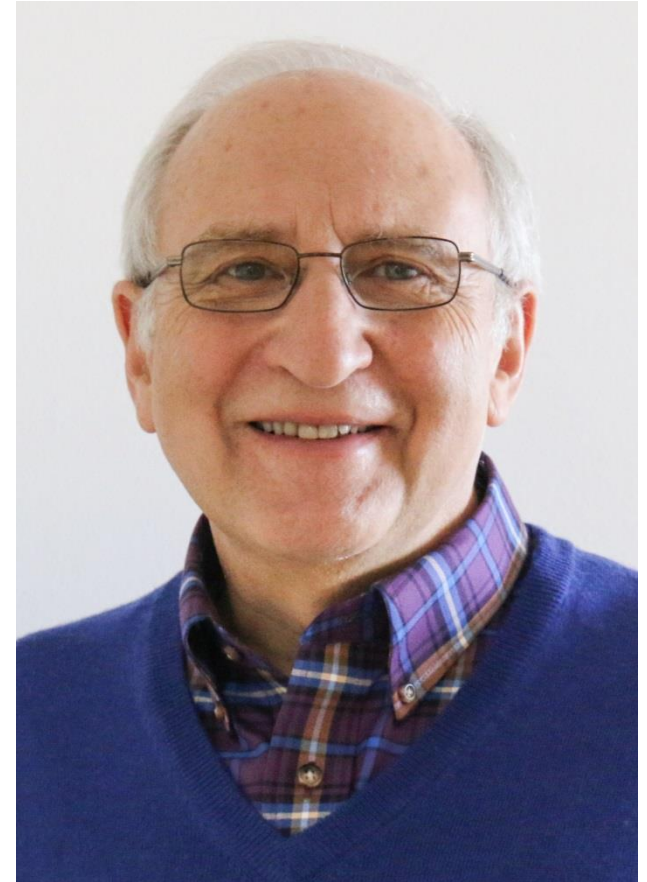


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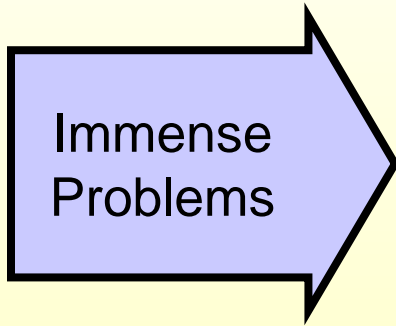
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Forthcoming from Oxford University Press

The New ABCs of Research

Achieving Breakthrough Collaborations

Ben Shneiderman

“It’s excellent... a critically important research manifesto in the spirit of Vannevars Bush’s (1945) *Science: The Endless Frontier*.”

—Rita Colwell, Director, U.S. National Science Foundation (1998-2004)

“This is a must-read book for those of us that want to create radical innovations and breakthrough scientific advances to solve the ‘wicked’ problems surrounding us in the 21st Century.”

—John Seely Brown, Former Chief Scientist, Xerox Corporation and Director of its Palo Alto Research Center (Xerox PARC)

“I absolutely love it all! *The New ABCs of Research* captures, catalogues and advocates for exactly what we need to be doing in research and scholarship at a major research university. It beautifully describes the combination of basic, interdisciplinary, and translational research with partners that is so powerful and so needed.”

—Mary Ann Rankin, Provost, University of Maryland



The problems of the 21st century require innovative thinking from students, academics, business researchers, or government policy makers. Hopes for improving our healthcare, food supply, community safety, and environmental sustainability depend on the pervasive application of research solutions.

The research heroes who take on the immense problems of our time face bigger than ever challenges, but if they adopt potent guiding principles and effective research lifecycle strategies, they can produce the advances that will enhance the lives of many people. These inspirational research leaders will break free from traditional thinking, disciplinary boundaries, and narrow aspirations. They will be bold innovators and engaged collaborators, who are ready to lead, yet open to new ideas; and they will be self-confident, yet empathetic to others.

In this book, Ben Shneiderman recognizes the unbounded nature of human creativity, the multiplicative power of teamwork, and the catalytic effects of innovation. He reports on the growing number of initiatives to promote more integrated approaches to research so as to promote the expansion of these efforts. It is meant as a guide to students and junior researchers, as well as a manifesto for senior researchers and policy makers, challenging widely-held beliefs about how applied innovations evolve and how basic breakthroughs are made, and to help plotting the course toward tomorrow’s great advancements.

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