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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Executive Director of the Institute for People and Technology at Georgia Institute of Technology, an interdisciplinary research institute that brings together technologists, social scientists, designers, and policy specialists to study the risks and rewards of digital systems and to create technologies that empower people. Professor with the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs and the School of Interactive Computing where he directs the Technologies and International Development Lab. He was Founding Director of the United Nations University Institute on Computing and Society in Macau SAR, China. He holds a Ph.D. from MIT and has served as Director of Media Lab Asia in India and head of the eDevelopment group at the MIT Media Lab. Three decades of experience in areas of Artificial Intelligence starting with his undergraduate thesis, work as a research engineer within the AI group at Thinking Machines Corporation, and graduate thesis work in AI. Ongoing supervision of AI research to this date.

Associate Editor for Global Computing with *Communications of the ACM* and co-founder and Editor-in-Chief Emeritus of the journal *Information Technologies and International Development*. Best has published over 150 peer-reviewed papers in books, journals, and conferences, and since joining Georgia Tech offered more than 150 invited and keynote lectures across the USA and internationally. He has raised over ten million dollars in research support at Georgia Tech from sponsors including USAID, NSF, Microsoft, Google, Facebook, SF Express, The World Bank, ITU, MacArthur Foundation, Omidyar Network, and Gates Foundation.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Executive Director, Institute for People and Technologies (IPaT)
Georgia Institute of Technology
Atlanta GA, USA
8/23 – Present

Responsible for strategic development, research visioning, partner relationships, budget and administrative supervision. An interdisciplinary research institute with 18 fulltime research faculty, and collaborations with 150 applied and academic researchers spanning research centers, labs, and all six Georgia Tech colleges. IPaT is one of ten interdisciplinary research institutes at Georgia Tech.

Professor, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs
Professor, School of Interactive Computing
Georgia Institute of Technology
Atlanta GA, USA

Assistant Professor 12/04 – 2/11; Associate Professor 2/11 – 2/20; Professor 2/20 - Present

Director of Technologies and International Development Lab and Center for Computing and Society.
Director of \$4 million USD Open Innovation Platform with ongoing or emerging innovation programs in China, Taiwan, and Thailand.

Former Director of Research, Georgia Tech – Shenzhen, focusing on research management, student enrichment, facilities management, and faculty affairs.

Raised more than \$10 million USD of research support from sponsors including USAID, NSF, Microsoft, Google, Facebook, SF Express, The World Bank, ITU, MacArthur Foundation, Omidyar Network, and Gates Foundation.

An interdisciplinary scholar bridging computing and engineering, social sciences, and innovation sciences. Extensive research, project, partner development, and management experience in China, India, Southeast Asia, and West Africa. Supervised more than 50 graduate students and 75 undergraduate students. Published over 150 peer-reviewed papers and offered more than 150 invited and keynote lectures globally. Media coverage including CNN, New York Times, The Economist, The Atlanta Journal Constitution, and others.

Teaching courses in International Affairs and Interactive Computing, often with significant international components. Development of novel inter-disciplinary courses in Computing and Global Development, Global Entrepreneurship, and Human Computer Interaction. Created Global Development capstone program. Co-created and former Director of International Affairs PhD program including curricular development and student supervision.

Adjunct Professor of Global Health
Hubert Department of Global Health of the Rollins School of Public Health
Emory University
1/26 - Present

Director
United Nations University Institute on Computing and Society|
Macau SAR, China
1/15 – 8/18

Founding director responsible for strategic development, government relations, research visioning, budget, and administrative supervision. Managed board relations. Internationally recruited, hired, and supervised over 50 staff and researchers. Managed annual budget of \$4 million USD.

Funded and supervised extensive multi-million-dollar construction and renovation project. Selected architect, supervised design, supervised selection of contractors, interfaced with government and licensing bodies.

Managed multiple international UN programs on gender and technologies, computing and peacekeeping, and human migration. Managed publications and organized workshops and conferences with global impact.

Fellow and Faculty Associate, Berkman Center for Internet & Society
and Center for International Development
Harvard University
Cambridge MA, USA
Research Fellow, 1/00 – 6/02; Fellow, 6/03 – 7/09; Faculty Associate, 7/09 – 7/16

Resident and non-resident position. Research, training, and practical experiences in public policy, legal, and social impacts of technologies globally. Extensive outreach and networking opportunities. Organized conferences, publications, and public events.

Research Scientist, MIT Media Laboratory
Cambridge MA, USA
3/00 - 1/03

Research faculty position including supervision of students, research, teaching, and outreach. Significant experience with sponsor development and outreach working with dozens of multinational corporations.

Founding Director of the eDevelopment Group. Researching the internet in economic development and sustainability with significant projects in Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Central Asia, and Thailand.

Director, Media Lab Asia
9/01 - 9/02

Founding Director of Management Committee; a co-CEO role. Managed central office staff and research programs. Supervised research centers across five Indian cities. Developed strategy and vision, facilitated government relations, recruited Indian research partners, liaised with board members. Coordinated research space construction including selecting architects, and overseeing design work. Managed budget of \$6 million USD.

EARNED DEGREES

- **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**
6/96 - 3/00
Ph.D. Degree - Media Laboratory
- **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**
9/94 - 6/96
Master of Science Degree - Media Laboratory
- **University of California, Los Angeles**
10/84 - 6/89
Bachelor of Science Degree - Computer Science and Engineering

I. SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

A. PUBLISHED BOOKS AND PARTS OF BOOKS

A1. BOOKS

- Tucker, W. D., Bidwell, N. J., & Best, M. L. (Eds.). (2015). *ITID Gary Marsden Special Issue* (4th ed., Vol. 11). Los Angeles, CA: USC Annenberg Press.
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A2. OTHER PARTS OF BOOKS

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- Best, M. L., Garg, S., & Kollanyi, B. (2013). *Understanding & Rethinking Shared Access: How People Collaborate & Share Knowledge & Technologies in Ghanaian Cybercafés*. Seattle, WA: University of Washington Information School.
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- Gasser, U., Best, M., & Maclay, C. (2011). ICTs and Crises: Linking Research and Implementation to Collectively Maximize Learning and Impact. In D. Stauffacher, B. Weekes, U. Gasser, C. Maclay, & M. Best (Eds.), *Peacebuilding in the Information Age: Sifting hype from reality* (pp. 7-8). Geneva, Switzerland: ICT4Peace Foundation.

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- Best, M. L. (2008). End-User Sharing. In ITU (Ed.), *Trends in Telecommunications Reform*. Geneva: ITU.
- Best, M. L. (2007). Models for interacting populations of memes: Competition and niche behavior. In K. Krippendorff & M. Bock (Eds.), *The Content Analysis Reader*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.
- Best, M. L. (2007). The Values of Regional Telecommunication Regulation. In Comisión de Regulación de Telecomunicaciones (Ed.), *Fifteen years of Colombia's Regulation of Telecommunications*. Bogota.
- Best, M. L., & Pehrson, B. (2006). The Broadband Era Arrives. In ITU (Ed.), *Trends in Telecommunications Reform*. Geneva: ITU.
- Best, M. L., & Pehrson, B. (2006). Understanding Broadband Technologies. In ITU (Ed.), *Trends in Telecommunications Reform*. Geneva: ITU.
- Best, M. L. (2003). The Wireless Revolution and Universal Access. In ITU (Ed.), *Trends in Telecommunication Reform*. Geneva: ITU.
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B. REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

B1. REFERRED JOURNAL ARTICLES

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- Shah, H., Best, M. L. (2020). Evaluating ML-NLP algorithms on Part of Speech and Text Classification Tasks in Burmese. *The Tower*.
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- Best, M. L. (2014). The Internet That Facebook Built. *Communications of the ACM*, 57(12), 21–23.
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- Best, M. L. (2013). Peacebuilding in a Networked World. *Communications of the ACM*, 56(4), 30–32.

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- Nieuwejaar, N., Kotz, D., Purakayastha, A., Ellis, C. S., & Best, M. (1996). File-Access Characteristics of Parallel Scientific Workloads. *IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems*, 7(10), 1075–1089.

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- Nkemelu, D., Shah, H., Best, M., & Essa, I. (2022). Tackling Hate Speech in Low-resource Languages with Context Experts. International Conference on Information & Communication Technologies and Development 2022, 1–11.
- Nguyen, C., Nkemelu, D., Mehta, A., & Best, M. L. (2022). Why So Inflammatory? Explainability in Automatic Detection of Inflammatory Social Media Users. Tenth International Conference on Learning Representations.
- Best, M. L., Palladino, N., Jayaram, M., Redeker, D., Chen, A., Barkhuff, G., & Connelly, C. (2022). Building resources for digital rights advocacy and research: Exploring the Digital Constitutionalism Database. RightsCon.
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- Smyth, T. N., Meng, A., Moreno, A., Best, M. L., & Zegura, E. W. (2016). Lessons in Social Election Monitoring. In *Proceedings of the Eighth International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies and Development* (p. 55). ACM.
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- Best, M. L., & Meng, A. (2015). Twitter democracy: policy versus identity politics in three emerging African democracies. In *Proceedings of the Seventh International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies and Development*. Singapore: ACM.
- Best, M. L. (2013). Reconciliation and the Web: A case study of the design and use of Liberia's Truth Commission website. Presented at the *IFIP 12th Int. Conf. on the Social Implications for Computers in Developing Countries*, Kingston, Jamaica.
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- Best, M. L. (2009). *Open Access Journals 2.0*. Presented at the Scholarly Communication USG Faculty Development Seminar, Atlanta, GA.
- Best, M. L. (2008). *Computer Education and Development: An International Perspective*. Presented at the Intel ISEF Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Best, M. L. (2008). *Computing and Communication Post Conflict: Can the Net and New Media Help to Heal a Nation*. Presented at the Georgia Tech ICT Research Roundtable, Atlanta, GA.
- Best, M. L. (2008). *ICT4D: A Review of Work in Africa*. Presented at the University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa.
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- Best, M. L. (2007). *Computational Memetics*. Presented at the Toronto Semiotic Circle, Toronto, Canada.
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- Best, M. L. (2006). *Design for Development: Rethinking Computers and the Internet for Africa and South Asia*. Presented at the GVU Brown Bag, Georgia Tech, Atlanta GA.
- Best, M. L. (2006). *GATech Liberia ICT4D Project*. Presented at the e-Liberia Vision Working Meeting, Georgia Tech, Atlanta GA.
- Best, M. L. (2006). *HCI4D*. Presented at the College of Computing HCI MS Symposium, Georgia Tech, Atlanta GA.
- Best, M. L. (2006). *ICT's and Economic Growth with Equity: A research agenda*. Presented at the Sam Nunn Bank of America Policy Forum, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA.
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- Best, M. L. (2005). *Internet and Democracy*. Presented at the Higher Education, Information Technology and Sustainable Development: The central role of universities in building knowledge societies in Asia, Africa and Latin America, Manila, Philippines.
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- Perspective, USC Annenberg School.
- Best, M. L. (2005). *The Role of the Internet in Value Chain Re-Engineering: Soybeans and Death Certificates in Rural India*. Presented at the Upgrading SMEs in Value Chains Conference, World Bank, Washington D.C.
- Best, M. L. (2005). *USAID's LMI @ WSIS: Challenges to Access*. Presented at the World Summit on the Information Society, USAID parallel event, Tunis, Tunisia.
- Best, M. L., Ferguson, M., Jannik, C., & Tavares, M. (2005). *New Digital Support for Scholarly Activities*. Presented at the CETL Brown Bag, Georgia Tech, Atlanta GA.
- Best, M. L., Vempala, S., & Jhunjhunwala, A. (2005). *Efficient Multi-path Wireless Networking for the Developing World*. Presented at the ARC First Anniversary, Atlanta, GA.
- Best, M. L. (2004). *Going the Last Mile: The Wireless Revolution and Universal Access*. Presented at the Meeting of USAID Administrator and Senior Staff, Washington, DC.
- Best, M. L. (2004). *ICT and Renewable Energy for Sustainable Development*. Presented at the Climate Change Issues & Initiatives in the ICT Industry, Montebello, Quebec.
- Best, M. L. (2004). *ICT's and International Development: Village Information Centers and their National Context*. Presented at the Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.
- Best, M. L. (2004). *Internet, Freedom, and Democracy*. Presented at the Sam Nunn Security Program Seminar, Georgia Tech.
- Best, M. L. (2004). *Overview of Policy and Regulatory Issues Promoting Rural Access*. Presented at the ITU/USAID Workshop on Rural Access to Telecommunications for CIS and Baltic States, Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- Best, M. L. (2004). *IT For Disadvantaged - Technologies and Policies*. Presented at the Uttaranchal Conference on IT for Tribal and Disadvantaged, Dehradun, India.
- Best, M. L. (2004). *Revolutions in Rural Internet: Information Technologies for Social and Economic Development*. Presented at the Robinson College of Business, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA.
- Best, M. L. (2004). *Revolutions in Rural Internet: Wireless Technologies, Policies, and Business Models*. Presented at the United Nations Association Net World Order: Developing World Opportunities, New York City, NY.
- Best, M. L. (2004). *Rural Internet in Action: Case Studies from the Dominican Republic and India*. Presented at the Global Symposium for Regulators Press Conference, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Best, M. L. (2004). *Sustainability and Rural Access*. Presented at the Forum on Advancing Theory on National IT Policy, Cairo, Egypt.
- Best, M. L. (2004). *Wither the Revolution? Wireless Networks for Cost Effective Broadband*. Presented at the ITU Global Symposium for Regulators, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Best, M. L., & Maier, S. (2000). *Empowered Through the Internet?: Gender, Caste and Computers in Rural South India*. Presented at the Human Rights in Crisis, Georgia Tech.
- Best, M. L., & Pehrson, B. (2000). *Broadband Provisioning for Developing Countries*. Presented at the Global Symposium for Regulators, Tunis, Tunisia.
- Best, M. L. (2003). *Computers and Communication in International Development*. Presented at the GVU Research Meeting, Georgia Tech.
- Best, M. L. (2003). *Wireless Connectivity & WiFi: Towards Universal Access*. Presented at the DOT.COM Alliance Technical Advisory Group, Washington, D.C.

II. PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS (selected)

- **Editor-in-Chief Emeritus**
Information Technologies and International Development
Published by Annenberg Press
- **Editor, Global Computing**
Communications of the ACM
- **Member, Broadband Commission Working Group on Digital Learning**
The Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development, ITU

- **Member, Steering Committee; Co-Chair, Research Coalition**
EQUALS Global Partnership for Women's Equality in a Digital Age
- **Member, Consultative Group, AAAS**
UNESCO Recommendation US Consultation Group
- **Member, Working Group on Innovation for the SDGs**
University Global Coalition
- **Member, Science and Technology Council**
The Government of Macao Special Administrative Region
- **General co-Chair**
Fifth International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies and Development (ICTD2012)
- **Member, National Conference of Lawyers and Scientists**
American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
- **Member, Advisory Committee, Health and Human Rights Institute**
National Center for Civil and Human Rights
- **Member, Editorial Board (selected)**
 - *Interaction Journal*
Published by MIT Press
 - *Libraries, Telecentres, Cybercafes and Public Access to ICT: International Comparisons*
Published by IGI Global
- **Member, Program Committee (selected)**
 - ACM International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies and Development (ICTD), 2007, 2009, 2010, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2021 (Senior Program Committee)
 - ACM SIGCAS Conference on Computing and Sustainable Societies (ACM COMPASS), 2019, 2020, 2021
 - AfriCHI, 2016
 - Asia Human-Computer Interaction Symposium (AHMIS), 2021
 - ACM DEV, 2015, 2016
 - 4th International Conference on Internationalization, Design and Global Development, IDGD, 2011
 - IEEE/ ACM DEV, 2010
 - 2nd International ICST Conference on e-Infrastructure and e-Services for Developing Countries, 2010
 - International Symposium on Technologies for Social Advancement, T4SA, 2010
 - Computing at Margins Workshop, 2010
 - Computing at Margins Workshop, 2009
 - Human-centered Computing in International Development workshop, CHI, 2009
 - Intelligent User Interfaces for Developing Regions workshop, IUI, 2008
 - User Centered Design and International Development, CHI, 2007
 - 16th International World Wide Web Conference, 2007
 - E-Liberia: Vision 2010, 2007.
 - International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2007
 - Atlanta Conference on Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy, 2007
- **Director of the Board**
 - Digital Asia Hub, 2016 – present
 - iLab Liberia, 2010 – 2020
 - Jhai Foundation, 2006-2008
- **Member, Advisory Board/ Steering Committee**
 - Digital Asia Hub
 - Mobile Hub Access Advisory Group
 - HCI4D SIG ACM SIGCHI
 - IEEE/ACM International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies and Development (ICTD)
 - Esoko Networks, Ghana
- **Member, Review Committee (selected)**
 - Strengthening ICTD Research Capacity in Asia (SIRCA), *Media Asia*, 2010
 - World Bank Korean Trust Fund Selection Committee, 2009-2010

- ITU-*infoDev* Universal Access Toolkit, 2008 – 2009
- **Visiting Research Fellow**
Institute for International Integration Studies, Trinity College Dublin, 2007

III. HONORS AND AWARDS

- GVV 25th Anniversary Impact Award, 2017
- Stephen A. Denning Faculty Award for Global Engagement, 2014
- People & Technology Award, Georgia Tech Research Corporation, 2011
- GA Tech Class of 1934 Outstanding Interdisciplinary Activities Award, 2010
- Ivan Allen Faculty Legacy Award, 2009
- Best Paper Honorable Mention, CHI 2010
- Best Paper, ICTD 2009 (two awards)

IV. FUNDING AS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

- **Open Innovation Platform**
2022, Pamela Chu, \$1,600,000
- **COVID research (multiple awards)**
2020-2022, NIH, \$750,000
- **Open Innovation Platform**
2020, SF Express, \$4,000,000
- **Technologies and International Development**
2020, Google, \$10,000
2022, Google, \$10,000
- **Digital Threats to Democracy**
2020, Facebook, \$100,000
- **Casa Silva Mendes Renovations**
2016, Macau Foundation, \$1,500,000
- **Ronald Onoride Ewubare Societal Impact Grant**
2014, \$50,000
2018, \$50,000
2020, \$50,000
- **Beyond Broadband: Using ICTs to Improve Government Efficiency and Service Delivery**
2013, World Bank, \$150,000
- **Nigeria Innovation Network**
2013, MacArthur Foundation, \$300,000
- **Measuring the World's Digital Natives**
2013, ITU, \$10,000
- **ICTD2012**
2013, Microsoft Corp, \$65,836
- **Ghana Branchless Banking**
2012, USTDA, \$150,000
- **Professional and Publication Activities**
2012, Microsoft Corp, \$291,607
- **Broadband Enabled Innovation**
2012, ITU, \$10,000
- **ICTs and Election Monitoring**
2012, The Carter Center, \$50,000
- **ICTD Peer Mentorship Program**
2012, IDRC, \$134,473
- **Collaborative Knowledge Sharing**
2012, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, \$180,478
- **Enhancing Civil Society Use of ICTs in Nigeria**
2011, MacArthur Foundation, \$220,000
- **Africa Responds to Avian Influenza: Collaborative ICT Action Research**
2009, USAID, \$73,715
- **Post-Conflict Computing**
2009, MacArthur Foundation, \$350,000

- **Liberia Unlimited Potential**
2009, Microsoft Corp, \$90,000
- **User Centered Design and International Development**
2009, NSF, \$21,689
- **ITID Event at WSIS**
2008, Microsoft Corp, \$75,000
- **Assessment of Economic Growth Impacts of the Ecenters Project in Kyrgyzstan**
2007, USAID, \$56,390
- **Liberia ICT Audit**
2007, Open Society Institute, \$36,320
- **LMI Innovation in Context**
2006, USAID, \$126,000
- **Sustainable Access in Rural India**
2005, USAID, \$57,229