

# SPCEET RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES



## Dr. Chris Cornelison & Colin Ake

**Dr. Chris Cornelison** earned his B.S. in Microbiology at the University of Georgia in 2009, and his M.S. and Ph.D. in Applied and Environmental Microbiology at Georgia State University in 2011 and 2013, respectively. He then served as a Post-Doctoral Research Associate with the US Forest Service until 2016 when he joined Kennesaw State University. Dr. Cornelison is currently serving as the Interim Associate Vice President for Innovation and Commercialization, overseeing the HatchBridge business incubator, and industry engagement. Dr. Cornelison is also a founder of MycoLogic Inc., a spinout company from KSU that provides hardware and software for specialty mushroom cultivation. Dr. Cornelison serves as an ad hoc reviewer for numerous peer-reviewed journals, is a board member of the Georgia Bat Working Group, the Georgia Bio Academic Council, and the Georgia Intellectual Property Alliance. Dr. Cornelison has received funding from, US forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, The Nature Conservancy, Georgia Department of Agriculture, Georgia Research Alliance, the Georgia Centers for Innovation, and Bat Conservation International. Dr. Cornelison's research has been featured in mainstream media including National Geographic, Nature, Wired Magazine, Atlanta Magazine, New York Times, and The Conversation.

**Colin Ake** leads HatchBridge Incubator and commercialization programs for Kennesaw State University. Colin has spent his career working with deep tech university spinouts and early stage startup companies. His overall experience includes business model development, customer development, growth strategy, government relations, and a focus on early-stage and deep technology ventures.

## IP Development, Entrepreneurship, Commercialization

The Innovation and Commercialization (I&C) unit at Kennesaw State University (KSU) is a newly organized entity within the Office of Research, dedicated to fostering intellectual property development, faculty entrepreneurship, and industry collaboration. The unit's mission is to identify and protect intellectual property, provide training and support for faculty and staff in entrepreneurial ventures, incubate startup companies through the HatchBridge Incubator, and facilitate technology transfer and industry-sponsored research. I&C accomplishes these goals through targeted technology scouting, programmatic and resource support for innovation development, training in lean startup methodologies, mentorship, licensing and commercial engagement assistance, and support for GRA/SBIR/STTR proposal development. Additionally, the HatchBridge Incubator provides critical space and resources for early-stage ventures. This presentation will highlight the resources and opportunities available at KSU, along with best practices for university commercialization.

**Date:**

Wednesday, September 25th

**Time:**

11:15AM - 12:15 PM

**Location:**

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