



Professor **Ephraim R. McLean** – “Eph” – has worked in the computer field for 59 years and been a faculty member for 52 years. He earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in mechanical engineering at Cornell University, graduating in 1958. He served in the U.S. Army National Guard as an Ordnance officer, leaving the service as a Captain in 1973. He worked for the Procter & Gamble Company for seven years, first in manufacturing management and later, beginning in 1962, as a computer systems analyst. In 1965, he left P. & G. and entered the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, earning his master’s degree in 1967 and his doctorate in 1969. His dissertation research was conducted at the Lahey Clinic in Boston on a “Computer-Based Medical History System.”

While at M.I.T., he served on the faculty of the Sloan School as an Instructor and assisted in the preparation of three books: *The Impact of Computers on Management* (MIT Press, 1967), *The Impact of Computers on Collective Bargaining* (MIT Press, 1969), and *Computers in Knowledge-Based Fields* (MIT Press, 1970). In the fall of 1969, Dr. McLean left M.I.T. and joined the faculty of the Anderson Graduate School of Management at the University of California, Los Angeles. He was the founding Director of the Information Systems Research Program and three times Chairman of the Information Systems area, both within the Anderson School. While at UCLA, he won one of the \$2 million grants from IBM for the study of the management of information systems (MoIS) and wrote the proposal that led to the funding of the IBM Chair in Information Systems at UCLA. He also established a joint MBA-MPH degree in Medical Information Systems between the UCLA Schools of Management and of Public Health and a joint MBA-CS degree between the School of Management and the Computer Science Department.

In the fall of 1987, Dr. McLean was named to the George E. Smith [Georgia Research Alliance] Eminent Scholar’s Chair in Information Systems in the Robinson College of Business at Georgia State University in Atlanta, GA., only the second endowed chair in information systems in the nation at that time and the first in Georgia. Since joining GSU, he helped the Computer Information Systems Department improve its *U.S. News & World Report’s* rankings to first in the southeast and seventh in the nation. In 2002, he was named Regents’ Professor, representing less than two percent of the faculty in the University System of Georgia. In 2007, he was appointed Chairman of the CIS Department at Georgia State, a position he held until he stepped down to return to the faculty in June of 2014. In that same year, he became the founding Director of the Center for Health Information Technology; and in the following year, he obtained a \$250,000 grant from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to study Health IT Workforce Development. In 2008, he created and ran the Executive Masters in Managing Information Technology, the first of the one-year, premium-priced, master-degree programs offered by the Robinson College. In its eight years of existence, this program produced \$5.2 million in revenues for the College.

Dr. McLean has been a visiting professor at the University of South Australia; the Rotterdam School of Management at Erasmus University in The Netherlands; Tel Aviv University in Israel; ESADE Business School in Barcelona, Spain; University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa; and the Alexandria Institute of Technology in Alexandria, Egypt. He has also been a consultant to such companies as IBM, Digital Equipment Corp., Citibank, Security Pacific Bank, AT&T, Bell South, Chick-fil-A, and the Georgia Governor’s Office.

Dr. McLean has published over 135 articles in such publications as the *Harvard Business Review*, *Sloan Management Review*, *California Management Review*, *Communications of the ACM*, *Information Systems Research*, *Management Science*, *MIS Quarterly*, *MISQ Executive*, *Journal of MIS*, *European Journal of Information Systems*, *DATA BASE*, and the *Proceedings* of ICIS, ECIS, HICSS, AMCIS, and NCC. In 1977, he published a paper introducing the concept of “throwaway code”; and in 1979, he was the first researcher to use the term “end-user computing” in print. In 2007, a survey published in the *Communications of the AIS* ranked his *ISR* paper (co-authored with William DeLone) on “Information Systems Success” (1992) as the most-cited IS research paper published in the world in the last 15 years. This year, Google Scholar reported over 42,900 citations of his published works.

He is the co-author (with John Soden of McKinsey & Co.) of *Strategic Planning for MIS* (Wiley Interscience, 1977), the first book published on IS planning; co-editor of a book of programs entitled *Management Applications in APL* (UCLA, 1981); co-editor of *The Management of Information Systems* (Dryden Press, 2nd ed., 1994), and co-author (with Efraim Turban) of the textbook *Information Technology for Management* (Wiley, 5th ed., 2005), the second largest selling information systems textbook in the world at that time. He was a founding Associate Editor for Research of the *MIS Quarterly* and, for seven years, the Co-Editor-in-Chief of *The DATA BASE for Advances in Information Systems*, the oldest business-oriented computer publication in continued existence.

Dr. McLean has three times served on the national Executive Council of the Society for Information Management (SIM); helped found the SIM Southern California and Atlanta chapters; and was Conference Program Co-chair in Los Angeles (1977) and Atlanta (1999). In 1980, he hosted and co-chaired the Organizing Committee for the International Conference on Information Systems (ICIS) at UCLA and was Conference Co-Chairman in Cambridge, MA (1981); Conference Chairman in San Diego, CA (1986); and Conference Co-Chairman in Atlanta, GA (1997). He served as the Conference Co-Chairman for the Americas Conference in Information Systems (AMCIS) in Savannah, GA in 2014. For nine years he was the Executive Director of the ICIS and of the Association for Information Systems (AIS) of which he was one of the founding members. In 1999, he was recognized as one of the first Fellows of AIS (FAIS), one of only seven in the world so honored at that time.

In 1997, he and his co-author Stan Smits were recognized by ACM's Special Interest Group on Computer Personnel Research (SIGCPR) for their ten-year contribution to computer personnel research; in 1998, he was the first winner of the CIS Department's Myron Greene Award for Outstanding Teaching; and in 2003, he was honored as the "Information Systems Educator of the Year" by the Education Special Interest Group of the Information Systems and Computing Academic Professionals. In 2007, he was designated as an ACM Distinguished Lecturer; and in December 2007, he was given the LEO Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest honor in the world for academics in the information systems field. In 2019, he was honored by ACM's Special Interest Group on Management Information Systems (SIGMIS) with its first Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2020, the Association for Information System created a program to fund scholarships for information systems doctoral students and named it the *Ephraim McLean Student Membership Scholarship Program* in his honor.

He is a member of ACM, AIS, DSI, GCLA (the only non-CIO member of this organization of Georgia CIOs), IFIP (a founding member of WG 8.3), INFORMS, Mensa, SIGCPR & SIGMIS (of ACM), SIM, and ΣX (the scientific honorary society). His teaching and research interests include I/S planning, the management of information services, measuring the success and value of I/S, careers in I/S, CIO leadership roles, and workforce development for health information technology.

Dr. McLean is the son of Vice Admiral Ephraim R. McLean, (Ret.) World War II hero, winner of the Navy Cross, and earlier in his career (1925), a member of the Navy High Hat Squadron, the precursor to the Blue Angels. He is a descendant of John McLean, born in Mull, Scotland in 1695. He has been married to Jane Ruckert McLean for 56 years; they have three daughters, three sons-in-law, and three grandchildren. The couple make their home in Dunwoody, GA.