

**SOUPS 2019**  
**Fifteenth Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security**  
**Message from the Chairs**

Welcome to SOUPS 2019!

As SOUPS turns 15, we are happy to see that the conference continues to thrive. We are pleased this year to present a program that covers a broad range of topics within usable privacy and security. Technical paper presentations form the core of the SOUPS program, but the conference also includes workshops, tutorials, posters, lightning talks, and a keynote.

In 2016, SOUPS became an independent conference body. For the last three years, we have partnered with USENIX for hosting and administrative support, a move that has enabled continued growth for the conference. We thank all the members of the USENIX staff for their work in organizing SOUPS and supporting our community. In 2018, we were co-located with the USENIX Security Symposium for the first time, and we are continuing that co-location for 2019, 2020, and 2021. Co-locating the two conferences allows for interactions and shared ideas between SOUPS and USENIX Security attendees; we found this beneficial for both conferences last year and look forward to repeating it this year, in Boston in 2020, and in Vancouver, BC, in 2021.

SOUPS relies on a range of volunteers for all of its activities. Steering Committee members provide oversight and guidance and are elected for three year terms. Organizing Committee members help determine the conference content for a particular year, often serving two year terms to facilitate the transition of knowledge. Technical Papers Committee members are chosen by the Technical Papers co-Chairs each year. SOUPS is a product of the hard work by all the SOUPS Organizers, the SOUPS Steering Committee, the Technical Papers Committee, the Tutorial and Workshop organizers, the Posters jury, and the USENIX staff. We thank each and every one of you for your contributions to SOUPS 2019.

Heather is serving her first year as General Chair of SOUPS and Chair of the Steering Committee. Next year, Heather will serve again as General Chair and will work with Sonia Chiasson, who will serve as Vice Chair in 2020, and General Chair in 2021 and 2022 after that. If you are interested in helping with SOUPS 2020 in any way, please contact Heather or Sonia. We are also pleased to announce that Joe Calandrino has agreed to serve as Technical Papers Co-Chair for 2020 and 2021.

We thank our sponsors, Facebook, Google, and Mozilla. SOUPS would not be possible without their generous support. Please visit our website to view the recipients of the SOUPS 2019 awards—Distinguished Paper, IAPP SOUPS Privacy Award, Distinguished Poster, and the John Karat Usable Privacy and Security Student Research Award. Congratulations to all of the recipients for their outstanding work.

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