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## September 2022 Letter from the Chair

Dear CSIFT Community,

Welcome to the beginning of the CSIFT 2022-2023 year!

I am honored and looking forward to serving as the Chair for this upcoming year. I would like to use this opportunity to thank our Board, Executive Committee, committee chairs, and committee members for their time and dedication to the section. We could not do this without you!!

You may have noted some slightly different nomenclature surrounding our events for the year. There are two main categories for our events:

1. Member Enrichment (includes Cultivating Community & Learning, Professional Development, and Tanner Lecture)
2. Section Growth (includes New Connections) networking events. Please note that the content of our events is not changing, just the names and marketing.

Our volunteers have been working diligently to plan a lot of wonderful events for you for this upcoming year. Our events this year will be offered in-person, with a virtual option as well.

Signing up will also provide you with on-demand access to the presentations at a later date. You can learn about the events offered through our website, social media, newsletters, and emails.

If you or someone within your network is interested in volunteering, please contact the business office ([businessoffice@chicagoift.org](mailto:businessoffice@chicagoift.org)) or me directly.

Thank you for your support of the Chicago Section and I look forward to connecting with all of you at our events this year!

Sincerely,

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