## Message from the SOUPS 2022 Program Co-Chairs

## Welcome to SOUPS 2022!

With the conference in its 18th year, our SOUPS community has collectively ensured an excellent and exciting conference program despite the challenges and obstacles caused by the global pandemic. With 37 papers accepted out of 133 submissions (28% acceptance rate), the technical program covers a wide range of topics within usable privacy and security. The conference also includes workshops, posters, lightning talks, mentorship activities, and a keynote.

In 2016, SOUPS became an independent conference body. For the last six 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. We particularly appreciate their support and flexibility this year, including managing the hybrid event. Their team has been fantastic at making the process seamless.

In 2018, we co-located with the USENIX Security Symposium for the first time, and we have continued that co-location in a hybrid format for 2022. Co-locating the two conferences allows for interactions and shared ideas between SOUPS and USENIX Security attendees. We have found this beneficial for both conferences and look forward to the opportunity again this year. We hope that this year's hybrid format will allow us to return to in-person interactions, facilitate participation for those joining remotely, and encourage interactions between both groups. Whether you join us in person or remotely this year, we hope you will find SOUPS 2022 engaging and meaningful.

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 many people, starting with researchers who decide to submit their work to SOUPS, and including all of the SOUPS Organizers, the SOUPS Steering Committee, the technical paper reviewers, the workshop organizers, the poster jury, and the USENIX staff. We are grateful and thank each and every one of you for your contributions to SOUPS 2022.

Sonia has served as General Chair of SOUPS and Chair of the Steering Committee for 2021 and 2022. Apu was appointed as Vice Chair in 2022 and will take on the role of General Chair for the following two years. If you are interested in helping with SOUPS 2023 in any way, please contact Apu.

SOUPS would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors – thank you. Please visit our website to view the recipients of the SOUPS 2022 awards. Congratulations to all recipients for their outstanding work.

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