Professor Siopsis Named Governor's Schools Director

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Physics Professor George Siopsis is the new Director for the Governor's Schools for Science and Engineering, as of February 1. Serving the top high school students in Tennessee, the program dates to 1985 and offers a four-week non-credit program. Students enroll in two courses taught by university faculty. In the Governor's School for the Sciences, they take Thinking and Communicating Scientifically, as well as an elective from biology, chemistry, mathematics, or physics. The Governor's School for Engineering focuses on materials science and engineering.

Siopsis earned a B.Sc. degree in mathematical physics from the University of Sussex, England, and both master's and doctoral degrees in physics from the California Institute of Technology. He joined the physics department in 1991. His research involves strings and quantum gravity as well as quantum information.