



## 2008 Mentor



**Steve W. Chaddick**  
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Steve W. Chaddick is managing partner of Ridgewood Advisors, LLC., which was founded in 2004 as a vehicle for angel investing, nurturing the community of emerging technology companies in the Atlanta area, and facilitating technology commercialization.

He has held numerous positions with the CIENA Corp, serving as senior vice president and Chief Strategy Officer; senior vice president, Systems and Technology; president of the company's Core Switching Division, and senior vice president, strategy and corporate development. Chaddick has more than 30 years of experience in the telecom and related industries and has served on the board of directors of the Optical Internetworking Forum and Terabit Technology, and currently serves on the boards of Vistascape Security Systems and Asankya Networks.

He is an active volunteer in the Georgia Tech community, serving on the Georgia Tech Advisory Board, the advisory board of the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, the Georgia Tech Research Corporation Board. He is also a trustee of the Georgia Tech Alumni Association and an advisor to the Georgia Tech Venture Lab. He endowed the Steve W. Chaddick Chair in Electro-Optics in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Georgia Tech, held by National Medal of Technology recipient Russell Dupuis, and the ECE School Chair, held by Gary May.

Chaddick received B.S. (highest honor) and M.S. degrees in electrical engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology, and is a member of the Georgia Tech Academy of Distinguished Engineering Alumni.