Dr. Emily Monago is GTRI director of diversity strategy. In this inaugural role, Emily will lead and build upon existing GTRI efforts around diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), including our Employee Resource Groups. By assessing our current initiatives and working alongside other leaders in diversity and inclusion at GTRI, Emily develops and implements a comprehensive DEI strategy aligned with existing GTRI and Georgia Tech strategic plans.

Before joining GTRI, Emily served as the inaugural chief diversity officer and founder of the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming. Her role included providing leadership and collaborating broadly with campus and community to advance inclusive excellence, equity, and social justice initiatives. She is a current active member and a past fellow of the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education.

Emily has served as the be President (2021) and the inaugural Vice President (2020-2021) of the Rocky Mountain Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education. This association brings diversity officers from Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming together to collaborate, network, and strategize on addressing regional concerns and leverage knowledge and resources. She also served on or chaired several other executive and community boards to advance equity, diversity, inclusion, and justice.

Emily has more than 30 years of experience working at three different public universities. Most of her career has been dedicated to promoting and creating socially just communities as a means to generate a more equitable and inclusive society.

Emily holds a bachelor’s degree in general studies and a master’s degree in public administration, both from Kent State University in Kent, Ohio, and a Ph.D. in communication studies from Bowling Green State University.