Research Information Management Systems (RIMS) are meant to track and synchronize data about the scholarly and research activities of faculty. Most of the information managed in a RIMS comes from different units across campus, and the system integrates data from a variety of institutional and external systems.

Georgia Tech envisioned its RIMS (GTScholar) as the central home for authoritative data about its faculty. But is the RIMS truly at the center of the research information ecosystem?

With multiple commercial and open source data sources, where does the faculty profile live? What is the “official” profile, and who controls it?