

Joel Tarr

Why Technology

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**Adamson Wing,
136A Baker Hall**

Tarr received the 2008 Leonardo da Vinci Medal of the Society for the History of Technology for his outstanding contributions to the history of technology.

He has never thought of himself as an historian of technology, and his surprise at receiving the award caused him to reflect back over his life to try to understand what influences shaped his interest in technology and its effects on the city and on the environment. In this lecture, he will retrace some of these influences

from growing up in the industrial city of Jersey City through the influences that Carnegie Mellon and Pittsburgh have had upon him since he joined the university in 1967.

