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Dr. Peter K. Liaw is the **Ivan Racheff Chair of Excellence in Materials Science and Engineering** at the University of Tennessee's College of Engineering.

The Racheff Chair was established in 1987 in honor of the late Ivan Racheff, owner of the Knoxville Iron Works, now AmeriSteel, to recognize excellence in both teaching and research in the materials science and engineering discipline.

Liaw's research areas include mechanical behaviors and processing of high-temperature materials as well as neutron materials studies.

The National Science Foundation named Liaw Director of the Integrative Graduate Education and Research Training Program in 1999; Director of the International Materials Institutes Program in 2003; and Director of the Major Research Instrumentation Program in 2004. Liaw's honors include the college's Engineering Research Fellow Award and the UT National Alumni Association Distinguished Service Professor Award.

Liaw received his B.S. degree in physics from the National Tsing-Hua University in Taiwan and his Ph.D. degree in materials science and engineering from Northwestern University.

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