Dr. Meheroo Jussawalla arrived in the U.S. from India in 1975, with few resources, but a long string of "firsts" in India: first woman to earn a Ph.D. in economics; first female dean of a major university, to name a few. She joined the EWC as a researcher in the Communication Institute in 1977, and later the University's graduate faculty in Communication, Economics, and Communication and Information Sciences.

Meheroo collaborated with, and mentored, a whole generation of leading U.S. and international telecommunications scholars, and she directly and indirectly influenced not only many students, but also visiting scholars, regional regulators and administrators, and industry leaders.