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We define student success as the ability to think critically, grow professionally, achieve goals, and contribute to the community.

I am so proud of our staff and faculty who are dedicated to the advancement of student success in our college. Because of their talent, creativity, and personal interest in our students, our College of Engineering and Computer Science is a top employer destination for engineering, computer science and construction management leaders.

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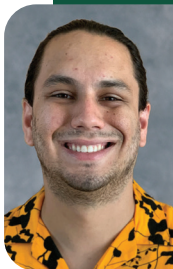
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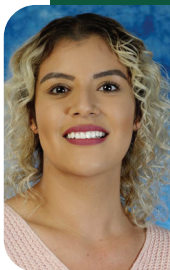
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State and local agencies fund applied research and engineering management projects in wastewater, stormwater, watershed planning, flood modeling, and groundwater. Through a federal grant, OWP serves as the US EPA Region 9 Environmental Finance Center (EFC) which supports rural, disadvantaged, and tribal communities throughout the west in financial planning and utilities asset management.

OWP staff collaborate with Sac State and other CSU faculty from engineering, natural sciences, public policy, and economics. OWP is currently the largest self-supported center in the CSU system with 50 full-time professionals and students. For more information please go to [www.owp.csus.edu](http://www.owp.csus.edu).



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#### Teaching Interests

Transportation Engineering and Planning; Traffic Engineering and Design; Statistics for Engineers; Highway Geometric Design.

#### Areas of Scholarship

Transportation Safety and Human Factors; Traffic Control Devices and Technologies; Active Transportation.

#### Scholarship Statement

With the help of driving simulators, instrumented vehicles, and microsimulation software, I investigate the role of human factors on mobility and safety, considering alternative designs for vehicle automation and transportation infrastructure.

#### Selected Publication

Abadi, M.G. and Hurwitz, D. (2018) "Bicyclist's Perceived Level of Comfort in Dense Urban Environments: How do Ambient Traffic, Engineering Treatments, and Bicyclist Characteristics Relate?" *Journal of Sustainable Cities and Society*. Volume 40, pp. 101-109.

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### Teaching Interests

Earthquake Engineering; Computational Mechanics; and Dam Engineering.

### Areas of Scholarship

Soil and Structural Dynamics; Soil-structure Interaction; Ground Motion Development; Computational Mechanics; and Dam Engineering.

### Scholarship Statement

Developing and implementing analytical techniques that improve the ability to predict the response of civil infrastructure to earthquake loads means a more realistic assessment of performance and resilience can be made and lead to more targeted and calculated enhancements to civil-engineering systems.

### Selected Publication

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#### Areas of Scholarship

Shallow and Deep Foundations. Slope Stabilization; Ground Modification. Retaining Structures; Geosynthetics.

#### Scholarship Statement

Designing safe foundation systems for support of buildings and bridges; analysis and design of earth dams for reservoirs; design and improvement of levees for flood protection; stabilizing slopes and sites for construction purposes.

#### Selected Publication

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### **Areas of Scholarship**

Ground-surface water interactions; Saltwater intrusion; Contaminant transport in the subsurface and in-situ remediation; Water resource optimization and Seasonal forecasting.

### **Scholarship Statement**

People around the world are increasingly dependent on groundwater. I focus on understanding and predicting the behavior of groundwater systems and their interconnection with surface water using field measurements, remote sensing, laboratory experiments and numerical modeling to address questions related to water quantity, quality and sustainability.

### **Selected Publication**

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#### Areas of Scholarship

Design of Steel Structures; Earthquake Engineering; and Educational Tools.

#### Scholarship Statement

Understanding steel column behavior under extreme events is necessary for the safe and efficient design of steel structures. To improve this understanding, my research focuses on steel columns that have experienced local flange damage as well as those subjected to seismic loading.

#### Selected Publication

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Concrete Durability; Novel Structural Materials; Ultra-High Performance Concrete; Cement and Concrete Chemistry; Concrete Repair

### Scholarship Statement

My research focuses on identifying new ways to produce concrete that is more environmentally friendly, durable, and resilient. After water, concrete is the second most widely used substance in the world and small changes in concrete production can have a drastic impact on everyday life.

### Selected Publication

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#### Areas of Scholarship

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I am highly motivated to communicate the value of C. E. and C. M. to those outside the profession as a way of elevating the public discussion regarding our decaying infrastructure and of attracting potential students.

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### **Areas of Scholarship**

Autonomous Vehicle User Behavior, Roundabouts, Transportation Systems Design and Safety; Crash Data Analysis, Statistical Modeling in Transportation; Applications of GIS in Transportation Engineering.

### **Scholarship Statement**

Approximately 35,000 people died in road crashes last year which is 96 fatalities everyday of the year. My research helps find the causes of these crashes and develop strategies to make our roads safe and efficient for all users.

### **Selected Publication**

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### Areas of Scholarship

Environmental Data Analysis; Decision Making;  
Highly Variable Data; Spatial Analysis; Numerical  
Methods and Solutions; Contaminated Site  
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### Scholarship Statement

My research group provides technical advice on water policy issues; assists in watershed planning; and performs modeling, data analysis, and cost assessments to help both the public and private sectors make informed decisions. My training group provides training for operators and managers of water and wastewater treatment plants.

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#### Areas of Scholarship

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#### Scholarship Statement

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#### Areas of Scholarship

Wetland restoration and Wetland Accretion;  
Air-water and Land-atmosphere Gas Fluxes;  
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#### Scholarship Statement

Rising sea levels threaten low lying areas and infrastructure; wetlands can help mitigate these threats by accreting sediment and organic matter, and damping waves. My research identifies how wetland restoration projects can maximize these benefits.

#### Selected Publication

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Statics, Mechanics of Materials, Structural Design Electives

### Areas of Scholarship

Structural Analysis; Building Design; Construction Administration; Forensic Engineering and Building Collapse Analysis.

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## CIVIL ENGINEERING

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### **Kevan Shafizadeh, P. E., T.E., PTP, PTOE**

University of Washington '02

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Dean, College of Engineering and Computer Science

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#### Teaching Interests

Transportation Engineering and Planning; Applied Engineering Statistics; Computer Applications in Civil Engineering.

#### Areas of Scholarship

Transportation Management and Facility Operations; Traffic Safety; Travel Behavior and Demand; Non-Motorized and Sustainable Transportation Planning.

#### Scholarship Statement

My research involves applying quantitative and statistical methods to analyze and evaluate various issues in transportation engineering and planning. I help to better understand how and why we travel from point A to point B.

#### Selected Publication

Schneider, R., Shafizadeh, K. and Handy, S. (2015). "Method to Adjust Institute of Transportation Engineers Vehicle Trip Generation Estimates in Smart-Growth Areas," *J. of Transport and Land Use*, 8(1).

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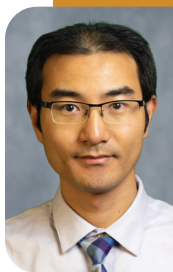
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### **Tongren Zhu**

*Ph.D, Civil and Environmental Engineering*  
University of Texas, Austin '17  
Assistant Professor

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### **Teaching Interests**

Environmental Engineering, water and wastewater treatment, water chemistry

### **Areas of Scholarship**

Physical-chemical processes of water and wastewater treatment; supplementary cementitious materials

### **Scholarship Statement**

My research focuses on the analysis, modeling and design of the physicochemical processes in drinking water and wastewater treatment to improve the efficiency and sustainability of treatment processes. I am also interested in utilizing industrial byproducts to produce sustainable cementitious materials.

### **Selected Publication**

Zhu, T., Lawler, D. F., Chen, Y., & Lau, B. L. (2016). Effects of natural organic matter and sulfidation on the flocculation and filtration of silver nanoparticles. *Environmental Science: Nano*, 3(6), 1436-1446.

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Computer Science is a systematic study of computing and its applications, ranging from its theoretical and algorithmic foundations to the cutting-edge technologies in many areas including computer architecture and engineering, computer graphics and games, computer networks and data communication, database systems, information assurance and security, intelligent systems, mobile and ubiquitous computing, system software, and software engineering.

# COMPUTER SCIENCE



## COMPUTER SCIENCE

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### **Behnam S. Arad**

*Ph.D. Electrical Engineering*

Louisiana State University '97

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Associate Dean, College of Engineering and  
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### **Teaching Interests**

Hardware Design and Validation using  
EDA tools; Computer architecture;  
Parallel computing.

### **Areas of Scholarship**

Design of Power-efficient Hardware;  
Validation of Complex Embedded Systems;  
Hardware Security.

### **Scholarship Statement**

My research focuses on the design of secure  
and power-efficient hardware. Energy  
efficiency and security are important design  
considerations for mobile devices.

### **Selected Publication**

“Customized Intrusion Detection Based on a  
Database Audit Log”, Thomas Le, Bill Mitchell,  
Behnam Arad. Proceedings of the 34th CATA  
Conference, pp. 117-126. March 2019.

“Design of a Power Aware Encryption Accelerator”,  
Muhammad H. Pervaiz, Behnam Arad.  
Proceedings of 30th CAINE Conference, pp.  
79-84, October 2017.

### **Syed Badruddoja**

*Ph.D. Computer Science*

University of North Texas '23

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### Teaching Interests

Computer Security, Computer Networks, Network Security, Blockchain, Operating Systems, Cryptography, Artificial Intelligence.

### Areas of Scholarship

Cybersecurity, AI, Trustworthy AI, Blockchain, Decentralized Applications

### Scholarship Statement

I plan to develop trustworthy AI algorithms using blockchain infrastructure. Blockchain promises to deter the mutability of records and can help AI algorithms to defend against poisoning attacks. Students participating in the scholarship program will study the literature and requirements of securing AI algorithms with blockchain.

### Selected Publication

*Badruddoja, S., Dantu, R., He, Y., Thompson, M., Salau, A., & Upadhyay, K. (2022, September). Making Smart Contracts Predict and Scale. In 2022 Fourth International Conference on Blockchain Computing and Applications (BCCA) (pp. 127-134).*

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## COMPUTER SCIENCE

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### **Anna Baynes**

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University of Michigan '12  
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#### **Teaching Interests**

Information Visualization, Algorithms, Software Engineering, Information Analytics

#### **Areas of Scholarship**

Information Visualization, Visual Analytics

#### **Scholarship Statement**

My research focuses on new techniques to improve analytics and visualization techniques for large data sets.

#### **Selected Publication**

A. Shaverdian, H. Zhou, H. V. Jagadish and G. Michailidis. A Graph Algebra for Visual Analytics, *Visualization and Data Analysis*, 2012.

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## **Haiquan (Victor) Chen**

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Auburn University '11  
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### **Teaching Interests**

(No)SQL Databases; Data Analytics and Mining;  
Dynamic Webs, Data Science Education.

### **Areas of Scholarship**

Machine Learning; Security on Location-based  
Social Networks; Cyber-Physical Systems.

### **Scholarship Statement**

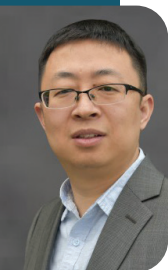
My goal is to develop scalable machine learning/secure algorithms for big data in urban spaces, including data sensing, management, analytics, and visualization, to tackle the issues that cities face.

### **Selected Publication**

"Scaling up Markov Logic Probabilistic Inference for Social Graphs," *IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (TKDE)*, '16  
"Leveraging Spatio-Temporal Redundancy for RFID Data Cleansing," *ACM International Conference on Mgmt. of Data (SIGMOD)*, '10

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## COMPUTER SCIENCE

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### **Jun Dai**

*Ph.D. Information Sciences and Technology*  
The Pennsylvania State University '14  
Associate Professor

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### **Teaching Interests**

Network Security; Computer Networking;  
Computer Forensics

### **Areas of Scholarship**

Network and Distributed System Security; Big  
Data in Enterprise Cyber Security Space; Cloud  
Security; Mobile Security.

### **Scholarship Statement**

Standing on the defense side of the cyber  
warfare, my research addresses emerging  
security concerns in large-scale networks or  
mobile systems. My work delivers macroscopic  
perspectives, and helps people identify new  
problems or get better solutions.

### **Selected Publication**

Yulong Dong, Jun Dai, Xiaoyan Sun, "A  
Mobile Botnet That Meets Up at Twitter."  
SecureComm 2018.

Nuha Aldausari, Cui Zhang, Jun Dai, "Combining  
Design by Contract and Inference Rules  
of Programming Logic towards Software  
Reliability." SECRIPT 2018.

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## **Nikrouz Faroughi**

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Michigan State University '87  
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### **Teaching Interests**

Digital Logic; Computer Architecture.

### **Areas of Scholarship**

Single and Multiprocessor Systems Architecture; Computer Security through Hardware.

### **Scholarship Statement**

As more data are created, processed, and transmitted, both demand for more powerful computers and the possibility of unauthorized access to data increase. Hardware—better than software—can play a role in keeping digital systems secure.

### **Selected Publications**

Textbook: "Digital Logic Design & Computer Organization, with computer architecture for security," McGraw-Hill Education, 2015.

"A Pipelined Salsal20 Encryption Hardware Accelerator," 2010 World Congress in Computer Science, Computer Engineering, and Applied Computing, Monte Carlo Resort & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada, July 2010. *With student Dayah Iman.*

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## COMPUTER SCIENCE

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### **V. Scott Gordon**

*Ph.D. Computer Science*

Colorado State University '94

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### Teaching Interests

Graphics Programming; Video Game Architecture; Artificial Intelligence; Computing Theory and Languages.

### Areas of Scholarship

3D Graphics/GPU Shader Programming; Artificial Intelligence; Neural and Evolutionary Computation.

### Scholarship Statement

My artificial intelligence research has focused on genetic algorithms, ant-colony optimization, game tree search, and neural networks. I am also interested in GPU shader programming and its application to 3D graphics, game engine architecture, and virtual reality.

### Selected Publications

Textbook Series: "Computer Graphics

Programming in OpenGL" (editions for C++ and Java), Mercury Learning, 2019.

Ray, Gordon, and Vaucher. "Evolving QWOP Gaits," 2014 Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference, Vancouver, BC.

## Ying Jin

*Ph.D. Computer Science and Engineering*  
Arizona State University '04  
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### Teaching Interests

Database Design, Database System Implementation, Data structures; Algorithm Analysis.

### Areas of Scholarship

Database Systems and Applications; Event and Rule Processing in Centralized and Distributed Environments; Data Security and Privacy.

### Scholarship Statement

My research focuses on various aspects related to data management such as database system structuring and application design, and data security. It facilitates data-centric application design in an efficient, secure way.

### Selected Publication

Y. Jin, V. Bharath, and J. Shah, "Active Rules in a Graph Database Environment", in the proceedings of the 35<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Computers and Their Applications, March 2020, San Francisco, California, USA.

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## COMPUTER SCIENCE

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### **Ted Krovetz**

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### Teaching Interests

Computer programming; Discrete mathematics; Design and Analysis of Algorithms; Compilers; Cryptography.

### Areas of Scholarship

High-speed Provable Symmetric Cryptography, Authenticated Encryption, Universal Hashing, Specification and Implementation of Cryptographic Algorithms.

### Scholarship Statement

My work focuses on making it harder to make mistakes when using cryptography and at the same time, making cryptography computationally less expensive. These two goals make good cryptography more attractive to use.

### Selected Publications

Krovetz & Rogaway, The OCB authenticated-encryption algorithm, RFC 7253, IETF, 2014.  
Krovetz & Rogaway, The software performance of authenticated-encryption modes, in *Fast Software Encryption* (FSE 2011), Springer, '11.

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**Pinar Muyan-Ozcelik**

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University of California, Davis '14

Associate Professor

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**Teaching Interests**

Computer Games and Graphics; Mobile Computing; and GPU Computing.

**Areas of Scholarship**

GPU Computing; Autonomous Driving; Mobile Computing; and Artificial Intelligence.

**Scholarship Statement**

My main research interests revolve around GPU computing and autonomous driving. I have also been conducting research on mobile computing, artificial intelligence, and pedagogy-related areas.

**Selected Publication**

Benchmarking Deep Learning Frameworks and Investigating FPGA Deployment for Traffic Sign Classification and Detection, Zhongyi Lin, Matthew Yih, Jeffrey M. Ota, John D. Owens, and Pinar Muyan-Ozcelik, In *Journal of IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Vehicles (T-IV)*, Volume 4, Issue 3, September 2019, pp. 385-395, doi: 10.1109/TIV.2019.2919458.

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## COMPUTER SCIENCE

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### **Jinsong Ouyang**

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University of New South Wales '97

Professor

Chair, Department of Computer Science

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### **Teaching Interests**

Distributed Systems; Data Structures and Algorithm Analysis; Operating Systems.

### **Areas of Scholarship**

Distributed Systems Including Cloud Computing, Mobile and Ubiquitous Computing, and Computer Networks.

### **Scholarship Statement**

My research has been in the areas of distributed systems and computer networks, especially focusing on manageability, dependability, and adaptability of distributed systems.

### **Selected Publication**

T.J. Distler and J. Ouyang. "Clock Synchronization for Distributed Media Applications." *Software: Practice and Experience*, 37(14): 1489-1514, 2007.

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## **Hady Ahmady Phoulady**

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University of South Florida, '17  
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### **Teaching Interests**

Machine Learning, Algorithm Design and Analysis, Data Structures, Programming

### **Areas of Scholarship**

Machine Learning, Digital Image Processing, Image Segmentation

### **Scholarship Statement**

My research focuses on developing Computer-Aided Diagnosis systems to process medical images. The main goal of my research is to classify medical images, detect and segment regions of interest such as cells and nuclei in images and quantify diseases.

### **Selected Publication**

Hady Ahmady Phoulady, Dmitry Goldgof, Lawrence O. Hall, and Peter R. Mouton. "A framework for nucleus and overlapping cytoplasm segmentation in cervical cytology extended depth of field and volume images." *Computerized Medical Imaging and Graphics*, 59, pp. 38-49, July 2017.

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## COMPUTER SCIENCE

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### **Ahmed M. Salem**

*Ph.D. Computer Science*

Florida Institute of Technology '01

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### **Teaching Interests**

Software Engineering, Software Testing and Quality Assurance, System Requirements Engineering.

### **Areas of Scholarship**

Requirements Specification and Design Modeling; Verification and Validation Methodology and Techniques; Information Assurance.

### **Scholarship Statement**

Research is an essential component in advancing our university and community. With research, new ideas, theories, and techniques are discovered which will enable us to explore greater heights and to achieve further goals in teaching and learning.

### **Selected Publication**

Ahmed M. Salem, Abrar A. Qureshi "Analysis of Inconsistencies in Object Oriented Metrics" *Journal of Software Engineering and Applications (JSEA)*, 2011.

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## Ghassan Shobaki

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University of California, Davis '06

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### Teaching Interests

Compilers; Algorithms; Theory of Computation; Operating Systems.

### Areas of Scholarship

Compiler Optimizations; Combinatorial Optimization Algorithms; System Performance.

### Scholarship Statement

My current research focuses on using intelligent search techniques to find more precise solutions to compiler optimization problems and using parallel computing to make it possible to apply such search techniques within reasonable compile time.

### Selected Publication

G. Shobaki, A. Kerbow, S. Mekhanoshin.

"Optimizing Occupancy and ILP on GPU Using a Combinatorial Approach." In *Proc. International Symposium on Code Generation and Optimization (CGO 2020)*, February 2020.

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## COMPUTER SCIENCE

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### **Xiaoyan (Sherry) Sun**

*Ph.D. Information Sciences and Technology*  
Pennsylvania State University '16  
Associate Professor and Computer  
Engineering Program Coordinator

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#### **Teaching Interests**

Computer networks; Network Security;  
System Security.

#### **Areas of Scholarship**

Enterprise-level Network/Distributed System  
Security; Cloud Security; Cyber Situational  
Awareness; Vehicular Ad hoc Network (VANET);  
Intelligent Transportation System (ITS).

#### **Scholarship Statement**

Cyber security intelligence is a major  
motivation of my research; it requires support  
from both advanced security techniques and  
cyber situation knowledge integration.  
I develop practical approaches or systems to  
address real-world cyber security problems.

#### **Selected Publication**

Sun, et al., "Using Bayesian Networks for  
Probabilistic Identification of Zero-day Attack  
Paths", IEEE Transactions on Information  
Forensics and Security (TIFS), 2018.

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### **Bang Trang**

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Pennsylvania State University '16  
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### **Teaching Interests**

Bioinformatics, Data Science, Computer Networks, Computer Organization.

### **Areas of Scholarship**

scRNA-seq analysis, spatial transcriptomics analysis, pathway analysis, cancer subtyping

### **Scholarship Statement**

My research focuses on single-cell RNA sequencing analysis which is driven by the immense potential of understanding cellular heterogeneity and its impact on biological systems. Through advanced computational techniques and innovative methodologies, I aim to unravel the intricacies of single-cell data, paving the way for novel insights into developmental biology and disease progression.

### **Selected Publication**

Tran, B., Tran, D., Nguyen, H., Ro, S., & Nguyen, T. (2022). scCAN: single-cell clustering using autoencoder and network fusion. *Nature Scientific Reports*, 12(1), 1-10.

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## COMPUTER SCIENCE

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### **Cui Zhang**

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Nanjing University, China '86

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### **Teaching Interests**

Programming Language Theories and Paradigms; Formal Methods for Secure Software Engineering; Software Architecture.

### **Areas of Scholarship**

Formal Methods for Secure Software Engineering; Software Architecture; Programming Language Theories and Paradigms.

### **Scholarship Statement**

Most of my recent research is related to secure software engineering, important to information assurance and security.

### **Selected Publications**

White, B., Dai, J. and Zhang, C. (2018)

"An early detection tool in Eclipse to support secure coding practices," *International Journal of Information Privacy, Security and Integrity*, Vol. 3, No. 4, pp. 284-309.

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CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

**Gareth Figgiess,  
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## CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

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### **Mikael Anderson, P.E.**

*M.S. Structural Engineering*  
University of California, Davis '98  
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#### **Teaching Interests**

Engineering: Analysis and Design, Building/  
Transportation; Construction Management:  
Labor and Equipment Productivity Analysis;  
Construction Safety: Federal & California OSHA  
Authorized Training Instructor.

#### **Areas of Scholarship**

Solar Decathlon Project: Design, Build and Test  
Full-scale Home to be Net Zero, Affordable,  
Sustainable, Aesthetic, and Water Conservation;  
Service Learning Projects: Hands-on Learning  
Projects for the Community.

#### **Scholarship Statement**

With a responsibility to prepare students for the  
work force, my scholarly work is focused on applied  
research and service learning projects to provide  
hands-on practical experience.

#### **Selected Publication**

Department of Energy 2015 Solar Decathlon  
Project Competition: co-principle investigator  
with Gareth Figgess Presentation, 2015.

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## **Gareth Figgess**

*MBA Business Administration*

California State University, Sacramento '11

Associate Professor

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### **Teaching Interests**

Heavy—Civil and General—Engineering Construction Cost-estimating and Management; Construction Surveying and Layout; Engineering Properties of Soils; Engineering Properties of Construction Materials.

### **Areas of Scholarship**

Net-Zero Residential Construction - U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon; Case-based Learning at the Undergraduate Level.

### **Scholarship Statement**

My work has brought students together from several disciplines across campus to build a home that produces more energy than it consumes. Our work will advance the current methods of residential construction to a more energy-efficient standard.

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## CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

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### **Karen Lee Hansen**

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Stanford University '93  
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#### **Teaching Interests**

C. E. Professional Practice; Sustainable Design and Construction; Project Management; Innovative Project Delivery.

#### **Areas of Scholarship**

Civil Engineering Professional Practice; Sustainability and Infrastructure Resilience; Design Build and Integrated Project Delivery.

#### **Scholarship Statement**

I am highly motivated to communicate the value of C. E. and C. M. to those outside the profession as a way of elevating the public discussion regarding our decaying infrastructure and of attracting potential students.

#### **Selected Publication**

Hansen, Karen L. & Zenobia, Kent E. (2011). *Civil Engineer's Handbook of Professional Practice*. ASCE and John Wiley & Sons, Hoboken, NJ.

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**Jason Miller**

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California Baptist University '21  
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**Teaching Interests**

Construction Management, Project Management, Scheduling, and Estimating

**Areas of Scholarship**

Construction Ethics and Business Culture, and Construction Leadership

**Scholarship Statement**

I am focused on improving the industry to enhance the organizational culture and cultivate an inclusive, ethical, and sustainable environment.

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## CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

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### **Atefeh Mohammadpour, P.E., PMP**

*Ph.D. Architectural Engineering*  
Pennsylvania State University '14  
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#### **Teaching Interests**

Construction Surveying & Layout, Cost Estimating, Project Management and Planning, Construction Safety, and Sustainable Construction.

#### **Areas of Scholarship**

Artificial Intelligence Applications in Construction Industry, Sustainable Construction, and Construction Safety.

#### **Scholarship Statement**

As my interdisciplinary research interests have evolved over the years, I have focused on innovative approaches to using artificial intelligence, various aspects of sustainability, and preventive measures to improve safety in the construction industry.

#### **Selected Publication**

Mottahedi. Multi-linear regression models to predict the annual energy consumption of an office building with different shapes. *Procedia engineering*. 2015;118. doi:10.1016/j.proeng.2015.08.495

### **Tarek Salama**

*Ph.D. Building Engineering*  
Concordia University '18  
Assistant Professor

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### **Teaching Interests**

Project Management; Modular Construction; Planning and Scheduling; Cost Estimating; Lean Construction; Building Information Modeling.

### **Areas of Scholarship**

Optimized Planning and Scheduling for Modular and Offsite Construction; BIM and Lean tools for Modular Construction.

### **Scholarship Statement**

With my research and industrial experience, I develop cross-disciplinary research topics in construction management, modular construction, and structural engineering. These cross-disciplinary topics allow students to explore the theoretical background and understand the links among abstract theories and real-world applications.

### **Selected Publication**

Salama, et al., "Near Optimum Selection of Module Configuration for Efficient Modular Construction," *Automation in Construction Journal*, ISSN 0926-5805, 83, pp. 316-329, 2017.

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Electrical and Electronic Engineers design electrical systems that generate and distribute power for lighting and transportation, as well as electronic systems such as computers, sensors and controls for robots, cell phones, and other communication devices. Electrical and Electronic Engineers build the technology—very large to very small—on which modern civilization depends.

# ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING





## ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

### **Jean-Pierre R. Bayard**

*Ph.D. Electrical Engineering*

University of Massachusetts, Amherst '90

Professor

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#### **Teaching Interests**

Circuits; Network Analysis, Electromagnetics

#### **Areas of Scholarship**

Use of technology in teaching and learning;  
Use of analytics for assessment.

#### **Scholarship Statement**

My research centers around the effective and evidence-based use of technology in teaching and learning: This includes the evaluation of new tools and their impact in the classroom and in other e-learning modalities and developing processes and methods for continuously evaluating the learning that takes place with these tools, while making the appropriate adjustments to increase student success.

#### **Selected Publication**

Kathy Fernandes, Brett Christie, Jean-Pierre Bayard & Leslie Kennedy, "Large-Scale Course Redesign: Putting Reflection Into Action," *Journal of Change: The Magazine of Higher Learning*, 51(3), pp 34 - 43, May 28, 2019.

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California State University, Sacramento '81  
Full-time Lecturer



**Teaching Interests**

Systems Design; Hardware and Software Systems; Circuits; Programmable Logic; Microprocessors and Micro-controllers; Incorporating Technology into Teaching Techniques.

**Areas of Scholarship**

Proven and Promising Course Redesign; Professional Engineering; Licensing and Review Courses; Center for Teaching and Learning Mentor to Help Faculty Incorporate Techniques and Technology into Teaching.

**Scholarship Statement**

I am looking for systems engineering solutions to today's problems and ways to help the community and industry provide better solutions to the challenging situations faced in today's world.

**Selected Publication**

Chancellor's Office proposal and grant for Proven Course Redesign for Engineering Electric Circuits using MIT's edX MOOC 6002.x course materials, 2013 to 2014.

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## ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

### **Mohammed Eltayeb**

*Ph.D. Electrical Engineering*

University of Akron '14

Associate Professor

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#### **Teaching Interests**

Communication Systems; Wireless Systems;  
Digital Signal Processing; Computer Networks.

#### **Areas of Scholarship**

Analysis of Millimeter Wave Systems for 5G;  
Hybrid Precoding and Channel Estimation;  
Millimeter Wave Connected Vehicles.

#### **Scholarship Statement**

The abundance of bandwidth in the millimeter wave (mmWave) spectrum enables giga-bit-per-second data rates for cellular and local area networks. My work revolves in the analysis and design of mmWave systems and their applications in cellular and vehicular networks.

#### **Selected Publication**

M. Eltayeb, J. Choi, T. Al-Naffouri, and R. Heath, "Enhancing Secrecy with Multi-Antenna Transmission in Millimeter Wave Vehicular Communication Systems," *IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology*, no.99, pp.1-1, 2017.

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## **Amir Javan Khoshkholgh**

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Polytechnic University of Turin, Italy '15

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### **Teaching Interests**

Electric circuits, Signals and systems, Electronics, Analog and mixed signal integrated circuits

### **Areas of Scholarship**

Bioelectronics, Wearable and implantable medical devices, Bioinstrumentation, Signal acquisition and processing of human neurophysiology.

### **Scholarship Statement**

Medical electronics and emerging point-of-care technologies have transformed the concept of public health. The development of wearable devices for continuously monitoring human biomarkers and intelligent implantable systems for delivering electroceutical therapies is the foundation for the prognosis and treatment of a broad spectrum of neurophysiological disorders

### **Selected Publication**

Javan-Khoshkholgh A., & Farajidavar A. (2019). An Implantable Inductive Near-Field Communication System with 64 Channels for Acquisition of Gastrointestinal Bioelectrical Activity. *Journal of Sensors*. 19(12), e2810.

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## ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

### **Preetham B. Kumar**

*Ph.D. Electrical Engineering*

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)

Madras, India '93

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### **Teaching Interests**

Electric Circuits; Electro-magnetics;  
Communication Systems; Wireless Systems;  
Digital Signal Processing (DSP); Microwave  
Engineering.

### **Areas of Scholarship**

Design of RF and Microwave Systems for Wireless  
Applications; Broadband Antenna Array Design;  
Microwave Hyperthermia Systems for Adjuvant  
Cancer Treatment.

### **Scholarship Statement**

The design of high frequency circuits and antennas  
for wireless systems, and the application of micro-  
wave and Radio frequency (RF) energy for cancer  
therapy by hyperthermia or heat treatment.

### **Selected Publications**

B.P. Kumar, *Digital Signal Processing Laboratory*, CRC  
Press, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, January 2005.

U.S. Patent 6998930: Tabatchnick, Johnson, Kumar  
& Thakkar, "Miniaturized Planar Microstrip Balun,"  
February 2006.

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## **Milica Markovic**

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University of Colorado, Boulder '97

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### **Teaching Interests**

Electromagnetics; Microwave Engineering; Antennas.

### **Areas of Scholarship**

Modeling of High-efficiency Communication Circuits; Quasi-optical Circuits and Metamaterials.

### **Scholarship Statement**

Microwave circuits and antennas enable communication devices to move around unobstructed by cables. My scholarship revolves around understanding how to make devices more efficient so that the batteries in devices last longer.

### **Selected Publication**

Abulghasim, Mohanad, Justin Tabatchnick, and Milica Markovic. "Comparison of Embedded Coplanar Waveguide and Stripline for Multi-Layer Boards." in *Journal of Signal Integrity*, April 2019.

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## ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

### **Praveen Meduri**

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Old Dominion University '11  
Associate Professor

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#### **Teaching Interests**

Electronics, Circuit Design, Embedded Systems, Digital VLSI Design and Analog Integrated Circuits.

#### **Areas of Scholarship**

Analog and Digital VLSI Design, Ultra Low-power Subthreshold Logic Design, MEMS Design, Computer Aided Design of Integrated Circuits.

#### **Scholarship Statement**

My main research agenda is to apply rigorous mathematical techniques like global optimization algorithms to automate the design of Analog Subsystems. These analog subsystems find applications in fields ranging from MEMS inertial sensors to hearing-aid devices and other embedded systems.

#### **Selected Publication**

Praveen K. Meduri & Shirshak K. Dhali, A  
*Methodology For Automatic Transistor-Level Sizing Of CMOS OpAmps*, proceedings of  
IEEE 24<sup>th</sup> Int. Conference on VLSI Design, 2011.

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## **Rohollah Moghadam**

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Missouri University of Science and  
Technology, '20

Assistant Professor

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### **Teaching Interests**

Control Systems, Neural Network, Machine Learning, Robotics, Embedded Systems Design

### **Areas of Scholarship**

Systems and Control, Distributed Control of Multi-agent Systems, Cyber-physical Systems, Robot Decision and Control, Neural Network, Machine Learning in Feedback Control Systems, Reinforcement Learning, Embedded Systems

### **Scholarship Statement**

Developing novel learning-based control approaches for complex feedback systems, designing and implementation of cooperative control for multi-robot applications and researching novel resilient control protocols for cyber-physical systems under cyber-attacks;

### **Selected Publications**

R.Moghadam & Modares, "Resilient Autonomous Control of Distributed Multi-agent Systems in Contested Environments", IEEE Transaction on Cybernetics, 2019, 49(11), 3957-3967

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## ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

### **Zahra Najafi**

*Ph.D. Biomedical Engineering*  
University of Akron, Ohio '15  
Assistant Professor

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#### **Teaching Interests**

Embedded Systems; Digital Design and Analysis; Digital Signal Processing; Biomedical Instrumentation.

#### **Areas of Scholarship**

Wearable Monitors; Digital System Design; Biomedical Device Development.

#### **Scholarship Statement**

My research focuses on the field of embedded systems design, which is an integration of concepts from signal processing, computer programming, and electronics with the practical side of designing and implementing circuits for medical and wearables applications

#### **Selected Publications**

Mahajan A. and Najafi Z. (2017). Surgical Apparatus with Force Sensor for Extraction of Substances within the Body. US Patent Publication Number: 20170020541.

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**Jing Pang**

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Ohio University '03  
Professor



**Teaching Interests**

Digital Design and Analysis; Micro-computers; Static Timing Analysis.

**Areas of Scholarship**

Digital Design; Microcomputers; Digital System Analysis.

**Scholarship Statement**

Most of my research revolves around trying to understand how digital design can be optimized for performance and cost. My discoveries help make digital design more affordable.

**Selected Publications**

- J. Pang, "Variance Window Based Car License Plate Localization," *Journal of Computer and Communications*, 2014
- J. Pang, "Remote Hand Motion Detection and Monitoring with Noise Reduction," Chapter 12, *IAENG Transactions on Engineering Technologies Lecture Notes in Electrical Engineering*, Vol. 170, Springer Publication, 2013.

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## ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

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Louisiana State University '15

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### **Teaching Interests**

Power: Quality, Theory, Systems, Protection, and Electronics.

### **Areas of Scholarship**

Power quality of power systems and microgrids in the presence of non-sinusoidal and/or unbalanced voltages and currents; Advanced metering infrastructure's adoption of power quality identification and metering; Power quality issues with power electronics and protection devices.

### **Scholarship Statement**

Power quality is an issue with the traditional power system's adoption of new technology. Investigating century-old power theories and standards will help us understand and create a more efficient and durable power system.

### **Selected Publication**

Toups T.N., "Designing a Dynamic Balancing Compensator for Unbalanced Loads in a Three Phase Power System" IGESSC 2019.

**Suresh Vadhva**

*Ph.D. Electrical and Computer Engineering*  
University of New Mexico '82  
Professor



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**Teaching Interests**

Computer System Design; Computer Architecture and Organization; Digital Systems.

**Areas of Scholarship**

Smart Grid; Computer System Design and Architecture.

**Scholarship Statement**

My research focuses on Smart Grid, Computer Architecture and System Design.

**Selected Publication**

Tatro, R., Vadhva, S., Kaur, Puneet, Shahpatel, Niral, Dixon, Jeremy, Alzanoon, & Karim. "Building to Grid (B2G) at the California Smart Grid Center." Presented at IEEE IRI International Conference, Las Vegas, NV. 2010.

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## ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

### **Atousa Yazdani**

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Missouri University of Science  
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Associate Professor

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#### **Teaching Interests**

Electromechanics; Power Electronics; Power System.

#### **Areas of Scholarship**

Power Electronics and their Application in Power System; Power System Dynamic Analysis; Power Quality.

#### **Scholarship Statement**

I am interested in researching new methods for control and maintenance of the power grid, challenged by intermittent generation. Also, I am willing to work on implementation and optimization of possible solutions to enhance system reliability and quality of energy delivery.

#### **Selected Publication**

Yazdani, A.; Sepahvand, H.; Crow, M.L.; Ferdowsi, M., "Fault Detection and Mitigation in Multilevel Converter STATCOMs," *IEEE Transactions on Industrial Electronics*, 2011, vol. 58, no. 4. pp. 1307-1315.

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## **Mahyar Zarghami**

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Missouri University of Science  
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Professor

Chair, Department of Electrical and  
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### **Teaching Interests**

Power system analysis; FACTS and HVDC; Power system dynamics and stability; Renewable energy systems.

### **Areas of Scholarship**

Power system dynamics and stability, Applications of FACTS and HVDC in the operation and control of power systems; Integration of renewables in power systems; Modeling and simulation of transmission and distribution systems; Applications of synchronized measurements in wide-area control and protection of power systems.

### **Scholarship Statement**

I am interested in improving the operation, control, and reliability of electric power systems through implementation of new technologies.

### **Selected Publication**

"A Wide-Area Loss-Index based method for voltage instability protection," selected as one of the best conference papers in IEEE PES General Meeting, 2014.

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Mechanical engineers design complex systems of machinery and equipment used in transportation, manufacturing and energy production such as aircraft, earthbound vehicles, power generation plants, manufacturing equipment, food production, robotics, biomedical devices, computer systems and components. Mechanical engineers create the devices used in our everyday lives and design the technology that will define the future.

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### **Estelle M. Eke**

*Ph.D. Aeronautics and Astronautics*  
Rice University '85  
Professor

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#### Teaching Interests

Controls; Dynamics; Programming with Matlab and Simulink.

#### Areas of Scholarship

Controls; Dynamics; Modeling of Mechatronics Systems.

#### Scholarship Statement

Use of computer simulations and hands-on approaches to design control systems that satisfy some desired outcome are essential skills for engineers. For example, robots apply principles of controls in performing tasks that are hazardous to humans.

#### Selected Publication

Eniko T. Enikov and Estelle Eke, "Teaching a Classical Control System Course with Portable Student-owned Mechatronics Kits," *ASME 2012 International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition*, Volume 5: Education and Globalization, 2012.

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**Teaching Interests**

Modeling and Simulation of Mechatronics and Control Systems; Dynamic Finite Elements Analysis of Rigid and Flexible Multi-body Systems; Vehicle Dynamics and Design (Ground and Space Vehicles).

**Areas of Scholarship**

Computer Simulation Methods to assist Engineers and Scientists; Dynamic Systems Design and Research; 3D Computer Models using Solid Modeling and Finite Elements; Bond Graph Modeling Technique as applied to Mechatronics and Control Systems.

**Scholarship Statement**

Computer models and simulations provide engineers and scientists with tools to understand complex systems before anything is built.

**Selected Publication**

Borutzky, & Granda "Bond Graph Modelling of Engineering Systems: Automating the Process for Modeling and Simulation of Mechatronics Systems," ISBN 978-1-4419-9367-0, 2011.

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## MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

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### **Patrick Homen**

*M.S. M.E. Candidate California State University, Sacramento '16*  
*B.S. Biological Sciences, University of California, Davis '79*  
Full-time Lecturer

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### Teaching Interests

Material Science; Engineering Mechanics; Composite Materials.

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### Areas of Scholarship

Biomedical Engineering; Mechanical Engineering; Composite Materials.

### Scholarship Statement

My scholarship curricula and research are focused on sustainability issues in society.

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University of Massachusetts, Amherst '94

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**Teaching Interests**

Engineering Mechanics, Machine Design,  
Mechanisms, Robotics, Biomimetics, and  
Engineering Entrepreneurship.

**Areas of Scholarship**

Biomimicry, Product design, Curriculum and  
Pedagogy.

**Selected Publications**

Jawaharlal, M., Vargas, G., and Gutierrez, L. "The  
Plant Kingdom in Engineering Design: Learning  
to Design from Trees." Proc. of the ASME 2017  
Int. Mech. Engin. Congress & Exposition. Vol.  
11: Systems, Design, and Complexity. Tampa,  
Florida, USA. Nov. 3–9, 2017.

Jawaharlal, M., Ellingwood, S., and Thokchom, K.  
"Life Centered Design Using Morphological  
Chart." Proc. of the ASME 2016 Int. Mech. Engin.  
Congress & Exposition. Vol. 11: *Systems, Design,  
and Complexity*. Phoenix, Arizona, USA. Nov.  
11–17, 2016.

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## MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

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### **Akihiko Kumagai**

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University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee '93

Professor

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#### Teaching Interests

Manufacturing Processes; Product Development; Industrial Controls and Automation.

#### Areas of Scholarship

Manufacturing; Robotics; Automation; Mechatronics; Medical devices.

#### Scholarship Statement

My scholarly work focuses on designing and developing mechanical systems for applications such as manufacturing, medical devices, miniature mechanisms, and space exploration.

#### Selected Publication

Mojica, J., Kumagai, A., and Marsh, S., "Vibration Suppression Drafting Arm for Tremor Patients," Proceedings of the ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exhibition, San Diego, CA, November, 2013, Paper No. IMECE2013-65217.

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University of Oklahoma '05  
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**Teaching Interests**

Thermodynamics and Thermal-Fluid Systems; Sustainable Energy Systems (Bioenergy, Solar Thermal, Geothermal, Energy Storage, etc.).

**Areas of Scholarship**

Food and Brewery Process Technology and Packaging; Sustainable Energy and Energy Efficiency; Heat and Fluid Flow.

**Scholarship Statement**

Current externally-funded research projects include appliance energy efficiency testing for the California Energy Commission and computational analysis of sprinter aerodynamics.

**Selected Publication**

Marbach, T.L., "Significant Learning in Renewable Energy," Proceedings of the 121<sup>st</sup> ASEE Annual Conference and Exhibition, Paper No. 8622, 2014.

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## MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

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### **Alan Meier, P.E.**

*Ph.D. Metallurgical & Materials Engineering*  
Colorado School of Mines '94  
Assistant Professor

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### Teaching Interests

Materials Science and Engineering: Introduction to Materials, Physical Metallurgy, Mechanical Behavior, Ceramics, Materials Selection and Design, and Composites/Lightweight Materials.

### Areas of Scholarship

Materials Engineering; Surfaces and Interfaces; Mechanical Behavior; Lightweight Materials; Failure Analysis.

### Scholarship Statement

My research is based on understanding the relationships between processing, microstructure, and mechanical properties for ceramic brazing, general composite interfaces, surfaces, and bulk materials including wetting, reaction kinetics, microstructural characterization, and the evaluation of mechanical properties.

### Selected Publication

Meier, et al. "Microstructural Development and Mechanical Properties for Reactive Air Brazing of ZTA to Ni Alloys Using Ag-CuO Braze Alloys", *Advanced Engineering Materials*, 16 [12] (2014).

**Marcus Romani**

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California State University, Sacramento '05

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**Teaching Interests**

HVAC Analysis and Design; Heat Transfer; Solar Thermal Systems.

**Areas of Scholarship**

Passive Solar Design for Buildings; Night Sky Radiative Cooling.

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## MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

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### **Sarvenaz Sobhansarband**

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#### Teaching Interests

Thermal and Fluid Sciences, Applied Thermodynamics, Heat Transfer, Advanced Heat Transfer, HVAC

#### Areas of Scholarship

Solar Thermal, Thermal Energy Storage, Thermal Management Systems, Computational Fluid Dynamics, Thermal and Energy Analysis.

#### Scholarship Statement

My research work is in the area of thermal and fluid sciences, with the focus on solar thermal technologies and energy storage systems, as well as design/optimization of thermal management systems (TMS) for high power applications. These efforts include CFD/hybrid numerical modeling and experimental analysis.

#### Selected Publication

Pawar, V. R., & Sobhansarbandi, S. (2020). CFD modeling of a thermal energy storage based heat pipe evacuated tube solar collector. *Journal of Energy Storage*, 30, 101528.

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## **Kenneth Sprott**

*Ph.D. Mechanical Engineering*

University of California, Davis '00

Professor

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### Teaching Interests

Mechanical and Machine Design; Dynamics; Mechatronics; Tolerance Analysis; Computer Aided Design.

### Areas of Scholarship

Manufacturing Technology.

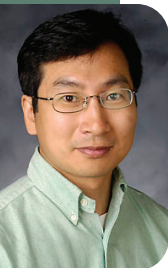
### Scholarship Statement

My research is in the area of generating new methods for converting CAD geometry into five-axis CNC tool paths. My research should make it easier to connect a desired surface geometry to the actual kinematics of the machine tool that will create the surface. I am also interested in finding new ways to interpret/teach tolerance analysis for product design.

### Selected Publication

K. Sprott and B. Ravani, Cylindrical milling of ruled surfaces, *International Journal of Advanced Manufacturing Technology*, 2008; 38:649-56.

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**Yong S. Suh**

*Ph.D. Mechanical Engineering*  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute '95  
Professor

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**Teaching Interests**

Computer-Aided Design; Computer-Aided Manufacturing; Engineering Graphics; Machine Design; Design Theory and Methodology; Product Design.

**Areas of Scholarship**

CAD/CAM Product Design; Computer-aided Design Automation, Shape and Geometric Modeling; Simulations; Computer graphics applications.

**Scholarship Statement**

Computer integrated design and manufacturing enhances the creativity of quality products, decreasing the costs of the product life-cycle and impact on the environment.

**Selected Publication**

Suh, "Development of educational software for beam loading analysis using pen-based user interfaces," *Journal of Computational Design and Engineering*, 1 (1), 2014.

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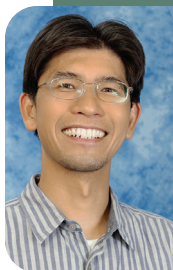
## **Hong-Yue (Ray) Tang**

*Ph.D. Mechanical and Aeronautical  
Engineering '09*

University of California, Davis

Assistant Professor

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### Teaching Interests

Manufacturing; Control Systems; Intelligent Systems; and Mechatronics.

### Areas of Scholarship

Multi-physics modeling of complex systems; Energy systems; Sustainable technologies; and Manufacturing technologies: robotics, simulation, and automation.

### Scholarship Statement

Effective use of resources is important. As engineers, we turn design ideas into reality to improve quality of life. My work focuses on design, manufacturing, and related areas to enable a sustainable future.

### Selected Publication

Hong-Yue Tang, Anthony D. Santamaria, John Bachman, Jae Wan Park, "Vacuum-assisted Drying of Polymer Electrolyte Membrane Fuel Cell," *Applied Energy*, 107, pp. 264-270, 2013.

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## MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

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### **Troy D. Topping**

*Ph.D. Materials Science and Engineering*

University of California, Davis '12

Professor

Chair, Department of Mechanical Engineering

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### **Teaching Interests**

Engineering Materials; Mechanical Behavior of Materials; Synthesis, Processing and Characterization of Advanced Materials; Materials for Extreme Environments; Research Methods.

### **Areas of Scholarship**

Nanostructured Aluminum Alloys and Their Composites; Thermomechanical Processing of Ultra-fine Grained Materials; Ultra-high Performance Materials for Extreme Environments; Powder Metallurgy.

### **Scholarship Statement**

My research on developing ultra-high performance materials to be implemented for extreme applications such as vehicle armor, aerospace, and oil and gas exploration can save lives and conserve energy in the long term.

### **Selected Publication**

L. Kurmanaeva, T. D. Topping, et al., "Strengthening mechanisms and deformation behavior of cryo-milled Al-Cu-Mg-Ag alloy," *Journal of Alloys and Compounds*, vol. 632, 2015.

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## **Ilhan Tuzcu**

*Ph.D. Mechanical Engineering*

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and  
State University '01

Professor

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### **Teaching Interests**

Dynamics, Vibrations, Controls, Advanced Dynamics, Flight Dynamics, Aircraft Structures, Advanced Engineering Mathematics.

### **Areas of Scholarship**

Dynamics and control of flexible aircraft and spacecraft, Thermoelasticity and its control, Stability and control theory.

### **Scholarship Statement**

My research in the area of dynamics and control of flexible aircraft can help design more flexible, and hence, lighter aircraft, consuming less fuel. This results in more cost-efficient and environment-friendly flight.

### **Selected Publication**

Tuzcu, I. and Nguyen, N, "Flutter of Maneuvering Aircraft," *ASCE Journal of Aerospace Engineering*, 28(4), 2015.

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## MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

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### **Rustin Vogt**

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