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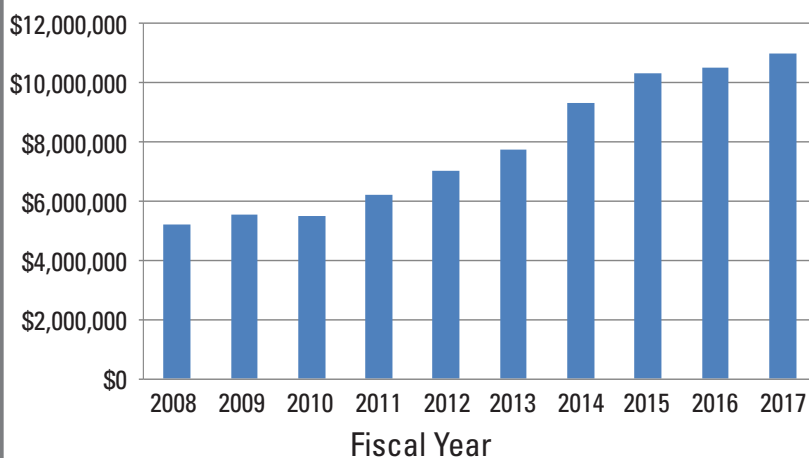
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Department Operations

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Departmental General University Budget



Personnel (Full-Time Equivalent)

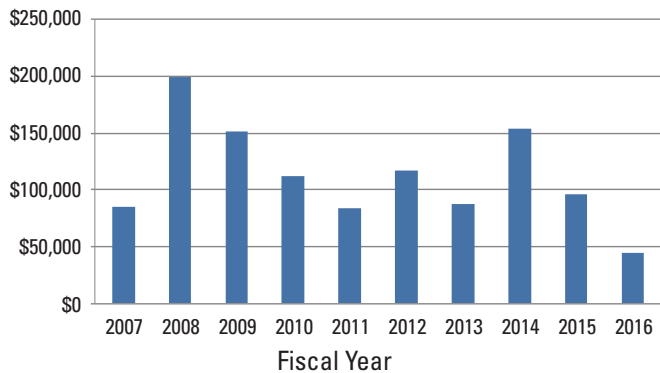
Tenure and Tenure-Track Faculty	41.50
Non-Tenure Eligible Lecturers	13.33
P&S and Merit Staff	26.80

Research Sponsors (partial list)

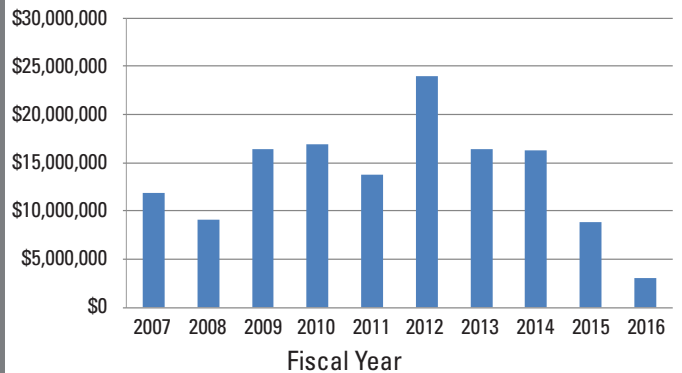
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Carbon Solutions Inc.	Molecular Express Inc. - DBA Aptalogic Inc.
Columbia University	NASA
Cornell University	National Science Foundation
Deere & Company	Sabco Petrochemicals BV
Department of Agriculture	Sandia Corporation-Sandia National Laboratories
Department of Defense	University of California-San Diego
Department of Energy	University of Texas-Austin

Cover Image: Students operate a coordinate measurement machine (CMM) in one of the ME labs. Photo by Dan McClanahan.

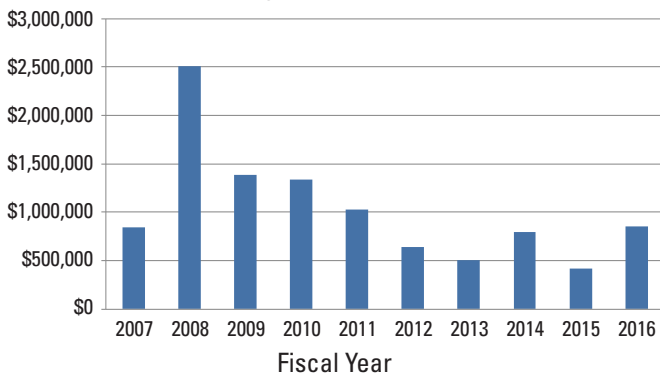
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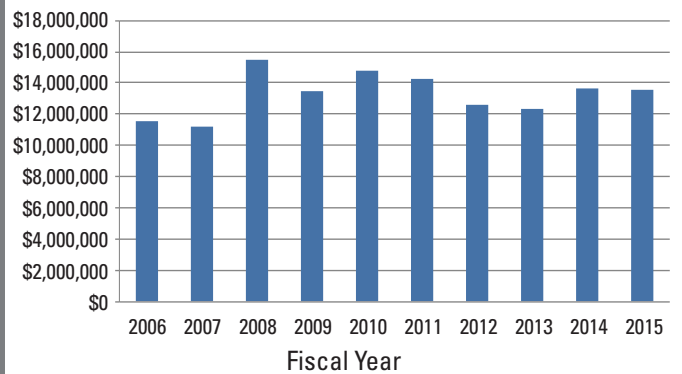
Sponsored Funding Awards Received



Private Giving: Total Gift Production



Research Expenditures



Named Faculty Positions

- Anson Marston Distinguished Professor of Engineering*
Robert Brown
- Bergles Professor of Thermal Science*
Ted Heindel
- Gary and Donna Hoover Chair in Mechanical Engineering*
Robert Brown
- Joseph and Elizabeth Anderlik Professor in Engineering*
Judy Vance
- Larry and Pam Pithan Professor of Mechanical Engineering*
Jim Oliver
- Lynn Gleason Professor of Interdisciplinary Engineering*
Caroline Hayes
- Schafer 2050 Challenge Professor*
Valery Levitas
- William March Scholar in Mechanical Engineering*
Sarah Bentil

Research

Journal Papers Published	165
Conference Papers Published	205
Sections/Chapters in Books	10
Patents	8
Doctoral Dissertations	15
Master's Theses/Projects	19

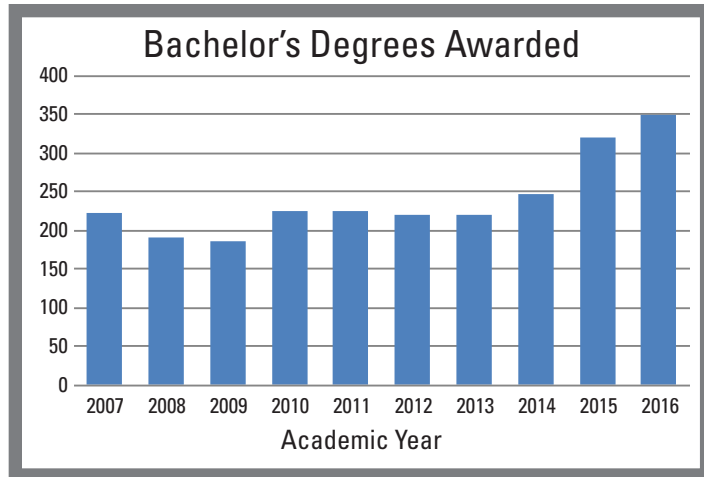
Professional Society Fellows

American Society of Mechanical Engineers

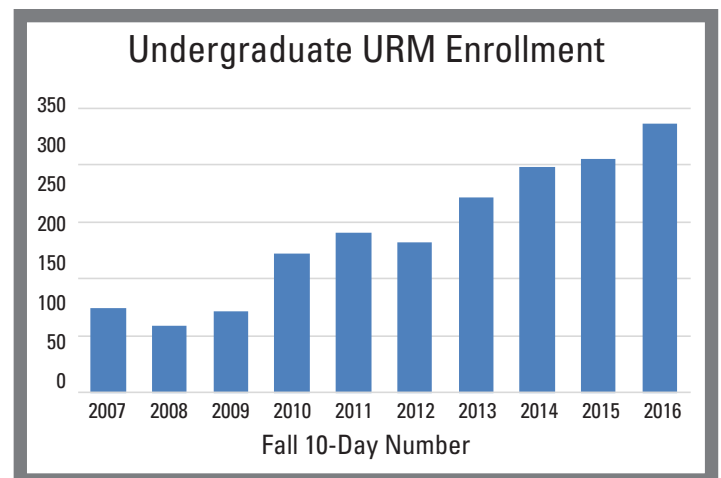
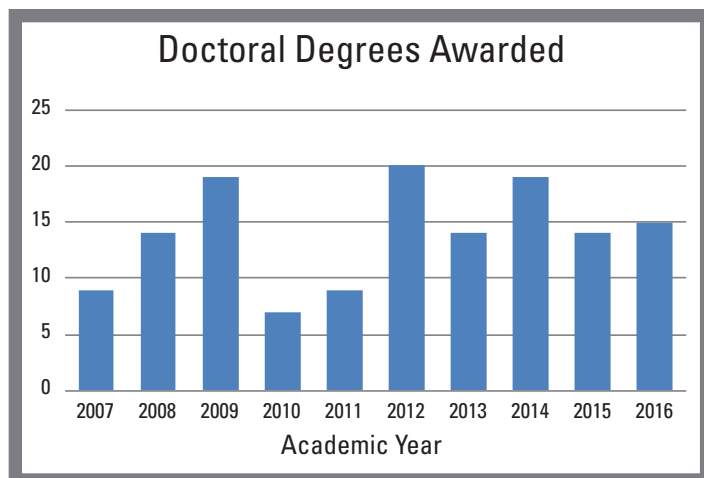
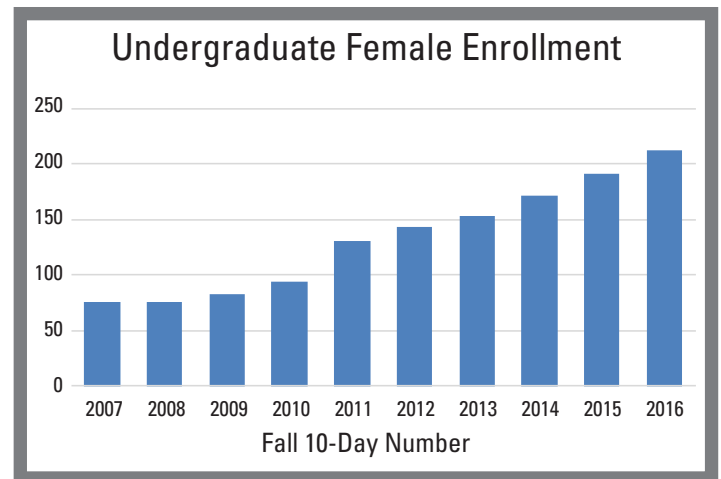
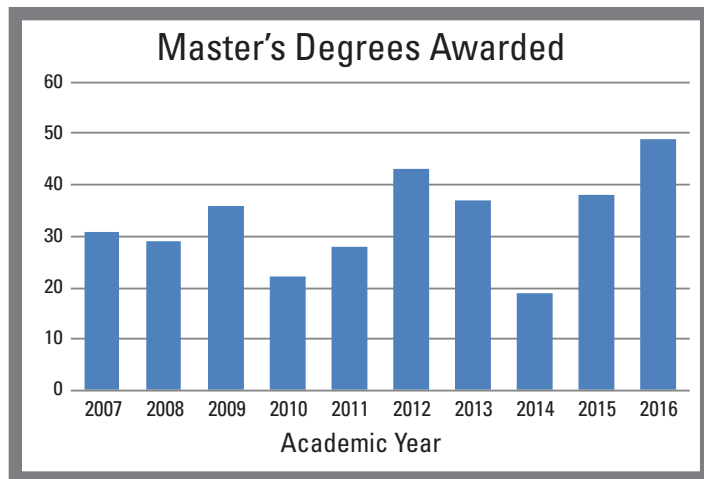
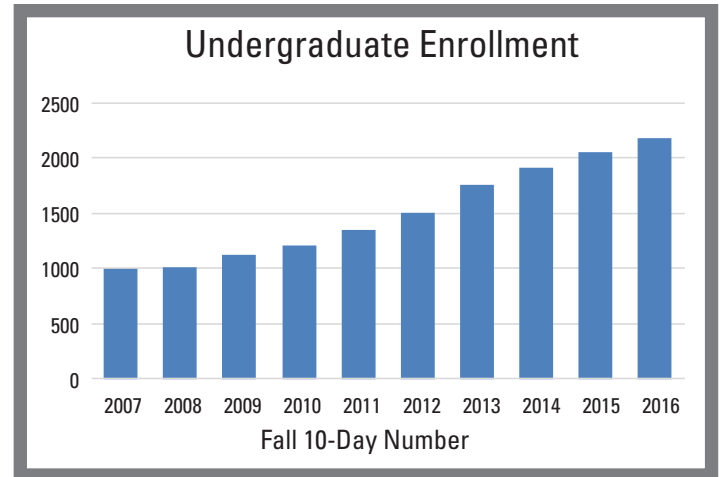
Robert Brown	Jim Oliver
Abhijit Chandra	Sriram Sundararajan
Caroline Hayes	Judy Vance
Ted Heindel	Xinwei Wang
Atul Kelkar	Jonathan Wickert

ME Statistics

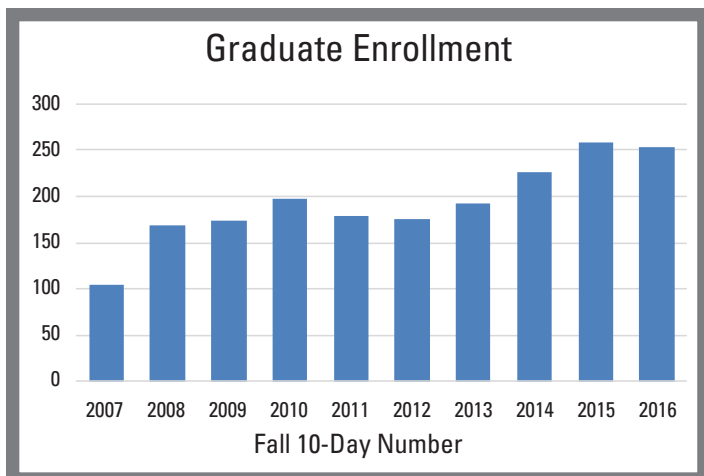
Degrees Awarded



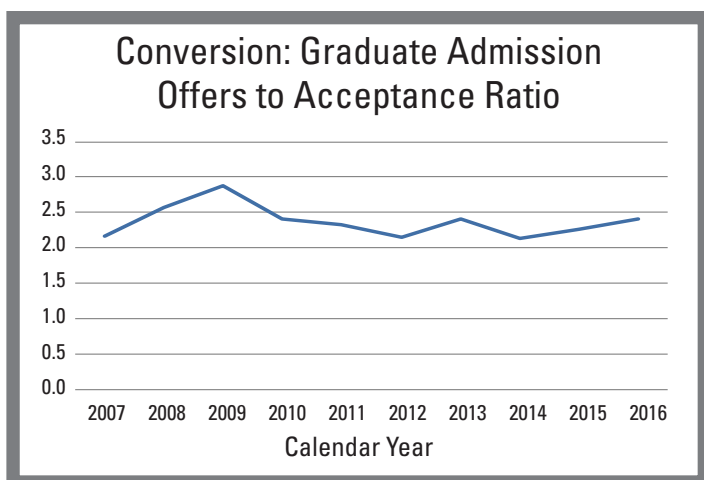
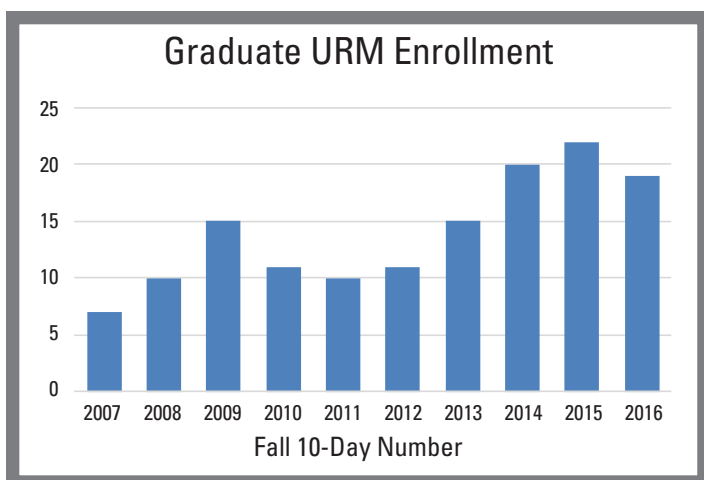
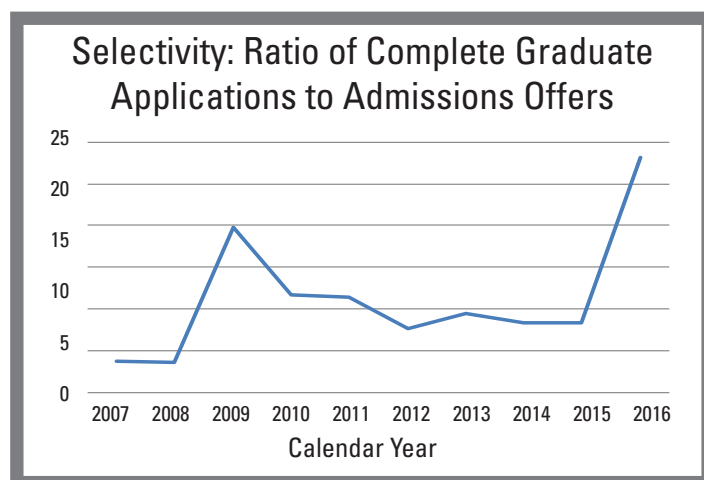
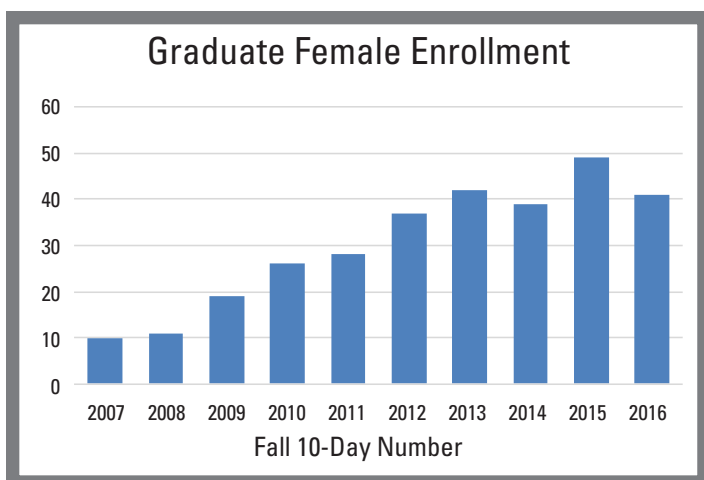
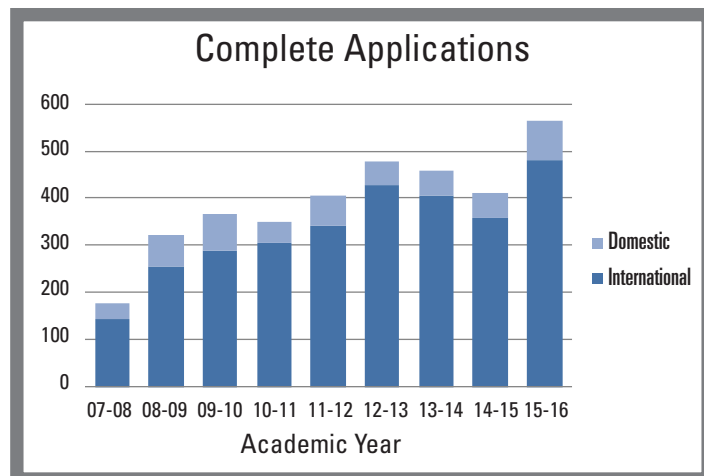
Undergraduate Enrollment



Graduate Enrollment



Graduate Program Recruitment



Undergraduate Program Highlights

Program Updates

Mechanical Engineering has reached a milestone – we are now the largest ME program in the US in terms of number of undergraduate students, with a fall enrollment of nearly 2200 students. As has been the case in recent years, our growth continues to be fueled by a very strong job market for ME students, as well as our Department's regional reputation as a leader in engineering education. ME students also make up a very significant portion of the overall enrollment at ISU. In fact, the growth of ME accounted for nearly 20% of the enrollment growth of the entire University over the past year. However, the true indicator of our success has been the ability of our program to add teaching, laboratory and student advising capacity to keep up with our tremendous growth.

Recent Developments

We have had the great fortune to hire three new undergraduate program staff members in the past year. Matt Dikeman and Aliza MacKenzie joined our Kiewit Student Services staff as Academic Advisers. Matt has a background in university admissions, while Aliza comes to us with experience in residence life. Like all of our excellent advising staff, they have a rich diversity of background and expertise which our students benefit from. We are also very fortunate to have welcomed Kristin Clemens into her new position as Undergraduate Program Assistant this year. She did an outstanding job in our Graduate Program office, and she draws on a rich background in administrative positions at academic institutions before joining ISU. With Kristin, Aliza and Matt and all of our wonderful staff, the outlook for our undergraduate program is very bright.



Cris Schwartz
Associate Chair
for Undergraduate
Studies

Senior Design Projects

ME 415 - Fall 2015

Small Industry Projects

AME Company - Shank/Face Plate Mating

- Tam Deo, Timothy Pikul, Mahmaud Parto, Joshua Andringa

D&B Agro – 3-Blade Fan Design Optimization

- Rasheed Ashussami, Mike Libbey, Jonathan Siefkes; Kevin Smetana; Kaleb Tenhaken*
- James Andresen, Michael Becker*, Carter Gibson, Austin Hillinger, James Slagle

Eaton Corporation – Implementation of Flex Dies at Roll-Straighten Operation

- Rasheed Ashussami, Mike Libbey, Jonathan Siefkes, Kevin Smetana, Kaleb Tanhaken*
- James Andresen, Michael Becker*, Carter Gibson, Austin Hillinger, James Slagle
- Rashed Almarzouqi, Zach Masters, Jake Stafford, Calvin Vernon

Hach Company – Safe Lift System for Material Storage

- Thomas Bezdichek Pfahning, Kyle Granat, Tom Harmet, Kenny Luse, Matthew Minnick*, Timothy Morgan

Jacobs Corporation - Roll Shell Assembly Press Load/Unload System

- Lindsay Beery, Cody Carlentine, Lauren Foxwell, Eric Johnson, Derek Kieidler, Kyle Pals, Collin Schmidt, Doug Schmidt, Andrew Walag, Jay Young

PMW Equipment Company - Vision System for Evaluating Performance of Enclosed Commercial Parts Washers

- Yiwei Gao, Mark Mendick*, Erik Quinn, Dan Wolf
- Kyle Brewington, Daniel Clements, Brady Dingeldein, Trevor Ryba*, Jacob Vos

Large Industry Projects

Caterpillar Corporation - Coupon Polishing Machine

- Ella Grarup, Gabriel J. McCoy, Christopher Schmidt, Carlton Stripe

Caterpillar Corporation - Redesign of Surface Rock Drills Rod/Bit Carousel Mechanism

- Jesse Moellers, Michael Romero, Kevin Thompson, Brett Vanderwiel
- Joshua Adam, Alex Grant, Brandon Klosterman, Luke Whisler

John Deere - Wrap Feeder

- Jacob Davis, Nicholas Mercial, Nicholas Chua, Xiaoming Chen
- Alex Anderson, Rong Gao, Brandon Loree, Zachary Maule

Pella Corporation - Active Noise Cancelling Window

- Ryan Kinsella, Shaochen Luan, Jonathan Morgan, Matthew Sindelar,
- Kevin Groth, Jordan King, Erik Palmquist, Qiuteng Zheng

Pella Corporation - Secondary Lock

- Austin McVey, Jack Miller, Sin Yong Tan, Benjamin Trebesch
- Keith Padgett, Mitchell Reecher, Pengming Sun

* Denotes Team Leader

Senior Design Projects

Pella Corporation - Ultimate Handle

- Madison Currie, Austin Rudolph, Patrick Thull, Minh Vu
- Kai Buhse, Thaddeus Steinberger, Ryan Zielinski, Brendan Shin Hau Yeah

Vermeer - MatLab Ground Condition Simulation Model and Test Rig

- Colton Kennelly, Colton Langwell, Rachael Oien, Marta Sucur
- Bolin Chen, Christopher Hildreth, Samuel J. Manternact, Mitchell Parr, Grant Warner

Outreach Project

Courage League Sports – All-in-One Sports Player

- Max Bramer, Austin Houser*, Alex Reed, Connor Swearinger

Student Club Projects

Cyclone Space Mining Club - Autonomous Rover Localization and Bin Docking System

- Tyler Broich, Malcolm Kelly, Phillip Molnar*, Joseph Ridenour, Nathan Stanerson

SAE Formula - Formula SAE Drag Reduction System

- Brian Fischer, Michael Hauptmann, Jacob Mazanec, Kevin Silver, Roger Steinforth

Department Projects

Agronomy Department – Agronomy Autonomous Rover Chassis

- Noel Aguirre, Ben Cigan, Taylor Gibney*, Huoxiang Qin

Department of Industrial Design – Bike Share Dock

- Erik Carlson, Ted Choudek, Tyler Clemens, Anthony Miller, Patrick Schommer*

ENGR 466 - Fall 2015

Small Industry

Cross Over LLC – SafeHelmet

- Muhammad 'Afi f Adnan, Daniel Harter, Ryan Vanderhoff-Yarbrough, Yuqing Wang
- Willian Becker, Laura Hocraffer, Benjamin Trieu, Jonathan Vasquez

Large Industry Projects

Boeing - Cabin Baggage Management

- Noah Bergman, Payton Goodrich, Zachary Heathman, Michael Strawn, Wei Tay, Samuel Tran-Lam, Clayton Wright

Department Projects

INDD (with Shock Doctor) – Injury Recovery Sports Apparel

- Austin Jesz, Andrew Kitahara

ME 415 - Spring 2016

Small Industry Projects

Aluma Trailers - Aluma Process Improvements

- Josh Fullenkamp, Alex Hershey, William Rockman, Chase Wallace
- Ryan Eilers, Sebastian Garcia-Pena, Richard Meyer, Levi Moser, Erin Robinson

American Professional Quilting Systems - Head Frame Assembly Redesign

- Ben Deininger, Jennifer Koeger, Jessica Koeger, Connor Ramstead
- Arthur Dahlquist, Christopher Guetzlaff, Yu Hui Lui, Yuan Ma, Yeongjin Park

D&B Agro – Fan Design Part 3

- Tyler Carter, Yujin Park, Casey Schwichtenberg*, Taylor Tuel, Blake Wuorenma
- Nathan Eick, Yehia Elnwehy, Sam Johnson*, Patrick Kalgren, Conner Olson

Eaton Corporation – Implementation of Flex Dies at Roll-Starlighten Operation 2

- James Adolfo, John Freund, Tyler Hoovestol, James Mardock
- Paul Kaufmann, Nathen Lestina, Derek Rose, Itaru Wakabayashi

Image Fist Signs - Illuminated Sign Redesign

- Adam Bracken, Dalton Brady, Jason Huper, Dillon Huss, Denny Kramer, Robert D. Sylvester
- Sean Dowd, Elvin John, Tyler Nicholson, Tim Nolan, Tanner Reed

Mount Vernon Drivers Education - Secondary Brake Pedal System

- Evan Hammer, Grady Jensen, Micah Rook, James Wernimont, Matthew Wilson
- Daniel Clemens, James M. Peters, Kyle Peters, Ryan Singletary, Nicholas Winter

Roeslein Alternative Energy – Anaerobic Digestion of Prairie Grasses

- Theodros Asrat, Daniel Carlson, Aric Hanson, Jajun Ryu
- Peter Batdorf, Andrew Hansen, Eric Mach, Nathaniel Steele

Seabee Corporation – Large Cylinder Finish Material Handler and Fixtures

- Jacob Crowe, Lauren Dias, Kyle Haugen, Morgan McCarthy, Daniel Stone
- Klaeton Bubb, Nathan Ihrig, Micah Rambo, Grant Roepsch, Weier Zheng

Summit Products – Deployable Utility Vehicle Roof Rack

- Mike Bednarz, Ryan DeVos, Zachary Klonne, David Mellang, Megan Winchell
- Zach D. Cooper, Brandon Heath, Guangyu Lu, Steven Neylon,

Underwriters Laboratories – Goniophotometer Drive System

- Matthew Foreman, Daniel A. Nielsen, Timothy Onstot, Renee Rathjen
- Luke W. Conner, Chris Lee, Taylor Royer, Jordan Vaughan, Kaleb Watson

Valent BioSciences Corporation – Multi-head Diet Filling System

- Arthur Adams IV, Maria Blanek, Christina Brammer, Katherine Neil, Tyler Quint
- Kasper Arduser, Nicholas Boudreaux, Conner Converse, Meng Pah, Pahalawattage Perera, Robert Rojina

* Denotes Team Leader

Senior Design Projects

Large Industry Projects

Caterpillar Corporation - *Development of High Speed Mechanical Ratio Device*

- Conor Condon, Scott Hansen, Robert Nichols, Alex Reiner
- Keegan Driggs, Ryan Henderson, Sanvisna Kogrlen

John Deere - *Anaerobic Wrap Feed Improvement-Cotton Bale Wrap Feeder Design*

- Guadalupe Diaz, Ashlee Fredericksen, Kelli Peyronet, Michael Pircon, Alex Sobotka
- Dalton Jacobs, Jacob Noonan, Anthony Pribble, Jevin Rosburg

Pella Corporation - *Power Sliding Glass Door*

- Taylor Becker, Hunter Follen, Anthony Herrera, Kory Oldfield, Nick Rael,
- Benjamin Crawford, Keaton Leisinger, Sam Taylor, Trevor Volz, Deane Wichelt

Pella Corporation - *Easy-Open Double Hung Window*

- Corey Anderson, Abby Brown, Jackson Miller, Jared Schmidgall, Zach Wignall
- Lucas Hall, Justin Jones, Alan Klekner, Alex Plyler, Dylan L. Rankin, Emory Traicoff

Vermeer - *MatLab Ground Condition Simulation Model and Test Rig (Part 2)*

- Nick Chamberlin, Raul Hernandez, Ryan Um, Parker Uphoff, Jon Verhoef
- Daniel Burton, Estifanos Fairchild, Matt Klein, Cameron Pomeroy, William Style

Outreach Project

Courage League Sports - *All-in-One Sports Player*

- Jesse Holtschlag, John Numrich, Ahmand Othman, Matthew Reeves

Department Projects

Department of Agronomy - *MGV/AGV for agriculture research*

- Alex Johnson, Ben Menges, Gabe Neiederlander, Trevor Tolliver, Adam Woelber
- Bobby Bromberek, Todd Heidrich, Travis Heidrich, Zheng Yi Liew, Ryan Tweedt*

Department of Civil Engineering - *Campanile/Carillon Model*

- Isaac Droessler, Aaron Hett, Kevin Hoolihan*, Deniel (DJ) Obren, Mackenzie Sissel
- Michael Bondi, Yilong Liu, Madison Lucz, Jose Martinez, Rongcheng Xu*

Student Club Projects

SAE Baja - *Two Stage Transmission*

- Nick Dugan, Erin Konicek, Randy Lenarz, Jacob McCrea, Zachary Verbeck

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Small Industry Projects

Cross Over - *Safe Helmet*

- Emmanuel Eluobaju, Melynda Hoover, Alex Lester, Preston Norville, Amir Afif Jamaluddin
- Tanner Hamelau, Trinh Huynh, Zach Murrell, Trang Ngu, Devin Pflum

WheelzEZ LLC - *Smart Electric Wheel for Wheelchairs*

- Jack Alexander, Mark Berquist, Tzer Shyang Chin, Lim, Eric Sellers, Josh Whitney
- Alexander Edgerton, Davis Lau, Toan Nguyen, Taylor Schweizer, Ryan Yen, Zulhlimi Zulkifli

Large Industry Projects

Pella Corporation - *Active Noise Canceling Window*

- Austin Darnell, Abhijit Patwa, Lukang Shang, Avinash Sooriyarachchi, Nick Vogel
- Katherine Gresback-Bock, Nour Kerolos, Mohammad Md-Yusof, Angadbir Sabherwal, Jake Thies

Outreach Projects

Mary Staudt - *Feeding device for patients with Dysphagia*

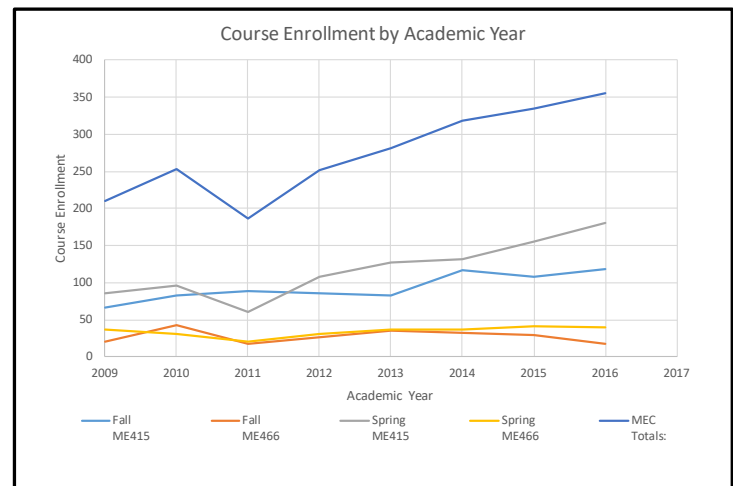
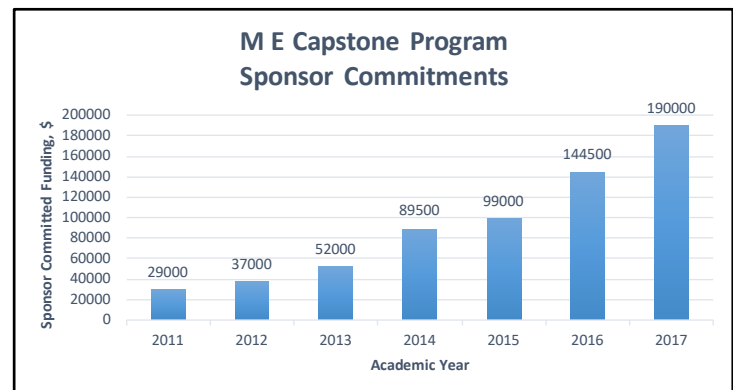
- Stephen Ainger, Zachary Brown, Kelly Choo, Chien Thong Koe

Student Club Projects

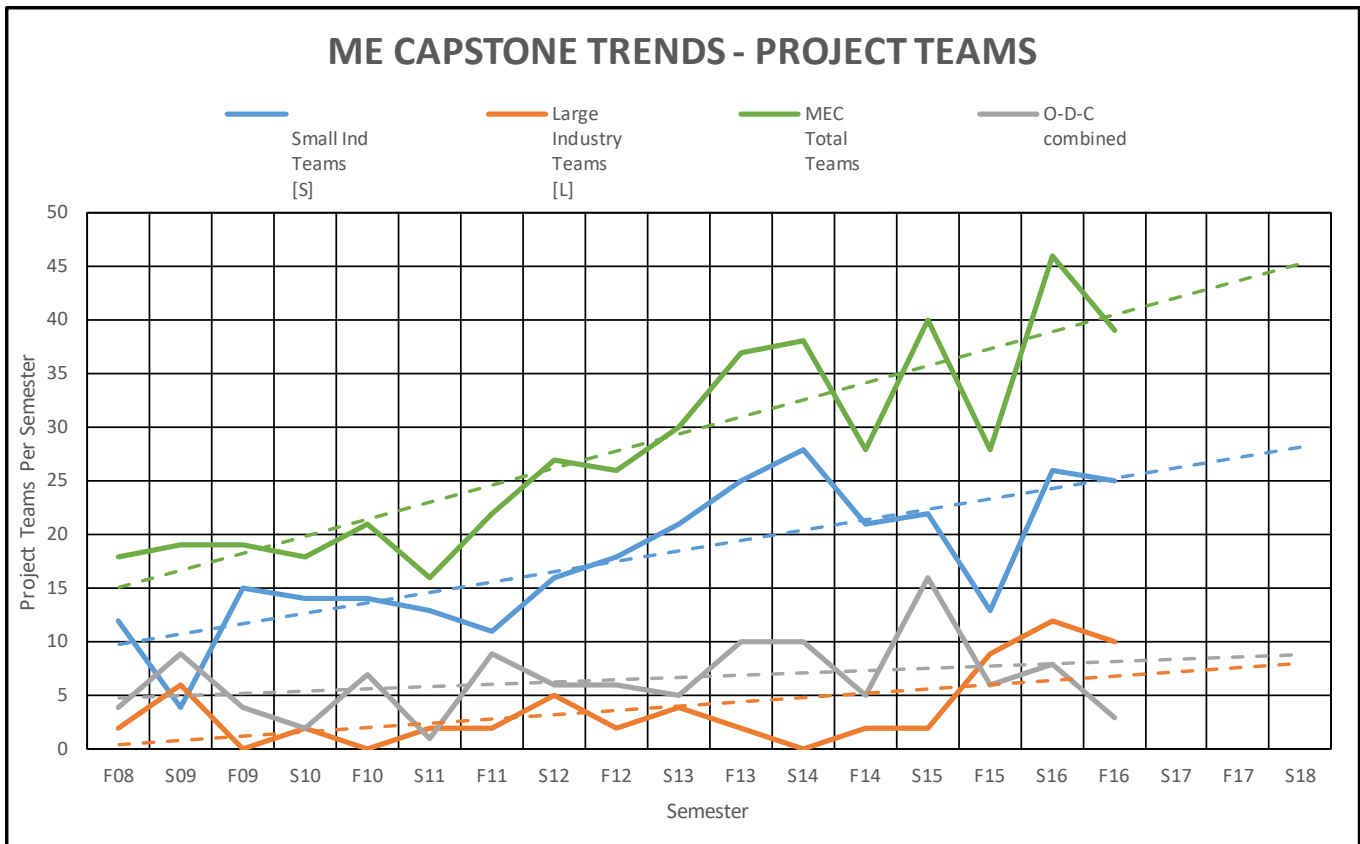
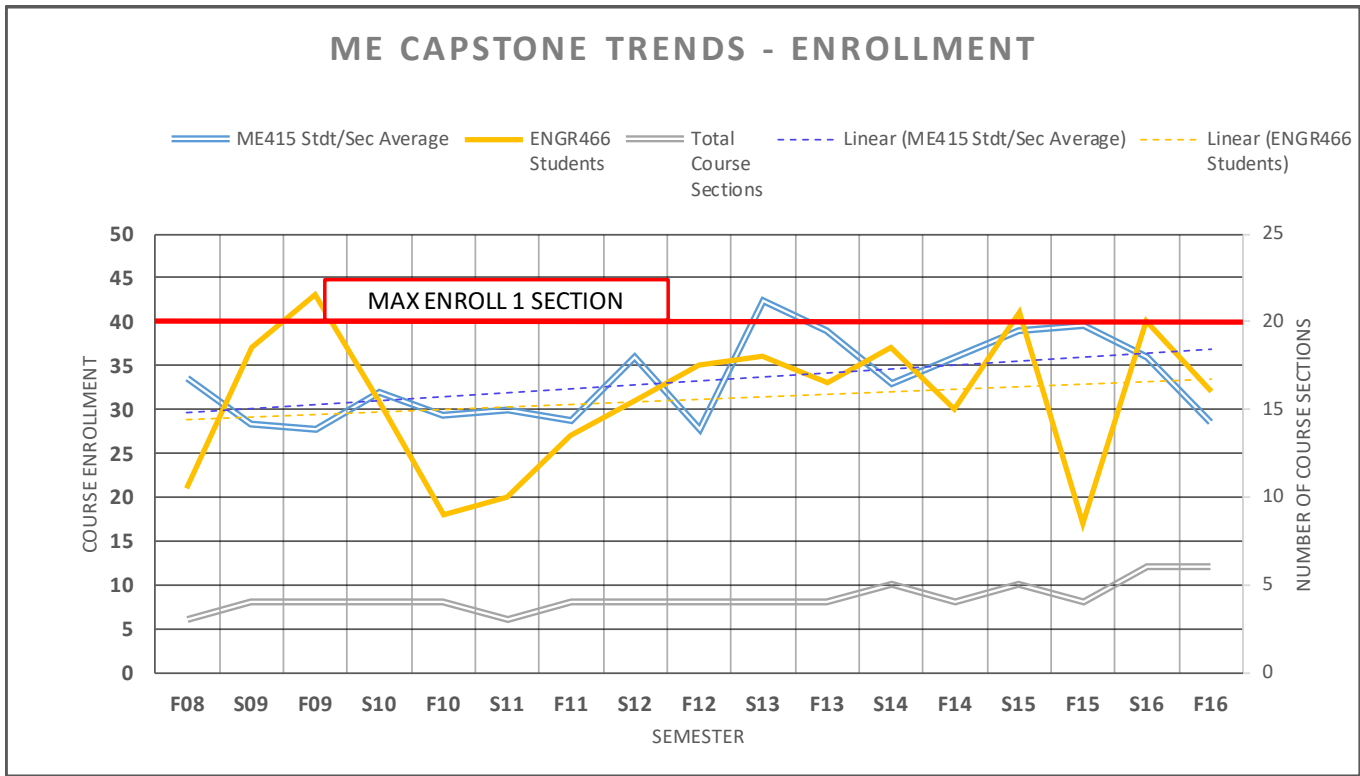
DEBUT - *Bone Plates with Non-linear Stiffness*

- Logan Boehm, Jordan Krug, Jordan Ritland, Adam Weber

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Senior Design Projects



Graduate Program

Highlights

Enrollment: By the end of the 2015-2016 academic year, Mechanical Engineering had 228 student enrolled.

Degrees: The department granted 18 Master's of Engineering degrees, 25 Master's of Science degrees, and 6 Doctorate degrees during the fall and spring semesters.

Recent developments

Dr. Abhijit Chandra, Professor, was appointed as Associate Chair for Graduate Studies and Director of Graduate Education in December 2015.

Six PhD students were awarded Research Excellence Awards and 2 MS and 4 PhD students were awarded the Teaching Excellence Award from the Graduate College.

The department has continued to offer resources to enhance the technical writing of graduate students and post-doctoral researchers. The department supports two discipline writing consultants, who are seasoned ME doctoral students trained in technical writing, to help graduate students with the organization, overview, and style of the manuscripts. After a manuscript is finished, the students will meet with English writing consultants, who are experienced editors and can help improve the English writing pattern and recurring mistakes in a manuscript. The ME Graduate Student Organization (MEGSO) is helping new graduate students adapt to the life on campus through their learning community. MEGSO hosts workshops in for the new graduate students on topics surrounding campus resources, setting up the program of study, qualifier and preliminary exams.

Doctoral Dissertations

Summer 2015

Leif Peder Berg

Immersive technology as a decision making tool for product design

Faculty mentor: Judy Vance

Patrick Eric Carlson

Engaging developers in open source software projects: harnessing social and technical data mining to improve software development

Faculty mentor: Judy Vance

Juan Sebastián Casallas

Prediction of user action in moving-target selection tasks

Faculty mentor: Jim Oliver

Bernardo Gusman del Campo

Production of activated carbon from fast pyrolysis biochar and the detoxification of pyrolytic sugars for ethanol fermentation

Faculty mentor: Robert Brown

Fall 2015

Chong Li

Material phase change under extreme domain confinement in laser material interaction

Faculty mentor: Xinwei Wang

Ammar Abdulghani Melaibari

Lasers processing of ultra-hard materials

Faculty mentor: Pranav Shrotriya

Zhuoru Wu

The mechanism governing cutting of hard materials with hybrid Laser/Waterjet system through controlled fracture

Faculty mentor: Pranav Shrotriya

Shen Xu

Optical based thermal probing and characterization

Faculty mentor: Xinwei Wang

Zaoli Xu

Thermal transport in DNA

Faculty mentor: Xinwei Wang

Spring 2016

Cheng Deng

Shock wave induced freeform technique (SWIFT) for manufacturing of diamond micro-tools

Faculty mentor: Xinwei Wang

Nordica Ann MacCarty

Development and validation of virtual interactive tasks for an aviation English assessment

Faculty mentor: Mark Bryden

Spring 2016

Ping Du

Investigating effects of product visual designs on consumer judgments with the aid of eye-tracking

Faculty mentor: Judy Vance

Minhua Long

Consideration behavior and design decision making

Faculty mentor: Baskar Ganapathysubramanian

Mohammad Mehrabadi

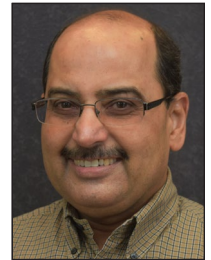
Analysis of gas-solid flow using particle-resolved direct numerical simulation: flow physics and modeling

Faculty mentor: Shankar Subramaniam

Sunil Suram

Strategies for including cloud-computing into an engineering modeling workflow

Faculty mentor: Mark Bryden



Abhijit Chandra

Associate Chair
for Graduate Studies
Director of Graduate Education

Masters Theses

Summer 2015

Ryan McCleish

Examination of the effects of external load, velocity, and center of gravity on weight estimation using a lifting linkage
Faculty mentor: Judy Vance

Yixian Wang

Crack separation mechanism applied in CO₂ laser machining of thick Polycrystalline Cubic Nitride (PCBN) tool blanks
Faculty mentor: Pranav Shrotriya

Thomas Joseph Wilde

Parametric investigation of the mechanics of soft-body contact with parallel-ridge textured surfaces to understand tactile friction
Faculty mentor: Cris Schwartz

Fall 2015

Gabriel Fernando Bravo Palacios

Design and simulation of a distortion masking control algorithm for a pneumatic cylinder
Faculty Mentor: Greg Lucke

Boyan Li

Techno-economic and uncertainty analysis of fast pyrolysis and gasification for biofuel production
Faculty mentor: Mark Mba-Wright

Peng Li

Molecular dynamics simulation of Chlorotoxin
Faculty mentor: Ganesh Balasubramanian

Breanna Lynn Marmur

The effects of scale on granular mixing in a double screw pyrolyzer
Faculty mentor: Ted Heidel

Ryan Michael Ogren

Development and applications of various optimization algorithms for diesel engine combustion and emissions optimization
Faculty mentor: Song-Chang Kong

Christopher G. Reilly

Thermal behavior of the STM tip under laser irradiation
Faculty mentor: Xinwei Wang

Lucinda Jeanette Smart

Review of materials property data for nondestructive characterization of pipeline materials
Faculty mentor: Leonard Bond

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Mitchell J. Amundson

An economic comparison of high moisture feedstock biofuel production
Faculty mentor: Mark Mba-Wright

Jeremy D. Caplin

Utilizing microfluidic technology to replicate placental functions in a drug testing model
Faculty mentor: Nastaran Hashemi

Eric Kok Hsien Chon

Optically accessible bench-scale fast pyrolysis reactor for in-situ analysis using Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy
Faculty mentor: Xianglan Bai

Nicholas Ryan Creager

Gasification of liquid sprays in an entrained flow gasifier
Faculty mentor: Robert C. Brown

Daniel Michael Kassen

Header height control of combine harvester via robust feedback linearization
Faculty mentor: Atul Kelkar

Miao Liu

Small punch test simulation of laminated magnesium alloy composite with aluminum/silicon carbide pattern-reinforcement
Faculty mentor: Gap-Yong Kim

Rajeendra Lakruwan Pe-mathilaka

Analysis of trans-epithelial electrical resistance (TEER) in organ-on-chips to study the functions of human placenta,
Faculty mentor: Nastaran Hashemi

Kahntinetta Monique Pr'Out

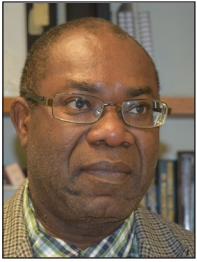
Analyzing present and future climatic trends on the thermal energy performance of attic structures
Faculty mentor: Baskar Ganapathysubramanian

Zhichen Zhu

Micro-cantilever based biosensor for electrical actuation and detecting molecular interactions
Faculty mentor: Pranav Shrotriya

Department Organization

Faculty



Emmanuel Agba
Senior Lecturer

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, Florida Atlantic University
M Eng, Mechanical Engineering, University of Benin, Nigeria
B Eng, Mechanical Engineering, University of Benin, Nigeria

Dr. Agba studies product realization, product lifecycle management, virtual manufacturing engineering, computer-aided engineering



Daniel Attinger
Associate Professor

Sc D, Technical Sciences, Eidgenoessische Technische Hochschule (ETH) Zurich, Switzerland, 2001
BE and MS, Mechanical Engineering, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland, 1997

Dr. Attinger's research interests include micro and nanofluidics, convective heat transfer, single droplet/bubble dynamics, visualization, engineering and simulation of multiphase flow, and multiscale transport phenomena for energy and forensics applications.



Xianglan Bai
Assistant Professor

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, The University of Tokyo, Japan
MS, Aerospace Engineering, Beijing University of Aero. & Astro., China
BS, Aerospace Engineering, Beijing University of Aero. & Astro., China

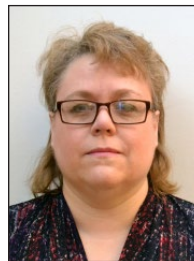
Dr. Bai's research interests include bio-fuels and bio-based products, thermochemical conversion of biomass and other waste streams and fast pyrolysis and solvent liquefaction.



Ganesh Balasubramanian
Assistant Professor

PhD, Engineering Mechanics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 2011
BS, Mechanical Engineering, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, West Bengal, India, 2007

Dr. Balasubramanian studies nanoscale transport phenomena, surface modifications through photoswitchable polymers, development and implementation of multiscale computation techniques, and predicting mechanical properties of soft matter and synthetic (bio)materials.



Jackie Baughman
Senior Lecturer

Ph.D. Industrial & Agricultural Technology and Biorenewable Resources & Technology, Iowa State University, 2012
MBA Business Administration. Keller Graduate School of Management, 1997
B.S. Metallurgical Engineering. Iowa State University, 1989



Sarah Bentil
Assistant Professor

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, The Ohio State University, 2013
MS, Mechanical Engineering, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 2006
BS, Mechanical Engineering, University of Vermont, 2003
BS, Mathematics, University of Vermont, 2003

Dr. Bentil studies soft tissue biomechanics, biomaterials, traumatic brain injuries, blast impact injury mechanisms, high-speed imaging, brain-machine interfaces, and blunt impact injury mechanism.

Faculty Highlights

Emmanuel Agba and Team PrISUm brought home the gold with a 1st place victory at the 2015 Formula Sun Grand Prix, the best finish in Team PrISUm's 25-year racing history. Phaëton, the team's 12th solar car, dominated the competition with a commanding lead of 106 miles.

Daniel Attinger discovered a novel manufacturing process to modify the wettability of metallic surfaces, with applications to phase change heat transfer. Attinger proposed a new graduate class on Multiphase Microfluidics, and was elected faculty representative in the ME Department leadership committee. He also gave four invited scientific talks in the Shanghai area.

Xianglan Bai received two new research grants and renewed two grants. She published five journal papers, seven conference presentations, and filed two Intellectual Property disclosures.

In addition to publishing papers, introducing new graduate course in the ME curriculum and constructing a research program on computational nanoscience and materials modeling, **Ganesh Balasubramanian** was awarded an NSF grant as the PI to organize a conference on thermodynamics and statistical mechanics.

Jackie Baughman participated in the Presidential Flipped Classroom Initiative through a successful grant proposal to develop and implement a successful clipped classroom in ME 270 in fall 2015. She also led the Collaborative Learning Network Team which aims to develop a roadmap for multidisciplinary senior capstone experiences.

Sourabh Bhattacharya published seven peer-reviewed conference publications. Additionally, he published four journal papers and one book chapter. Bhattacharya also organized the Rise-of-Machines 2 competition for undergraduate ME students in ME 421. He also organized the Workshop in Robotics Excursion for K-12 students and served as Associate Editor for the IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation.

Timothy Bigelow co-authored six journal papers and one conference paper. He has also expanded his research expertise into the area of non-destructive evaluation.

Robert Brown served as director of the Bioeconomy Institute at ISU, which conducted over \$12 million in research in 2015. He also received the Don Klass Award for Excellence in Thermochemical Conversion Science and co-authored 25 peer-reviewed journal articles. In its 2015 Laboratory Performance Report Card the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Science rated highly the Ames Laboratory's Simulation, Modeling and Decision Science program led by Professor **Mark Bryden** for being at the "forefront" of the data management, information sciences, and materials programs fields. The Simulation, Modeling, Decision Science Program received an overall grade of A (4.0), the highest grade of any of the Ames Laboratory's scientific programs. He also published five journal articles and seven peer-reviewed conference proceedings.



Sourabh Bhattacharya
Assistant Professor

PhD, Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2010

MS, Applied Mathematics, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2009

MSEE, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2005

BTech, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, 2002

Dr. Bhattacharya's research interests include optimal control theory, game theory, robotics, compressed sensing, large data storage and inference, security for cyber-physical systems, networked control systems, and machine vision.



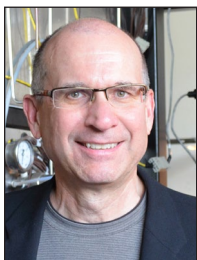
Timothy Bigelow
Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering and Electrical and Computer Engineering

PhD, Electrical Engineering, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2004

MS, Electrical Engineering, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2001

BS, Electrical Engineering, Colorado State University, 1998

Dr. Bigelow researches systems that use ultrasound in treating cancer, quantifying physical properties of tissue using back-scattered ultrasound signals, applying ultrasound to treat infections, and exploring ultrasound-induced bioeffects for ultrasound safety and therapy applications.



Robert Brown
Anson Marston Distinguished Professor
Gary and Donna Hoover Chair in Mechanical Engineering
Director, Bioeconomy Institute
Director, Center for Sustainable Environmental Technologies

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, Michigan State University, 1980

MS, Mechanical Engineering, Michigan State University, 1977

BS, Physics, University of Missouri, 1976

BA, Mathematics, University of Missouri, 1976

Dr. Brown studies the conversion of biorenewable resources into bioenergy and biobased products, combustion, gasification, fast pyrolysis, hydrogen energy, hydrodynamics, and heat transfer in fluidized beds.



Mark Bryden
Professor

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1998

MS, Mechanical Engineering, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1993

BS, General Engineering, Idaho State University, 1977

Dr. Bryden researches the virtual engineering of fluids and heat transfer systems within collaborative, immersive, and synthetic environments.



Abhijit Chandra
Professor

PhD, Cornell University, 1983

MS, University of New Brunswick, Canada, 1980

BTech, IIT, Kharagpur, India, 1978

Dr. Chandra's research interests include mechanics of manufacturing processes, nanoscale surface modification, multiscale and multiphysics modeling, renewable energy, and the boundary element method.



Jonathan Claussen
Assistant Professor

PhD, Biological Engineering, Purdue University, 2011

MS, Mechanical Engineering, Purdue University, 2008

BS, Mechanical Engineering, University of Minnesota, 2006

BA, Spanish and Portuguese Studies, University of Minnesota, 2006

Dr. Claussen's research interests include biosensors (electrochemical and optical, bio-integrated electronics, BioMEMS and BioNEMS, micro/nanoscale propulsion, carbon nanomaterial growth) graphene and carbon nanotubes, nanomanufacturing / materials printing, quantum dots / carbon dots, and mass transport / fluid dynamics.



Mirka Deza
Lecturer

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, Virginia Tech, 2012

MS, Mechanical Engineering and Bionewable Resources & Technology, Iowa State University, 2006

BS, Mechanical Engineering, Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru, 1997

Dr. Deza's research interests include computational fluid dynamics and heat transfer, multiphase flow modeling, natural ventilation simulation and modeling, energy usage and energy efficiency as well as engineering education.

Faculty Highlights

Abhijit Chandra published two papers generalizing mechanistic approaches to the broad field of Data Science and Data Driven Prognosis in Proc. Royal. Soc. London. A mixed strategy control system that obviates trade-off between material removal rate and planarization efficiency for Chemical Mechanical Polishing was developed. A plasma system facilitating buffing of ultra-hard materials (e.g., sapphire) was also developed.

The research laboratory of Prof. **Jonathan Claussen**, with the assistance of collaborators from Brigham Young University (BYU), published a research article in the high impact journal ACS Nano and featured in an American Chemical Society (ACS) podcast that introduced a method to use carbon nanotubes as catalyst for hydrogen peroxide fueled micro underwater vehicles (MUVS). Prof. Claussen

obtain funding support from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust, the USDA, 360 Yield Center (industry partner), and the Catron Center for Solar Energy Research to develop an oral cancer diagnostics biosensor, in-field pesticide biosensor, in-field fertilizer sensor, and a flexible solar energy harvester with nanomaterials respectively in 2015. Prof. Claussen initiated outreach activities with the Des Moines Hoover High School where he visited with high school students and shared with them what motivated him to pursue higher education in a STEM field and pursue a career as a professor.

Sebastien Feve was an active member of the ME 270 Flipped Instructional Development Team (2015 President's Flipped Classroom Initiative). ME 270 was offered as a flipped course for the first-time during Fall 2015 and he taught one section. He also taught and coordinated both ME 170 and ME 270 courses in Spring 2015. Lastly,



Sebastien Feve
Senior Lecturer

MS, Mechanical Engineering, Ecole Nationale d'Ingenieurs de Metz, France, 1998

Lecturer Feve's interests include tire research, fundamentals of thermodynamics, engineering education, international & study abroad.



Baskar Ganapathysubramanian
Associate Professor

BTech, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, Mechanical Engineering, 2003

MS, Cornell University, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, 2006

PhD, Cornell University, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, 2008

Dr. Ganapathysubramanian researches computational physics, computational mechanics (fluid mechanics and heat transfer), stochastic analysis, uncertainty quantification and propagation, multiscale modeling, control and optimization of complex systems, materials-by-design, and parallel computing and inverse problems.



Matt Hagge
Senior Lecturer

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, Iowa State University, 2005

MS, Mechanical Engineering, Iowa State University, 2002

BS, Mechanical Engineering, Iowa State University, 1998

Dr. Hagge's research involves computational modeling, wood, combustion, pyrolysis, thermodynamics, and visualization of bloodstain pattern analysis.



Nastaran Hashemi
Assistant Professor

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, Virginia Tech, 2008

MS, Mechanical Engineering, West Virginia University, 2004

BS, Mechanical Engineering, Tehran Polytechnic, 1999

Dr. Hashemi's research areas of interest include microfluidics, biosensors, optofluidics, Bio-N/ MEMS: design, modeling, and fabrication, diagnostics and therapeutics, physics of micro/nanoscale phenomena, and nonlinear dynamics.

ME 170 students are now exposed to reverse engineering (of a ball valve) by using 3D scanners in a new ME 170 course project, replacing the coffeemaker dissection project, while attempting to serve better ME's current enrollment and lab space availability.

Baskar Ganapathysubramanian was selected as a PSI faculty Fellow. He also led a PIIR Big Data group. Throughout the year he published 12 journal papers and presented 15 conference talks.

Matthew Hagge was voted "Professor of the Year" by ME seniors demonstrating that ME students appreciate instructors with high standards, and instructors who attempt to prepare students for the real world, by teaching ME students to take responsibility for their own learning, and by teaching students how to work in a collaborative environment to turn in correct answers to their boss. Dr Hagge has developed an innovative teaching method called

'Decision Based Learning' where students learn to solve unfamiliar problems by connecting all their pieces of understanding through a set of instructor decisions. Dr Hagge also developed a tutor activity that has shown a statistically large amount of learning in every group of thermodynamic students ever tested, with more than 500 participants, through an NSF funded proposal with John Jackman, Stephen Gilbert, Gloria Starns, and LeAnn Faidley.

Nastaran Hashemi published nine manuscripts in high impact factor journals and I have delivered an invited seminar internationally. Her work was highlighted by news agencies such as the *Ames Tribune* and *ChemistryViews*. She and her graduate students received various fellowships and awards such as NSF EAPSI, LUSH Young Researcher Prize, Big 12 Faculty Fellowship, ISU Research/Teaching Excellence Award, Goldwater Scholarship, and ASME Best Poster Award.

Faculty Highlights

Jim Heise organized 38 sponsored projects for the ME Capstone Senior Design Program to support 68 teams; 18 of these projects were in direct support of Iowa manufacturers. The Iowa economic impact of these projects is estimated by CIRAS to potentially be in the millions of dollars. Heise also worked with the College of Engineering to host the first industry crowd sourcing design event sponsor by Caterpillar Corporation. Seven student club teams participated with Team PrISUm receiving \$2000 support for having the best design solution. As faculty advisor to the ISU Lunabotics Club (now Cyclone Space Mining Club) he guided the team had another successful year at NASA's 6th Annual Robotic Mining Competition at the Kennedy Space Center placing 7th overall (out of 49 teams participating). The team took first place in Best Use of Social Media and Engineer It! Awards, and third in Outreach Project Award, the fourth year in a row that ISU has placed in that category.

Ming-Chen Hsu's research group focused on developing a novel and transformative Fluid-Structure Interaction Analysis Framework for Engineering Designs. The framework has been applied to applications such as wind turbines, artificial heart valves, gas turbines, hydraulic arresting gears, and turbulent flow over complex geometries. He also published ten journal papers and gave 12 invited lectures.

Chao Hu co-authored a book entitled "Probabilistic Engineering Analysis and Design" to be published by Springer which provides an up-to-date, fully illustrated reference for students, researchers and professional engineers who are interested in exploring the fundamentals, implementation and applications of probabilistic analysis and design methods. Topics covered in the book include statistical data analysis, reliability analysis under time-independent and time dependent uncertainties, and system health diagnostics and prognostics.

Shan Hu said that major lab capability development for Nanomanufacturing and Renewable Energy Lab (NSEL) has been completed. Research results produced by members of NSEL have been disseminated through two published peer-review conference proceedings and two journal papers submitted. NSEL hosted four undergraduate students and one high school student for research experiences in renewable energy technology.

Jaime Juárez has built his laboratory since joining the ISU faculty in August 2015. He also recruited two graduate students and several undergraduates to conduct research in his lab. He has also worked to identify possible collaborations through the Microelectronics Research Center, the Center for Multiphase Flow Research, and with individual faculty members. Dr. Juárez also served on the Curriculum Development Committee for energy related courses.

Atul Kelkar is working on the forefronts of research on improving energy efficiencies in buildings and technologies for renewable energy. He is also impacting K-12 STEM education by developing innovative educational video games based on his years of experience in aerospace research. His contributions were featured in AIAA's newsletter which is read worldwide. Dr. Kelkar published a NASA Paper jointly with NASA Senior Scientist on



Caroline Hayes
Department Chair
Lynn Gleason Professor of
Interdisciplinary Engineering

PhD, Robotics, School of Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon University, 1990

MS, Knowledge-Based Systems, Mellon College of Science, Carnegie Mellon University. Interdisciplinary degree between Psychology, Computer Science and Mechanical Engineering, 1987
BS Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon University, 1983

Dr. Hayes's recent focus is on understanding the sociotechnical factors impacting collaboration in globally distributed design teams, and in developing processes and tools to make such teams more effective. Her research has crossed disciplinary boundaries between engineering, psychology, computer science and management.



Ted Heindel
Bergles Professor of Thermal
Science

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, Purdue University, 1994
MS, Mechanical Engineering, Purdue University, 1990
BS, Mechanical Engineering, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1988

Dr. Heindel works with x-ray flow visualization, fluid mechanics, multiphase flow hydrodynamics, and gas-liquid mass transfer.

the control of asteroid capture spacecraft. His entrepreneurial efforts have not only led to positive economic impact and job creation for the state but have also benefited engineering faculty at Iowa State through research subcontracts through DoD STTR grants. He assumes a new position in ME as the Associate Chair for Research and Technology Transfer. He also held leadership position in organization of key conference of Dynamic Systems and Control Division of ASME. He is a Fellow of ASME and Associate Fellow of AIAA.



Jim Heise
Senior Lecturer

MS, Mechanical Engineering, Iowa State University
BS, Mechanical Engineering, Iowa State University
AS, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Hawkeye Community College

Lecturer Heise's specialties include product design engineering, project management, design for Lean Sigma®/Six Sigma®



Ming-Chen Hsu
Assistant Professor

PhD, Structural Engineering, University of California, San Diego, 2012
MSE, Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, The University of Texas at Austin, 2008
MS, Engineering Science and Ocean Engineering, National Taiwan University, 2005
BS, Engineering Science and Ocean Engineering, National Taiwan University, 2003

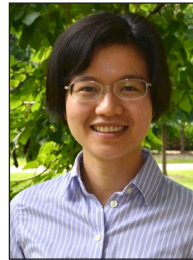
Dr. Hsu's research interests lie in the field of Computational Mechanics, Isogeometric Analysis and Fluid-Structure Interaction (FSI) with an emphasis on contemporary engineering problems such as wind energy and biomedical applications.



Chao Hu
Assistant Professor

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, University of Maryland-College Park, 2011
BE, Engineering Physics, Tsinghua University, China, 2007

The goal of Dr. Hu's research is to develop innovative engineering design and failure prognostics methodologies that lead to design of resilient and sustainable systems.



Shan Hu
Assistant Professor

PhD, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 2014
MS, University of Minnesota, Duluth, MN, 2009
BS, Harbin Institute of Technology, Harbin, China, 2007

Dr. Hu's research interests include nanomaterials for energy storage and energy harvesting; scalable manufacturing of nanomaterials-based devices; sensors, actuators, and controls.



Jaime Juarez
Assistant Professor

PhD, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Johns Hopkins University, 2011
MS, Mechanical Engineering, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2006
BS, Mechanical Engineering, Stanford University, 2004

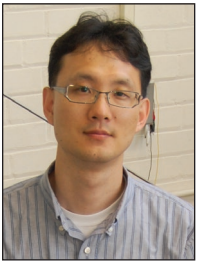
Dr. Juarez's interests include microfabrication, microscopy, microfluidics, flow cytometry, soft matter physics, self assembly of materials, physics of micro- and nanoscale forces, simulation of colloidal materials.



Atul Kelkar
Professor

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, Old Dominion University, 1993
MS, Mechanical Engineering, Old Dominion University, 1990
BS Mechanical Engineering, University of Poona, Pune, India, 1984

Dr. Kelkar researches control theory, robust and nonlinear control, acoustic noise control, vibration control, flexible multibody dynamics, integrated design via multiobjective optimization, robotics, and neural networks.



Gap-Yong Kim
Associate Professor

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, University of Michigan, 2005
MS, Mechanical Engineering, University of Michigan, 2003
BS, Mechanical Engineering, Yonsei University, 1997

Dr. Kim works with manufacturing science at the microscale, microscale deformation processes, semisolid forming, modeling and fabricating microreactors, and energy conversion devices.



Song-Chang Kong
Professor

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1994
MS, Mechanical Engineering, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1992
BS, Power Mechanical Engineering, National Tsing-Hua University, Taiwan, 1987

Dr. Kong researches experimental engine combustion and emissions studies, biorenewable energy utilization in internal combustion engines, and numerical combustion study and model development using detailed chemical kinetics with computational fluid dynamics.



Owen Kolstad
Senior Lecturer

MS, Agricultural Engineering, University of Minnesota, 1981
MS, Mechanical Engineering, University of Minnesota, 1978
BS, Agricultural Engineering, North Dakota State University, 1991



Adarsh Krishnamurthy
Assistant Professor

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, University of California-Berkeley, 2010
MTech, Mechanical Engineering Indian Institute of Technology-Madras, 2005
BTech, Mechanical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology-Madras, 2005

Dr. Krishnamurthy research involves Biomechanics, finite element analysis, patient-specific modeling, computational mechanics, geometric modeling, computer aided design and manufacturing, computer graphics.

Faculty Highlights

Gap-Yong Kim published three journal papers and two conference papers. Dr. Kim also reviewed 19 journal and conference articles. He also served on various boards and committees including as Chair of the Technical Committee for Textile & Composite Engineering of Manufacturing Engineering Division of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME).

Song-Chang Kong conducts innovative research in multiphase flows and renewable energy systems. His group has developed high-fidelity computational framework for simulating biomass thermochemical conversion for biofuel production. He has developed highly-efficient optimization algorithms for diesel engine performance optimization. He is an associate editor for ASME Journal of Engineering for Gas Turbine and Power, associate editor for Frontiers in Mechanical Engineering, and a member in the editorial board of Internal Journal of Engine

Research. He is currently the Program Director of the Combustion and Fire Systems Program (ENG/CBET) at the National Science Foundation.

Part of **Adarsh Krishnamurthy's** research in 2015 focused on computational modeling of heart failure, where identifying patients who will best respond to a particular therapeutic intervention is difficult. Computational models, developed from patient-specific clinical data, can help refine the diagnosis and personalize heart failure intervention therapies. His research has recently been used to ascertain a possible mechanism for improvement due to cardiac resynchronization therapy, which uses implantable pacemakers to synchronize ventricular function, for the first time. This preliminary investigation suggests the possibility of extracting important diagnostic information from clinical measurements using computational models.

Valery Levitas developed new phase field approaches for dislocations and interaction of phase transformation and dislocation evolution; solid-solid



Valery I. Levitas
 Schafer 2050 Challenge
 Professor
 Department of Mechanical
 Engineering and of Aerospace
 Engineering

Drlng habil, Continuum Mechanics, University of Hannover, 1995
 ScD, Continuum Mechanics, Institute of Electronic
 Machinebuilding (Moscow), 1988

PhD, Materials Science, Institute for Superhard Materials (Kiev), 1981
 MS, Mechanical Engineering (Honors), Kiev Polytechnic Institute, 1978

Dr. Levitas's research includes stress- and strain-
 induced phase transformations, high pressure
 mechanics and mechanochemistry, structural changes
 in materials via virtual melting, multiscale modeling,
 strain-induced chemical reactions, and large inelastic
 deformation of solids.

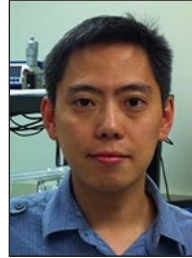


Barbara Lograsso
 Senior Lecturer

PhD Metallurgical and Materials Engineering 1991
 MS Metallurgical and Materials Engineering 1982
 BS Metallurgical and Materials Engineering 1980

transformations via nanoscale intermediate interfacial phase through
 critical nucleus with revealing new mechanics effects; nanoscale
 melting of aluminum nanolayer irradiated by picosecond laser;
 multiphase temperature- and stress-induced phase transformations,
 and phase transformations with anisotropic interface energies and
 stresses. His research also found new results on improving reactivity of
 Al micron scale particles by pre-stressing.

Barbara Lograsso collaborated with several faculty members and
 graduate students for the creation of a prototype trial project component
 on 3D scanning for the Reverse Engineering Project in ME170. He also
 collaborated as a Co-PI with A. Bastawros of Aerospace Engineering,
 W. Meeker, and R. Maitra of Statistics along with Indiana State Police
 Forensic Scientist, J. Vanderkolk to propose a study selected for a two-
 year award by National Institutes of Justice.



Meng Lu
 Assistant Professor

PhD, Electrical Engineering, University of Illinois, 2008
 MS, Electrical Engineering, University of Illinois, 2006
 BS, University of Science and Technology of China, 2002

Dr. Lu's research interests include optical sensors,
 biomedical engineering, sensors for molecular
 diagnostics and photonic devices.



Greg Luecke
 Associate Professor

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, Pennsylvania State University, 1992
 MS, Engineering and Applied Science, Yale University, 1987
 BS, Mechanical Engineering, University of Missouri-Columbia, 1979

Dr. Luecke's research interests include robotics and
 control, multibody dynamics and simulation, and
 artificial neural networks for control.

Meng Lu authored or co-authored 12 journal articles and seven
 conference papers. He was also granted new research funding from
 3M Company and continued to work on a research project funded by
 ISU's Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture.

Greg Luecke was instrumental in developing and commercializing
 new technology related to visualization and controls. Supported
 Iowa-based companies, Deere and Co. and Winegard Company, and
 Vermeer Corp. with research projects on new technology development.
 Based on research with ISU, Deere and Co is now selling the S-Series
GoHarvest™ Premium Combine Simulator. Using development work from
 ISU, Winegard has multiple tracking antenna products available for
 consumer purchase, including the *Pathway X1*.

Faculty Highlights

Margaret Mathison assisted in the implementation of a flipped classroom for ME 270 and learn about the methods that Greg Maxwell has found effective for ME 441. She continued her involvement in the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) at the national level by serving as a speaker at the society's winter conference, chairing a standard development committee, and serving as a vice-chair for a technical committee. At the local level, she has established connections to the Iowa ASHRAE Chapter leadership.

Greg Maxwell continued to lead the Industrial Assessment Center and also worked with the Iowa Energy Center on one existing project and proposed an additional project. Dr. Maxwell also served as co-chair for the International Conference on Nuclear Criticality Safety and continued to lead the Nuclear Engineering Minor program at ISU.

Mark Mba Wright and his research team was recognized by Black & Veatch for their efforts with a "Building a World of Difference" Faculty Fellowship. He also started the U.S. Agency for International Development project in Uganda and published eight journal publications.

Scott Merkle taught ME Capstone Senior Design (ME415 and ME466) involving 112 students, 24 project teams, and 12 sponsors ranging from global corporations to newly formed LLCs and to other departments within ISU. He also taught Machine Design (ME325) involving 174 students, and mentored an independent study student in a research and design application of RFID technology for positioning and navigation. He also assisted hosting the Caterpillar Corporation Saturday Design Challenge where seven student club teams competed for a total prize purse of \$5,000.

James Michael along with ME assistant professor Travis Sippel received a DURIP award from the Air Force Office of Scientific Research to develop instrumentation for the study of multiphase combustion enhancement through pulsed microwave plasma interactions.

Reza Montazami and his research team published five journal articles. He also presented his research at the MRS spring meeting, received Big 12 Faculty Fellowship, and established external academic and industry collaborations. His research was highlighted in the news for the second consecutive year and he taught two new courses at the graduate and undergraduate levels.

James Oliver leads ISU's Virtual Reality Applications Center and its graduate program in Human Computer Interaction. His research, teaching, and economic development activities focus on human computer interaction technologies, encompassing computer graphics, geometric modeling, virtual reality, and collaborative networks for applications in product development and complex system operation. His research is supported by a variety of industry partners and federal agencies, and the VRAC supports a broad interdisciplinary constituency that spans the entire university.

Michael Olsen published five papers in archival journals. He was also invited to give the keynote lecture to the 2016 International Symposium



Margaret Mathison

Lecturer

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, Purdue University, 2011
BS, Mechanical Engineering, Iowa State University, 2006

Dr. Mathison's research and teaching interests include positive displacement compressors, HVAC&R equipment, and modeling and analysis of thermal systems.



Greg Maxwell

Associate Professor
Director, Industrial Assessment Center

BS, Physics, Purdue University, 1973
MS, Nuclear Engineering, Purdue University, 1977
PhD, Mechanical Engineering, Purdue University, 1984

Dr. Maxwell's research interests include energy usage in buildings and HVAC systems, industrial energy efficiency, and nuclear energy.



Mark Mba Wright

Assistant Professor

PhD, Mechanical Engineering & Chemical Engineering, Iowa State University, 2010

MS, Biorenewable Resources & Technology, Iowa State University, 2008

BS, Mechanical Engineering, Iowa State University, 2007

Dr. Wright investigates the cost and performance of energy systems, researching techno-economics, process modeling, and energy conversion. Recent projects investigated the costs and emissions of biomass conversion to gasoline and diesel. He also researches novel ways of converting biomass into fuels. Current research includes low-temperature thermochemical conversion (torrefaction and pyrolysis) of lignocellulosic biomass into platform chemicals and fuels.



Scott Merkle
Senior Lecturer

MBA, University of Iowa, 2004
BS, Mechanical Engineering, Iowa State University, 1982



Michael Messman
Senior Lecturer

MS, Mechanical Engineering, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1986
BS, Mechanical Engineering, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1984

Lecturer Messman's teaching interests include Mechanics of materials, fatigue and durability Machine dynamics and vibrations Engineering measurements Digital data acquisition Multiaxial force transducer design Correlation of experimental measurements to computer simulation results



James Michael
Assistant Professor

PhD, Princeton University, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, 2012
MA, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Princeton University, 2009
BS, Aerospace Engineering, University of Maryland-College Park, 2007

Dr. Michael's areas of interest include optical and spectroscopic diagnostics of reacting, multiphase, and non-equilibrium flows; plasma-assisted combustion; and combustion ignition and control.



Reza Montazami
Assistant Professor

PhD, Materials Science and Engineering, Virginia Tech, 2011
MS, Materials Science and Engineering, Virginia Tech, 2009
BS, Physics and Astronomy, Virginia Tech, 2007

Dr. Montazami's researches smart materials and structures, biomimetic materials and devices, nature-inspired soft microrobotics, mems and nems, functional thin-films, polymeric sensors and actuators, and biomaterials for biomedical applications and devices.



Jim Oliver
University Professor
Larry and Pam Pithan Professor of Mechanical Engineering
Director, CyberInnovation Institute
Director, Virtual Reality Application Center

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, Michigan State University, 1986
MS, Mechanical Engineering, Michigan State University, 1981
BS, Mechanical Engineering, Union College, 1979

Dr. Oliver's areas of interest include design and manufacturing process automation using geometric modeling, computer graphics, visualization, simulation, optimization, virtual reality, and human-computer interaction.



Michael Olsen
Professor

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, 1999
MS, Mechanical Engineering, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, 1995
BS, Mechanical Engineering, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, 1992

Dr. Olsen is active in experimental fluid mechanics and microelectromechanical systems.



Sonal Padalkar
Assistant Professor

PhD, Materials Engineering, Purdue University,
MS, Physical Metallurgy, Government College of
Engineering, Pune University, India
BS, Metallurgy, Government College of Engineering, Pune
University, India

Dr. Padalkar's research areas include synthesis,
characterization and simulation of hybrid
nanostructures for energy related application,
synthesis and characterization of nanomaterials
for biosensing, utilizing advanced characterization
techniques like TEM, HRTEM, EELS, and Atom Probe
to obtain solutions for complex research problems.



Alberto Passalacqua
Assistant Professor

PhD, Chemical Engineering, Politecnico di Torino, 2008
MS, Chemical Engineering, Politecnico di Torino, 2004

Dr. Passalacqua's research interests include
multiphase fluid dynamics, fluid particle flows,
quadrature-based moment methods, uncertainty
quantification, computational fluid dynamics and
numerical methods for computational fluid dynamics,
open-source tools for computational fluid dynamics.



Paola Pittoni
Lecturer

PhD, Chemical Engineering, National Taiwan University of
Science and Technology, Taipei
BS, Energy Engineering, Politecnico di Milano

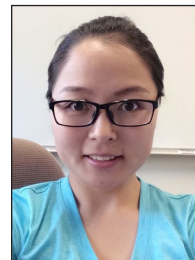
Dr. Pittoni's areas of interest include wettability, drop
triple line dynamics at low and high temperatures, drop
impact, drop evaporation, and multi-phase thermal-fluid
dynamics: heat transfer; pressure drop; and flow patterns.



Rafael Radkowski
Assistant Professor

Doctor in Engineering, product design with evolutionary
algorithm, Graduate School Automatic Configuration in Open
System, Heinz Nixdorf Institute, Paderborn, Germany, 2006
Dipl.-Ing. (equal to BS+MS degree), Mechanical Engineering,
University of Paderborn, 2003

Dr. Radkowski's research interests include Iterative
Closest Points for object identification and tracking;
view-dependent rendering and depth cue simulation
for CAD workstations; probabilistic search methods
for large-scale feature databases.



Juan Ren
Assistant Professor

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, Rutgers University, 2015
BS, Process Equipment and Control, Xi'an Jiaotong University
(China), 2009

Dr. Ren's research interests include nanoscale probe-
based broadband biomechanics characterization and
high-speed imaging and broad-band viscoelasticity



Soumik Sarkar
Assistant Professor

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, Penn State University, 2011
MS, Mechanical Engineering, Penn State University, 2009
MS, Mathematics, Penn State University, 2009
BE, Mechanical Engineering, Jadavpur University, 2006

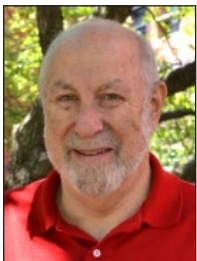
Dr. Sarkar's research interests include diagnostics,
prognostics & supervisory control of complex cyber-
physical systems; multi-agent systems and analysis
of critical phenomena; human-machine interaction;
data mining and visualization, machine learning,
probabilistic graphical models; and stochastic time
series analysis.



Cris Schwartz
Associate Professor
Associate Chair for
Undergraduate Education

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, Iowa State University, 2006
MS, Mechanical Engineering, Iowa State University, 1998
BS, Mechanical Engineering, Iowa State University, 1996

Dr. Schwartz's research interests include biotribology, polymer tribology, wear of biomaterials and the effects of wear debris in vivo, biomedical implant design, and incorporating naturally derived and biodegradable polymers in design.



Howard Shapiro
Lecturer

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, The Ohio State University, 1975
MS, Mechanical Engineering, The Ohio State University, 1971
BS, Mathematics, The Ohio State University, 1969

*“Give us your mind
and enthusiasm now,
and we will give it
back to you, sharp,
trained, and ready to
help in making wise
decisions.”*

**~Henry Black, ME Department Chair
1946-72**

Faculty Highlights

of Flow Visualization, which took place during the summer of 2016

Sonal Padalkar has one research publication under review and two manuscripts under preparation. She also taught ME 231 for three semesters and recruited and retained female researchers in her lab.

Alberto Passalacqua published the first release of OpenQBMM, the first open-source implementation of quadrature-based moment methods to solve population balance equations for nucleation, aggregation, breakup, growth of nanoparticles.

Paola Pittoni taught five different courses taught, for a total of 314 students and ten sections, with a mean overall teaching effectiveness of 4.53. She also led an ISU power plant visit included as a curriculum activity for ME 231 and served as first author on a paper entitled “Experimental Thermal and Fluid Science.”

Rafael Radkowski investigated a maximum likelihood (ML) solution for the iterative closest point method incorporating a mixture of Gaussians to distinguish multiple rigid objects in a 3D point cloud data set. The outcome poses a milestone in his tracking research: the ML estimation increases the robustness of the entire tracking approach to a point that practical applications under real-world conditions are possible. Thus, the tracking method will allow application developers to use marker-less object tracking in AR applications. Other researchers, from the field of Human Computer Interaction for instance, can rely on a robust tracking solution for their own research.

Juan Ren set-up the Nano-/bio-mechanical study and control research lab, and recruited PhD students for research projects focusing on biological and nanoscale sciences. She also helped to develop the teaching lab for ME410.

Soumik Sarkar and his research group have developed hierarchical spatiotemporal feature extraction algorithms with an emphasis on Deep Learning tools for complex system modeling, understanding scientific patterns from data and design with significant success on various application areas including combustion processes, microfluidic channels, building and wind turbine systems and plant disease detection. They have also developed Generalized Gossip based policies for distributed optimization with an application focus on agent-based supervisory control of building HVAC systems for energy efficiency. The research was supported by NSF, Rockwell Collins and Iowa Energy Center.

In 2015, **Cris Schwartz** spent a significant amount of my time identifying and addressing capacity limitations in our curriculum and how those could be addressed in order to serve our growing enrollment while maintaining program quality. Last year he worked with the Curriculum Development Committees to identify space and equipment needs that were most vital to this mission. As a result, the department was able to invest substantially in some of our upper-level teaching labs which will not only help to address our rising enrollments, but also improve the student experience in ME's curriculum.

Howard Shapiro's most notable contribution to the department is to provide leadership and impetus for faculty development in teaching and learning. ME LEARNS! is bringing together new faculty and established faculty to learning and grow together and is stimulating curriculum discussion and enhancing interdepartmental communication about teaching and curriculum.

He was also appointed chair of the Edward F. Obert Award Committee, in which he will oversee the annual selection of the society-wide award for best paper in Thermodynamics.

Faculty Highlights

Pranav Shrotriya received three new research grants, presented invited seminars at Oklahoma State University and Lund University, Sweden. He served as the Associate Chair for Graduate Studies and Research till Fall 2015 and worked with department faculty to: increase graduate enrollment to 256 students making ME the fourth largest graduate and PhD program in the university.

In 2015, **Travis Sippel's** research group achieved advancements to our detonation-speed heating apparatus, enabling reproduction of the thermal loads within energetic applications from combustion to detonation within a small, benchtop device. We demonstrated this year the world's first microwave-seeded plasma throttleable solid rocket propellant using a novel propellant doping technique combined with microwave-flame application (collaboration with JB Michael). The technique can enable the active control of the burning rate of solid propellant and has potential to improve combustion in other propulsion systems.

Nine students, Mark Mba-Wright, and **Gloria Starns** traveled to San Isidro, Nicaragua to design and fabricate sustainable systems as an outcome of ME 402X, Human Centered Design; the experience of co-designing products with the Nicaraguan community was transformative for everyone involved in the class.

Shankar Subramaniam was awarded the College of Engineering's Accelerating Collaborative Research Initiative (ACRI) grant for developing a strategic research thrust in multiphase flows through the Center for Multiphase Flow Research. He delivered invited seminars at Chemeca 2014 in Perth, Australia, and at the Enabling Process Innovation through Computation (EPIC) Seminar Series in LSU. He delivered the Lindbergh Lecture at University of Wisconsin, Madison, and also participated in the Stanford Center for Turbulence Research's 2014 Summer Program.

Sriram Sundararajan is the College of Engineering Equity Advisor. Through this role, he works with college leadership to enhance the diversity of the faculty body. He assumed leadership of the Broader Impacts Platform of the Iowa NSF EPSCoR project and helps build research infrastructure across the state.

Judy Vance co-edited a book entitled "Advances in Computers and Information in Engineering Research" published by ASME Press. This is the first volume in a series covering current research in Advanced Modeling and Simulation; Computer-Aided Product and Process Development; Systems Engineering, Information and Knowledge Management; and Virtual Environments and Systems.

Xinwei Wang has 15 papers published or accepted for publication in highly visible journals, and one book chapter accepted for publication. He received the Iowa State University Award for Mid-Career Achievement in Research, and was elected to Fellow Grade of ASME. In 2014, he has been advising 10 Ph.D. students, two M.S. students, and one visiting scholar to do research in his lab on various frontier thermal transport areas.

Research in **Eliot Winer's** lab continued on using Augmented Reality in manufacturing during training and daily work. Dr. Winer also researched the fusion of sensor and self-reported data during human subject testing in a manufacturing task. Lastly, researchers in Dr. Winer's group studied the effects of stereopsis on spatial tasks in a medical context. Results showed that for medical training, diagnosis and treatment, the effect is significant.



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PhD, Theoretical and Applied Mathematics, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, 2001

MS, Theoretical and Applied Mathematics, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, 1997

BT, Mechanical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, 1995

Dr. Shrotriya researches the mechanical response of micro- and nanoscale structures, experimental and computational mechanics at small-length scales, mechanics of surface stress sensors and molecular adsorption, stress-assisted dissolution and damage of biomedical implants, and mechanics of manufacturing processes.



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PhD, Mechanical Engineering, Purdue University, 2013

MS, Mechanical Engineering, Purdue University, 2009

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BS, Mechanical Engineering, University of Kansas, 2006

Dr. Sippel's research areas of interest include multiphase combustion, particularly of propellants, explosives, and pyrotechnics, nanostructured energetic materials and novel applications of



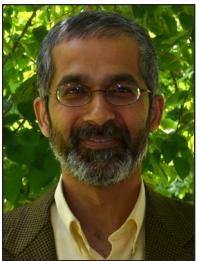
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PhD, Mechanical Engineering, Iowa State University

MS, Mechanical Engineering, Iowa State University

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Lecturer Starns's past experience includes private consulting and serving as a project engineer for a commercial refrigeration manufacturer.



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PhD, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Cornell University, 1997
MS, Aerospace Engineering, University of Notre Dame, 1990
BT, Aeronautical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, 1988

Dr. Subramaniam's research interests include spray modeling, modeling and simulation of gas-particle flows and granular flows, combustion, turbulent reactive flows, mixing, stochastic models, particle methods, and computational fluid dynamics.



Sriram Sundararajan
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
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PhD, Mechanical Engineering, The Ohio State University, 2001
MS, Mechanical Engineering, The Ohio State University, 1997
BE, Mechanical Engineering, Birla Institute of Technology and Science, 1995

Dr. Sundararajan's research areas of interest are surface engineering, micro- and nanoscale tribology, multiscale mechanical behavior of materials, scanning probe microscopy, and thin film characterization using three dimensional atom probe microscopy.



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Professor of Engineering

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, Iowa State University, 1992
MS, Mechanical Engineering, Iowa State University, 1987
BS, Mechanical Engineering, Iowa State University, 1980

Dr. Vance works with virtual reality applications in mechanical engineering including virtual assembly, virtual manufacturing and mechanism synthesis, optimization, and the fundamentals of engineering design including ideation and concept generation.



Xinwei Wang
Professor

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, Purdue University, 2001
MS, Thermal Science and Energy Engineering, University of Science and Technology of China, 1996
BS, Thermal Science and Energy Engineering, University of Science and Technology of China, 1994

Dr. Wang's areas of interests include laser-assisted bio-imaging, thermal transport in nanoscale and nanostructured materials, novel technique developments for thermal conductivity measurement of films, coatings and micro- and nanoscale wires/rubes, and laser-assisted nanostructuring.



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PhD, Mechanical Engineering, Univ. of California at Berkeley, 1989
MS, Mechanical Engineering, Univ. of California at Berkeley, 1987
BS, Mechanical Engineering, Univ. of California at Berkeley, 1985

Dr. Wickert's research interests include mechanical vibration and noise control, continuous and multibody systems dynamics, applied mechanics, and applications in computer data storage.



Eliot Winer
Professor

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, State Univ. of NY at Buffalo, 1999
MS, Mechanical Engineering, State Univ. of NY at Buffalo, 1994
BS, Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering, The Ohio State Univ., 1992

Dr. Winer is active in internet technology for large-scale collaborative design; medical imaging, analysis and visualization, multidisciplinary design synthesis, computer aided design and graphics, application in optimal design, and scientific visualization and virtual reality for large-scale design.

Adjunct and Courtesy Appointments



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Aerospace Engineering

PhD, Engineering, Brown University, 1997
MS, Applied Mathematics, Brown University, 1995
MS, Mechanical Engineering, Cairo University, 1991
BS, Mechanical Engineering, Cairo University, 1988

Dr. Bastawros' research interests include micro and nano surface machining, experimental methods to study structure-property relationships, and thermo-mechanical characteristics of porous solids and biological materials.



Leonard Bond
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Aerospace Engineering

PhD., City University - London

Dr Bond's reserach focused on ultrasonics applied to nondestructive evaluation (NDE) as well as advanced diagnostics and prognostics, to estimate safe service life, applied to aerospace and energy systems.



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Aerospace Engineering

PhD, Engineering Sciences, Harvard University, 2006
MS, Engineering Mechanics, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, 2002
BS, Engineering Mechanics, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, 2000

Dr. Hong's research interests include solid mechanics, soft materials, smart materials and structures, fracture and microstructure evolution, and multiphysics modeling and simulation.



Terry Meyer
Collaborator Professor
Purdue University

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, 2001
MS, Mechanical Engineering, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, 1997
BS, Mechanical Engineering, University of Minnesota, 1993

Dr. Meyer's areas of interests are laser imaging and spectroscopy for reacting fluid flow and sprays, biorenewable fuels, combustion, power and propulsion, gas-turbines, scramjets, hypersonic vehicles, and internal combustion engines.



Richard T. Stone
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Industrial and Manufacturing

PhD, Industrial and Systems Engineering, The University of Buffalo, SUNY, 2008
MS, IT with concentration in Robotics and W/M programing, The Rochester Institute of Technology, 2001
Adv. Cert, Environmental Managment Science, 2002, Robotics and CAM, 2001, The Rochester Institute of Technology
BS, MIS, The Rochester Institiute of Technology, 1999

Dr. Stone's research interests include human performance enhancement in both physical and mental domains. He employs multiple approaches toward this goal, including cognitive and physiological engineering, classical and experimental ergonomics, augmented reality, and the incorporation and application of new technologies.

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Industry Advisory Council members pose in front of the new ME signage during their fall 2016 meeting. From left: Caroline Hayes, Joe Wright, Diane Fischer, Robin O'Callaghan, Cynthia Lord, Greg Garrison, Brett Anderson, David O'Brien, Jeremy Berg, Jason Olberding, and Mike Jensen.

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Boeing

Brett is an Iowa State BSAE alum and has been with The Boeing Company since 1989. He coordinates with internal and external technology experts to identify short and long term roadmaps to match business unit needs with strategic direction for both technology development and business opportunities.

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Jeremy is a BSCE alum of Iowa State and has been at Cargill since 2004. He provides Automation, Electrical and Instrumentation (AEI) support to more than 30 oilseeds (soybean, canola, flax, corn germ) processing plants and refineries across North America.

Diane Fischer

Black & Veatch

Diane is a BSME alum of Iowa State and has worked for Black & Veatch since 1992. She currently serves as the Associate Vice President and Regional Area Director - Central Region for Power Generation Services and is responsible for client satisfaction, project execution, and business capture for power generation services projects in the central region of the United States.

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An alum of the department, Mike leads the Operations organization at John Deere Product Engineering Center. He is responsible for the efficient planning and growth of all Global Tractor Platform PV&V facilities.

Greg Garrison

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Mike Jensen

Caterpillar

Mike is a BSME graduate of Iowa State and serves as a Senior Engineering Tech Team Leader at Caterpillar. His activities encompass working enterprise-wide new product development program challenges related to updating the Caterpillar machine product line to meet upcoming diesel engine emissions regulations.

Cynthia Lord

Alliant Energy

Cynthia is a BSME alum of Iowa State and has spent over 27 years in the energy industry.

She is a manager in the Generation Engineering department for Alliant Energy, and is responsible for supporting the engineering needs of 15 power plants across Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

David O'Brien

Lyondellbasell

Dave is a BSME alum and started at Lyondellbasell as a co-op engineering in 1990. He is currently the Machinery Group Lead and helps perform troubleshooting, executes upgrades, and provides technical support for the operation and maintenance of rotating equipment such as steam turbines, centrifugal compressors, and pumps.

Robin O'Callaghan

Kiewit Power, Inc.

Robin graduated from the ISU ME program and is employed as an operational mechanical engineering at Kiewit Power in Lenexa, KS. Robin has been active in Iowa State recruitment and is a licensed engineer in three states.

Jason Olberding, IAC Vice Chair

Emerson Process Management

Jason is an ISU ME graduate and serves as the Special Products Group Manager at Emerson Process Management in Waterloo, IA.

Nancy Stewart

3M

Nancy graduated from ISU with a BS in mechanical engineering and joined 3M shortly afterwards. She has worked in a variety of positions at 3M and is currently serving on an assignment in the Lean Six Sigma Organization in the Skin & Wound Care Division.

Kyle Wehring

Rockwell Collins

Kyle is an ISU BSME graduate and serves as a design engineer at Rockwell Collins. He is responsible for mechanical design and packaging of electronics for fixed site, ground vehicle, and airborne applications.

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Sauer Danfoss

Joe is an Iowa State BSME alum and has been with Danfoss Power Solutions since 2004. He leads a team of engineers in Europe and North America focused on simulation, development, and testing of hydrostatic transmissions for off-highway equipment.

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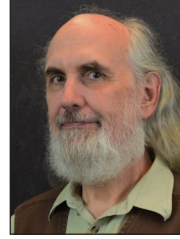
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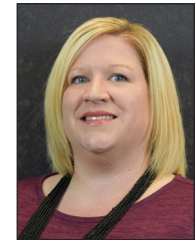
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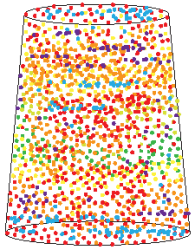


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Bioengineering and Translational Health

Faculty researchers: Tim Bigelow, Nastaran Hashemi, Ming-Chen Hsu, Jaime Juarez, Adarsh Krishnamurthy, Ming Lu, Juan Ren, Cris Schwartz, Pranav Shrotriya, and Eliot Winer.

Nanoscale Sciences

Faculty researchers: Ganesh Balsubramanian, Nastaran Hashemi, Shan Hu, Jaime Juarez, Ming Lu, Sonal Padalkar, Juan Ren, Pranav Shrotriya, Travis Sippel, and Sriram Sundararajan.

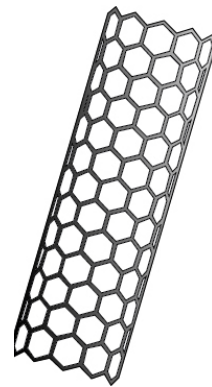


Energy Sciences and Sustainability

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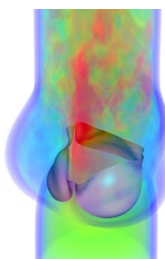


Design and Manufacturing

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Dynamic Systems, Sensors, and Controls

Faculty researchers: Sourabh Bhattacharya, Shan Hu, Atul Kelkar, Greg Lucke, Juan Ren and Soumik Sarkar.



Computational Sciences and Visualization

Faculty researchers: Sourabh Bhattacharya, Mark Bryden, Baskar Ganapathysubramanian, Ming-Chen Hsu, Chao Hu, Atul Kelkar, Song-Charn Kong, Adarsh Krishnamurthy, Soumik Sarkar, Cris Schwartz, and Eliot Winer.

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