



# WPI

*The One Hundred Fifty-Fourth*

## COMMENCEMENT

— GRADUATE CEREMONY —

*Five O' Clock • Thursday the Eleventh of May  
Two Thousand Twenty-Three*

WPI Quadrangle

WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE





## GRADUATE CEREMONY PROGRAM

<b>Prelude</b>	WPI Brass Ensemble, Douglas Olsen, Conductor
<b>Processional</b>	Led by the Honorary Marshal <i>Full details begin on page 5</i>
<b>Call to Order Led</b>	Jeanine Skorinko, Honorary Marshal
<b>National Anthem</b>	WPI Chorus Joshua W. Rohde, Conductor & Sophia Cheng, Student Conductor <i>The audience is invited to join in the singing</i>
<b>Charge from the President</b>	Grace Wang
<b>Student Remarks</b>	"Our WPI Graduate Degree: Story of Grit" Mahvash Jebeli
<b>Recognition of Faculty Award Recipients</b>	William A. Fitzgerald
<b>Conferring of Honorary Degrees</b>	President Wang
<b>Commencement Address</b>	Catherine Ball, PhD
<b>Presentation of Candidates for Degrees</b>	Terri A. Camesano, Dean of Graduate Studies
<b>Conferring of Degrees</b>	President Wang
<b>Remarks from the Alumni Association</b>	Paula Delaney '75, President
<b>Recessional</b>	WPI Brass Ensemble

*The audience is requested to remain standing until the end of the national anthem.  
At the conclusion of the Commencement exercises, the audience is requested to remain  
standing until the academic procession has left the Quadrangle.*



*As the processional begins, members of the faculty, attired in colorful robes and hoods, line both sides of Earle Bridge to pay tribute to the graduates as they cross the bridge before receiving their diplomas.*



## A FEW NOTES ABOUT THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

In a practice inaugurated in 2016, WPI is awarding undergraduate and graduate degrees at separate spring Commencement ceremonies. Master's and PhD degrees will be presented on Thursday evening, May 11; bachelor's degree recipients will receive their diplomas on Saturday morning, May 13.

Several longstanding campus traditions infuse the WPI spirit, two of which will be in evidence during today's Commencement ceremony. Crossing Earle Bridge is one of the oldest. To visitors, the bridge is a lovely pathway connecting the east and west sides of campus. For students, the span plays a symbolic role at the start

and end of their WPI careers. Traditionally, students cross the bridge as an entire class at Convocation and at Commencement.

Another tradition involves the WPI seal in the center of the Quad. Throughout their time at WPI, students make a point of walking around the seal, for it is said that students who step directly on the landmark won't graduate on time. That this tradition is upheld is most evident during the snowy winter months. After years of avoidance (not to mention years of hard work and intense studying), each graduate will walk directly over the seal as part of their commencement ceremony.



## PROCESSIONAL AND RECESSIONAL

Students begin lining up at 3:30 pm for the processional, which steps off at approximately 4:35 pm (the ceremony itself starts at 5:00 pm). Originating at Harrington Auditorium, the processional winds through the campus, crosses Earle Bridge, follows the sidewalk past Alden Memorial, moves onto the walkway behind Bartlett Center, turns at the Proud Goat statue, and proceeds up the center aisle under the tent.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the marchers move down the center aisle and proceed as a group toward the Bartlett Center. Guests are asked not to block the progress of the processional or recession. It is especially important to keep the center aisle clear so marchers may make their way to and from their seats.

Serving as honorary marshal for the Graduate Ceremony is Jeanine Skorinko, professor of social science and policy studies and winner of the 2023 Trustees' Award for Outstanding Research and Creative Scholarship. The baton she carries is the walking stick of WPI founder John Boynton.

President Wang wears the Presidential Medallion, with the WPI seal cast in silver and the names and years of service of all 16 presidents engraved on small silver plates that form links in the chain. Provost Soboyejo carries the Academic Mace, a 42-inch staff made from fluted cherrywood and topped with a circular silver pedestal on which sits a large silver medal with the WPI seal on each side.

## PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

The pictures taken today will be treasured mementos. The following information should help our guests get the shots they want.

**Photos during the ceremony:** The area in front and to the side of the stage is reserved for official (badged) WPI photographers. Guests are not permitted in this area and may not stand in the aisles or around the stage area during any part of the ceremony (this will be strictly enforced). **Please do not stand in the aisles to take photographs as you will block the view of seated guests.**

**Please note:** We know that parents and guests want that perfect picture! WPI will provide each student a digital photo taken by a professional photographer (Island Photography) as they receive their diploma from President Wang. There is no cost for the downloadable photo. **For more information about the photo service,** you may call **(516) 767-1234**, or check online at **[islandphoto.com](http://islandphoto.com)**.

WPI records the entire ceremony from several vantage points. A live stream is available on the WPI Commencement website and the WPI mobile app (see next section) during the ceremony. A complete, high-quality video of the ceremony will be available for downloading within two weeks at **[wpi.edu/+Commencement](http://wpi.edu/+Commencement)**.

**Photos after the ceremony:** If you'd like to capture your happy graduate following the ceremony, we recommend the following locations:

- **The Stage Area:** After the procession has left the Quadrangle, guests are invited to take photos on or near the stage (with WPI banner and plantings in background).
- **Earle Bridge:** Spanning West Street, the footbridge is decorated with flowering plants. .
- **Boynton Hall:** WPI's first building, with its granite exterior and clock tower, is located just across the footbridge.
- **Higgins House:** This WPI mansion, located directly behind the Rubin Campus Center, is surrounded by plantings and formal gardens that are in full bloom at this time of year.

## DISSEMINATING DIPLOMAS

After the Commencement ceremony ends, students will pick up diplomas from a designated location where faculty will be available for photo opportunities.

## INFO AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

One of the best ways to get the information and news you're looking for about Commencement week is to download the **WPI Mobile App** to your smartphone or tablet. You will find items to help navigate the campus, including campus maps noting dining and more. You can get a front-row seat to the various ceremonies by watching our live video streams. After Commencement, use the WPI Mobile App to stay connected to all things WPI. The app is available on the iTunes Store and Google Play, or you can download it at **[wpi.edu/+mobile](http://wpi.edu/+mobile)**.



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## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

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### Catherine Ball, PhD

Scientific Futurist, Author, and Tech Influencer • Honorary Doctor of Science



Catherine Ball is a woman of many talents. In addition to being an honorary associate professor in the School of Cybernetics at the Australian National University, Dr. Catherine—as she likes to be called—is a global business pioneer, author, scientific futurist, and speaker. Her most recent book, *Converge: A futurist's insights into the potential of our world as technology and humanity collide*, explores how those of us alive today can effectively harness existing and future technology to save our planet and help humans thrive.

She has been asking important questions about the world since she was a little girl growing up in the United Kingdom. Seeing photos of the devastating famine in Ethiopia in the 1980s, she repeatedly asked her mother why people were letting others suffer so much. During the same period, the young Dr. Catherine was also deeply moved when she saw Live Aid benefit concerts on TV. As passionate celebrities from around the world came together to share songs and raise money for Ethiopians in need, she was moved by how much good could be done when people worked together. Both memories guide her work today.

She has combined her formal academic training in environmental protection, ecology, and statistics to forge a unique role in our rapidly changing and deeply connected world. Understanding how much potential power lies in technology today, Dr. Catherine works hard to inspire people to harness scientific

advancements for the greater good. “Technology exists for us,” she told *CEO Magazine*, adding that right now humans have a “chance to take everything we’ve learned from all the technologies we currently have and make tech work for the good of humanity and society.”

A deep believer in paying it forward, Dr. Catherine is especially dedicated to inspiring girls and others who are traditionally underrepresented in STEM fields because she knows that diverse perspectives are needed in order to create solutions that will be effective and lasting in a changing world. She is a mentor and advisor to the CEO of Women Who Drone, as well as a proud #SheFlies ambassador for Girl Geek Academy. Named one of the World’s 50 Most Renowned Women in Robotics by *Analytics Insight* in 2020, Dr. Catherine is also the only Australian on the International Advisory Board of the Schmidt Ocean Institute, which follows her work as a judge on the Ocean Discovery XPrize.

For her unwavering commitment to ensuring that both our planet and society are healthy for generations to come by connecting people from different backgrounds and inspiring and mentoring budding global STEM leaders to harness the power of technology to create innovative solutions for the most pressing humanitarian, educational, and environmental needs of today and tomorrow, WPI is pleased to confer on Catherine Ball the degree of Doctor of Science, *Honoris Causa*.

## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

### Professor Gebisa Ejeta

**Executive Director, Purdue Center for Global Food Security, Purdue University • Honorary Doctor of Science**

Growing up the son of poor tenant farmers in a one-room thatched hut in west central Ethiopia, Gebisa Ejeta walked more than 12 miles to school on Sunday evenings, and made the return trip on foot after school on Fridays.

The experience set him on a trajectory toward a better life, but his educational journey has also ultimately resulted in hunger relief for millions on the African continent when the renowned plant breeder and geneticist developed drought- and parasite-resistant sorghum hybrids.

Ejeta, executive director of Purdue University's Center for Global Food Security, received the World Food Prize in 2009 for his work developing sorghum varieties resistant to drought and to Striga, a parasitic weed. Sorghum is a major food crop for more than 500 million people on the African continent.

"The research breakthroughs and publications of results and so on are not an end by themselves," Ejeta said after receiving the prize, considered the Nobel Prize of agriculture. "Millions of dollars are being invested in various international research programs to serve a purpose, and that purpose is to serve humanity, eradicate hunger, and feed people."



Ejeta also had the honor of advising on science and policy at the highest level of several international development and U.S. government agencies, including a stint as a member of the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's Scientific Advisory Board.

After receiving his master's and doctorate from Purdue, Ejeta went to Sudan to begin his seminal sorghum research. In 1984, he returned to Purdue, where he has led a comprehensive agricultural educational and research program with a focus on Africa. In 2011, he helped create the Center for Global Food Security at Purdue; he is also the university's Presidential Fellow for Food Security and Sustainable Global Development.

For his decades-long efforts to improve lives through development of drought-resistant crop varieties, his steadfast advocacy for food security and sustainable development, and his role in shaping food policy around the world, WPI is pleased to confer on Gebisa Ejeta the degree of Doctor of Science, *Honoris Causa*.



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## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

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David A. Lucht

**Founding Director of WPI's Fire Protection Engineering Program • Honorary Doctor of Engineering**

David A. Lucht is one of those people who can look back on a career that has made the world safer. From his service as a volunteer firefighter in his hometown of Middlefield, Ohio, to his pivotal role as founding director of WPI's internationally renowned graduate degree program in fire protection engineering (FPE), Lucht has dedicated his life to fire safety and educating generations of leaders in this critical field..

After earning a Bachelor of Science degree in fire protection and safety engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology, Lucht wasted no time applying his education to the real-world challenges of fire protection. Early in his career at The Ohio State University Building Research Laboratory, he organized demonstration tests aimed at educating lawmakers and code officials about the effectiveness of home smoke detectors in actual dwellings. His career-long advocacy of home smoke detectors may be his greatest contribution to making individuals, families, and communities safer.

In 1972, Lucht began work in the Ohio Division of State Fire Marshal. Not long thereafter, Governor John Gilligan appointed him to serve as the State Fire Marshal, the top fire safety official in the state. During his tenure in that Division he launched construction of the Ohio Fire Academy and authored the Ohio Fire Code which was the first in the United States to mandate home smoke alarms on a statewide basis.

In 1975, Lucht was appointed by President Gerald Ford as deputy administrator of the United States Fire Administration. This newly created agency was charged with implementing America Burning, the 1973 landmark report by the National Commission



on Fire Prevention and Control. He played a key role in implementing the mandates of the Fire Prevention and Control Act, including the National Fire Academy, the National Fire Incident Reporting System and fire research programs. The efficacy of home smoke alarms and residential sprinkler

systems received heavy emphasis in public education programs developed for use by practitioners on the state and local level.

Lucht brought all this knowledge and experience to WPI in 1978, when he became the first director of the newly created Center for Firesafety Studies. During his 25 years as adjunct professor and founding director of the FPE program, WPI launched the nation's first master of science degree in FPE, a first-of-its-kind PhD program, and the first global distance learning FPE degree program. WPI is now known as a global leader in FPE, with graduates making significant contributions to government, business, and education around the world.

Lucht has also actively served in leadership positions in numerous professional societies. He is a Fellow of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE). He received the Arthur B. Guise Medal and Prize from the SFPE Foundation, and the David Rasbash Memorial Medal from the Institution of Fire Engineers, London. In 2005, the SFPE established the David A. Lucht Lamp of Knowledge Award in his honor.

For his leadership in the field of fire protection engineering and significant contributions in the field and at the university that have led to a safer world, WPI is pleased to confer on David A. Lucht the degree of Doctor of Engineering, *Honoris Causa*.

## 2023 STUDENT SPEAKER

Mahvash Jebeli

PhD Biomedical Engineering

Mahvash Jebeli is receiving a PhD in biomedical engineering. Her diverse experience at WPI has prepared her well for a career in the biopharma industry, where she hopes to help increase the quality of people's lives. Her work at WPI focused in part on rigorously researching and evaluating the calcification of the aortic valve to better understand the disease and related cellular behavior.

Mahvash was a mentor for high school women of color through the Women's Research and Mentorship Program (WRAMP) at WPI, which empowers young women by pairing graduate, undergraduate, and high school students to conduct hands-on research. In fact, two of her men-



tees in WRAMP are now biomedical engineering undergraduate students here.

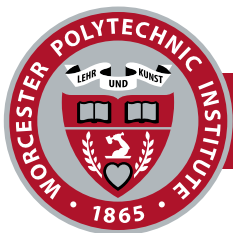
Prior to WPI, Mavash received master's degrees in biomedical engineering from both the University of Akron and Amirkabir University in Tehran; she received her bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Tehran. Currently, she is a scientist at Seres Therapeutics, which recently secured the first and only FDA approval for its orally administered microbiota-based therapeutic for the prevention of recurrent *C. difficile* infection. She advocates for women in higher education and looks forward to a brighter future for humanity.











## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREES

### SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

#### BIOINFORMATICS AND COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Kevin Nelson Heath

*Bioinformatics and  
Computational Biology*

“Modeling Approaches to  
Understanding Bumblebee Behavior  
and Population Decline”

Advisor: Elizabeth Ryder

Awarded: August 30, 2022

Alicia Nadine Howell-Munson

*Bioinformatics and  
Computational Biology*

“Passive Brain-Computer Interfaces for  
Non-Medical Applications”

Advisor: Erin Solovey

Dayna Mercadante

*Bioinformatics and  
Computational Biology*

“Mathematical Modeling and  
Experimental Approaches Reveal Novel  
Roles of Cortical Dynein in Spindle  
Dynamics and Centrosome Clustering”

Advisors: Sarah Olson and

Amity Manning

Awarded: August 30, 2022

#### BIOLOGY & BIOTECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Elizabeth A. Crowley

*Biology and Biotechnology*

“Defining the Mechanisms  
Contributing to Genomic Instability  
Following RB Loss”

Advisor: Amity Manning

Awarded: December 30, 2022

Luis Gregory Gutierrez Zamalloa

*Biology and Biotechnology*

“Elucidating Mechanisms of Replication-  
Associated Synthetic Lethality with RB  
Loss and PARP Inhibition”

Advisor: Amity Manning

Bo Yang

*Biology and Biotechnology*

“Understanding and Managing  
Emerging Fungal Infectious Diseases-  
Virulence Mechanisms, Drug  
Resistance and Discovery of Novel  
Antifungal Agents”

Advisor: Reeta Rao

Awarded: December 30, 2022

#### CHEMISTRY & BIOCHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT

Tadas A. Buivydas

*Chemistry*

“I. Enantioselective Alkynylation of  
Challenging, Biologically Relevant  
Tertiary Ether Stereocenters II.  
Enantioselective Catalytic Alkynylation  
of Quinolones III. Benzopyrylium  
Ions as Highly Tunable Organic  
Photocatalysts”

Advisor: Anita Mattson

Lela Elizabeth Jackson

*Biochemistry*

“The Role of Gaq-Mediated Stress  
Granules in Neuron Function”

Advisor: Suzanne Scarlata

Awarded: August 30, 2022

Yuting Liu

*Biochemistry*

“Expression, Function and  
Oligomerization of the hZIP4  
Membrane Domain”

Advisor: Robert Dempski

Awarded: August 30, 2022

Julia L. Martin

*Chemistry*

“Surface Science of Low-Dimensional  
Materials: Controlling Chemical and  
Optoelectronic Structure, Connecting  
Dissimilar Materials, and Improving  
Atmospheric Stability”

Advisor: Ronald Grimm

Andre Francisco de Castro Vieira

*Biochemistry*

“Dissecting Phospholipid Metabolism  
Pathways after Glucose Stress in  
*C. Elegans*”

Advisor: Carissa Olsen

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Noura Saeed Alghamdi

*Computer Science*

“Big Time Series Analytics Using a  
Distributed Infrastructure”

Advisor: Elke Rundensteiner

Awarded: August 30, 2022

Zeqian Li

*Computer Science*

“Compositional Embeddings and Their  
Applications in Speaker Diarization”

Advisor: Jacob Whitehill

Xika Lin

*Computer Science*

“Frequent Pattern Mining Analytics”

Advisor: Elke Rundensteiner

Awarded: December 30, 2022

Shengmei Liu

*Computer Science*

“The Impact of Latency on Players in First-person Shooter Games”

Advisor: Mark Claypool

Awarded: December 30, 2022

Ziyang Liu

*Computer Science*

“Neural Networks Models for Multi-Attribute Assessment of Fine-Grained Wound Images”

Advisor: Emmanuel Agu

Hamid Mansoor

*Computer Science*

“Visual Analytics for Smartphone Health Phenotyping”

Advisors: Emmanuel Agu and Elke Rundensteiner

Awarded: August 30, 2022

Samuel S. Ogden

*Computer Science*

“MiseEnPlace: Fine- and Coarse-grained Approaches for Mobile-Oriented Deep Learning Inference”

Advisor: Tian Guo

Awarded: December 30, 2022

### DATA SCIENCE PROGRAM

Abdulaziz Saleh Alajaji

*Data Science*

“Robust Representation Learning for Context Recognition on Weakly-supervised Mobile Sensed Data with Covariate-shifts”

Advisors: Emmanuel Agu and Elke Rundensteiner

Geri Louise Dimas

*Data Science*

“Data Science for Improving Operations in Organizations that Serve Vulnerable Populations”

Advisor: Andrew Trapp

Han Jiang

*Data Science*

“Educational Data Mining Toward Personalized Tutoring: Exploration of Facial Behaviors, Thermal Comfort, and Relevant Content Search”

Advisor: Jacob Whitehill

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Rasika Shirish Karkare

*Data Science*

“Robust Generative Models for Deep Learning Applications”

Advisor: Randy Paffenroth

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Yingnan Liu

*Data Science*

“Ensemble CNNs in Transform Domains for Small Data Image Super-Resolution”

Advisor: Randy Paffenroth

Awarded: August 30, 2022

Ethan Benjamin Prihar

*Data Science*

“Integrating Personalized Learning into Online Education through Content Aggregation, Data Mining, and Reinforcement Learning”

Advisor: Neil Heffernan

Huimin Ren

*Data Science*

“Entity Identification Based on Human Mobility Data”

Advisor: Yanhua Li

Awarded: December 30, 2022

Jidapa Thadajarassiri

*Data Science*

“Knowledge Amalgamation from Heterogeneous Pre-Trained Models”

Advisor: Elke Rundensteiner

Huayi Zhang

*Data Science*

“Towards an End-to-End Training Data Management System for Machine Learning Models”

Advisor: Elke Rundensteiner

Xin Zhang

*Data Science*

“Human Behavior Analysis via Generative Adversarial Imitation Learning”

Advisor: Yanhua Li

### LEARNING SCIENCES & TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Renah Razzaq

*Learning Sciences and Technology*

“The Effects of Immediate Feedback on Student Learning in Mathematics”

Advisor: Neil Heffernan

Hannah Catherine Smith

*Learning Sciences and Technology*

“Enhancing STEM Learning in Pre-K-12 Education: A Multifaceted Approach to Supporting Students and Training Teachers”

Advisor: Erin Ottmar

### MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

Ashley Nicole Lockwood

*Statistics*

“Bayesian Predictive Inference for a Study Variable Without Specifying a Link to the Covariates”

Advisor: Balgobin Nandram

Patchara Santawisook

*Mathematical Sciences*

“Price Impact in the VIX Futures Market and Mean-Field Games in Two Order Books”

Advisor: Stephan Sturm

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Riuji Ignacio Sato

*Mathematical Sciences*

“Analysis and Homogenization of Partial Differential Equations with Discontinuous Boundary Conditions”

Advisor: Bogdan Vernescu

Yanzhao Wang

*Statistics*

“New Developments in Sequential Change Point Detection for Time Series and Spatio-temporal Analysis”

Advisor: Jian Zou

Evan Connor Witz

*Mathematical Sciences*

“Mathematical Principles for  
Deconstructing Deep Learning:  
Theory and Application to  
Electromagnetic Signals”

Advisor: Randy Paffenroth

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Pooya Yousefi

*Mathematical Sciences*

“Quasi-Static Griffith Fracture Evolution  
with Boundary Loads”

Advisor: Christopher Larsen

## PHYSICS DEPARTMENT

Teagan E. Bate

*Physics*

“Control and Characterization of  
Microtubule Kinesin Active Fluid  
Behavior”

Advisor: Kun-Ta Wu

Debanik Das

*Physics*

“Modeling Phononic Crystals and  
Acoustic Metamaterials to Control  
Elastic Waves: Self-Collimation,  
Bi-Refringence, Forward and  
Inverse Design”

Advisor: L. Ramdas Ram-Mohan

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## SYSTEM DYNAMICS

Timothy Burke Clancy

*System Dynamics*

“The Lifecycle of Violence and Instability  
of Non-State Actors”

Advisor: Khalid Saeed

## THE BUSINESS SCHOOL

Lojain Omar Alkhuzaim

*Business Administration*

“Emergy Analysis and Supply Chains - A  
Circular Economy Byproduct Supply  
Chain Case Study”

Advisor: Joseph Sarkis

Luis Arturo Jimenez Castillo

*Business Administration*

“Factors Influencing Family Firm  
Internationalization”

Advisor: Purvi Shah

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Basma Abubakr Khoja

*Business Administration*

“Family Influence, Entrepreneurial  
Passion and Gender: Multiple Case  
Studies of Saudi Family Businesses”

Advisor: Rosanna Garcia

Javad Norouzi Nia

*Business Administration*

“Eye Tracking and Wellness:  
The Quest for Unobtrusive  
Biomarkers for Designing Smart  
Neuro Information Systems”

Advisor: Soussan Djamasbi

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Scorpio Kevin Rogers

*Business Administration*

“Entrepreneurship-Educated Black  
Entrepreneurs and Their Impacts  
Provided to Black Communities”

Advisor: Rosanna Garcia

Yu Shi

*Business Administration*

“Modelling and Evaluating  
Financial Sustainability using  
Data Envelopment Analysis and  
Machine Learning Methods”

Advisor: Joe Zhu





## SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

### BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Mahvash Jebeli  
*Biomedical Engineering*  
“Investigating the Role of Apoptosis  
in Calcification of the Aortic Valvular  
Interstitial Cells”  
Advisor: Kristen Billiar  
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Shaoju Wu  
*Biomedical Engineering*  
“Applications of Deep Learning in  
Brain Injury Biomechanics and  
Spine Image Registration”  
Advisor: Songbai Ji  
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### CHEMICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Cameron David Armstrong  
*Chemical Engineering*  
“Dynamic Catalytic Microreactor  
Design and Operation in Overcoming  
Inherent Thermodynamic Limitations”  
Advisor: Andrew Teixeira

Kevin William Keating  
*Chemical Engineering*  
“Domestication of Nonconventional  
Gram-negative Bacteria as Synthetic  
Biology Chassis”  
Advisor: Eric Young

Heather Orise LeClerc  
*Chemical Engineering*  
“Molecular Pathway Analysis of  
Biocrude Formation in Hydrothermal  
Liquefaction”  
Advisors: Andrew Teixeira and  
Michael Timko

### CIVIL, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Kaoutar Diouri  
*Civil Engineering*  
“A Study of the Dynamic  
Behavior of Asphalt Material  
Under Milling Conditions”  
Advisor: Tahar El-Korchi

Jihan El Ouaragli  
*Civil Engineering*  
“Novel Smart Polymer – Sorbent-Based  
Thermal Battery for Low-Temperature  
Energy Storage Applications”  
Advisor: Steven Van Dessel

Shuai Wang  
*Civil Engineering*  
“Engineered Biological  
Construction Material: Self-healing  
Concrete and Self-healing Carbon  
Negative Enzymatic Construction  
Materials (ECM)”  
Advisor: Nima Rahbar

Mengxuan Zhao  
*Civil Engineering*  
“A Holistic Framework of  
Synthesis and Characterization of  
Waste-based Geopolymers for  
Civil Engineering Applications”  
Advisor: Mingjiang Tao

### ELECTRICAL & COMPUTER ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Hamza Issa Abujrida  
*Electrical and Computer Engineering*  
“Machine Learning Models for  
Parkinson's Disease Gait Assessment  
and Medication Adherence from  
Smartphone Sensor Data”  
Advisor: Emmanuel Agu  
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Johnathan Werber Adams  
*Electrical and Computer Engineering*  
“Dual-Antiphase Patch Antennas  
for Microwave Imaging and  
Osteoporosis Screening Results Based  
on Neural Networks: Theoretical and  
Experimental Results”  
Advisor: Sergey Makaroff  
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Mahdi Elhousni  
*Electrical and Computer Engineering*  
“Visual Cross-Modal Mapping, Labeling  
and Localization”  
Advisor: Xinming Huang  
Awarded: December 30, 2022

Pantea Kiaei  
*Electrical and Computer Engineering*  
“Cross-Layer Vulnerability Analysis  
of System-on-Chip against Physical  
Hardware Attacks”  
Advisor: Patrick Schaumont  
Awarded: December 30, 2022

Jianan Li  
*Electrical and Computer Engineering*  
“Advanced Control of Upper-Limb  
Prostheses with Time-Synchronized  
Distributed Wireless Electrodes”  
Advisor: Ted Clancy  
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Zhouchi Li  
*Electrical and Computer Engineering*  
“Safe Control of Cyber-Physical Systems  
Under False Data Injection Attacks”  
Advisor: Andrew Clark

### FIRE PROTECTION ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Hsin-Hsiu Ho  
*Fire Protection Engineering*  
“Heat Release Rate of Fires Using Point-  
Based Sampling”  
Advisor: Ali Rangwala

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Veronica M. Kimmerly  
*Fire Protection Engineering*  
“The Behavior of Pit Fires”

Advisor: Ali Rangwala  
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Nathaniel Guild Sauer  
*Fire Protection Engineering*  
“Burning Behavior of Fuel on Water Under the Influence of Waves”  
Advisor: Ali Rangwala

### MECHANICAL AND MATERIALS ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Aref Aasi  
*Mechanical Engineering*  
“Early Detection of Disease Biomarkers in Exhaled Breath through Nanomaterials-Based Sensors: A Comprehensive Investigation”  
Advisor: Balaji Panchapakesan

Munevver Elif Asar Sarikaya  
*Mechanical Engineering*  
“Fundamental and Applied Studies in Modular and System-Level Novel Drying Technologies”  
Advisor: Jamal Yagoobi  
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Jaya Cromwell  
*Mechanical Engineering*  
“Organic and Perovskite Light Emitting Devices: Effects of Interfacial and Layer Cracking on Device Performance and Failure Mechanisms”  
Advisor: Winston Soboyejo

Maryam Masroor Shalmani  
*Mechanical Engineering*  
“Enhancing the Resolution of Inkjet Printing Through Modification of Ink/Substrate Interaction”  
Advisor: Pratap Rao  
Awarded: August 30, 2022

Ajit Ashokrao Mohekar  
*Mechanical Engineering*  
“Fundamental Mechanisms of Energy Transport in Layered Electromagnetic Heat Exchangers with Compressible and Incompressible Fluids”  
Advisors: Burt Tilley and Vadim Yakovlev  
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Zahra Noori O'Connor  
*Mechanical Engineering*  
“Fundamental Understanding of Removal of Water from a Moist Porous Medium in the Absence and Presence of Ultrasound Mechanism”  
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“Interfacial Contact and Deformation: From All Solid State Li Batteries to the Cold Spray of Refractory Ta Powders”  
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“Modification, Design and Degradation Mechanisms of Nickel-Rich Layered Oxide Cathodes for High-Capacity Lithium-Ion Batteries”  
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“Metal Leaching and G-METS Distillation for Neodymium Magnet Scrap Recycling”  
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“Microstructural, Corrosion and Mechanical Characterization of Friction-Stir Welded Joints Between Aluminum and Magnesium Alloys”  
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“Exploring the Impact of Metallic Powder Quality on Cold Spray Processing and Consolidated Material Performance”  
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“Optimized Metals Separation for Remanufacturing of Product-Centric Recycled and Reclaimed Scrap”  
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“Separation of Chemically-Bound Copper in Steel Scrap for Recycling”  
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“Novel Battery Systems with Advanced Manufacturing and Electrode Designs”  
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“Design and Qualification of Wrought and Additively Manufactured 4340 Steels for Fatigue-Critical and Damage-Tolerant Applications”  
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 “Optimal Control and Reinforcement Learning for Stochastic Systems under Temporal Logic Specifications”  
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 “Human-Robot Interfaces to Enable Effective and Effortless Control for Remote Manipulation of Tele-nursing Robot”  
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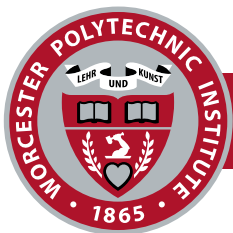
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### SIGMA XI GRADUATE RESEARCH AWARDS

#### Outstanding Doctoral Dissertations

**Devdip Sen**, *Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering*  
 “Mixed Analog-Digital Signal Techniques for Wearable Medical Sensors in Healthcare Applications.”  
 Advisors: John McNeill and Ulkuhan Guler

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#### AEROSPACE, MANUFACTURING, MECHANICAL, CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL, AND FIRE-PROTECTION ENGINEERING

**Zahra Noori O’Connor**, *Mechanical Engineering*  
 “CFD Simulation of the Onset of Ultrasonic Atomization and Resultant Droplet Size”  
 Advisors: Aswin Gnanaskandan, Jamal Yagoobi

#### BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

**Varun Bhat**, *Social Science*  
 “Worcester Area Green Online Network: Supporting the Green Worcester Plan with Digital Tools”  
 Advisor: Sarah Strauss

**Gaayathri Sankar**, *Business Administration*  
 “Developing and Automating Personas for Designing Personalized Health Interventions”  
 Advisors: Soussan Djamasbi, Yunis Telliel

#### CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AND MATERIAL SCIENCES

**Lily Gaudreau**, *Chemical Engineering*  
 “Development of a Staphylococcal Biofilm Infection Model for Evaluating Biofilm Formation at the Host- Pathogen Interface”  
 Advisor: Elizabeth Stewart

**Munstasir Shahabuddin**, *Chemical Engineering*  
 “Making the Non-Conductive Conductive: Lifting Chemical Barriers in Flow Batteries with Conductive Particles”  
 Advisors: Andrew Teixeira, Xiaowei Teng

### DATA SCIENCE, CYBERSECURITY, AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

**Marcela Vasconcellos**, *Data Science*  
 “Matching Refugees to Employment Opportunities via Many-to-Many Optimization”  
 Advisor: Andrew Trapp

### LIFE SCIENCES AND BIOENGINEERING

**Bryanna Samolyk**, *Biomedical Engineering*  
 “Fibrin Scaffolds with Tunable Anisotropic Porosity Direct Myoblast Orientation”  
 Advisors: George Pins, Catherine Whittington

**Hamilton White**, *Biomedical Engineering*  
 “Impact of Traumatic Brain Injury on Sensory Neural Function, Behavior, and Neural Structure in *C. elegans*”  
 Advisor: Dirk Albrecht

### MATHEMATICAL, CHEMICAL, AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES

**Joshua Dickie**, *Physics*  
 “Active Fluid in a Confined Moving Boundary”  
 Advisor: Kun-Ta Wu

**Derek Drumm**, *Applied Mathematics*  
 “Determining Flow Obstacles from Lagrangian Coherent Structures”  
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### ROBOTICS, CYBERPHYSICAL SYSTEMS, ELECTRICAL & COMPUTER ENGINEERING

**Ryo Murakami**, *Robotics Engineering*  
 “MRI-compatible Photoacoustic/Ultrasound Device for Three-Dimensional Tri-modal Imaging”  
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