INSTITUTE OF OPTICS INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATES

Program & Resource Guide Fall 2020 October 14 – October 16



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Message from the Director



Welcome to 2020 Fall Virtual symposium of the Industrial Associates!

Thank you for participating and for your continuing support of the IA program and The Institute. In response to the COVID19 pandemic, we executed a remarkable transition this Spring. We shifted a program with almost no online instruction to an entirely online format. We made this move in strong headwinds. Our great strength, our faculty of highly accomplished and heavily decorated senior faculty, have taught with chalk on slate in front of live students for decades. Our two assistant professors are teaching new classes and are focused on approaching tenure review. Our teaching faculty had to accommodate multiple classes. Our adjuncts, many of whom have been loyal supporters of our program for years, overworked and underpaid, had their own day jobs, businesses and projects to manage in extremis as we asked them to make this journey with us. Our staff, already short-handed and dealing with all the special circumstances of supporting the nation's premier optics department, provided the technical support, institutional infrastructure and innovation needed to move on line. They did this while serving the members of this, our Industrial Associates program, our recruiting events, and our numerous efforts to provide the

career opportunities optics students have come to expect. It does not seem possible. And yet we did it. Amazing.

This Fall, we reopened the University and offered our world-class optics education to students both on campus and remote. As amazing as our transition to totally on-line instruction was, teaching in this new, mixed format has been more impressive still. Our extraordinary efforts have led to MS and undergrad enrollments that are actually up considerably over last year. And as you will hear from me Wednesday, we have jumped ahead in our plans for serving our community of working professionals in their ongoing educations and career development.

Our strength is derived in part from association with our industrial partners. Your direct financial support enables us to do great things for our students. Moreover, the opportunities you provide for our graduates to change the world are the mainstays of our reputation. With this in mind, I want to encourage suggestions from our members for future directions and initiatives you see for potential collaboration, making each other ever better.

We aim for our biannual IA meetings to provide unique opportunities for our members to interact with students and faculty in a special and authentic environment of intellectual exchange and growth. We hope you will be able to take full advantage of these opportunities and help us make IA an ongoing success.

Your participation in our IA program is greatly appreciated and we value your input. Thank you for being with us this Fall!

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P. Scott Carney

Professor and Director, The Institute of Optics

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Agenda

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The Institute of Optics 2020 Fall Industrial Associates Symposium Wednesday, October 14 through Friday, October 16, 2020

WEDNESDAY, October 14, 2020: 2:00PM - 5:00PM Eastern Time

All held virtually via REMO.

2:00 PM - Scott Carney, Professor & Director, Inst Optics **Topic:** Welcome and Institute of Optics Update

2:15 PM - Liz Rogan, CEO of OSA and The OSA Foundation Topic: OSA Update

2:30 PM - Poster Session

Topic: Welcome and Institute of Optics Update

3:15 PM - Networking Break

3:30 PM - Nick Kochan, SPIE Student Chapter **Topic:** Welcome and Institute of Optics Update

3:45 PM - Carlos Stroud, Professor of Optics/Physics

Topic: Jewel in the Crown Addendum

4:00 PM – Scott Carney, Professor & Director, Inst Optics Topic: Institute of Optics' Covid-19 Outline, MS Program,

Together for Rochester (TFR) Launch

5:00PM - 6:00PM: Networking Hour (Optional)

THURSDAY, October 15, 2020: 2:00PM - 5:00PM Eastern Time

All held virtually via REMO.

2:00 PM - Scott Carney, Professor & Director, Inst Optics **Topic:** Welcome and Opening Remarks

2:15 PM - Dr. Susana Marcos, Professor of Research at the Institute of Optics (CSIC); Director of the Visual Optics and

Biophotonics Lab, and Co-Founder of 2EyesVision **Topic:** Optical technologies in ophthalmology: from the lab to industry and into the clinic

(~25 minutes + 5 Q&A)

3:15 PM - Networking Break

3:30 PM - Graduate Students Research Talks

Featuring outstanding upper level Graduate Students presenting current project updates

(~10 minutes each)

2:45 PM - Master's Students Showcase

Featuring MS students presenting educational background, work experience, and career goals.

Note: They typically expect to graduate in May.

(~2-10 minutes each)

4:30 PM - Prof. Jessica Shaw, Laboratory for Laser

Energetics (LLE)

Topic: Current Research Project

(~25 minutes + 5 Q&A)

5:00PM - 6:00PM: Networking Hour (Optional)

FRIDAY, October 16, 2020: 11:00AM – 3:00PM Eastern Time

All held virtually via REMO.

11:00 AM - Scott Carney, Professor & Director, Inst Optics **Topic:** Welcome and Opening Remarks

11:15 PM - Curtis Broadbent, Licensing Mgr, UR Ventures

Topic: Technology Transfer & Optics Intellectual Property Showcase Featuring Faculty IP

(~5-10 min each)

12:15 PM - Networking Break

12:30 PM - IA Company Introductions (A-Z Order)

Topic: IA company member representative(s) updates on contact info, open positions, interview opportunities

(~1 minute each)

1:15 PM – IA Company Showcase (Random Tables Assigned)

Topic: IA company member representative(s) + Luminate cohort companies w/student interaction for Q&A leading to formal interviews

(~90 minutes)

Please note: IA companies will be in charge of scheduling virtual interviews directly with students. See résumés for contact details.

The Industrial Associates Overview

Since 1929, The Institute of Optics has been providing industry with well-educated and trained B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. graduates. Many of these graduates go on to found important companies or to play significant roles in companies of all sizes. With approximately 3,400 Institute of Optics alumni, there is little doubt The Institute has made, and continues to make, major contributions to this country's Optics industry. But education is only part of the story. The Institute's faculty, staff, and students have a tradition of interacting with companies through research collaborations, consulting arrangements, in professional societies, and via a variety of other informal exchanges of ideas and information. The Industrial Associates ("IA") Program was conceived to provide a formal framework for maintaining and nurturing this historical relationship between industry and The Institute.

Resources are required for all research and educational programs, and income derived from the IA Program plays a critical role in the operation of The Institute of Optics. In addition to covering the costs of two annual meetings, IA Program membership fees are used for important expenditures for which other sources of funds are either insufficient or unavailable. The positive impact on our educational programs of the revenue derived from the IA membership fees is enormous. Two examples are graduate student recruiting and the purchase of specialized laboratory equipment. As most of our students take positions in industry upon graduation, recruiting the best students provides very direct and tangible benefits to companies. Likewise, exposing our students to state-of-the-art laboratory instrumentation is beneficial to industry. It is no exaggeration to say that the high quality of The Institute's graduates would Spring without a strong Industrial Associates Program.

The members of the Industrial Associates Program meet formally twice each year, usually in October and March or April. The format for each meeting is technical, featuring talks by IA member company representatives, guest speakers, faculty, graduate students and undergraduates. Luncheons with faculty, staff, and students, and an evening reception add a social dimension to each meeting. After our symposium, company representatives have a day to interview students, meet with faculty, visit research centers on the campus, or structure their day with the assistance of staff. Strategic and Select members may choose two days.

In 2014, on the 40th anniversary of the IA Program, the Director's Advisory Council (DAC) Meeting was introduced. These meetings are conducted in a format similar to a company's Board of Directors meeting, and they provide a formal forum for in depth discussion of The Institute's programs with its Director, faculty and the representatives of the strategic level Industrial Associates member companies. The first Council meeting in the Fall of 2014 was primarily a review of the restructuring of the IA Program membership levels and benefits. Each DAC meeting since has provided valuable review and planning.

At our Fall 2016 Symposium, we premiered a Company Connection Showcase following input from the DAC. It was such a success that for Spring 2017 we incorporated the Company Connection Showcase in a larger venue, which we continue to feature. Our DAC members provide crucial help with ongoing ABET accreditation requirements as an external Advisory Board as they did again at the Spring 2018 and 2019 meetings. Scott Carney initiated breakout focus sessions at our Fall 2017 DAC meeting. This format engaged members in lively discussion and generated further avenues for growth. Several DAC-generated initiatives in co-ops, campus engagement, and marketing are making an impact at The Institute. This IA meeting you will see a videographer capturing some key moments and testimonials from our members and our students – another DAC-driven idea.

Finally, we are pleased to utilize Handshake as our career services platform for organizing interviews. An overview was shared during the Spring 2018 symposium along with demos. Please let us know if any additional assistance is required.

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IA Members & Levels

Industrial Associate members are listed alphabetically within membership levels: Strategic, Society & Trade Associations, Select, Standard and Associate.

STRATEGIC IA MEMBERS

ASML	ASML www.asml.com
CORNING	Corning Incorporated www.corning.com
DANBURY	Danbury Mission Technologies (formerly Collins Aerospace) www.dmtllc.org
Edmund optics worldwide	Edmund Optics www.edmundoptics.com
L3HARRIS	L3Harris Technologies (NY) www.l3harris.com
Experience Solutions Newport.	Newport Corp MKS Instruments www.newport.com www.mksinst.com
OPTIPRO	OptiPro Systems, Inc. www.optipro.com/index.html
SYNOPSYS*	Synopsys www.synopsys.com
Zemax	Zemax www.zemax.com
zygo°	Zygo www.zygo.com

SOCIETY, TRADE, & ACADEMIC ASSOCIATION IA MEMBERS



Monroe Community College www.monroecc.edu



New York Photonics *www.newyorkphotonics.org www.rrpc-ny.org*



NextCorps | Luminate www.nextcorps.org www.luminate.org



The Optical Society www.osa.org



The International Society for Optics and Photonics

www.spie.org

SELECT IA MEMBERS



Air Force Research Lab (AFRL) www.wpafb.af.mil/afrl/



Apple www.apple.com

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SELECT IA MEMBERS (Continued)



II-VI Inc.

www.ii-vi.com



L3Harris Technologies (CA)

www.I3harris.com



Lawrence Livermore National Lab

www.llnl.gov



Lockheed Martin

(Missile & Fire Control and Space Systems)

www.lockheedmartin.com



MIT Lincoln Laboratory

www.ll.mit.edu



Microsoft

www.microsoft.com



Raytheon

www.raytheon.com



Snap Inc.

www.snap.com



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www.sunnyoptical.com



Viavi Solutions

www.sunnyoptical.com

STANDARD IA MEMBERS



Avo Photonics

Avo Photonics

avophotonics.com

facebook

Reality Labs

Facebook Reality Labs

www.facebook.com/careers/areas-ofwork/facebookrealitylabs



JANOS Technology

www.janostech.com



JENOPTIK Optical Systems

www.jenoptik-inc.com



Navitar

www.navitar.com



Optikos

www.optikos.com



OPTIMAX Systems, Inc.

www.optimaxsl.com



Quality Vision International, Inc.

www.qvii.com



Safran | Optics 1

www.optics1.com



SONY Electronics Inc.

www.sony.com

ASSOCIATE IA MEMBERS



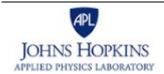
Bristol Instruments, Incorporated

www.bristol-inst.com



Gray Optics

www.grayoptics.com



Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab

www.jhuapl.edu



OptoSigma Corporation

www.america.optosigma.com/



Plymouth Grating Laboratory

www.plymouthgrating.com



Spica Technologies

www.toptica.com



TOPTICA Photonics, Inc.

www.toptica.com



Wavefront Research, Inc.

www.wavefrontresearch.com

Guest Speaker



Elizabeth (Liz) Rogan CEO, The Optical Society

OSA Update

From the political arena to Hollywood to the sciences, gender has become a predominant focus of thought leaders worldwide, but change has been incremental. Scientific societies have a responsibility to improve the participation of women in STEM fields like optics and photonics. The Optical Society along with its sister societies are making an impact by focusing on the participation of women in our programs and honors. Liz Rogan will share insights regarding OSA and its partners' initiatives.

Liz Rogan has been at OSA for more than 20 years in positions initially focused on operations, the last position being Chief Operating Officer. Beginning in 2002, she was honored with the role of Chief Executive Officer of OSA and The OSA Foundation. As OSA CEO, she reports to the Board of Directors and is responsible for the oversight, strategic direction and fiscal soundness of programs and activities of this \$40M, 150+ staff society. The OSA Foundation has a \$10M+ reserve and activities include fundraising and program development. In 2016, Chad Stark became the Foundation Executive Director. In addition, Liz is the society's spokesperson and advocate to a wide range of OSA constituencies, including its members, volunteers, co-sponsors and customers, throughout the global optics community. Rogan holds a B.A. in accounting from the University of Connecticut, is a CPA, and is an alumnus of an executive business program from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania

Guest Speaker



Nicholas Kochan, PhD

Candidate in Optics and President, SPIE—Student Chapter

Industry, IA Members, and Student Connections

Nicholas Kochan is currently a PhD student working in the Moore Group at the University of Rochester. His research focuses on novel optical design and metrology methods, with a focus on gradient index optics. Kochan is currently the president of the SPIE student chapter at the University of Rochester, supporting and representing chapter efforts to create conversations in optics and participate in community outreach. In Spring 2019 he led a group of students in the creation of the first optics outreach event at the Rochester Lilac Festival, the largest free festival in Rochester. Kochan holds the BS in Optics and a Minor in Mathematics from the University of Rochester.

Guest Speaker



Carlos R. Stroud, Jr. Professor of Optics Professor of Physics

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Carlos R. Stroud, Jr., has an AB degree in physics and mathematics from Centre College, and a PhD degree (1969) in physics from Washington University. He is currently professor of optics and professor of physics, and director of the Center for Quantum Information. He is a fellow of both the Optical Society of America and the American Physical Society. He has lectured in more than 75 different universities, held several lectureships, and since 1998 is a <u>distinguished traveling lecturer</u> for the Division of Laser Science of the American Physical Society.

Recent Publications

<u>"A Jewel in the Crown"</u> - A compilation of essays in chronicling the first seventy-five years of the history of the Institute of Optics. For a list of Dr. Stroud's scientific publications, click here.

Research Overview

His research interests range over most of theoretical and experimental quantum optics. Among the research accomplishments of his group are the first observation of the modification of the spectrum of spontaneous emission by a resonant laser beam, and early observations of various phenomena in three-level atomic systems driven simultaneously by two resonant laser fields including the Autler-Townes effect and coherent population trapping. More recently his group made the first observation of a spatially localized electron wave packet within an atom, and is working on production of quantum states of light and on quantum information.

Guest Speaker



Dr. Susana Marcos

M.Sc. (1992) and Ph.D. (1996) Physics University of Salamanca Postdoctoral Researcher (1997-2000) Harvard University with a Fullbright and Human Frontiers Science Scholarships

Professor of Research at the Institute of Optics (CSIC); Director of the Visual Optics and Biophotonics Lab, and Co-Founder of 2Eyes Vision.

Instituto de Optica, CSIC, Serrano 121, Madrid 28006, Spain

Salamanca, SPAIN | September 25, 1970

Optical technologies in ophthalmology: from the lab to industry and into the clinic

Susana Marcos is a MsC (1992) and PhD (1996) in Physics from the University of Salamanca and was a postdoctoral researcher (1997-2000) at Harvard University, with a Fulbright and Human Frontiers Science scholarships. She has been Director of the Institute of Optics, CSIC (2008-2012) and Director at Large of the Optical Society of America. She is currently a Professor of Research and Director of the Laboratory of Visual and Biophotonics Optics at the Institute of Optics, CSIC, where she supervises a multidisciplinary (physicists, biomedical, telecommunications, materials, mechanical engineers, chemists and vision scientists) international team of >25 members. Susana Marcos is a pioneer in the development of new techniques for the evaluation of the eye, including retinal imaging instruments, aberrometers, adaptive optics, anterior segment imaging of the eye and intraocular lens designs.

Several of these technologies (QuickseeTM, SimVisTM and Isofocal IOL) have been marketed and contributed to improving the diagnosis and treatment of thousands of patients. She has published more than 180 highly cited research articles, is the inventor of 20 patent families (14 licensed to the industry), is co-founder of the Plenoptika and 2EyesVision spin-offs, has directed 18 doctoral theses and presented more than 200 talks at international conferences and conferences. Public and private projects led by Susana Marcos in the last ten years have exceeded 10 million euros in funding (2 ERC Advanced Grant, H2020-ICT Innovation Action, 3 ERC Proof of Concept Grants, 2 ITN-Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions and dozens of contracts with international companies in the ophthalmic sector). She has served in various positions at the Optical Society of America, Spanish Society of Optics, Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, MIT M + Vision Consortium and as editor in Vision Research, Biomedical Optics Express, Optica, among others.

Susana is currently the President of the Technical Scientific Committee of the National Research Agency, and is a member of the Scientific Advisory Council of the Gadea Science Foundation and the CSIC General Foundation, Alcon Research Institute, Advisory Council of the Generalitat of Valencia, and a Member Publication Council of the Optical Society. Recognitions include the Adolph Lomb Medal (Optical Society of America), ICO Prize (International Commission for Optics), Doctor Honoris Causa by the Ukraine Academy of Science and Technology, OSA Fellow, EOS Fellow, ARVO Fellow, Alcon Research Institute Award, Borish Scholar Award (Indiana University), Physics, Innovation and Technology Award (Royal Spanish Society of Physics-BBVA Foundation), Honor Plate of the Spanish Association of Scientists, King Jaime I Award, Ramón y Cajal Medal (Royal Academy of Sciences), and National Research Award in Engineering (Government of Spain).

Guest Speaker



Dr. Jessica Shaw

LLE—Laboratory for Laser Energetics

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Spatiotemporal Pulse Shaping

Jessica Shaw is a scientist in the Plasma and Ultrafast Physics Group at the University of Rochester's Laboratory for Laser Energetics. Her research focuses on Raman Amplification of laser pulses and laser-plasma accelerators, with an emphasis on applying spatiotemporal pulse shaping to new laser-plasma accelerator concepts.

Guest Speaker



Dr. Curtis J. Broadbent

Licensing Manager, UR Ventures
Assistant Professor Part-Time
Rochester Theory Center, Center for Coherence and Quantum Optics, and
Department of Physics and Astronomy at The University of Rochester

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Technology Transfer & Optics Intellectual Property Showcase Featuring Faculty IP

Curtis Broadbent is an assistant professor (part-time) in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Rochester. He was most recently a post-doctoral research associate in Joe Eberly's research group in theoretical quantum optics (Eberly Research Group), also at the University of Rochester. He is currently investigating non-Markovian effects in open quantum systems, measures of genuinely multipartite entanglement, entropic steering inequalities, quantum state discrimination, long-distance quantum key distribution, and weak measurements.

Curtis graduated in August of 2010 from John Howell's experimental quantum optics research group (Howell Research Group) in the Department of Physics and Astronomy. While in John's group, he worked on projects related to quantum image discrimination, slow light with entangled photons and pseudothermal light, and applications of bipartite photonic entanglement to quantum cryptography. Additionally, he collaborated with Andrew Jordan's research group (Jordan Research Group) on an experimental and theoretical investigation into non-local weak-value measurements.

Curtis completed his undergraduate degree at Brigham Young University with a B.S. in Physics in 2003. At Brigham Young University, he worked with Scott Glasgow and Justin Peatross on dynamical notions of energy loss and irreversibility in phenomenologically modeled dielectric/field systems.

Poster Session

Each Industrial Associates meeting features a kaleidoscope of posters providing a seasonal glimpse into the research projects of The Institute of Optics. Members and attendees will find posters on display in the *Wilson Commons | Bridge Lounge* during the lunch break.

Arnab Barman Ray David Lippman Xue Dong Nick Kochan

Ruiting Huang MS Co-op Information Table

Arjun Iyer

Graduate Students Showcase & Research Talks

This part of the program features presentations by candidates for Master's and Ph.D. Degrees and will speak to their experience, research/abstract topics, and other highlights.

MS Showcase

MS Students seeking internships & post-graduation employment

Saniat Ahmed Choudhury

Education Highlights

- MS in Optics (Dec 2020), MS in EE, BS in EE, Experienced with Lumerical's FDTD, DEVICE, COMSOL, Lasers,

Material processing

Work Experience

 Researcher under Dr. John Marciante, worked with high-power ultrafast lasers and material surface processing



Objectives

- To work in a research-driven optics research position
- To learn and face challenges in the industry head-on.

MS Showcase (Continued)

MS Students seeking internships & post-graduation employment

Jiwon Jung

Education Highlights

University of Rochester

- B.S. Optical Engineering, May 2020
- M.S. Optics, Expected May 2021

Work Experience

- Apple [June-Aug 2020]: sequential and non-sequential raytracing (Zemax) and optical analysis of a display test station
- General Atomics Electromagnetic Systems [June-Aug 2018]: analyzed various imaging systems and performance through Zemax and lab set-ups
- Advanced Physiological Optics Lab (Yoon Lab) [Feb 2019 Feb 2020]: studied Purkinje reflections for applications in binocular eye tracking. Experience with optical assembly, components, and alignment.



Objectives

- Seeking full-time position following May 2021 graduation
- Primary Interests: optical design, imaging systems, R&D

Alen Philip

Education Highlights

- Pursuing master's degree from the Institute of Optics
- BS-MS in Physics from Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal

Work Experience

- MS thesis project in 3D Visualization of Folded Optical Systems in AR/VR (Ongoing)
- MS thesis project in Study of Nitrogen-vacancy Defects in Diamond
- Material science internships

Technical Strengths

- Proficient in multiple programming languages and data handling software tools
- Proficient in CodeV



Objectives

 Seeking a full-time position post graduation (May 2021)

Relevant Courses

Lens Design, Freeform Optics, Optical Fabrication and Testing, Integrated Photonics, Wave Optics and Imaging, Quantum Engineering, Quantum Information Theory, Condensed Matter Physics, Numerical Methods and Programming, Electrodynamics

MS Showcase (Continued)

MS Students seeking internships & post-graduation employment



MS Research Presentation

Topic: Phase shifting interferometry of refractive index microstructures in hydrogels



MS Showcase (Continued)

MS Co-op Students seeking Co-op starting Winter/Spring 2021

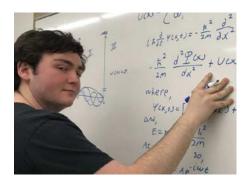


Alex Davie

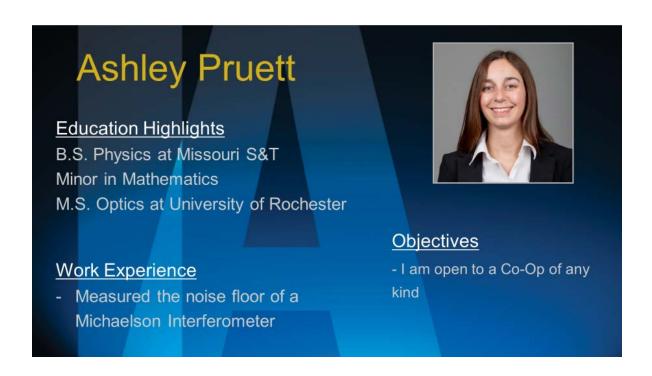
Emma Foley Education Highlights University of Rochester M.S. in Optics – Expected May '22 · Specializing in optical design, fabrication, and testing B.S. in Biomedical Engineering, High Honors – May '20 Concentration in medical optics **Work Experience Objectives** Collins Aerospace | Optical Engineering Intern; Fall Co-Op (Jun '20 - Current) Seeking careers in Optical design/analysis - deep space optics Stray light test device design, assembly, alignment, and operation optical design, Clerio Vision, Inc | R&D Engineering Intern (Jun - Aug '19) fabrication, or testing in Femtosecond laser system alignment and optimization any field of optics Precision metrology, tissue handling, experimental test design Open to Co-op positions Center for Visual Science, Hunter Lab | Research Assistant (Dec '17 - May '19) starting January 2021 Advanced biomedical imaging (two-photon adaptive optics fluorescence lifetime ophthalmoscopy) Image processing, statistical analysis, vision science

MS Showcase (Continued)

MS Co-op Students seeking Co-op starting Winter/Spring 2021

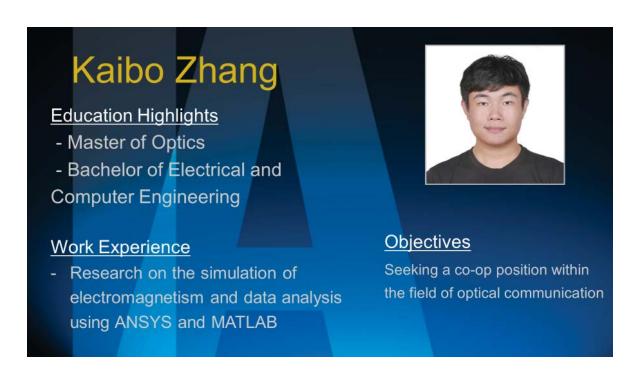


John Gilmore



MS Showcase (Continued)

MS Co-op Students seeking Co-op starting Winter/Spring 2021



PhD Research Talks



<u>Nick Takaki</u>

Advisor: Prof. Jannick Rolland-Thompson

Freeform Optics: Design-for-manufacture via orthogonal

polynomials



Ruiting Huang

Advisor: Prof. Wayne Knox

Enhanced efficacy in refractive index modifications of rabbit eye globe ex-vivo with low repetition rate blue

femtosecond laser pulses

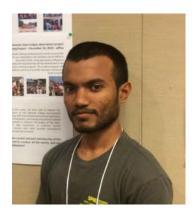


Tianyi Yang

Advisor: Prof. Duncan Moore

Freeform GRIN: new variables in GRIN design

PhD Research Talks (Continued)



Ashan Ariyawansa Galabada Dewage

Advisor: Prof. Thomas Brown

Amplitude and phase sorting of orbital angular momentum modes at low light levels



<u>Di Xu</u>

Advisor: Prof. Jannick Rolland

Cascade optical coherence tomography (C-OCT) towards freeform metrology

The Institute of Optics Overview

It is the fate of higher education to be in a state of endless evolution. Prior to approximately 1850, colleges in the U.S. focused for the most part on the classical curriculum: ancient languages, mathematics, natural philosophy, chemistry, and moral philosophy. Over time, more specialized and practical degree programs such as business, education, science, and engineering were developed to meet the needs of a changing world. In science, the University of Rochester was an early innovator, being one of the first institutions in the U.S. to form science departments and to award the degree Bachelor of Science. One particularly prominent Rochester innovation was the founding in 1929 of The Institute of Applied Optics, the name of which was shortened in 1939 to The Institute of Optics. Now, more than six decades later, the boldness and wisdom of that move were never clearer. Who could have foreseen in 1929, more than thirty years before the demonstration of the first laser and more than forty years before the demonstration of the low-loss optical fiber, the rich and vibrant field that optical science and engineering would become!

Today, The Institute of Optics is the preeminent program of higher education in Optics in the United States. The first such program in the U.S., The Institute granted the nation's first B.S. degree in Optics to Arthur Ingalls in 1932, the first M.S. degree in Optics to Perley Nutting, Jr. in 1938, and the first Ph.D. in Optics to Wayne McKusick in 1940. Originally a stand-alone academic unit of the University of Rochester, The Institute is now an internationally recognized academic department within the university's Hajim School of Engineering and Applied Science.

Former Directors include several OSA Presidents, two university Provosts and a Director of the White House Office of Technology Policy. Other faculty and former faculty occupy similar prominent positions in professional societies, industry and the optics community in general.

The Institute of Optics features a distinguished interdisciplinary faculty made up of physicists, applied physicists, materials scientists and engineers, and a student body consisting of 170+ undergraduate majors pursuing the B.S. degree in Optics and 125+ graduate students pursuing the M.S. or Ph.D. in Optics. The early history of The Institute of Optics is graced with the names of such prominent Rochesterians as George Eastman, Edward Bausch, Rudolf and Hilda Kingslake, and Brian O'Brien. In later years, such men as Robert Hopkins and Brian Thompson helped advance The Institute's reputation.

The size of The Institute's faculty currently stands at 18 professors with full-time appointments; 13 professors with secondary Optics appointments from diverse departments such as imaging sciences, physics, dermatology, electrical and computer engineering, Laboratory for Laser Energetics, and chemistry; 11 adjunct professors and lecturers, 2 senior scientists; 20+ professional personnel, including research scientists, and post-doctoral scientists, etc.; and 8 full time staff members.

Optics is defined very broadly at Rochester, ensuring that students can select from a broad range of research fields. The faculty maintain research programs in laser physics and engineering, optical system design, optical detector, semiconductor lasers, electronic imaging, diffractive optics, fiber optics, nonlinear optics, quantum optics, optical materials, guided-wave optics and optoelectronics, theoretical foundations of optics, ultrafast phenomena, gradient-index optics, the precision manufacturing of optical elements, applications of holography, wave propagation, medical optics, image processing and wave front sensing, high-intensity laser-matter interactions, nano-optics, and biomedical optical systems, optical instrumentation, and system engineering.

After completing the degree, Ph.D. graduates of The Institute of Optics take positions in large and small companies, on the faculties of research universities and liberal arts colleges, and in federal laboratories.

At Rochester, The Institute of Optics strikes a balance between engineering and basic science. In teaching and research, the Optics program spans the continuum between the fundamental and the applied. Students intending to do very basic research are nevertheless required to understand such practical matters as radiometry and aberrations in lenses. Students intending to do more applied research are likewise required to take courses of a fundamental nature. The objective is to produce graduates who not only are broadly educated in the field of optics, but also respect the importance of the full spectrum of subfields.

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Undergraduate Course of Study

The Institute of Optics is a distinct academic department, originally established in 1929 for undergraduate education in optical science and engineering. While we at the Institute incorporate much more research and graduate education into our activities than was the case in the early 20th century, undergraduate education remains a central focus. Because of the substantial overlap between optics, mathematics, and physics, many students opt for either a minor or a double major in one of the other disciplines. By choosing appropriate technical electives, and a design project, students can complete a degree in optical engineering. Students with an interest in fundamental applied optics may opt for a senior thesis and qualify for a degree in optics.

The basic elements of this demanding degree are outlined below. The required optics courses are carefully designed to span the most significant areas in classical and modern optics. In addition, three technical electives are required, which allow students to tackle a specialty such as lens design, electron microscopy, thin films, or any course selected from the MS curriculum. Undergraduates are encouraged to gain technical experience through paid laboratory assistantships, summer research (e.g. REU) programs, industrial employment and internships, and senior-level honors research.

With a history of more than 75 years and more than three thousand graduates, the optics B.S. program is well-recognized by the optics industry and is well-established as a high-quality undergraduate department. The career choices of our undergraduates include advanced degree work leading to MS-level optical design and engineering, doctoral research leading to teaching, research, and corporate leadership, technical support and marketing, patent law, business management and a host of entrepreneurial activity.

The B.S. degree in Optics (OPT) or Optical Engineering (OE) consists of a minimum of 130 credit hours of coursework. Required courses are noted with "(req.)" in the table on the next page. Please note: The first three years are virtually identical for students pursuing either degree (all courses carry 4 credits unless otherwise indicated). The course requirements are applicable for the Class of 2021. Changes will affect students in the Class of 2020 and beyond as described on the website.

A description of all Optics courses may be found on the Optics webpage:

http://www.optics.rochester.edu/undergraduate/courses.html

Undergraduate Course of Study - Class of 2020 and Beyond

Fall Courses	Spring Courses
MTH 161 Calculus I CHM 131 Chemistry for Engineers WRT 105* College Writing or Cluster Course #1 OPT 101 Introduction to Optics (recommended)	MTH 162 Calculus II PHY 121 Mechanics WRT 105* College Writing or Cluster Course #1 OPT 211 MATLAB for Optics Majors I (2cr.)
OPT 241 Geometrical Optics OPT 201 Geometrical Optics Lab (2cr.) MTH 164 Multidimensional Calculus PHY 122 Electricity and Magnetism Cluster course or tech elective	OPT 261 Interference & Diffraction OPT 202 Physical Optics Lab (2cr.) OPT 287 Math Methods for Optics and Physics PHY 123 Waves and Modern Physics Cluster course or tech elective
OPT 242 Aberrations & Testing OPT 203 Aberrations & Testing Lab (2 cr.) OPT 262 Electromagnetic Theory MTH 165 Linear Algebra w/ Diff. Equations OPT 212 MATLAB for Optics Majors II (2cr.)	OPT 225 Sources and Detectors OPT 204 Sources/Detectors Lab (2cr.) ECE 210** Circuits for Engineers WRT 273 Engineering: Communicating your Professional Identity OPT 223 Quantum Theory
B.S. in Optics (OPT) OPT 320 Senior Thesis I Cluster, Tech, or free elective x 3 B.S. in Optics (OE) OPT 310 Senior Design I Cluster, tech, or free elective x 3	B.S. in Optics (OPT) OPT 321 Senior Thesis II Cluster, tech, or free elective x 3 B.S. in Optics (OE) OPT 311 Senior Design II Cluster, tech, or free elective x 3
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^{*}Students not enrolled in WRT 105 in the Fall should take cluster course #1. Students enrolled in WRT 105 in the Fall should take cluster course #1 in the Spring.
**Note: Students many elect to take 16 credits during Freshman Spring semester (16 credit minimum is required to be eligible for Dean's List).

Master's Program Course of Study

http://www.optics.rochester.edu/graduate/ms.html#standard

There are three basic ways to earn the M.S. degree. The first involves completing six graduate-level Optics courses and a thesis, a program that typically requires two years to complete. The second requires completing eight courses and writing a paper based on literature research, a program that can be completed in a single year. The third, also a non-thesis option, is an M.S. Co-Op program, in which a one-year work-period in industry is inserted between the two required semesters of coursework, making it a two-year program overall. Between 1988 and 2020, The Institute placed 91 M.S. students in one-year Co-Op slots in 23 companies.

A typical set of courses taken by students enrolled in either of the non-thesis M.S. options appears in the table below. Four of the eight courses are required (req.), the remaining four are electives. Examples of alternative choices are Optical Thin Film Coatings, Guided-Wave Optics, Biomedical Optics, and Lens Design, among others. Another version of the non-thesis route allows the M.S. student more opportunity to concentrate in a specific sub-field of Optics.

Interest in the M.S. degree program remains high among both students and employers. The typical M.S. applicant holds a B.S. degree in Physics, Electrical Engineering, or Optics, but it is not uncommon for those holding M.S. degrees in Physics or Electrical Engineering, or even doctorates in allied fields, to apply for admission to the Optics M.S. program. In recent years, The Institute has admitted M.S. applicants holding Ph.D.'s in Physics from MIT, Stanford, and Purdue, and one with a Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from Johns Hopkins. No matter what a student's educational background is, the M.S. Degree in Optics is a professional credential that identifies the graduate as a bona fide optical engineer.

Fall Courses	Spring Courses
Wave Optics and Imaging (req.)	Detection of Optical Radiation (req.)
Foundations of Modern Optics (req.)	Optics Laboratory (req.) or Elective
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Doctoral Program Course of Study

http://www.optics.rochester.edu/graduate/phd.html

The Institute of Optics has separate admissions processes for the M.S. and Ph.D. programs; admission to the M.S. program does not confer admission to the Ph.D. program, nor is the M.S. required to earn the Ph.D. For the last fifteen years, The Institute has enrolled approximately 16 Ph.D. students each year from a pool of applicants that numbers in the hundreds. In any given year 55 – 65% of the students admitted are U.S. citizens.

Ph.D. students take a common set of seven core courses, plus one elective in their first year (except in cases where a student's previous coursework argues for a change).

Year 1: Fall Courses	Year 1: Spring Courses
Physical Optics (Fourier Optics) (req.)	Electromagnetic Theory (req.)
Geometrical Optics (req.)	Instrumental Optics (req.)
Radiation and Detectors (req.)	Quantum Mechanics (req.)
Mathematical Methods (req.)	Fundamentals of Lasers

Second-year Ph.D. students combine more specialized courses that aim to prepare them for research with two semesters of service as teaching assistants (mandatory). Any remaining courses are taken in the third year, but most of the third year and beyond is devoted to research. The time required to complete the Ph.D. depends on the student's interaction with his or her adviser and thesis committee. With their guidance, the student is assured of steady progress and beneficial advice.

Year 2/3: Fall Courses	Year 2/3: Spring Courses
Quantum Electronics I, II Nano-Optics	Lens Design Medical Imaging
Advanced Lens Design Optical	Optical Properties of Materials
Communications Optical Fabrication &	Principles of Eye Design
Testing Biomedical Optics	
Electronic Imaging Systems	Quantum Optics
Waveguide Optoelectronic Devices	Optics Laboratory Advanced
Optical Interference Coatings	Optical Coatings Polarization
Nonlinear Optics	Technical Entrepreneurship

Doctoral Program Course of Study (Cont'd)

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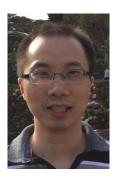
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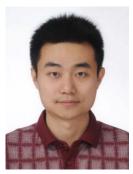
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SPIE is the International Society for Optics and Photonics. The University of Rochester Student Chapter was established in 2009 and has since grown to be the largest student chapter in North America, with over 80 registered student and alumni chapter members. We promote optical science and engineering while supporting the professional development of our chapter members. To accomplish this, we regularly teach and display optical technologies to members of the Rochester community, invite speakers to visit with students on campus, and schedule tours of local optics companies.

Current Officers:

President: Nick Kochan Web Administrator: Saniat Choudhury Communications Officer: Ben Moon Vice President: Nick Takaki Outreach Chair: Saleem Igbal Secretary: Katie Dunn

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If you would like to host a company tour or collaborate with us on outreach or professional development events, please contact urspie@gmail.com.

OSA

The University of Rochester's Optical Society (OSA) Student Chapter is a pre-professional organization and academic club. Our mission is to promote and advance the science of light amongst the student body of the University of Rochester. One of our largest goals each year is to provide students with professional development workshops aimed at giving them the skills they need to succeed. As our events this semester have been hosted virtually, we have been working to find creative ways to engage with and teach optics to the campus and community at large, as well as host virtual social events to promote interaction between students to supplement what they are not getting in person this semester. Our biggest event of the year, bringing together Institute undergraduates, graduates, and faculty, is our annual Photon Cup soccer match with the Physics department. While last year's game was canceled, we are optimistic about returning to defend our title as champions this spring.

Current Officers:

President: Benjamin Nussbaum

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Optics Summer Short-Course Series *June 2021*

In 2020, The Institute of Optics offered its 59th and first virtual annual Summer Short-Course Series with a mix of a courses and virtual course times. *Course dates for 2021 are under review.* The courses listed below will most likely be offered again along with a few new courses. For updates and details in 2021, please continue to monitor updates at: http://www.hajim.rochester.edu/optics/summer/registration.html.

Applied Concepts—colorimetry and vision, wave guide photonics, and more.

<u>Fundamental Concepts</u>—covering lenses, aberrations, principles of diffraction, optical systems, polarization, birefringence and crystal optics, and radiometry and detection.

<u>Integrated Photonics Circuits</u>—targeted for students, researchers, and engineers in industry, who want to learn the fundamental aspects of integrated photonics circuits.

<u>Introduction to Computational Imaging and Information Essentials</u>—introduces computational imaging, a modern paradigm in imaging in which the burden of image formation is no longer borne solely by optical physics.

<u>Modern Optical Engineering</u>—covering optical testing and instrumentation, optical manufacturing, optical thin film coatings, diffractive optics, and glass in modern optics.

Optical System Design—introduces participants to both fundamental and advanced concepts in optical system design by integrating classroom lectures with software training labs. The course can be taken as a full week course or as one of two three-day course options depending on interest/skill level. *Introduction to Optical System Design* covers first order layout, image quality evaluation, aberration theory, optimization, and refractive/reflective design forms. *Advanced topics in optical system design* begins with refractive/reflective design forms and then covers advanced optimization techniques, zoom lenses, aspheres, stray light analysis, tolerancing, and illumination design.

<u>Optical Thin Film Coating Technology</u>—covers all aspects of optical interference devices including thin-film design, digital design methods, and coating and characterization.

