Western Engineering
Faculty & Staff
Awards Luncheon
Celebrating 2016-17
Welcome

Hamid Abdolvand, Assistant Professor
Mechanical and Materials Engineering

Adis Castillo Lopez, Technology Support Specialist
Information Technology Group

Martha Dagnew, Assistant Professor
Civil and Environmental Engineering
Welcome

Stephanie Davy, Human Resources Manager
Office of the Dean

Christopher DeGroot, Assistant Professor
Mechanical and Materials Engineering

Priscilla De Luca, Administrative Assistant
WindEEE Research Institute
Welcome

Andrew Donkersgoed, Technical Support Specialist
Information Technology Group

Matthew Eaton, Technical Specialist
Information Technology Group

Mesfin Gebreyyes, Laboratory Supervisor
Mechanical and Materials Engineering
Welcome

Kara James, Communications Manager
External Services

Steve Jones, Research Technician
Fraunhofer Project Centre

Venkateswara Kandlakuti, Research Technologist
Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Welcome

Emily Lalone, Assistant Professor
Mechanical and Materials Engineering

Kelsey Lavigne, Outreach Assistant
External Services

Jacob Lampkin, Client Support Specialist
Information Technology Group
Welcome

Mohammad Reza Najafi, Assistant Professor
Civil and Environmental Engineering

Mohammad Norouzi Banis, Research Engineer
Mechanical and Materials Engineering

Lindsay Ralph, Administrative Assistant
External Services
Welcome

Tim Siemens, Technology Support Specialist
Information Technology Group

Kate Speers, Human Resources Coordinator
Office of the Dean

Alina Subrt, Counselling Assistant
Undergraduate Services
Welcome

Mohamed Wahed, TWNER Program Coordinator
Chemical and Biochemical Engineering

Suzanne Warrener, HR Practicum Student
Office of the Dean

Zhiming Xu, Research Engineer
Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.
Farewells

Jenny Adamthwaite, Counselling Assistant
Undergraduate Services

Ehsan Ameri, Research Engineer
Fraunhofer Project Centre

Ambareen Atisha, Laboratory Supervisor
Civil and Environmental Engineering
Farewells

Gureet Chandhok, Technical Support Specialist
Information Technology Group

Haley Collins, Administrative Assistant
Chemical and Biochemical Engineering

Jenna Dias, Academic Coordinator
Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Farewells

Aimee Froude, TWNER Program Coordinator
Chemical and Biochemical Engineering

Courtney Harper, Administrative Assistant
Western Engineering (CBE, ECE, R&G)

Brigitte Kok Madsen, Administrative Assistant
Mechanical and Materials Engineering
Farewells

Andrew Mathers, Project Engineer
WindEEE Research Institute

Laura Newton, Communications Coordinator
External Services

Denis O’Carroll, Associate Professor
Civil and Environmental Engineering
Farewells

Hassan Abdelnasser Ouda, Assistant Professor
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Daniel Park, Research Engineer
Fraunhofer Project Centre

Maryam Refan, Research Scientist
WindEEE Research Institute
Farewells

Josh Robbins, System Operator
Information Technology Group

Ann Seabrook, NSERC Graduate Coordinator
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Angela Smith, Administrative Assistant
Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Farewells

Lisa Vink, Systems Support Specialist
Information Technology Group

Sarah Williams, Human Resources Manager
Office of the Dean

Nael Yasri, Laboratory Supervisor
Civil and Environmental Engineering
In unity there is strength.
Retirement

Eric Daugavietis, Systems Support Specialist
Information Technology Group

“While at Western, Eric worked with a number of information technology areas and projects such as Y2K, email, anti-virus management, database administration, and application support. Most recently with ITG Eric was the prime contact for software license oversight, lab management, and he helped to implement the current VDI infrastructure in use today. We wish Eric all the best in his retirement and to thank him for his dedication throughout his 20 years at Western.”

~ Ron Farren
Associate Director, ITG
Retirement

Peter King, Research Director
Boundary Layer Wind Tunnel Laboratory

“Peter spent 37 years working with the Boundary Layer Wind Tunnel Laboratory at Western beginning in 1979. After completing his BESc at Western in 1973, Peter continued on to complete his Masters and PhD at Western under the supervision of Prof. Alan Davenport. Peter is recognized worldwide for his many contributions to the field of Wind Engineering and the advancement of the study of Wind Effects on Bridges. His breadth of knowledge and willingness to assist many in their research, working with clients on consulting studies, and supporting students has been very much appreciated. Peter’s esteemed career was celebrated at an evening dinner on April 28 at Windermere Manor, where Peter was joined by family, friends, and past and present colleagues.”

~ Peter Case
Acting Director, BLWTL
Retirement

Wilbert Logan, Laboratory Supervisor
Civil and Environmental Engineering

“Wibert began his career at Western Engineering in April 1976 as a Laboratory Supervisor. He continued in this role for his entire career at Western supporting the structural laboratories in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. He made many contributions to the Department and assisted countless students, student clubs and teams, researchers and others over his tenure and will be greatly missed by all. We wish Wilbert all the best in his retirement and thank him for his service and dedication throughout his 41 years with Western Engineering.”

~ Ashraf El Damatty
Chair, Civil and Environmental Engineering
Retirement

Chris Seres, Administrative Officer
Mechanical and Materials Engineering

“Chris has been dedicated to Western’s Faculty of Engineering for the past 39 years and she is a proud employee. She is one of the longest-standing staff members in the Faculty of Engineering having worked with the Dean’s and Associate Dean’s offices and then for the Mechanical Engineering department since 1997. Chris is an achiever and a finisher; always super efficient and organized and always making certain to follow-up with every task to completion providing the best service possible to Engineering. Those who have had the good fortune of working with Chris will miss her terribly, but we’re happy that she has plans to enjoy a long and well-deserved retirement.”

~ Tony Straatman
Mechanical and Materials Engineering Chair
In Memoriam

Steve Concannon

Steve passed away on Friday October 28, 2016 at his home in London, Ontario. He had been a Technical Specialist with University Machine Services since December 2013, a valued member of the team and will be sadly missed.
Western Engineering thanks all former faculty and staff members for their hard work and dedication to the team.
Faculty and Staff Announcements

Aiham Adawi
Appointed Laboratory Manager, Civil and Environmental Engineering

Shahzad Barghi
Appointed Associate Chair, Graduate, Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Promoted to Associate Professor, Chemical and Biochemical Engineering

Miriam Capretz
Appointed Associate Dean, Research
Faculty and Staff Announcements

Peter Case
Appointed Acting Director, Boundary Layer Wind Tunnel Laboratory

Erin Chute
Seconded to Academic Counsellor position, Undergraduate Services

Adrian Costache
Promoted to Manager Operations, Technology & Development, WindEEE Research Institute
Faculty and Staff Announcements

Joel Eckert
Assumed new role as Technical Support Specialist, Information Technology Group

Ayman El Ansary
Appointed Assistant Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering

Louis Ferreira
Promoted to Associate Professor with tenure, Mechanical and Materials Engineering
Faculty and Staff Announcements

**Jason Gerhard**
Promoted to Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering

**Elizabeth Gillies**
Promoted to Professor, Chemical and Biochemical Engineering

**Fate Hashemi**
Assumed role of Laboratory Supervisor, Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Faculty and Staff Announcements

Liying Jiang
Appointed Associate Chair, Graduate Professional Program, Mechanical and Materials Engineering

Chowdhury Jubayer
Appointed to the position of Research Scientist, WindEEE Research Institute.

Julien LoTufo
Appointed to the position of Research Engineer, WindEEE Research Institute.
Faculty and Staff Announcements

Arash Reyhani-Masoleh
Promoted to Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Abouzar Sadrekarimi
Promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure, Civil and Environmental Engineering

Kamran Siddiqui
Re-appointed Associate Chair, Graduate Research Programs, Mechanical and Materials Engineering
Faculty and Staff Announcements

**Tony Straatman**
Appointed Chair, Mechanical and Materials Engineering

**Remus Tutunea-Fatan**
Appointed Associate Chair, Undergraduate, Mechanical and Materials Engineering

**Wenxing Zhou**
Appointed to Associate Chair, Undergraduate, Civil and Environmental Engineering
The strength of the team is each member.

The strength of each member is the team.
Department/Unit Successes

Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Elizabeth Gillies

- Recipient of the NSERC E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fellowship
- Recipient of the 2017 Florence Buck Science Award
Paul Schmidt

- Recipient of Engineering Award of Recognition
Teamwork divides the task and doubles the success.
Department/Unit Successes

Civil and Environmental Engineering
Aiham Adawi

- USC Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching
- USC Honour Roll
Mike Bartlett and Contributing Team

- Successfully planned and executed the 2016 Annual Canadian Society for Civil Engineering Conference
Girma Bitsuamlak

- Elected Fellow of the Canadian Society for Civil Engineers
- Canada Research Chair Tier II Renewal
Ashraf El Damatty

- Received an MBA specialized in Higher Education Management from the University College London, UK
- Inducted Fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada
Hesham El Naggar

- Received the Geosynthetics Award by the Canadian Geotechnical Society
Jason Gerhard

- Recipient of the R. Mohan Mathur Award for Excellence in Teaching
Horia Hangan

- Awarded the Industry Innovation Award from the American Association for Wind Engineering
M. Reza Najafi

- Awarded the EWRI 2017 Best Technical Paper Award
Moncef Nehdi

- 2017 Horst Liepholz Medal, Canadian Society for Civil Engineering
Clare Robinson

- Awarded a Canada Research Chair Tier II
Teamwork: simply stated, it is less me and more we.
Department/Unit Successes

Electrical and Computer Engineering
Quazi Rahman

- Recipient of the Edward G. Pleva Award for Excellence in Teaching
Jin Jiang

- Elevated to IEEE Fellow
- RBC Top 25 Canadian Immigrant Award Recipient
Xianbin Wang

- Elevated to IEEE Fellow
When everyone is moving forward together, success takes care of itself.
Department/Unit Successes

Mechanical and Materials Engineering
Fraunhofer Project Centre Team
Ehsan Ameri, Dan Park, Rob Cosh, Gleb Meirson, Steve Jones, Vanja Ugresic

- Recipient of the Engineering Award of Recognition
Jim Johnson

- Recipient of the Engineering Award for Excellence in Research
Claire Naudi

- Recipient of the Sharon A. Ling Award of Excellence for Outstanding Achievement by a Staff Member
- Professional Certificate in Leadership, Western University
Aaron Price

- Peter C. Maurice Fellowship in Biomedical Engineering, Western University
Xueliang (Andy) Sun

- Named a Fellow by the Royal Society of Canada
- Named a Fellow by the Canadian Academy of Engineering
- Professional Achievement Awards - CPAC