Les Piegl, Professor (PhD, Eotvos University), geometric modeling and computer graphics.

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Alfredo Weltzenfeld, Professor (PhD, University of Southern California), cognitive robotics and humanoid robots.

Yan Zhang, Instructor I (PhD, New Jersey Institute of Technology), congestion control and energy optimization.

Zhen Zhang, Visiting Assistant Professor (PhD, University of Utah), modeling and verification of concurrent systems.

Hao Zheng, Associate Professor (PhD, University of Utah), system verification and validation.

Fathi Amsaad, Visiting Instructor (MS, University of Toledo), cyber-physical systems.

Dave Armitage, Associate Professor (PhD, University of Rhode Island), asynchronous logics and systems.

Sriram Chellapani, Associate Professor (PhD, Ohio State University), socio-technical systems.

Ken Christensen, Professor and Interim Chair (PhD, North Carolina State University), energy efficient networks.

Alessio Gaspar, Associate Professor (PhD, Université de Nice-Sophia Antipolis), evolutionary algorithms and computing education research.

Dmitry Goldgof, Professor and Interim Associate Chair (PhD, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), medical image analysis and computer vision.

Lawrence Hall, Distinguished University Professor (PhD, Florida State University), intelligent systems and data mining.

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Adriana Iamnitchi, Associate Professor (PhD, University of Chicago), distributed systems and computational sociology.

Henrick Jeanty, Instructor I (PhD, The City College of New York), technical analysis algorithms.

Rangachar Kasturi, Douglas W. Hood Professor (PhD, Texas Tech University), computer vision and pattern recognition.

Srinivas Katkuri, Associate Professor (PhD, University of Cincinnati), low power VLSI synthesis.

Valentina Korzhova, Instructor I (PhD, University of South Florida), computer vision.

Miguel Labrador, Professor and Graduate Program Director (PhD, University of Pittsburgh), computer networks and ubiquitous sensing.

Jay Ligatti, Associate Professor (PhD, Princeton University), software security and programming languages.

Yao Liu, Assistant Professor (PhD, North Carolina State University), network security.

Xinning Ou, Associate Professor (PhD, Princeton University), cyber security and cyber physical systems.

Rafael Perez, Professor (PhD, University of Pittsburgh), artificial intelligence and neural networks.

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- Top 40 for undergraduate enrollment
- Top 10 for percentage of doctoral degrees awarded to women

Faculty Honors and Awards

- 4 IEEE, 4 IAPR, 2 AAAS, and 1 AIMBE Fellows
- 1 IEEE Norbert Weiner Award
- 1 IEEE Richard E. Merwin Award for Distinguished Service
- 1 ACM CCS Test of Time Award
- 10 NSF CAREER awardees
- 2 USF Outstanding Faculty awardees
- 6 USF Outstanding Research Achievement awardees
- 6 USF Outstanding Teaching awardees
- 3 USF Excellence in Innovation awardees
- 1 USF Jerome Krivanek Distinguished Teacher Award
- 1 USF Askounes-Ashford Distinguished Scholar Award
- 31 patents issued to faculty in last 10 years

Faculty Research Areas

Research areas include artificial intelligence and intelligent systems, computer and network security, computer vision and pattern recognition, computing education research, databases, distributed systems, graphics and visualization, location-aware information systems, networks, programming languages, robotics, VLSI, computer architecture, and parallel processing.

Selected Recent Grants (for AY1516)


Research Grants (for AY1516)

Research grants awarded to Department faculty totaled $3,080,061. Research expenditures by Department faculty totaled $1,523,627.

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