

First day of classes  
 Aug. 26, 2015

No classes – Labor Day  
 Sept. 7, 2015

Family Weekend  
 Sept. 18-20, 2015

Midterm break begins  
 after last class  
 Oct. 7, 2015

Thanksgiving Break  
 Nov. 24-29, 2015

THE DEPARTMENT OF

# ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

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## Chair's Corner *Dr. Guru Subramanyam*



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Don Moon and Dr. John Loomis for their long service (35 years, retired December '14) to our department, the School of Engineering and the University of Dayton. They have truly been instrumental in shaping our department over the past several decades.

Over the years, Dr. Moon has served our department as the chair and as the associate dean for graduate programs in the

School of Engineering. Dr. Loomis was one of the key faculty in the formation of the electro-optics program in its inception. Loomis has also been instrumental in the accreditation of our computer engineering program. Dr. Moon and Dr. Loomis have been granted the emeritus status by the University. We look forward to their continuing service as emeriti faculty. Our department is conducting faculty searches for one electrical engineering and one computer engineering position. We look forward to welcoming new faculty in the fall or the spring semester next year.

Mr. John Fortune, our senior lab manager, also retired at the end of May this year. Mr. Fortune has been with our department for over 24 years! Our department's

undergraduate laboratories are in excellent condition thanks to his management. We will miss his services, and we wish him well in his retirement.

One of the significant developments in the spring semester is the approval of the GE Aviation EPISCenter (Electrical Power Integrated Systems Center) Professor in Electrical Power Systems. This position will be partially funded by GE Aviation. The named professor will work very closely with the GE Aviation EPISCenter. This professor will teach electrical power systems and conduct research in collaboration with the EPISCenter. We are excited about this new partnership between our department and the GE Aviation EPISCenter.

As we complete this academic year, I would like to extend hearty congratulations to the graduating seniors. Go Flyers!

## New Master's Program in Computer Engineering

Students have been asking for quite some time and it's here! UD is now one of a handful of schools that provide a master's program in computer engineering. As quoted in the proposal for the program, "Computer Engineering is one of the fastest growing fields of engineering in the United States and across the globe. ... Additionally,

according to the Job Outlook 2012 report from NACE research, a Master's degree in Computer Engineering is one of the top five Master's degrees in demand in the United States. ... Specifically, the Master of Science in Electrical Engineering (MSEE) program, currently offered at UD, is steadily growing. Over the past 3 years, the

ECE department has seen a steady increase in the number of applications, and a large number of incoming student classes. ... Additionally, the ECE department has received dozens of inquiries about a computer engineering Master's degree program." (Excerpts from UD's MSCE Program Proposal, September 2014)



## ECE Department Purchases New Robot

The latest addition to the Motoman Robotics Lab is a Baxter robot manufactured by Rethink Robotics. The robot was purchased by research funds provided by the 711th Human Performance Wing, Human Effectiveness Directorate at the Air Force Research Laboratory. The research project is about robot-human interaction, and it seeks to develop a reliable maintenance task performed by a robot, first with full human control but moving toward increasing robot autonomy. The project also seeks to increase the understanding of trust in robot-human interactions.

## Barath Narayanan Awarded the Krishna M. Pasala, Ph.D. Memorial Scholarship

The IEEE Dayton Section is pleased to announce the 2015 award of the Krishna M. Pasala, Ph.D. Memorial Scholarship to Barath Narayanan. The memorial scholarship is awarded annually to a graduate student attending the University of Dayton within the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. The award of the scholarship is based on academic excellence in the area of electrical engineering and includes a prize of up to \$1,000. On behalf of the IEEE Dayton Section and the IEEE Foundation, we congratulate Narayanan on his winning of this award. He was presented his award at the IEEE Dayton banquet on April 25, 2015, by Dr. John Malas, as seen in the photo.



## John Fortune retires

Congratulations to John Fortune on his retirement. Fortune worked in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering for over 24 years. He has played an integral part in creating and maintaining our lab classrooms. Fortune plans to spend his retirement traveling the U.S. with his wife, Betty, and enjoying the warmer climate of Greer, South Carolina. We wish him well in his retirement.

## UD's Electrical Engineering Department is a "Hidden Gem"

College Recruiter has named the University of Dayton as one of 12 winners of its 2015 Hidden Gem Index for the best colleges and universities for employers who want to hire high-quality graduates who majored in electrical and communications engineering. We were ranked No. 1 in this area, above schools that included Western Washington University, Milwaukee School

of Engineering, Oklahoma State University, The University of Maine, University of Cincinnati, California State University, Long Beach, University of Houston, Louisiana Tech University, Georgia Southern University, SUNY Buffalo State and Farmingdale State College.



### Welcome to UD Electrical and Computer Engineering, Dr. Vamsy Chodavarapu!

Welcome to Dr. Vamsy Chodavarapu, who will be joining our faculty in the fall 2015 term. Chodavarapu obtained his Ph.D. and M.S. degrees in electrical engineering from the University at Buffalo, The State University of New York, in 2006 and 2003, respectively. He obtained his B.Eng. degree in instrumentation engineering from Osmania University in India in 2001. Chodavarapu comes from McGill University, where he worked as an associate professor in the electrical and computer engineering department. His specific research interests are in the areas of CMOS sensor microsystems, RF/analog circuits, neuro-/biomedical prosthetics and wearables, bio-/neuro-/RF- MEMS, biological/chemical sensing and nano-/bio- materials.

### Dr. Vijayan Asari Receives ASC's 2015 Outstanding Engineers and Scientists Award

Dr. Vijayan Asari has been named a recipient of the 2015 Affiliate Societies Council of Dayton Outstanding Engineers and Scientists Award. Dr. Asari is the director of the UD Vision Lab and is the Ohio Research Scholars Chair for the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. The award was presented at the 56th Outstanding Engineers and Scientists Award Banquet on April 16, 2015, at the University of Dayton River Campus. He received a plaque and a personalized proclamation from the Ohio Senate.



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## 2014-2015 STUDENT AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

The Thomas R. Armstrong '38 Award of Excellence for Outstanding Electrical Engineering Achievement in Memory of Brother Ulrich Rappel, S.M., and W. Frank Armstrong was awarded to **David M. Zimmerman**.

The Anthony Horvath '22 and Elmer Steger '22 Award of Excellence to the Outstanding Senior in ELE was awarded to **Matthew V. Fakler** and **Mark J. Edmonds**.

The Brother Louis H. Rose, S.M. '33, Award of Excellence to the Outstanding Junior in Electrical Engineering was actually awarded to two students this year: **Devin W. Spatz** and **Roseanna G. Lawandi**.

The Mary C. Millette Endowment Award for the Outstanding Senior Electrical Engineering Student in Memory of Mary C. Millette was awarded to **Lauren M. Millikin** and **Ashley M. Demange** this year.

The Award of Excellence to the Outstanding Cooperative Education Student in Engineering was presented to senior electrical engineering student **Cory W. Baker**.

In addition to undergraduate awards, there is also a section of awards just for graduate students. The 2015 Graduate Student Summer Fellowship Award winners are **Danielle Bane**, **Hua Chen**, **Md Raqibul Hasan**, **Shu Wang**, **Ayesha Zaman**, **Hailing Yue** and **Barath Narayanan**.



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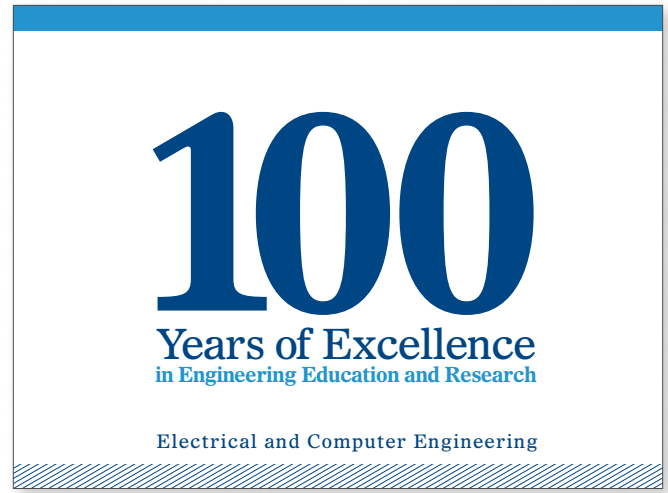
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