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Academic Career

11/19 – Present Chairperson, CSE Department, MSU.

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1994 – 2004 Graduate Director, CSE Department, MSU.

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Research Interests

- Graph Theory Applications in Computer Science
- Data Mining, Computer Networks
- Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Fault-Tolerant Computing

Recognitions

- Recipient of The Withrow Teaching Excellence Award, College of Engineering, MSU, 2015.
- Recipient of The Withrow Teaching Excellence Award, College of Engineering, MSU, 2005.
- Recipient of The Withrow Exceptional Service Award, College of Engineering, MSU, 1998.
- Undergraduate Scholarship, University of Michigan, 1973.

Major Software Packages Developed/Supervised

- PG, A Graph Manipulation Package written in Python, 2010-present.
- *GMPX*, A Graph Manipulation Package written in C#, 2004.
- *TMS*, a Tutorial Management System, a .NET C# capstone project, 2002.
- Enhanced Student Information System, an MS Access based Application, 1995-2004.

- The Shuffler, Software for a World-Wide-Web Based Form Routing System (with Matthew Pfeiffer and Daniel Dapkus), 1997.
- GPM2000, A Graph Manipulation Package written in Visual Basic (with Matthew P. Stabile), 1997.
- GMP, An X-Windows based Graph Manipulation Package for Unix (with Guy Zimmerman), 1989 – 1996.

Publications

Journal Articles

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- 10. Ronald Nussbaum and Abdol-Hossein Esfahanian, "Preliminary Results on Distance-Preserving Graphs, "*Congressus Numerantium*, Vol. 211, pp. 141-149, 2013. Pdf
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Grants

- 1. "FAI: Fairness-Aware Algorithms for Network Analysis," (Jointly with Pang-Ning Tan (PI)), *National Science Foundation and Amazon*, \$636,000, 1/2020 12/2022.
- 2. "CPATH-2: CPACE II: Implementing Constituency-driven Curricular Change that Integrates Computational Thinking Across Engineering Disciplines," (Jointly with Jon Sticklen, Neeraj Buch, Mark Urban-Lurain, and Daina Briedis), *National Science Foundation*, \$799,796, 9/2009 9/2013.
- 3. "The Sloan Engineering Program: A Research & Education Program to Increase the Number of Underrepresented Minority Doctoral Graduates in ECE and CSE at MSU," (Jointly with P. Pierre, B. O'Kelly, and M. Shanblatt), Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, \$210,000, 1/1/01 12/31/03.
- 4. "The Sloan Engineering Program: A Research and Education Program to Increase the Number of Underrepresented Minority Doctoral Graduates in Electrical & Computer Engineering and Computer Science & Engineering at Michigan State University," (Jointly with P. Pierre, B. O'Kelly, and M. Shanblatt), Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, \$180,000, 1/1/01 12/31/03.
- 5. "EMPOWER: EMulate the PerfOrmance of WidE aRea networks," (Jointly with M. Mutka, and Lionel Ni), NSF, \$101,490 (NSF \$65,968, MSU \$35,522) 3/00 3/01.
- 6. "ESIS and ERCIS Database Projects," *College of Engineering*, MSU, \$18000, 7/99-7/00.
- 7. "ESIS and ERCIS Database Projects," College of Engineering, MSU, \$18000, 7/98-7/99.
- 8. "ESIS and ERCIS Database Projects," College of Engineering, MSU, \$20000, 7/97-7/98.
- 9. "Engineering Student Information System," College of Engineering, MSU, \$12000, 7/96-7/97.
- 10. "Engineering Student Information System," College of Engineering, MSU, \$10988, 7/95-7/96.

- 11. "Enhancements to the High-Speed Network and Performance Laboratory," (Jointly with H. Hughes, P. McKinley, M. Mutka), *AT&T Foundation*, \$50000, 10/94 10/95.
- 12. "Research Experiences for Undergraduates," (Jointly with P. McKinley and L.M. Ni), *National Science Foundation*, \$13000, 5/94 3/96.
- 13. "Research Experiences for Undergraduates," (Jointly with P. McKinley and L.M. Ni), *National Science Foundation*, \$13000, 5/93 3/96.
- 14. "Equipment Proposal for High-Speed Local Area Networks," (Jointly with H. Hughes, P. McKinley, M. Mutka), *National Science Foundation*, \$100000, 1/93 6/94.
- 15. "Multicast Communication in Multicomputers," (Jointly with L.M. Ni and P. McKinley), *National Science Foundation*, \$331914, 8/92 1/96.
- 16. "Designing Fault-Tolerant Topologies for Multicomputers," *AURIG*, Michigan State University, \$10000, 7/92 7/93.
- 17. "Communication and Topological Issues Concerning Multicomputers," *National Science Foundation*, \$25249, 9/89 8/91.
- 18. "One-to-*k* Communication in Distributed-Memory Multiprocessor," *AURIG*, Michigan State University, \$4000, 1/89 1/90.
- 19. "Equipment Proposal for Advanced Computing Laboratory," (Jointly with L.M. Ni), *National Science Foundation*, \$60000, July 1987.
- 20. "NSF Travel Grant," to attend NSF-CBMS Regional Conference on Algorithm and Complexity, \$1000, August 1988.
- 21. "A CAD tool for Graph Manipulation," General Electric faculty development program in CAD, \$5776, April 1986.
- 22. "New Measures of Fault-Tolerance for Large Scale Multiple Processor Systems," *Division of Engineering Research*, \$4850, April 1985.
- 23. "NSF Travel Grant", to attend NSF-CBMS Regional Conference on *Applied Algorithms Design*, \$600, July 1984.
- 24. "Identifying the Isolated Components of Certain Fault Diagnosable Systems after Having Sustained Some Failures," *Division of Engineering Research*, \$8400, March 1984.

Presentations

- "Network Completion with Node Similarity: A Matrix Completion Approach with Provable Guarantees," The 2015 IEEE/ACM International Conference on Advances in Social Networks Analysis and Mining (ASONAM 2015) Paris, France, 2015.
- "PushTrust: An Efficient Recommendation Algorithm by Leveraging Trust and Distrust Relations," *The 9th ACM Conference on Recommender Systems*, Vienna, Austria, 2015.
- "Cold-Start Item and User Recommendation with Decoupled Completion and Transduction," *The 9th ACM Conference on Recommender Systems*, Vienna, Austria, 2015.
- "On Graph-theoretic Formulations of Information-dissemination Models, Wayne State University," November 1995. (invited)
- "Information-dissemination Models," Hope College, Michigan, November 1994.
- "On Graph-theoretic Formulations of Information-dissemination Models," The 25th Annual Iranian Mathematics Conference, Tehran, Iran, March 1994.
- "An overview of LAN Architectures," Iran Argham Corporation, Tehran, Iran, May 1994. (invited)

- "Lectures on Computer Networks," Azad University, Kashan campus, Kashan, Iran, May 1994. (invited)
- "Designing Fault-Tolerant Topologies for Multicomputers," Isfahan University of Technology, Isfahan, Iran, May 1994. (invited)
- "Understanding Asynchronous Transfer Mode," High Council of Informatic of Iran, Tehran, Iran, April 1994. (invited)
- "X.25 Protocol and its Applications," High Council of Informatic of Iran, Tehran, Iran, April 1994. (invited)
- "Computer Networks," Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C., May 1991.
- "On the Evolution of Connectivity Algorithms," George Washington University, Washington, D.C., May 1991. (invited)
- "Research in Computer Science," Isfahan University of Technology, Isfahan, Iran, August 1990.
- "A Message-Routing Strategy for Multicomputer Systems," University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran, July 1990.
- "On Complexity of a Message-Routing Strategy for Multicomputer Systems," The 16th International Workshop on Graph- Theoretic Concepts in Computer Science, West Berlin, West Germany, June 1990.
- "Fault-tolerant Topologies for Multicomputers," CPS Department, MSU, November 1989.
- "A New Approach to System-Level Fault-Tolerance in Message-Passing Multicomputers," First Great Lakes Computer Science Conference, September 1989.
- "Graph Connectivity Algorithms," Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran, August 1989. (invited)
- "Graph Manipulation Package," Midwest Graph Theory Conference, MSU, March 1989.
- "On Some Topological Issues of Multicomputers," CPS Department, MSU, February 1989.
- "On Distance-Preserving Minimum-Traffic Communication Trees," *The Sixth International Conference on the Theory and Applications of Graphs*, Western Michigan University, May 1988. (invited)
- "On the Evolution of Connectivity Algorithms," Western Michigan University, October 1987. (invited)

PhD Dissertations Supervised

- 1. Youran Lan, Interprocessor Communication in Distributed-Memory Multiprocessors, July 1988. (jointly with Lionel Ni).
- 2. Guy W. Zimmerman, *On Some Topological Issues in Message-Passing Multicomputer Architectures*, August 1990. Currently with Computer Science Department, Bowling Green State University.
- 3. Swamy K. Sitarama, *Designing Distance-Preserving Graphs*, December 1996. Currently with Lucent Technologies.
- 4. Barbara Birchler, *Toward a General Theory of Multicast Communication*, August 1997. (jointly with Eric Torng). Currently with Computer Science Department, Arizona State University.

- 5. Wei Kuo Liao, *Multiple Multicast Problems*, December 1999. (jointly with Lionel Ni). Currently with Department of Communication Engineering, National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan.
- 6. Fan Du, Supporting Real-Time and Multimedia Applications in Wireless Networks, December 2001. (jointly with Lionel Ni).
- 7. Baijian Yang, Supporting Multicast in Scalable QOS Frameworks, December 2002. (jointly with Prasant Mohapatra). Currently with The Ball State University, Indiana.
- 8. Boris Gelfand, A Self-Moderating Peer-To-Peer File System, May 2003 (jointly with Matt Mutka). Currently with Lockheed Martin Corporation.
- 9. Andrew Chen, On Graphs with Large Number of Spanning Trees, August 2005, Currently with Minnesota State University.
- 10. Abhishek Pramod Patil (Jointly with Lionel Ni), Overlay Multicast In Manets, December 2005. Currently with Sony Inc, CA.
- 11. Ronald Nussbaum, Distance-preserving Graphs, December 2014.
- 12. Dennis Ross, Edge Impact in Graphs and Social Network Matrix Completion. August 2016.
- 13. Emad Zahedi, Applied Graph Theory, August 2017.
- 14. Husain Khalifeh, Graph Theory and Machine Learning, Expected graduation date May 2021.
- 15. Farzan Masrour, Graph Theory and Social Networks, Expected graduation date May 2021.

Master's Projects Supervised

- 1. Lynn Kubinec, Understanding Asynchronous Transfer Mode, February 1994.
- 2. Matthew P. Stabile, GPM2000, A Graph Manipulation Package written in Visual Basic, May 1997.
- 3. Daniel Dapkus, The Shuffler: Design & Implementation of the Installation Utility and the Database, December 1997.
- 4. Matthew Pfeiffer, *The Shuffler: Software for a World Wide Web based Form Routing System*, December 1997.
- 5. Naser Alavi, "Guidelines for Developing Web-based Database Applications", December 1998.
- 6. Xiaohui Xiong, "Graph Connectivity Algorithms: A Survey", May 2001.
- 7. Lei Wang, "Recent Advances and Challenges in Wireless Networking Technologies: A Survey", May 2001.
- 8. William Wilson, "Adobe Form Modification through XML in a Mobile Environment," May 2002.
- 9. Ronald Nussbaum, "Email Mining," August 2008.

Courses Taught

- Fundamentals of Information Technology (CSE 201)
- Discrete Structures in Computer Science (CSE 260)
- Design and Analysis of Algorithms (CSE 830)

- Algorithmic Graph Theory (CSE 835)
- Computer Networks (CPS Q812)
- Computer Communications (CSE 422)
- Theory of Computing (CPS Q322)
- Computer Architectures (CPS Q423)
- Digital Design (CPS Q410)

Membership in Professional Societies

- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (senior member, May 1991)
- Computer Society
- Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics
- Association for Computing Machinery

Professional Services

- Member of Advisory Committee, Computer Science Academy, Capital Area IT Council, Lansing, MI, 2011 – present.
- Program Committee Member, 2008 IEEE International Conference on Networking, Sensing and Control, China, April 6-8, 2008.
- Track Chair, The 11th International CSI Computer Conference, Tehran, Iran, January 2006.
- CSE Graduate Director, 1994 2004
- Session Chair, The 9th Quadrennial International Conference on Graph Theory, Combinatorics, Algorithms and Applications (GTCC2000), Kalamazoo, MI., June 2000.
- Associate Editor, NETWORKS, an international journal, June 1996 December 1999.
- Organizer, The XXXI Midwest Graph Theory Conference, MSU, May 1998.
- Regional Representative for the Midwest Theory Conference
- Member of the Program Committee, Second Great Lakes Computer Science Conference, October 1991.
- Member of the Scientific Committee, Computer Society of Iran.
- Reviewer for:
 - IEEE Transactions on Computers
 - IEEE Transactions on Communications
 - IEEE Computer Magazine
 - Journal of Graph Theory and Combinatorics
 - Journal of Graph Theory
 - Journal of Algorithmica
 - Journal of Networks
 - Journal of Algorithms
 - Journal of Information Processing Letters
 - Journal of Discrete Applied Mathematics
 - Journal of Distributed and Parallel Processing
 - National Science Foundation Grant Proposals

Committees Assignments, Michigan State University

- CSE Department Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
- College of Engineering Grievance Committee
- CSE Department Awards Committee (Chair), 2004-2011
- University Academic Council, 2001-2003
- College Graduate Directors Meetings, 1994-2004.
- CSE Department Graduate Studies and Research Committee, 1994-2004.
- CSE Department Advisory Committee (Elected), 1992-1994, 1998 1999, 2005
- CSE Department Search Committee, 1992.
- CSE Department Tenure/promotion Committee, 1992.
- CSE Department Representative for the College Curriculum Committee, 1992.
- CSE Department Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Chaired), 1990-1992.
- CSE Department Computing Environment Committee (Chaired), 1988-1990.
- Case Center for Computer Aided Design Advisory Committee, College of Engineering, 1988-1990.
- PhD Qualifying Examination Committee.