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This report provides a description of the instructional and research activities of the Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering at Boston University during the 2010-2011 academic year. Instructional activities are reported from the Fall 2010 through Summer 2011 semesters while scholarly activities and budget information are reported from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

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Message From the Chair

This was another successful year for Boston University’s ECE Department - a year that saw many changes while the Department maintained its focus on steady improvement for its research and education missions. The year began with the addition of promising young tenure-track faculty, Bobak Nazer and Doug Densmore, who have added depth and breadth to our expertise in Information Sciences and Systems and Computer Engineering, respectively. We also added our first Professor of the Practice, Alan Pisano, who joined us after many years at General Electric. Midway through the year, our colleague David Campbell retired as Boston University’s provost to rejoin the physics faculty. We also bid farewell to two of our colleagues, Tom Skinner and Mike Ruane, who retired but will continue to participate in the Department in reduced roles.

In our undergraduate programs, we introduced several exciting changes in our curriculum, through our ongoing effort to increase the flexibility of our programs while providing a rigorous foundation of relevant engineering science. We created a new freshman course on Engineering Computation that is available to all majors and introduces students to various aspects of computing, from programming languages to scripting languages and embedded computing. We also added a freshman course on Electronic Control of Robots as part of our Introduction to Engineering series within the College of Engineering. For more advanced students, we introduced two new courses, Electric Energy Systems: Adapting to Renewable Resources and Sensors in Space, that leverage renewed interest in electric energy systems and our collaborations with Space Physics researchers. We added a new course in Cybersecurity, accessible to both undergraduates and graduates, and revised the content of our capstone senior design course to exploit the added industrial experience of Professor Pisano. Under the leadership of Mark Horenstein, we continued our outreach program to increase the visibility of ECE within our prospective applicants and Boston University and held a very successful ECE undergraduate research and laboratory job fair.

Our faculty had another excellent year in acquiring research funding and earned new grants totaling approximately $11.7 M in addition to a sizeable pool of continuing grants. Our faculty also received major recognition for their excellence in research. Ted Moustakas received the College of Engineering’s Distinguished Scholar Award and the Molecular Beam Epitaxy Innovator Award. Hatice Altug was named a future recipient of the Popular Science Magazine Brilliant 10 Award and received the IEEE Photonics Society Young Investigator Award and the Boston University College of Engineering’s Early Career Research Excellence Award. Irving Bigio and Mal Teich were elected as fellows...
of SPIE. Christos Cassandras was chosen as winner of the 2011 IEEE Control Systems Technology Award in recognition of his design and commercial development of SimEvents, a discrete event and hybrid system simulator he developed with Michael Clune from Mathworks. This award will be presented in December 2011. In terms of professional service, Clem Karl was elected to the Board of Governors of the IEEE Signal Processing Society, and Christos Cassandras was elected President of the IEEE Control Systems Society.

Our graduate programs received increased attention and saw over 1000 applicants as well as significant interest in our new Masters of Engineering (MEng) program. Our incoming class of 80 MS and MEng students and 22 new PhD students will add support to our research mission. Our graduate students received six best student paper awards and one of our graduate student teams, RayVio, finished first in the Institute for Technology Entrepreneurship and Commercialization (ITEC) 11th Annual $50K New Venture Competition.

As mentioned earlier, we integrated three new faculty members into the department: Doug Densmore, Bobak Nazer and Alan Pisano. We also continued our aggressive recruitment and added three senior faculty: David Bishop, former Chief Technology Officer of LGS Bell Labs Innovations at Alcatel Lucent; Allen Tannenbaum, previously a Professor at Georgia Tech who joined the Department this fall; and Daniel Tsui, former Professor Emeritus at Princeton. Bishop will lead the Materials Science Division in the College of Engineering and will add strength to our materials science effort through his research in low temperature physics and superconductivity. Tannenbaum is a world leader in computer vision, biomedical imaging and robust control. His research efforts will overlap with Biomedical Engineering and the Boston University Medical Campus and will add new research and teaching dimensions in our Information Sciences and Systems group. Tsui, a Nobel Prize winner in physics, will collaborate with our researchers in photonics and materials science.

In conclusion, this year the ECE Department was successful in maintaining its traditional strengths in research and education while also improving upon undergraduate outreach, enhancing the curriculum, and recruiting some excellent senior faculty. I look forward to seeing our Department’s continued growth and working with our faculty, students, and staff to build on our momentum.

David Castañón
Department Chair ad interim
September 2011
Highlights

Faculty Awards and Honors

HATICE ALTUG received the Boston University College of Engineering’s Early Career Research Excellence Award. She was also the recipient of the Young Investigator Award given by the IEEE Photonics Society.

IRVING BIGIO and MALVIN TEICH were elected fellows of SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics.

CHRISTOS CASSANDRAS was named the president-elect of the IEEE Control Systems Society.

AYSE COSKUN and Jie Meng (PhD ’13) received the A. Richard Newton Graduate Scholarship from the Design Automation Conference.

DOUGLAS DENSMORE was selected as a Richard and Minda Reidy Family Career Development Professor. This professorship is awarded to young faculty in the College of Engineering at Boston University.

PRAKASH ISHWAR and JANUSZ KONRAD received the Best Paper Prize at the 7th IEEE International Conference on Advanced Video and Signal-Based Surveillance. They also won the Aerial View Activity Classification Challenge at the 2010 International Conference on Pattern Recognition.

AJAY JOSHI, BOBAK NAZER, ROBERTO PAIELLA, IOANNIS PASCHALIDIS and ANNA SWAN received Dean’s Catalyst Awards from Boston University. These prizes encourage early-stage, innovative, interdisciplinary projects that could spark new advances in a variety of engineering fields.

W. CLEM KARL was elected to the IEEE Signal Processing Society Board of Governors.

THEODORE MOUSTAKAS received the Molecular Beam Epitaxy (MBE) Innovator Award and the Boston University College of Engineering’s Distinguished Scholar Award.

SIDDHARTH RAMACHANDRAN was appointed the chair for the Optical Society of America (OSA) committee for the annual Nick Holonyak Jr. Award.

DAVID STAROBINSKI’S research was chosen as a Top Cited Article 2005-2010 by the journal of Ad Hoc Networks (Elsevier).

SELIM ÜNLÜ was named the editor-in-chief of the IEEE Journal of Quantum Electronics.

ECE Welcomes New Faculty Members

The Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering (ECE) was pleased to welcome two new faculty members to its ranks this year.

Assistant Professor DOUGLAS DENSMORE (PhD, University of California, Berkeley, 2007) came to the department after working as a Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellow both at UC Berkeley and the Joint BioEnergy Institute. His research interests include high level languages for synthetic biology; data exchange standards for biological parts and devices; system level design of embedded systems; computer architecture; and design for test. He is currently working with a BU-led team to engineer robot-assisted, bacteria-based sensors. He also runs the Center for Integrating Design Automation Research (CIDAR), which looks at ways to integrate automation techniques into disciplines not traditionally defined by rigorous design automation methodologies.

Another UC Berkeley graduate, Assistant Professor BOBAK NAZER (PhD, University of California, Berkeley, 2009), also joined our department this year after working as a postdoctoral associate at the University of Wisconsin. His research areas include information theory and communications; reliable computation over networks; and distributed signal processing. This year, he was awarded a Dean’s Catalyst Award from Boston University’s College of Engineering. Previously, he received the Eli Jury Award for Outstanding Achievement in Systems, Communications, Control, or Signal Processing for his dissertation research.
Promotions and Tenure

PRAKASH ISHWAR was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure.

Departing Faculty

Professors MICHAEL RUANE and THOMAS SKINNER, who had worked more than 50 years combined in the Electrical & Computer Engineering Department, retired this year.

Throughout his time at Boston University, Ruane was known for his dedication toward students. He was responsible for organizing the Senior Design Project and ECE Day, one of the department’s most recognized events. He was also the inaugural faculty director of outreach for the College of Engineering. He received the College’s Faculty Service Award in 1991, the ECE Outstanding Teacher Award in 1999, the American Society of Engineering Education’s New England Region Outstanding Professor Award in 2004, and the ECE Faculty Service Award in 2010.

Professor Skinner, whose research interests included microprocessors, computer networks, operating systems, and distributed systems, had also been awarded for his work over the years. In 2003, he received the Microsoft Most Valuable Professional Award, and in 1997, he was awarded the College of Engineering Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Professor DAVID CAMPBELL, upon stepping down as Provost, is no longer a member of the ECE Department and is now a full-time faculty member of the Physics Department.

Undergraduate Program

Combined enrollment in the BS programs was 204 students across the EE and CE majors. We continue to enjoy a strong record of placement of our graduating seniors in both programs. The number of EE and CE BS degrees awarded this year were 31 and 16, respectively.

Efforts to enhance the undergraduate laboratories are successfully ongoing, with new equipment, maintenance, and upgrades this year. In both classrooms and laboratories, emphasis is placed on design, laboratory practice, and applications. Successful ideas that were initiated in previous years, such as ECE Day and the ECE Professor of the Year Award, continued this year.

Undergraduate Student Awards

Students LUKE ANDERSON, ANNA EVANS, PATRICK HENSON, JONATHAN KWAN, and ANGELO LUO of Team GloveSense were selected by Senior Project faculty as recipients of the 2011 P. T. Hsu Memorial Award for the best overall ECE senior design project.

A Harold C. Case Scholarship, which recognizes juniors for academic excellence and service to Boston University, was given to IDAN WARSAWSKI.

SAMIR AHMED, EYEGENI AIZENBERG, and KAM LAI were awarded Kenneth R. Lutchen Distinguished Fellowships, designed to fund summer research projects that will have a societal impact.

Graduate Program

Five new PhD students were awarded the Dean’s Fellowships (DFs) and matriculated in Fall 2010. These students will be continuing their degree programs and are making excellent progress. Seventeen new PhD students matriculated with Graduate Teaching Fellowships (GTFs) in the same period; fourteen of these students were offered Research Assistantships (RAs) for the Fall 2011 semester.

With respect to degree production, 40 and 21 students graduated with the MS and PhD degrees, respectively, during the report period. The breakdown by degree is: 43 in EE, nine in CE, eight in CSE and one in Photonics.

We experienced an excellent recruiting year for Fall 2011 admissions. After receiving more than 1000 applicants to the program, we expect an incoming class of 45 MS students, 35 MEng students and 22 PhD students. With respect to fellowships and assistantships, we will be matriculating 21 new funded graduate students for the Fall 2011 semester: three Dean’s Fellows, 22 ECE Fellows, and one Photonics Fellow.

These numbers indicate a significant increase in the number of applicants, yield on fellowship offers, and the overall quality of the fall matriculants. This continues the trend of securing a class of funded students of increasing quality amidst a growing pool of candidates interested in our degree programs in ECE.

MEng

This year the department accepted applications for its new Masters of Engineering (MEng) program, available in Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, and Photonics. This degree program was designed for students who are primarily interested in industry careers or becoming practitioners in the field, sporting more flexibility and breadth than the Master of Science.
degree. Students in this program can choose some courses in related fields outside of the college, such as entrepreneurship or project management, and they are not required to complete a thesis.

**Graduate Student Awards**

ECE graduate students made an impressive showing in the 2011 Science and Engineering Day hosted by the University. The College of Engineering Dean’s Award was given to **John Henson**, who works under the guidance of Professor Roberto Paiella. **Sonal Ambwani**, who works under the guidance of Professor W. Clem Karl, was the recipient of The Center for Information and Systems Engineering Award. The Photonics Center Future of Light Prize was awarded to **Cicek Boztug**, who works under the guidance of Professor Roberto Paiella. **Roza Ghamari** was the recipient of The Hariri Award for Transformative Computational Science Research and works under the guidance of Professor Douglas Densmore. The President’s Award was given to **Nenad Bozinovic** who works under the guidance of Professor Siddharth Ramachandran. The ECE Award, which is given to the graduate student with the overall best poster, was awarded to **Faisal Sudradjat**, who works under the guidance of Professor Roberto Paiella.

The ECE Best Dissertation Award recognizes annually the most outstanding PhD research by a student completing during the year ending in April. The award was given to Dr. **Nan Ma** for his dissertation titled, “Interactive Source Coding for Function Computation in Networks.” Dr. Ma’s research was conducted under the guidance of Professor Prakash Ishwar and is in the Information Sciences and Systems research area.

At the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Electrostatics Society of America, **Jeremy Stark** won a first place student paper prize. **Reza Moazzez Estanjini** received Best Student Paper Honors at the 9th International Symposium on Modeling and Optimization in Mobile, Ad Hoc, and Wireless Networks (WiOpt).

**Jie Meng** and Assistant Professor Ayse Coskun were awarded the A. Richard Newton Graduate Scholarship for their research at the Design Automation Conference (DAC).

**Yitao Liao** led his team, RayVio, to a first place finish in the Institute for Technology Entrepreneurship and Commercialization (ITEC) 11th Annual $5OK New Venture Competition. Other members of the team included ECE PhD student, **Chen-Kai Kao** and Professor Theodore Moustakas.

Both **Sonal Ambwani** and **Zachary Sun** received Best Poster awards at the Bernard M. Gordon Center for Subsurface Sensing and Imaging Systems Research and Industrial Collaboration Conference (CenSISS).

**Yushan Chen** was awarded the Best Student Paper award at the 10th International Symposium on Distributed Autonomous Robotic Systems.

**Kai Guo** and his advisors, Professors Prakash Ishwar and Janusz Konrad, won the Best Paper Prize at the 7th IEEE International Conference on Advanced Video and Signal-Based Surveillance (AVSS). They also won the Aerial View Activity Classification Challenge in the Semantic Description of Human Actions (SDHA) contest during the 2010 International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR).

**Michele MoreSCO** received the Best Student Paper Award at the Numerical Simulation of Optoelectronic Devices 2010 Conference (NUSOD).

**Alp Artar** was awarded the Best Student Presentation Award at the SPIE Optics + Photonics conference.

**Major Grants**

New research funding this year totaled approximately $11.7M in awards for research, of which $8.7M were awarded to ECE Principal Investigators (PI) and $3M were awarded to ECE faculty members working as Co-PI on projects outside of the Department. Of the PI awards, 29 were for new research projects, while 29 awards were for continuing projects.

**New Awards**

**Murat Alanyali** (PI) received two grants from the National Science Foundation - $345,317 for NeTS: Small: Periodic Schedules for Energy-Efficient Wireless Coexistence and $714,501 for NetSE: Medium: Collaborative Research: Promoting Secondary Spectrum Markets via Profitability-Driven Methods and Algorithms. He will work with **David Starobinski** (Co-PI) on the latter.

**David Castañón** received $245,000 from the Department of Homeland Security for ALERT: Awareness and Location of Explosive-Related Threats.

**Min-Chang Lee** (PI) received $211,510 from the Department of Defense, Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR), awarded MIN-CHANG LEE $211,510 for Investigation of Ionospheric Turbulence and Whistler Wave Interactions with Space Plasmas.

**Thomas Little** (PI), **Hatice AlTug** (Co-PI), and **Selim ÜnlÜ** (Co-PI) received $678,000 from the National Science Foundation for NSF Engineering Research Center for Smart Lighting-Administration.

The Department of Defense, Defense Advanced Research...
Events

ECE Day 2011

Initiated in 1997, ECE Day is a forum for seniors to present their capstone projects. Held at the end of the spring semester, ECE Day 2011 included 14 senior design presentations attended by students, faculty, alumni, and industry representatives.

MS Project Symposia

The MS Project Symposia are events that give MS students who have participated in a faculty-advised project course an opportunity to present their completed work to their peers and faculty. Symposia are held at the end of each semester. This year’s events were August 6, 2010; December 10, 2010; and May 6, 2011.

Smart Spaces: A Smart Lighting ERC

The Smart Lighting Engineering Research Center (ERC) convened its second Academia-Industry Day at the Boston University Photonics Center on February 8, 2011. The conference focused on the latest developments on “smart spaces” that integrate illuminators, sensors, controllers and communications technology into LED-based lighting systems. Potentially, smart spaces could boost workplace productivity, detect bio-terror agents, and even reduce energy consumption in buildings on the Smart Grid. The conference featured presentations and posters...
from faculty and students representing the ERC’s three core institutions – Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), Boston University, and the University of New Mexico (UNM) – and observations from industry experts. Founded in 2008 by the National Science Foundation, the ERC is a multi-year, $4 million-per-year, interdisciplinary program that facilitates research, industrial collaborations and educational initiatives aimed at advancing intelligent lighting systems and a robust smart lighting industry.

**Distinguished Speaker Series**

Now in its second year, the Distinguished Lecture Series continued to offer a set of high-profile invited lectures delivered by some of the brightest luminaries in both academia and industry in the fields of electrical and computer engineering. The ECE Department welcomed Professor Shih-Fu Chang, chairman of electrical engineering at Columbia University; Professor Mark A. Horowitz, chair of the electrical engineering department at Stanford University; Professor Khalil Najafi, chair of the electrical and computer engineering department at the University of Michigan; Professor Rajesh K. Gupta, chair of computer science and engineering at the University of California, San Diego; Dr. Nick Bowen, vice president of software appliances at IBM; and Mark J. T. Smith, dean of the graduate school at Purdue University.

**ECE Undergraduate Research and Lab Job Fair**

The ECE Department hosted its first-ever ECE Undergraduate Research and Lab Job Fair on January 31, 2011. Designed to give undergraduate students an opportunity to speak with faculty and graduate students working in an ECE lab, the fair also provided a chance for students to add research experience to their resumes.
Distinguished Lecture Series

In 2011 the ECE Department continued its Distinguished Lecture Series, high-profile invited lectures delivered by luminaries from both academia and industry. The following are biographical sketches of this year’s Distinguished Lecturers.

Shih-Fu Chang — September 29, 2010
Professor and Chairman of Electrical Engineering, Director of the Digital Video and Multimedia Lab, Columbia University
“Visual Search: State of the Art and Open Issues”

Shih-Fu Chang is professor and chairman of electrical engineering and the director of the digital video and multimedia lab at Columbia University. He has also led the ADVENT research consortium at Columbia University, during which more than 25 industry sponsors participated. He has made significant contributions in multimedia search, media forensics, mobile media adaptation and international standards. He has been recognized with several awards, including the IEEE Kiyo Tomiyasu Technical Field Award (for contributions to image search and classification), IBM Faculty Award, Navy ONR Young Investigator Award, ACM Recognition of Service Award and NSF CAREER Award. He and his students also received four Best Paper Awards and seven Best Student Paper Awards from IEEE, ACM and SPIE. Many video indexing technologies developed by his group have been licensed to companies.

Mark A. Horowitz — October 20, 2010
Chair of the Electrical Engineering Department and the Yahoo! Founders Professor, Stanford University
“Encapsulating Designer Knowledge: Improving Digital and Mixed Signal Design”

Mark A. Horowitz is the chair of the Electrical Engineering Department and the Yahoo! Founders Professor at Stanford University. He is also a founder of Rambus, Inc., a fellow of IEEE and ACM, and a member of the National Academy of Engineering and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Horowitz’s research interests are quite broad and span applying EE and CS analysis methods to problems in molecular biology to creating new design methodologies for analog and digital VLSI circuits.

Khalil Najafi — November 10, 2010
Professor of Engineering and the Chair of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Michigan
“Biomedical Wireless Integrated Microsystems (BioWIMS)”

Khalil Najafi is the Schlumberger Professor of Engineering and the Chair of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Michigan. He served as the director of the Solid-State Electronics Laboratory from 1998-2005, has been the director of NSF’s National Nanotechnology Infrastructure Network (NNIN) since 2004 and the deputy director of the NSF ERC on Wireless Integrated Microsystems (WIMS) since 2000. He received his BS, MS, and PhD degree in 1980, 1981, and 1986 respectively, all in electrical engineering from the University of Michigan. His research interests include: micromachining technologies, micromachined sensors, actuators, and MEMS; analog integrated circuits; Microsystems and micromachined sensors and actuators for biomedical applications; hermetic and vacuum packaging technologies; and low-power wireless sensing/actuating systems. Dr. Najafi has been active in the field of solid-state sensors and actuators for more than 25 years. He is an associate editor for the IEEE Journal of Micro Electromechanical Systems (JMEMS) and the Journal of Micromechanics & Microengineering, Institute of Physics Publishing, as well as an editor for the Journal of Sensors and Materials. He also served as associate editor for the IEEE Journal of Solid-State Circuits from 2000-2004, editor for solid-state sensors for IEEE Transactions on Electron Devices from 1996-2006, and associate editor for IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering from 1999-2000. He is a fellow of the IEEE and the AIBME.
Rajesh K. Gupta — January 26, 2011
Chair of Computer Science and Engineering, University of California, San Diego
“The Variability Expeditions: Exploring the Software Stack for Under-Designed Computing Machines”

Rajesh K. Gupta is a professor and chair of Computer Science and Engineering at UC San Diego and holds the title of QUALCOMM Endowed Chair. His research interests are in energy efficient systems that have taken a turn toward large-scale energy use in recent years. His recent contributions include SystemC modeling and SPARK parallelizing high-level synthesis. Earlier Gupta led or co-led DARPA-sponsored efforts under the Data Intensive Systems (DIS) and Power Aware Computing and Communications (PACC) programs that demonstrated architectural adaptation and compiler optimizations in building high performance and energy efficient system architectures. His ongoing efforts include energy-efficient data centers and large scale computing using memory-coherent algorithmic accelerators and non-volatile storage systems. In recent years, Gupta and his students have received a best paper award at IEEE/ACM DCOSS ’08 and a best demonstration award at IEEE/ACM IPSN/SPOTS ’05. Gupta received his B.Tech. degree in Electrical Engineering from IIT Kanpur, M.S. in Electrical Engineering & Computer Sciences from UC Berkeley, and a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University. He currently serves as Editor-in-Chief of IEEE Embedded Systems Letters. Gupta is also a fellow of the IEEE.

Nick Bowen — February 16, 2011
Vice President of Software Appliances, IBM
“Technology Disruptions and Trends: The Next Decade”

Dr. Nicholas (Nick) Bowen was appointed the Vice President of Software Appliances at IBM in October 2010. He leads an effort in IBM’s software division to drive a common hardware delivery model as well as optimize the ease of client experience with these products and drive innovation in terms of hardware-software optimization. He previously had corporate wide responsibilities for the technical community including technical recognition and appointments to IBM Fellow and Distinguished Engineer. Nick’s career with IBM spans over 26 years and he has experience as a research scientist, leader of very large global development teams, and driving corporate wide strategy projects. He received the B.S. degree in computer science from the University of Vermont, a M.S. degree in computer engineering from Syracuse University, and the Ph.D. in electrical and computer engineering from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He is a senior member of the IEEE and a member of ACM. He served on several Computer Science Advisory Boards and is currently on the IEEE Computer Society Industrial Advisory Board. His research interests are on operating systems and fault-tolerant computing.

Mark J. T. Smith — March 2, 2011
Dean of the Graduate School, Professor, Purdue University
“Improved Models for Accent Detection and Voice Synthesis”

Mark J. T. Smith received his B.S. degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the Georgia Institute of Technology, all in electrical engineering. He joined the electrical engineering faculty at Georgia Tech in 1984 and later served as the executive assistant to the president of the institute from 1997-2001. In January 2003, he joined the faculty at Purdue University as head of the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Presently, he serves as Dean of the Graduate School and holds the Michael J. & Katherine R. Birck endowed professorship. Dr. Smith is a fellow of the IEEE and a former IEEE Distinguished Lecturer in Signal Processing. He has authored many papers in the areas of speech and image processing, filter banks, and wavelets and is the co-author of two introductory books titled, Introduction to Digital Signal Processing and Digital Filtering. He is also co-editor of the book, Wavelets and Subband Transforms: Design and Applications, and the co-author of the textbook, A Study Guide for Digital Image Processing. In addition to professional service, teaching, and research, Dr. Smith’s past includes athletic training and competition in the sport of fencing. He was National Champion of the United States in 1981 and 1983 and a two-time member of the U.S. Olympic Team in 1980 and 1984.
Faculty and Staff

Core Faculty

**Murat Alanyali**  
Associate Professor  
Communication networks; performance analysis and optimization; stochastic systems  
» PhD, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1996  
» NSF CAREER Award, 2003  
» Legacy Gift Award, College of Engineering, 2004  
» Associate Editor, IEEE Control Systems Society Conference Editorial Board

**Hatice Altug**  
Assistant Professor  
Nanoscale photonic materials and devices; nano-plasmonics; optics of metallic nanostructures; nano-photonicics; photonic crystals; bio-photonicics; optical biosensors; and spectroscopy; opto-fluidics and lab-on-a-chip integration  
» PhD, Stanford University, 2006  
» Photonics Society Young Investigator Award, 2011  
» Boston University Early Career Research Excellence Award, 2010  
» ONR Young Investigator Award, 2010  
» NSF CAREER Award, 2010  
» New Investigator Award, Massachusetts Life Sciences Center, 2009

**Enrico Belloti**  
Associate Professor  
Computational electronics; semiconductor materials and device simulations; power electronics; parallel computing  
» PhD, Georgia Institute of Technology, 1999  
» NSF CAREER Award, 2005  
» ONR Young Investigator Award, 2003

**Irving Bigio**  
Professor  
Medical application of optics, lasers, and spectroscopy; biophotonics; nonlinear optics; applied spectroscopy; laser physics  
» PhD, University of Michigan, 1974  
» Fellow - Optical Society of America, American Society for Lasers in Medicine and Surgery, American Institute for Medical & Biological Engineering  
» Boston University College of Engineering Distinguished Lecturer, 2010  
» Faculty Service Award, 2007  
» Associate Editor, Journal of Biomedical Optics  
» Associate Editor, Lasers in the Life Sciences  
» Invited Nominator, Nobel Prize in Physics, 2007

**Richard Brower**  
Professor  
Molecular dynamics simulation for biomolecules; lattices methods for QCD and statistical mechanics; quantum field theory of strings and particles  
» PhD, University of California, 1969  
» A.P. Sloan Research Fellow, SLAC and MIT, 1974-1976  
» Past Managing Editor, *International Journal of Computational Physics*

**David Campbell**  
Professor & Provost  
General nonlinear phenomena and complex systems; novel electronic materials; electron transport in semiconductor superlattices  
» PhD, Cambridge University, 1970  
» Fellow - American Physical Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science  
» Editor-in-Chief, *Chaos, Nonlinear Science & Its Applications*

**Jeffrey Carruthers**  
Associate Professor  
Photonic wireless communication; mobile and wireless networks; engineering education  
» PhD, University of California, Berkeley, 1997  
» NSF CAREER Award, 1999  
» Senior Member, IEEE  
» ECE Professor of the Year, Boston University, 2010  
» ECE Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2001

**Christos Cassandras**  
Professor  
Discrete event and hybrid systems; stochastic control and optimization; computer and communication networks; wireless sensor networks; manufacturing systems; supply chain management; computer simulation; command-control systems  
» PhD, Harvard University, 1982  
» Fellow, IEEE  
» Fellow, IFAC  
» Member, IEEE Control Systems Society Board of Governors  
» Lilley Fellow, 1991  
» Distinguished Member Award, IEEE Control Systems Society, 2006  
» Harold Chestnut Prize, (IFAC Best Control Engineering Textbook), 1999  
» IEEE Distinguished Lecturer, 2001-2004  
» Department Editor, *Journal of Discrete Event Dynamic Systems*, 1989-present  
» Associate Editor, *International Journal of BioSciences and Technology*, 2008-present  
» Associate Editor, *Automatica*, 1993-2002  
» Honorary Professor, Huazhong University of Science and Technology  
» Honorary Professor, Wuhan University of Science and Technology  
» President-Elect, IEEE Control Systems Society, 2011

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David Castañon
Professor, Ad Interim Department Chair
Stochastic control; estimation optimization; image understanding and parallel computation
» PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1976
» Past President, IEEE Control Systems Society (CSS)
» IEEE CSS Distinguished Member Award
» Air Force Advisory Board Member
» ECE Teaching Award, 2007
» Associate Editor, Computational Optimization and Applications
» Past Associate Editor, IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control

Ayse Coskun
Assistant Professor
Temperature and energy management, 3D stacked architectures, reliability analysis and optimization, computer architecture, embedded system design
» PhD, University of California, San Diego, 2009
» Design Automation Conference, A. Richard Newton Graduate Scholarship Award, 2011
» BU ENG Dean’s Catalyst Award, 2010
» Best Paper Award, 17th IFIP/IEEE VLSI-SoC

Mark Horenstein
Professor
Applied electromagnetics; electrostatics; microelectromechanical systems
» PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1978
» Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Electrostatics

Allyn Hubbard
Professor
VLSI design using analog and digital techniques in CMOS; neural net chips, smart sensor chips, and chips with biological applications; models of the peripheral auditory system
» PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1977
» College of Engineering Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2002

Luca Dal Negro
Assistant Professor
Optical amplification phenomena and laser physics; optical spectroscopy of semiconductor nanostructures; photonic crystals; Anderson light localization and aperiodic dielectrics; nanophotonics and plasmonics
» PhD, University of Trento, 2003
» NSF CAREER Award, 2009
» BU Early Career Research Excellence Award
» Dean’s Catalyst Award, 2007

Prakash Ishwar
Associate Professor
Network information theory and communications; statistical signal processing and machine learning; visual information processing
» PhD, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2002
» NSF CAREER Award, 2005
» AVSS Best Paper Award (with K. Guo and J. Konrad), 2010
» ICPR SDHA contest win (with K. Guo and J. Konrad), 2010
» Dean’s Catalyst Award, 2007
» Senior Member, IEEE
» Elected Member, IEEE IVMSP Technical Committee

Douglas Densmore
Assistant Professor
High level languages for synthetic biology; data exchange standards for biological parts and devices; system level design of embedded systems; computer architecture
» PhD, University of California, Berkeley, 2007
» Richard and Minda Reidy Family Career Development Professor, 2010
» UC Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellow, 2007-2009

Ajay Joshi
Assistant Professor
On-chip and off-chip interconnect design, digital/analog circuit design, physical design, computer architecture
» PhD, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2006
» Dean's Catalyst Award, College of Engineering, Boston University, 2011
» Intel Recognition Award, 2003

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Professor
Advanced computer architectures; distributed and parallel computing; computational science
» PhD, Stanford University, 1975
» One of the “50 Most Important Blacks in Research Science;” The Career Communications Group (CCG)
» A. Nico Haberman Award, CRA
» ENG Award for Excellence in Teaching, 1996

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Multidimensional and multiscale signal and image processing and estimation, particularly applied to geometrically and medically oriented problems; statistical signal processing; biomedical signal and image processing
» PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1991
» ECE Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2000
» Past Associate Editor, Tomography & MRI, IEEE Transactions on Image Processing
» Past Assistant Editor, Systems Control Newsletter
» Vice-Chair, IEEE Bio Signal and Image Processing Technical Committee
» Member, Image, Video, and Multidimensional Signal Processing Technical Committee

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Temperature and energy management, 3D stacked architectures, reliability analysis and optimization, computer architecture, embedded system design
» PhD, University of California, San Diego, 2009
» Design Automation Conference, A. Richard Newton Graduate Scholarship Award, 2011
» BU ENG Dean’s Catalyst Award, 2010
» Best Paper Award, 17th IFIP/IEEE VLSI-SoC

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Design of secure cryptographic devices and smart cards; routing in interconnection networks; design and protection of cryptographic devices; fault-tolerant computing; error correcting codes; testing and diagnosis of computer hardware
» PhD, Leningrad Electrotechnical Institute, 1967
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Computer architecture; high performance computing systems and applications; configurable computing; high-level design automation; bioinformatics and computational biology
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» BU ENG Dean’s Catalyst Award, 2010
» IBM Faculty Award, 2008
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VLSI integrated circuit technology; SiGe BICMOS device and circuit modeling; silicon CMOS & bipolar devices; numerical device simulation; RF/analog IC design  
- PhD, Carnegie Mellon University, 1969  
- Life Fellow, IEEE  
- IBM Outstanding Innovation Award, 1989  
- IBM Division Award, 1988  
- IBM Outstanding Technical Achievement Award, 1983  
- Past Editor, Solid State Electronics

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Visual sensor networks; image and video processing; stereoscopic and 3-D imaging; digital signal processing  
- PhD, McGill University, 1989  
- Fellow, IEEE  
- ECE Professor of the Year, Boston University, 2011  
- IEEE Signal Processing Magazine Award, 2001  
- EURASIP Image Communications Best Paper Award, 2001  
- AVSS Best Paper Award (with K. Guo and P. Ishwar), 2010  
- ICPR SDHA Contest Win (with K. Guo and P. Ishwar), 2010  
- Dean’s Catalyst Award, 2007  
- Associate Editor, EURASIP Journal on Image and Video Processing, 2006-2010  
- Associate Editor, Signal Processing Letters, 2002-2004  
- Associate Editor, IEEE Transactions on Image Processing, 1996-2000  
- Associate Technical Editor, IEEE Communications Magazine  
- Area Editor, EURASIP Signal Processing: Image Communication

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Electromagnetics; numerical methods for three-dimensional vector field problems; Whitney forms and the Finite Element Method; micromagnetics; nanoscale magnetics; geometric inverse problems; topological aspects of magnetic scalar potentials; helicity functionals; analysis of high performance interconnects  
- PhD, McGill University, 1985  
- Member, Electromagnetics Academy  
- Dean’s Catalyst Award, 2007

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Alternative energy sources and environmental impacts; radio communications; experimental plasma physics; ionospheric plasma physics  
- PhD, University of California, San Diego, 1977  
- BU ECE Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2008  
- Arecibo Observatory certificate in recognition of distinguished user, 2005  
- Past Associate Editor, AGUs Radio Science

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Information theory; physics of communication and computing; complex and organized systems; bioinformatics; quantum theory of measurement; reliable communication and computing  
- PhD, USSR Academy of Sciences, Gorky University, 1969  
- Life Fellow, IEEE  
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Professor, Associate Chair for Undergraduate Studies  
Mobile Ad Hoc Networks (MANETs); pervasive and multimedia computing; vehicular networking; embedded sensor networks  
- PhD, Syracuse University, 1991  
- NSF Research Initiation Award, 1991  
- NSF CAREER Award, 1995  
- Dean’s Catalyst Award, 2007  
- BU College of Engineering Faculty Service Award, 2009  
- Kern Faculty Fellow, 2010  
- Editorial Board Member, ACM/Springer Multimedia Systems, Journal of Multimedia Tools and Applications

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Photonic material processing; optical fiber fabrication, lasers, and sensors; high power double clad fiber lasers  
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- PhD, Columbia University, 1974  
- Associate Director of the Materials Science and Engineering Division  
- Honorary Doctorate, Aristotle University for Excellence in Research  
- Fellow, American Physical Society,  
- Fellow, Electrochemical Society  
- Senior member, IEEE  
- BU College of Engineering Dean’s Catalyst Award, 2009  
- ECE Award for Excellence in Teaching, 1998  
- Cited in “Technology Transfer Works: 100 Cases from research to realization,” Better World Project  
- Molecular Beam Epitaxy (MBE) Innovator Award, 2010  
- Distinguished Scholar of the BU College of Engineering, 2011
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Computational signal processing; applied artificial intelligence; analysis algorithms for EMG signals; analysis algorithms for patient activity signals; analysis algorithms for auditory signals
» PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1982
» College of Engineering Service Award, 2005
» College of Engineering Award for Excellence in Teaching, 1998
» Metcalf Award for Excellence in Teaching, 1993
» Fellow - American Institute for Medical & Biological Engineering

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Information theory and communications; reliable computation over networks; distributed signal processing
» PhD, University of California, Berkeley, 2009
» Dean's Catalyst Award, College of Engineering, Boston University, 2011
» Eli Jury Award, EECS Department, UC Berkeley, 2009

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Radar studies of the upper atmosphere and ionosphere; modeling and simulation; global change in the upper atmosphere
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» PhD, California Institute of Technology, 1998
» Senior Member, IEEE
» BU Office of Technology Development Ignition Award, 2008
» BU College of Engineering Dean’s Catalyst Award, 2009
» BU College of Engineering Dean’s Catalyst Award, 2011
» Vice Chair, IEEE Laser and Electro-Optics Society (LEOS), New England Chapter

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Associate Professor of the Practice
Power systems and smart grid; MIMO control systems; aircraft survivability; prognostics and health management as applied to rotorcraft; jet engine diagnostics
» PhD, Northeastern University, 1974
» General Electric Lifetime Achievement Award
» Seven issued patents

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Optical physics of guided waves; micro- and nano-structured optical fibers; high-power fiber lasers and fiber sensors; biomedical imaging and microscopy with optical fibers
» PhD, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1998
» Fellow, Optical Society of America (OSA)
» Distinguished Member of Technical Staff, OFS Laboratories, 2003
» Topical Editor, Optics Letters
» Book editor, Springer-Verlag
» Guest Editor, IEEE-JSTQE issue on High-Power Fiber Lasers

Venkatesh Saligrama
Associate Professor
Information and control theory; statistical signal processing; network science; video analysis; machine learning
» PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1997
» NSF CAREER Award, 2005
» ONR Presidential Early Career Award, 2003
» ONR Young Investigator Award, 2002
» Featured Speaker; Homeland Security Summit, 2009
» Keynote Speaker, RICC, Northeastern University, 2009
» Plenary Speaker, Northeast Control Conference, 2006
» Plenary Speaker, LIDS student conference, 2001
» Associate Editor, IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing, 2005-2008
» Outstanding Achievement Award, United Technologies, 1998

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Systems and control; networking; applied probability; optimization; operations research; computational biology; communication and sensor networks; protein docking; logistics; cyber-security; robotics; smart-grid; finance
» PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1996
» IEEE Senior Member
» National Science Foundation CAREER Award, 2000
» Second Prize, INFORMS 1997 George E. Nicholson paper competition
» Past Associate Editor, IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control
» Past Associate Editor, Operations Research Letters
» First prize in the 3rd Critical Assessment Predicted Protein Interaction (CAPRI) Evaluation Meeting, 2007
» Invited participant, 2002 US Frontiers of Engineering Symposium, National Academy of Engineering
» Plenary Speaker, LIDS Student Conference, Laboratory for Information and Decision Systems, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), 1998 and 2002
» Dean’s Catalyst Award, College of Engineering, Boston University, 2011
» Joint paper with student, Reza Moazzez-Estanjini, won the best student paper award at the 9th International Symposium of Modeling and Optimization in Mobile, Ad Hoc, and Wireless Networks (WiOpt ’11)
» Best performance in modeling protein-protein complexes (with D. Kozakov, P. Vakili, S. Vajda, et. al.), CAPRI, evaluation meeting, 2009

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» Outstanding Achievement Award, United Technologies, 1998
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Ionospheric and space plasma physics; spectroscopy of atmospheric airglow and the aurora borealis; image processing; radar systems and radar signal processing

» PhD, Boston University, 1997
» SRI Presidential Achievement Award, 2004
» Prize Lecture, NSF Cedar Workshop, 2000
» Associate Editor, Journal of Geophysical Research
» NSF CAREER Award, 2006
» ECE Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2009
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Quantum state engineering; entanglement manipulation and processing; ultrafast quantum optics; quantum information processing; quantum cryptography and communication; quantum networking; linear-optical quantum computing; ultra-precise optical measurement in science and technology (quantum metrology); quantum nanoscale sensors and sensor networks; quantum bio-photonics; characterization and diagnostics of biological materials and devices for life sciences and proteomics; study of fundamental optical interactions

» PhD, Moscow State University, 1987
» NSF CAREER Award, 1999
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» ECE Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2001

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Wireless networking; network economics, cyber-security, modeling and performance analysis of communication networks

» PhD, Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, 1999
» ECE Faculty Teaching Award, 2010
» WiOpt Symposium Best Paper Award, 2010
» EPFL Visiting Professor Fellowship, 2009
» IEEE Senior Member, 2007
» Department of Energy Early Career Award, 2004
» NSF CAREER Award, 2002
» Associate Editor, IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking

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Optical studies using Raman spectroscopy; rayleigh scattering and time-resolved pump-probe experiments to study electronic and vibrational properties and energy dissipation mechanisms and exciton dynamics of low dimensional system—graphene and carbon nanotubes; studies performed on single; individual nanotubes and quantum dots, spectral self-interference spectroscopy for high resolution imaging and biosensing

» PhD, Boston University, 1993
» Dean’s Catalyst Award, College of Engineering, Boston University, 2011
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Quantum optics and imaging; photonics; fractal stochastic processes; information transmission in biological sensory systems

» PhD, Cornell University, 1966
» Fellow, IEEE, American Physical Society, Acoustical Society of America, American Association for the Advancement of Science, John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, Optical Society of America, International Society for Optics and Photonics (SPIE)
» IEEE Morris E. Leeds Award, 1997
» Palacky University Memorial Gold Medal, 1992
» IEEE Browder J. Thompson Memorial Prize, 1969
» IEEE EMBS Distinguished Lecturer
» OSA Traveling Lecturer
» Editorial Advisor, Photonics and Physical Electronics, Physics Today

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Error correcting codes; data synchronization (especially for PDAs and mobile networks); sensor-based location detection; algorithms; security

» PhD, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2000
» NSF CAREER Award, 2002
» ECE Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2003
» Senior Member, IEEE
» BU ENG Innovative Engineering Education Faculty Fellowship, 2009

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Near-field optical microscopy and spectroscopy of semiconductor materials and devices; design, processing, characterization, and simulation of semiconductor optoelectronic devices; nanoscale imaging of biological samples; biosensors

» PhD, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1992
» NSF CAREER Award, 1996
» ONR Young Investigator Award, 1996
» TUBITAK Special Award, 2008
» ECE Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2002
» Fellow, IEEE
» Associate Editor, IEEE Journal of Quantum Electronics
» College of Engineering Service Award, 2006
» Dean’s Catalyst Award, 2007
» ARCNN Distinguished Lecturer, 2007
» IEEE/LEOS Distinguished Lecturer, 2005-2007
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Solar energy systems, particle technology, material engineering, electrostatic engineering  
» PhD, University of Arkansas, 1971

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Fundamental connections between physics and computation; fine-grained modeling of physics-like systems technology (cellular automata machines) and methodology (programmable matter); personal knowledge structuring  
» PhD, Physics, University of Rome, 1967  
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Software engineering; software requirements definition; object-oriented testing; rapid prototyping of embedded systems  
» PhD, Purdue University, 1963

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Signal and image processing; neurodynamics; non-destructive testing  
» PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1965

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Nonlinear networks; computer-aided design; microprocessors; distributed digital networks  
» PhD, Purdue University, 1968

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Resonant cavity imaging systems; K-12 outreach and engineering education; optical systems; instrument design  
» PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1980

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Quantum optics; nonlinear optics; image processing  
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EC728 (Fall 2010) and EC518 (Spring 2011)  
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Faculty committees direct the academic operations and planning for the ECE Department. The following is a list of each of our regularly convening committees, with a description of their functions and the names of the committee members (in italics).

The **Planning Committee** directs strategic planning and is involved in all strategic decisions for the Department. It plans the annual ECE Day and ECE Retreat and also recommends the scheduling of courses and the assignments of instructors. The Committee is composed of three research area coordinators, the Associate Chairs for undergraduate and graduate programs, the Department Chair, and a representative from the College of Engineering (ENG). Castañón (Chair), Trachtenberg (Associate Chair, Grad), Little (Associate Chair, Undergrad), Herbordt (CSE), Karl (ISS), Sergienko (EP), Rennie (Director), Ünlü (ENG), Marchioni, Bell, Guthrie

The **Undergraduate Committee** is responsible for all aspects of the undergraduate programs, including program and curricular changes; new courses; evaluation of quality of instruction and student advising; and making recommendations for fellowships, scholarships, and awards. It is in charge of closing the ABET planning feedback loop and preparing for the ABET visit. A subcommittee makes recommendations for the ECE Teaching Excellence Award. Little (Chair), Coskun, Horenstein, Semeter, Swan, Guthrie, Alexander

The **Graduate Committee** is responsible for all aspects of the graduate programs, including program and curricular changes; new courses; recruitment of new graduate students; making recommendations for fellowships, scholarships and awards; evaluating Graduate Teaching Fellows; assignment of theses committees; and coordination of poster presentations on ECE Day. Trachtenberg (Chair), Alanyali, Altug, Carruthers, Densmore, Ishwar, Joshi, Nazer, Oliver, Ramachandran, Guthrie, Alexander

The **Search Committee** is responsible for the recruitment of new faculty. It coordinates the advertisements, visits and interviews of candidates, and makes recommendations to the faculty for appointment of new faculty. Members consist of junior and senior faculty.

The **APT Committee** makes recommendations on appointments of tenure-track, non-tenure-track, and affiliate faculty; promotion and tenure of tenure-track faculty; and promotion to full professor. Members consist of senior faculty.

The **Publicity, Special Events and Seminars Committee** makes strategic recommendations for the department’s web site, brochures, reports, exhibits, and all media events aimed at promoting the Department and enhancing its visibility at the national and international level. It is also in charge of the ECE Colloquium and other ad hoc seminars and research talks. Konrad (Chair), Bellotti, Dal Negro, Horenstein (honorary), Joshi, Kotiuga, Paschilidis, Rennie, Harrington

The **Industrial and Alumni Relations Committee** is in charge of promoting relations to local and national industry, recruitment of members of the Industrial Advisory Council (IAC), and planning IAC meetings. It helps promote strong relations to alumni by coordinating alumni visits on special events such as ECE Day and others. Castañón (Chair), Hubbard, Knepper, Lee, Little, Pisano, Rennie, Marchioni, Bell

The **Information Technology Committee** is in charge of maintaining, upgrading, and improving the information technology infrastructure. Starobinski (Chair), Altug, Brower, Giles, Hubbard, Ishwar, Semeter, Rennie, Goebel, Hamdi

The **Awards Committee** is responsible for researching awards and other recognition opportunities for department faculty members and developing strategies to strengthen the candidacies of faculty who are considered for recognition. Teich (Chair), Cassandras (spring), Moustakas
Undergraduate Program

The Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering continues to pride itself on developing a strong laboratory curriculum to complement our classroom teaching for undergraduates. Our labs are stocked with up-to-date equipment and we encourage undergraduates to become involved with research and development efforts through UROP (Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program), work study, and student employment. Engineering is an applied science, and we believe it is important to start applying what is learned in the classroom as soon as possible.

Central to this philosophy, the capstone design project provides our graduating seniors with real engineering experience and the student projects have continued to be outstanding, with several projects receiving awards.

We are dedicated to improving our undergraduate programs and this year exemplified that commitment. Through careful examination of student surveys, student feedback forums, and faculty review of courses and outcomes, ECE has implemented a number of curriculum changes aimed at enhancing the undergraduate experience.

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Course and Program Development

Significant effort was applied to ECE undergraduate curriculum development in 2010-11. This included the initiation of curriculum review of EE and CE programs; examination and enhancing core ECE courses; creation and introduction of new courses in increasingly relevant topics such as renewable energy systems and nanotechnology; and embedding themes from the “Societal Engineer” into the curriculum including entrepreneurship and research experiences. We also focused on bucking national trends in ECE enrollments via new initiatives to promote recruiting and retention in the College.

**Curriculum Review**
Following the recent ABET reaccreditation of 2010 and based on input from the College, ECE strategic plans, and various National Academy of Engineering (NAE) calls for action in engineering education and national competitiveness, the ECE Undergradu-
The Undergraduate Program Committee has begun a review and reinvigoration of the EE and CE curricula. Goals of the committee include increasing enrollment in the ECE undergraduate program and leveraging the quality of engineering research in the graduate program into topics that modernize undergraduate education. These efforts are ongoing with initial proposals for curricular change in EE and CE emerging in the spring of 2011.

**Enhancing Key Courses**

Several high-impact courses in ECE were the subject of review and retooling with an eye on promoting concepts in electrical engineering as a career choice. These include EC307: Electric Circuit Theory and EC463/464: Senior Capstone Design. EC307 gained additional faculty support for the lab component and additional engineering applications such as circuit theory have also been introduced in the course. Thanks to collaboration with the ME and BME departments, EC307 is now more flexible in sequencing during sophomore year in order to allow students to explore ECE topics earlier in their academic study. EC463/464 was updated in two significant ways: students now complete design formulation in the first semester, an acceleration from previous years, and have a chance to work on interdisciplinary/interdepartmental projects, two of which were completed in the spring of 2011.

**New Courses**

Course development was very active in the past year with the design or introduction of five new courses. These include:

- **EK128 – Engineering Computation++:** This is an accelerated version of the existing EK127 course but enhanced by the addition of advanced programming concepts, development environments, and languages. The course is intended to meet the needs of CE and EE students with prior software experience.
- **EK131 – Electronic Control of Robots:** Offered to first-year students as part of the Introduction to Engineering options, this course promotes the application of electronics and control to problems in robotics and demonstrates the important role that ECE plays in robotics.
- **EC417 – Electric Energy Systems: Adapting to Renewable Resources:** This course aims to expand upon the new Energy Technology concentration in the College of Engineering by focusing on the intersection of energy systems and how they are influenced by modern renewable and distributed technologies such as PV, wind, and storage systems.
- **EC470 – Sensors in Space:** Leveraging the success of the BUSAT project and in collaboration with the Department of Astronomy, this course deals with space instrumentation including sensing, embedded computation, and the like applied to instruments intended for space.
- **EC481 – Fundamentals in Nanotechnology and Nanomaterials:** EC481 is designed to meet the growing need and interest in nanotechnologies and expands upon current research in this area in our graduate research programs.

**Realizing the Societal Engineer**

The College of Engineering has coined the phrase, “Societal Engineer,” to describe engineers who provide a growing influence in their fields, community, and society as a whole. These engineers, deep in technical expertise but enhanced with context, values, and experience, possess the attributes that students studying in Boston University’s engineering programs should strive for. Educating and shaping societal engineers has been the touchstone of recent ECE curriculum development, and realizing this vision requires adaptation of course content, instruction, advising, and co-curricular activities. Specific activities by ECE toward this vision include:

- Introduction of entrepreneurial concepts in coursework, for example, in Senior Design via the Kern Foundation grant to the College;
- Promotion of experiential opportunities such as research opportunities at the undergraduate level;
- Enhancing and promoting interdisciplinary opportunities like interdepartmental capstone design projects; and
- Promotion of semester-abroad programs to expose students to new, multicultural experiences.

**Recruiting and Retention Activities**

In addition to curriculum enhancement, the ECE department is working toward improving performance in recruiting and retaining ECE students in the undergraduate program in an effort led by Professor Mark Horenstein. Specific activities include:

- Increasing faculty participation in recruiting activities, e.g., the fall ECE Emporium and the spring Undergraduate Open House activities;
- Recruiting new ECE Student Advisors for freshmen-year EK100 advising groups;
- Enhancing an undergraduate-centric culture among faculty members;
• Promoting undergraduate research opportunities by way of a filled-to-capacity Research and Lab Job Fair that matched faculty researchers with undergraduates seeking academic-year and summer positions;
• Continuing to develop the “Is ECE Right for You?” section of the department website in order to promote understanding of opportunities in the field;
• Enhancing signage, posters, and advertising around the Photonics Building to promote EE and CE as fields of study;
• Reestablishing the first floor atrium as an “ECE area” to instill a sense of community for ECE undergraduates;
• Developing new hands-on activities as part of Spring Open House recruitment; and
• Organizing regular Town Meetings for ECE undergraduates to gain insight into problems and opportunities for improving the ECE program.

In summary, the ECE Department has been busy in 2010–11 with addressing concerns about the state of undergraduate education in the context of a very dynamic and evolving discipline. There are many opportunities for positive changes, and although this can be challenging for educators at times, it is an exciting time to be part of the ECE Department.

**Undergraduate Student Awards**

Students LUKE ANDERSON, ANNA EVANS, PATRICK HENSON, JONATHAN KWAN, and ANGELO LUO of Team GloveSense were selected by Senior Project faculty as recipients of the 2011 P. T. Hsu Memorial Award for the best overall ECE senior design project. Additionally, two teams were awarded the Design Excellence Award – CHICO, whose members included JOSHUA MENDEZ, PRESTON MILLER, and FRANCISCO SUAREZ, and Integrate and Image, with team members AUSTIN COLLINS, NIKKA GHALILI (BME), SHANNON GROVER (BME), and CRAIG LABODA. New to this year’s program, the Entrepreneurial Award was given to Team iNTEGRATED IRRIGATION, made up of team members KUAN CHEN, YUE FUNG CHOI, MICHAEL MOREIRA, TRACY THAI, and TIMOTHY WOLFE.

Also announced at this year’s ECE Day was the Center for Space Physics Undergraduate Research Award, presented to JOSHUA MENDEZ and GENEVIEVE PLANT, and the Michael F. Ruane Award for Excellence in Senior Capstone Design, given to CRAIG LABODA.

A Harold C. Case Scholarship, which recognizes juniors for academic excellence and service to Boston University, was given to IDAN WARSAWSKI.

SAMIR AHMED, EVEGENI AIZENBERG, and KAM LAI were awarded Kenneth R. Lutchen Distinguished Fellowships, designed to fund summer research projects that will have a societal impact.

CONNOR MCEWEN was a member of the winning team at the first annual Smart Lighting Challenge, which asked students to present the most compelling argument for the development, improvement, or deployment of the Green-Light Concept.

DAN COLLINS was a member of the first place team at Open Minds, a national video competition for teams of college inventors hosted by Inventors Digest and the National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance.

SAMIR AHMED, ALEX CHAN, and ANNA EVANS were chosen as College of Engineering Technology Innovation Scholars.

Samir Ahmed received a Kenneth R. Lutchen Distinguished Fellowship and was chosen as a College of Engineering Technology Innovation Scholar.
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Instructional Laboratories

Control Systems Laboratory
Faculty: Pisano
This laboratory houses four ECP model 220 Industrial Plant Emulators for studying the control of practical systems. These systems consist of an electromechanical apparatus including an adjustable mechanical mechanism (plant) with actuators and sensors. Various types of controllers (e.g. PID, State Feedback, LQR) can be designed and implemented in either continuous or discrete time formulations using a DSP-based real-time controller with a Windows graphical interface. Non-ideal conditions that are often present in real-world applications can be studied. Integrated with the systems are MATLAB and SIMULINK design tools, which can be used to design control systems that can then be implemented in the hardware. Analytical models of both the “plant” and the “controller” can be validated with actual hardware responses.

Electronic Design Automation & VLSI Laboratory
Faculty: Hubbard, Knepper
The VLSI Laboratory is involved in almost all aspects of digital design. It has a wide range of CAD tools available for student use, including Cadence, Synopsys, and the NCSU Design Toolkit.

Flexible Project Lab
Faculty: Pisano
Flexible Project Lab is available to senior design teams, student clubs, and other projects supporting the ECE department’s educational mission.

High Performance Computing Laboratory
Faculty: Brower, Giles
The High Performance Computing Laboratory at Boston University was created with support from the National Science Foundation (NSF) in order to support the development of undergraduate courses in parallel and high performance computing. The courses offered at Boston University serve as a national model for computational science education. The lab features a network of multimedia graphics workstations linked at high speed to the supercomputers at the Center for Computational Science and the Scientific Computing and Visualization Lab.

Microprocessor and PC Laboratory
Faculty: Trachtenberg
This lab features instruction in the programming and interfacing of microcomputers and digital controllers. Higher-level courses emphasize the design of systems using microprocessors. Various simulators, and analysis packages are available.

Senior Project Laboratory
Faculty: Ruane, Knepper, Kia, Pisano
The Senior Project Lab supports senior design teams, serving real-world corporate customers such as Analog Devices, government agencies like NASA, community groups like Boston public schools, social service agencies, artists, and small businesses, as well as faculty and staff across the University. Each team has 24/7 access to a permanent bench setup with a networked Pentium PC, benchtop Agilent test equipment, and CAD software for schematic entry, simulation, PCB layout and mechanical design. Electronics assembly and machine shop support is provided. Shared tools include high speed scopes, logic analyzers, spectrum analyzers, E-prom, PLA and FPGA burners, and various compilers and cross-compilers for FPGA, DSP and microcontroller development. Software from MSDNAA is available for all teams.

Signals and Networks (SIGNET) Laboratory
Faculty: Alanyali, Carruthers, Konrad, Karl, Starobinski, Trachtenberg
This laboratory provides instructional facilities for courses in the areas of signal processing and communication networks. This laboratory houses numerous workstations for digital signal processing, image processing, and various real-time applications covering the complete audio frequency spectrum. Equipment includes Linux-based workstations, microphones, DSP boards, speakers, amplifiers and software packages such as MATLAB. On the communications side, experiments involving data communication links, local-area networks, and wide-area networks are supported. Powerful computer-based simulation and analysis tools are available to compare and evaluate network designs. Facilities are also provided with a new dedicated network lab.

Software Engineering Laboratory
Faculty: Brackett, Konrad, Giles, Joshi
An instructional and research lab, the Software Engineering Laboratory (SEL) supports courses and research on the economical design of reliable software for large-scale and embedded computer-based systems. The laboratory provides students with state-of-the-art workstations for the design, implementation, and testing of software and programmable hardware. There is a
Private LAN for developing network protocols or testing embedded systems.

**Smart Lighting Undergraduate Research Program (SLURP) Laboratory**

**Faculty: Little**

The mission and focus of the former High Tech & Toys Laboratory (HTTTL) was reorganized to address educational needs for the Smart Lighting ERC. This lab is now equipped with ten contemporary workstations, a mechanical shop area, and a lighting cage compatible with the Communications Testbed at BU. A variety of research engaging undergraduates can be completed in this facility which serves as a persistent lab space for experimenting with and designing the next generation of lighting, biosensing, and communications projects.

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### 2011 ECE Award for Excellence in Teaching

Professor **Janusz Konrad** was the winner of the 2011 ECE Award for Excellence in Teaching. He received the award for his outstanding record of teaching: from an introduction to engineering module EK131 on multimedia computing and communications to EC416, a course on digital signal processing, in addition to graduate courses in the field.

The Department instituted this award during the 1997-98 academic year to recognize innovation and excellence in teaching among its faculty. The award, based on nominations from College of Engineering students, faculty, and staff, carries with it a $1,000 prize to be used toward instructional activities. A committee of ECE professors and students evaluate the nominees, using teaching statements, classroom material, and student comments.

### IEEE Student Branch

This year, the ECE supported Boston University student chapter of the IEEE was under the direction of President Joshua Mendez, Vice President Eulalia Moreno, and Secretary William Anthony (see blogs.bu.edu/ieee). In addition to tutoring and a variety of social events, the BU IEEE chapter hosted the IEEE Region 1 Student Conference on March 26-27, 2011.
Senior Design

All ECE seniors complete a team-based, two semester capstone senior design project. Teams must design and prototype a product, electronic device, or software system for real-life customers, who are drawn from industry, small businesses, community groups, and faculty and staff. Students learn design methods, project management, team dynamics, communication skills, and legal and ethical standards for design. A substantial first-deliverable milestone and oral presentation complete the first semester.

The second semester is spent in the Senior Project Laboratory. Students must make presentations to their customer, write inter- and intra-office memos, design their project to meet customer specifications, manage the project budget, and deliver their working prototype, including a detailed instruction manual. Project records are maintained in personal design logbooks. Teams have 24/7 access to their fully-equipped laboratory bench and can use professional CAD and prototyping tools for circuits, embedded systems, and software development. The year culminates in student project presentations on ECE Day to faculty, industry representatives, and fellow students. On May 9, 2011, 14 teams presented their projects and Team GloveSense was awarded the top prize, the P.T. Hsu Outstanding Senior Design Project award.

Notable Senior Design Projects

GloveSense

For firefighters who risk their lives to save someone from a burning building or police officers involved in a standoff with a shooter, communicating without speaking is necessary - if not essential - to their line of work. Unfortunately, poor communication remains a problem in these jobs.

According to a recent US Homeland Security Report, “inadequate communication has a definite negative impact on the safety of emergency personnel and may contribute to injuries or deaths of firefighters, rescue workers, and civilians.”

As part of their Senior Design Project, Luke Anderson, Anna Evans, Patrick Henson, Jonathan Kwan, and Angelo Luo, all members of Team GloveSense, hoped to be a part of the solution.

The team worked with customer Lesley Yu of National Instruments to create a smart glove for first responder communication that allows firefighters and other emergency personnel to communicate through non-verbal gestures.

“As they risk their lives for public safety, an emphasis must be placed on their communication roles,” said Luo. “We believe that there is a dire need for a more effective means of communication.”

Their efforts paid off when GloveSense took home the top prize, the P. T. Hsu Outstanding Senior Design Project, at ECE Day ’11.

The team’s device, which consists of a motion capturing glove, microprocessor for signal processing, and wireless output, functions as an electronic communication system and can recognize a large library of gestures that can be expanded using its LabVIEW software interface.

“Our device, GloveSense, extends the use of existing hand gestures, a fast and reliable communication system, beyond visible and audible range,” the teammates wrote in their project description.
Undergraduate Program

iNTEGRATED iRRIGATION

Nowadays having a beautiful lawn doesn’t mean you have to spend your weekends working in a yard thanks to automatic water sprinklers. Unfortunately, some of these sprinklers can waste water – bad for both the environment and monthly bills.

As part of their Senior Design Project, Team iNTEGRATED iRRIGATION, made up of seniors Kuan Chen, Yue Fung Choy, Michael Moreira, Tracy Thai, and Timothy Wolfe, designed a smart garden watering system to improve the efficiency of these automatic sprinklers.

They worked with customer, Isabel Pisano, of Oracle to come up with a system that measures environmental conditions and automatically takes action based on collected data and user specifications.

Said Wolfe: “This project helped me prepare for the real world by putting into practice skills like working on a team and dealing with high pressure deadlines on difficult problems.”

iNTEGRATED iRRIGATION accomplished their task by creating a wireless sensor system that sends data to a central computer. The system then turns on the sprinkler based on decisions made by the algorithm that uses information from past data, present measurements, and future weather forecasts.

The user will then be able to access the information by text or e-mail,” Moreira said.

The project caught the eyes of judges at ECE Day ’11, and the team took home the Entrepreneurial Award, new to 2011. Since winning the prize in May, the system has been installed in Pisano’s yard, and some of the team members even had a chance to witness the results.

Wolfe said: “When you get to visit your customer’s home and see things transmitting from inside a building to a real garden in the woods, it reminds you why you worked so hard to pursue engineering as a field of study.”

CHICO

Millions of dollars in space hardware are lost each year as a result of unexpected conditions in the highest portions of the Earth’s atmosphere and magnetosphere. Often times, activities on the solar surface such as coronal mass ejections can result in the destruction of orbiting spacecraft.

To combat this problem, Joshua Mendez, Preston Miller, and Francisco Suarez, designed a compact half-unit imaging electron spectrometer for CubeSat operations – known as CHICCO for short – for their senior design project.

Team CHICO aimed to provide a cost-effective, miniaturized Imaging Electron Spectrometer (IES) to combat spaceweather. Impressed by their efforts, the judges at ECE Day ’11 awarded them the Design Excellence Award.

Designed around the Readout Electronics for Nuclear Applications (RENA3) chip and a Zilinx FPGA, the team’s instrument measures particle flux as its host satellite or other satellites pass by.

“Our device will pick up collisions and know how and where the satellite is moving,” said Miller.

Despite its relatively small size – CHICO occupies a volume no larger than 500 cm³ – it is expected to possess impressive energy and angular resolution for energetic electrons.

Throughout their research, the seniors worked closely with their customer, Professor Theodore Fritz (CAS). Collaborating with a client on the project gave the students a chance to gain real-world experience and work with someone outside of Boston University’s Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering (ECE).

“Ultimately, our final product was the result of a collaboration between ECE, mechanical engineering, and physics,” said Mendez.
Integrate and Image (BME-ECE Interdisciplinary Team)

It happens to so many patients. Feeling sick, they visit the doctor to find out what’s wrong, but then they have to wait a day or more on results.

As part of their Senior Design Project, Austin Collins (ECE), Nikka Ghalili (BME), Shannon Grover (BME), and Craig LaBoda (ECE) opted to look at how disease detection could be improved.

As members of the team, Integrate and Image, the seniors worked toward providing the groundwork research for a microfluidic label-free infectious disease diagnostic platform. Specifically, they looked at how label-free imaging and fluorescent imaging could be used to detect Influenza A.

In disease detection, DNA is typically tagged with a fluorescent label. Though this imaging is sensitive, Integrate and Image believed that combining that method with the label-free Interferometric Reflectance Imaging Sensor (IRIS) could provide more specific information about the Influenza A sample than fluorescent imaging alone.

With their game plan in mind, this then led to the next step of the project – designing a Si-SiO2 substrate that can accommodate both imaging techniques.

“We had to determine a silicon dioxide thickness that will work with both label-free imaging and fluorescent imaging,” said Collins. This would then allow the quantitative power of IRIS to be harnessed with the sensitivity of IRIS.

After fabricating the chips in Boston University’s clean room and running experiments and simulations with both imaging techniques, the team is happy to report that they have found success. They hope to publish a paper containing their results in the near future.

Integrate and Image was one of two interdisciplinary teams this year, with electrical & computer engineering students working side-by-side with biomedical engineering majors. As their customers, Professors Catherine Klapperich (BME, ME) and Selim Ünlü (ECE), were also collaborating across the two fields.

“As a multidisciplinary team, our research project gave us a challenging yet exciting opportunity to widen our breadth of engineering knowledge,” LaBoda said. “In a world where drawing the line between different fields can be difficult, I believe an experience such as this exposes you to what’s out there, broadening your job possibilities and providing you with an upper-hand in the real world.”

Though the seniors’ main goal was to provide initial evidence on the outcome of using label-free imaging in disease detection, they have high hopes for their research. They wrote in their project description: “In the future, the presented research can be integrated into a single microfluidic ‘lab-on-a-chip’ platform which can be used as a point of care diagnostic device.”

BUSAT

Undergraduates, graduate students and faculty working on Boston University Student-Satellite for Application and Training (BUSAT), a comprehensive satellite project, continue to work toward improving space weather forecasting. The effort is funded by the University Nanosat Program (UNP), which is jointly run by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR), the Air Force Research Laboratory’s Space Vehicles Directorate, and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. The project has already involved over 70 undergraduate students, 15 graduate students, and four faculty members from three departments.

During Summer 2011, 24 BU students worked toward developing a space weather satellite that will be entered in an eleven-university competition judged by the US Air Force (USAF) in January 2013. The winning satellite will be flown by the USAF after an additional two years of flight fabrication, testing, and qualification.

A satellite ground station is being installed on the roof of the Photonics Building to permit the commanding of the satellite on-orbit and the reception of data from the satellite. The PI on the project, Professor Theodore Fritz (EC/CAS), brings to the project nearly 50 years of experience in spacecraft and satellite instrument design.

Also this summer as part of the BUSAT effort, the Near-Space Education Program was launched at the MATCH Charter Public High School. Taught by BU undergraduates, high school students learned about the near-earth space environment and how to build sensor systems to measure temperature and pressure at high altitudes. This led to the successful launch of a weather balloon with instruments from Mount Greylock in western Massachusetts.
Five new PhD students were awarded the Dean’s Fellowships (DF’s) and matriculated in Fall 2010. These students will be continuing their degree programs and are making excellent progress. Seventeen new PhD students matriculated with Graduate Teaching Fellowships (GTFs) in the same period; fourteen of these students were offered Research Assistantships (RAs) for the Fall 2011 semester.

With respect to degree production, 42 and 30 students graduated with the MS and PhD degrees, respectively, during the report period. The breakdown by degree is: 52 in EE, 19 in CE and 1 in Photonics.

We experienced an excellent recruiting year for Fall 2011 admissions. After receiving more than 1000 applicants to the program, we expect an incoming class of 45 MS students, 35 MEng students and 22 PhD students. With respect to fellowships and assistantships, we will be matriculating 21 new funded graduate students for the Fall 2011 semester: three Dean’s Fellows, 22 ECE Fellows, and one Photonics Fellow.

These numbers indicate a significant increase in the number of applicants, yield on fellowship offers, and the overall quality of the fall matriculants. This continues the trend of securing a class of funded students of increasing quality amidst a growing pool of candidates interested in our degree programs in ECE.

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Course and Program Development

The ECE Department continues to refine the graduate curriculum, with two new courses developed and offered during 2010-2011. In addition, two courses that were developed as special topics were approved to become part of the regular curriculum and were assigned course numbers.

In Fall 2010, EC500: CyberSecurity, was developed by Professors Starobinski and Trachtenberg as a Special Topics Course and is scheduled to be taught in Fall 2011.

The ECE Graduate Committee also approved a “Teaching Practicum” course (EC801/802) as part of a new requirement for all PhD students to gain practical teaching experience for at least two semesters in their program, at a time coordinated with the department and the student’s advisor.

The department has also introduced a new ECE fellowship that provides first-year support for some incoming PhD students.

During the year, two other courses that were originally developed as special topics courses (EC500 and EC700) were given course numbers and entered into the course inventory:

- ECS83 - Power Electronics
- ECS27 - Performance Programming with Multicore and GPUs
**PhD Student Progress**

The number of PhD graduates per year is an important measure of the strength of the graduate programs. In prior years, we saw the results of the procedural improvements to keep the progress of the PhD students on track. Our requirement that students must pass the PhD prospectus within two years of PhD candidacy is intended to guide the students to identify dissertation topics, focus on their research, and reach their degrees in a timely manner. The chart below shows the number of PhD students achieving candidacy, completing their prospectus defense, and graduating over the last nine academic years.

![Graph showing PhD student progress]

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The MS Project Symposia gave graduate students a chance to present their research to peers and faculty.
Instructional Laboratories

**Cyber Security Laboratory**  
**Faculty: Starobinski, Trachtenberg**  
The Cyber Security Laboratory enables security assessment and penetration testing of wireline and wireless networks. Workstations in the lab run the BackTrack Linux distribution which regroups hundreds of utilities for information gathering, network mapping, password cracking, privilege escalation, and digital forensics, including Wireshark, a versatile packet sniffer, and ettercap, a suite for man-in-the-middle attacks. BackTrack Linux also includes several utilities targeting wireless networks, e.g., Kismet, an IEEE 802.11 layer 2 wireless network detector, sniffer and intrusion detection system.

**Image and Multidimensional Signal Processing Laboratory (IMSIP)**  
**Faculty: Karl, Konrad**  
This laboratory serves graduate instructional needs of the department in the areas of multidimensional signal processing (including image and video processing), statistical signal processing, pattern recognition, as well as earth and space sciences. The laboratory provides advanced computational resources and associated software packages. Fast, dual processor workstations connected through a gigabit network form a computational backbone while high-capacity monochrome and color printers serve the hardcopy needs. State-of-the-art processing and optimization software is available. This laboratory was developed with funds from the National Science Foundation, and is currently being upgraded with departmental funds.

**Photonics Laboratory**  
**Faculty: Altug, Bigio, Morse, Paiella, Swan, Teich, Ünlü**  
The Photonics Instructional Laboratory supports introductory and intermediate level courses in the MS in Photonics program. Four stations each have a vibration isolated optical table, HeNe and semiconductor lasers, fiber components and systems, electronic test equipment, and GPIB-connected PCs for LabVIEW data logging and instrument control. Shared equipment exists for experiments and demonstrations in interferometry, spectrometry, diffraction, holography, acoustic and electro-optic modulation, and optical spectrum analysis. A secure annex room houses two additional isolated tables, electronics and optical equipment to support thesis and senior design projects that require long-term setup of apparatus.
# ECE Colloquia & Seminars

The Colloquium and Seminar series continued for another successful year, and, now in its second year, the Distinguished Lecture Series (noted in bold) also continued to offer a set of high-profile lectures by some of the brightest luminaries in electrical and computer engineering. Prominent speakers from inside and outside the University delivered engaging research talks on current issues to graduate students, faculty, and other students and guests from the greater Boston area.

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Stanford Professor Mark Horowitz takes questions from the audience after a Distinguished Lecture.
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ECE is a multidisciplinary department with a strong systems perspective. There are three overlapping areas of research and instruction: Electro-Physics, which includes photonics, solid state materials and devices, and electromagnetics and space physics; Information Sciences and Systems, which includes signal and image processing, control and communication systems, and networks; and Computer Engineering, which includes hardware, software applications, and computer networks.

The faculty has collegial ties to a number of important BU research centers, which are detailed at the end of this section. ECE also has strong links with several other departments at the University. Many faculty members pursue collaborative interdisciplinary research with faculty in other departments and have strong extramural ties in larger centers, multi-university initiatives, and industry collaboratives.

External Research Funding

Research funding has grown significantly in the last decade. Total annual new research funding in the last five years averaged to approximately $8.7M, compared to $7.3M in the 2002-2006 period, and $5.7M in 1997-2001.

The following tables delineate the new and continuing grants awarded over the 2010-2011 fiscal year. The funding level for new grants, where an ECE faculty member is the Principal Investigator (PI) is approximately $8.7M. ECE faculty members were also Co-PIs on grants with PIs from other departments, as noted in the table. Their share of the funding for new grants awarded is approximately $3M. The total of new grants is therefore approximately $11.7M.
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Assistant Professor Hatice Altug works with PhD candidate, Min Huang, on Smart Lighting Center research.
Faculty Publications

Books


Book Chapters


Journal Articles


D. S. Simon and A. V. SERGIENKO, “Odd-Order Aberration-Can-
cellation in Correlated-Photon Imaging,” *Physical Review A*, vol. 82, August 27, 2010.


**Conference Papers**


S. Chiaria, M. Penna, M. Goano, and E. BELLOTTI, “Numerical Simulation of ZnO-Based LEDs,” 10th International Conference on Numerical Simulation of Optoelectronic Devices (NUSOD), September 2010.


Brain Barrier Disruption,” BIOS SPIE Photonics West: Biomedical Applications of Light Scattering V (Conference 7907), January 2011.


C. Yao and C. G. CASSANDRAS, “A Stochastic Hybrid System View at a Class of Non-Cooperative Games,” 26th IEEE Convention of Electrical and Electronics Engineers in Israel, November 2010.

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K. Chen and D. A. CASTAÑÓN, “Robust Multifrequency Inversion in Terahertz Diffraction Tomography,” IS&T/SPIE Electronic Imaging, January 2011.


L. Eger, P. ISHWAR, W. C. KARL, and H. Pien, “Classification-


C.-K. Kao, Y. Liao, C. Thomidis, A. Moldawer, D. Bhattachar, H.


Invited Lectures


H. ALTUG, “Metamaterials, Nanoplasmonics, and Nanofluidics for Ultrasensitive Spectroscopy and Biodetection,” University of Texas at Austin, April 2011.


H. ALTUG, “Metamaterials, Nanoplasmonics, and Nanofluidics for Ultrasensitive Spectroscopy and Biodetection,” Harvard University, Chemistry Department, Physical Chemistry Seminar, March 2011.


C. G. CASSANDRAS, “A Stochastic Hybrid System View at a


L. DAL NEGRO, “Photons in a Labyrinth: Challenges & Opportu-
nities of Aperiodic Nanophotonics,” *University of Toronto*, March 2011.


T. MORSE, Workshop on Next-Generation Optical Fiber Technology, October 2010.


A. V. SERGIENKO, “Dispersion and Aberration Cancellation with Entangled Photons,” INFN and Department of Physics Special Colloquium, University of Bari, Italy, April 2011.


M. C. TEICH, “Heart Rate Variability,” Sixth All-Russian Symposium on Heart Rate Variability and Slow Oscillation Processes in Humans, May 2011.


A. TRACHTENBERG, “Non-Trivial Applications of Trivial Codes,” Bar-Ilan University, CS colloquium, May 2011.


A. TRACHTENBERG, “Identifying Codes: From Theory to Practice ... and Back Again,” Tel Aviv Electrical Engineering Colloquium, May 2011.

A. TRACHTENBERG, “Reconciliation of Distributed Data,” Ben Gurion University, CS colloquium, May 2011.


Patents and Patent Disclosures


**S. RAMACHANDRAN**, “Pumping in a Higher-Order Mode That is Different from a Signal Mode,” U. S. patent no. 7925128, April 12, 2011.


Research Areas and Laboratories

The ECE Department has three overlapping areas of research:

- **Electrophysics**: photonics, solid state materials and devices, and electromagnetics and space physics;
- **Information Sciences & Systems**: signal and image processing, and control and communication networks;
- **Computer Systems Engineering**: hardware, software applications, and computer and communication networks.

**Biomedical Optics**

**Bigio**

The focus of research is the development of minimally-invasive diagnostics and therapeutic tools based on optical technologies. Some of its ongoing projects include:

- Optical biopsy: development of tools to measure non-invasively the reflectance spectrum of biological tissues to diagnose diseases such as cancer
- Optical pharmacokinetics: development of a system that measures drug concentration in tissue in a non-invasive manner; the benefits will be observed in the ability to determine the optimum type and dosage of novel (light activated) chemotherapy drugs and in the dramatic reduction in the number of animals required for drug studies
- Sensors to monitor the response of tumors to specific treatments
- Optical methods for noninvasive imaging of neuronal activation and brain function
- Optical methods for identifying different types of infectious agents

**Center for Integrating Design Automation Research**

**Densmore**

The Center for Integrating Design Automation Research (CIDAR) at Boston University looks at ways to integrate automation techniques into disciplines not traditionally defined by rigorous design automation methodologies. Automation will introduce concepts such as abstraction, standardization, mathematical formalism, and design tool integration. Specifically it is an interdisciplinary research center bringing expertise into areas such as:

- Synthetic biology - the disciplined engineering of novel biological systems from well characterized biological building blocks
- Cyber physical systems - networks of elements that interact with the physical environment via input and output mechanisms. Communication, coordination, and computation must interact closely while being separated during the design process

CIDAR has computational research carried out in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and experimental research carried out in the Center for Advanced Biotechnology (CAB) in the Department of Biomedical Engineering. CIDAR is the academic support mechanism for both the Clotho and Eugene projects.

**Complex BioSignal Processing**

**Nawab**

Complex Signal Processing is an umbrella term used to describe processes that act upon signals in order to achieve desired objectives. The term is purposely meant to subsume what is traditionally meant by signal processing, signal analysis, signal modeling, signal classification, and signal recognition, but it is also meant to be inclusive of signal interpretation, signal understanding, signal data mining, signal forensics, signal visualization, etc. Complex signal processing research at ECE encompasses the conceptualization, formalization, implementation, and evaluation of signal computing with an emphasis on applied artificial intelligence and biosignal applications.

**Computer Architecture and Automated Design**

**Herbordt**

Research by the Computer Architecture and Automated Design Lab begins with computer architecture, which the group defines (very broadly) as the application of technology to solve problems in data processing. Their particular focus is on applications that are likely to benefit from hardware solutions other than commodity systems. Their current primary interest is in the use of FPGAs as computational coprocessors to solve problems in bioinformatics and computational biology (BCB). There are two aspects to this work: demonstrating the benefits of FPGA computation with respect to particular problems in BCB and creating a software environment to allow transparent application development.

As with most projects in experimental computer systems, theirs requires integration of disparate disciplines within computer science and engineering. For them, these include computer architecture, design automation, circuit design, HL and HD languages and compilers, mapping and portability, algorithms, and applica-
Control of Discrete Event Systems (CODES) Lab

Cassandras

The Control of Discrete Event Systems (CODES) Laboratory involves faculty and graduate students from the Division of Systems Engineering and operates within the Center for Information and Systems Engineering (CISE). Members of CODES conduct research on modeling, design, analysis, performance evaluation, control, and optimization of a variety of discrete event and hybrid systems – Communication and Sensor Networks, Manufacturing, Transportation, and Command/Control. CODES Lab activities cover a wide spectrum, from basic research to the development of software tools. These activities include:

» Design and real-time control of communication and sensor networks, manufacturing systems and transportation systems
» Decision support systems for quality-of-service guarantees or optimal performance
» Software testing and verification
» Strategic planning: getting information to decision makers fast and in a comprehensive form
» Developing a new generation of concurrent and parallel simulation tools
» New methods for cooperative control of wirelessly networked devices
» Autonomously reconfigurable systems

Integrated Nanophotonics & Biosensing Systems (LINBS)

Altug

The Integrated Nanophotonics & Biosensing Systems (LINBS) laboratory is developing ultra-sensitive spectroscopy and sensing technologies for real-time, label-free and high-throughput detection and analysis of very low quantities of biomolecules. The lab employs a variety of nanophotonic technologies including nanoplasmics and metamaterials. Researchers integrate on-chip sensor technologies with micro/nanofluidic systems for efficient analyte trapping and manipulation. The lab introduces new fabrication schemes that can enable high-throughput fabrication of its technologies at low costs over large areas. In addition to bio-chemical sensing and spectroscopy, lab researchers also investigate nanophotonics to develop devices for on-chip optical communications. Current projects include ultrasensitive vibrational nanospectroscopy of proteins, targeted delivery of analytes with subwavelength nanofluidics, advanced nanofabrication, nanoplasmonics, a high-throughput biosensor integrated with microfluidics, and nano/bio patterning.

Multi-Dimensional Signal Processing

Karl

The MDSP Lab conducts research in the areas of multidimensional and multi-resolution signal and image processing and estimation, and geometric-based estimation. The applications that motivate this research include, but are not limited to, problems arising in automatic target detection and recognition, geophysical inverse problems (such as finding oil and analyzing the atmosphere), and medical estimation problems (such as tomography and MRI). The general goal is to develop efficient methods for the extraction of information from diverse data sources in the presence of uncertainty. The lab’s approach is based on the development of statistical models for both observations, prior knowledge, and the subsequent use of these models for optimal or near-optimal processing.

Multimedia Communications

Little

The Multimedia Communications Laboratory (MCL) at Boston
University focuses on topics in ubiquitous distributed computing. The lab’s legacy work is in the area of distributed multimedia information systems emphasizing time-dependent and continuous media data such as video. Recent work targets mobile ad hoc networks (MANETs) and sensor networks (SNETs).

**Nanomaterials and Nanostructure Optics**
**Dal Negro**
The control of nanomaterials, structures and optical fields lies at the heart of the current nanotechnology revolution and offers unprecedented opportunities to enable novel functional elements at the nanoscale. Current research activities are related to electron-beam nanofabrication, materials synthesis, optical characterization and computational modelling of light-emitting silicon nanostructures, deterministic aperiodic and fractal plasmonic arrays and bio-compatible photonic structures.

**Nanostructured Fibers and Nonlinear Optics**
**Ramachandran**
Light beams in free space travel at the “speed of light” and tend to diverge (diffract). Complex, nano-structured fibers and waveguides can be used to slow light (confine photons in time) and counteract diffraction (by confining photons in space). Some confinement geometries lead to spatially complex beams that possess intriguing properties such as the ability of optical vortices to carry orbital angular momentum or the ability of Bessel beams to self-heal. Our group studies the myriad phenomena encountered by the manipulation of photons, with the aim of developing next generation applications of light, such as sensing, laser ranging and directed energy, imaging and microscopy, and quantum cryptography and communications.

**Network Optimization and Control**
**Cassandras, Paschalidis**
Research deals with fundamental aspects of optimizing the design and operation of networks as well as designing control algorithms to regulate their operation. Networks are pervasive in a variety of application domains, from computer, communication, and sensor networks to supply chains, distribution networks, and biological networks like protein interaction and metabolic networks. Recent research topics include transmission scheduling in wireless networks, optimal deployment of networks of mobile agents, network routing, network anomaly detection, pricing and resource allocation, network simulation, intelligent warehouse management, protein docking, and optimization of metabolic networks.

**Networking and Information Systems**
**Starobinski, Trachtenberg**
The Laboratory of Networking and Information Systems (NISLAB) is involved in providing novel perspectives to modern networking with emphasis on scalability, heterogeneity, and performance. Their research roots are in the mathematical fields of graph theory and algorithms, probability and stochastic processes, and coding theory with applications to security, content synchronization, network monitoring, wireless spectrum management, and advanced networking for scientific applications.

**Optical Characterization and Nanophotonics**
**Goldberg, Ünlü, Swan**
Research in the Optical Characterization and Nanophotonics (OCN) Laboratory focuses on developing and applying advanced optical characterization techniques to the study of solid-state and biological phenomena at the nanoscale. The lab is made up of an interdisciplinary group of faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, and visitors including guest faculty, students, and often high school students and teachers working on a broad range of research projects. The laboratory has a vertically integrated structure where researchers ranging from high school students to senior professors work together on truly interdisciplinary research topics.

Nanophotonics addresses a broad spectrum of optics on the nanometer scale covering technology and basic science. Compared to the behavior of isolated molecules or bulk materials: the behavior of nanostructures exhibits important physical properties not necessarily predictable from observations of either individual constituents or large ensembles. Current projects include development of high-resolution subsurface imaging techniques based on numerical aperture increasing lens (NAIL) for the study of semiconductor devices and circuits and spectroscopy of quantum dots; optical characterization of carbon nanotubes; biosensors based on microring resonators; and development of new nanoscale microscopy techniques utilizing interference of excitation as well as emission from fluorescent molecules. In addition to microscopy, optical resonance is nearly ubiquitous in our research projects including the development of resonant cavity enhanced photodetectors and imaging biosensors for DNA and protein arrays.

**Performance and Energy-Aware Computing Laboratory (PeaLab)**
**Coskun**
PeaLab’s research interests lie in the broad areas of computer...
architecture and embedded systems, with a particular focus on energy efficiency and thermal challenges in computing systems. Current projects include software optimization for green computing; thermal modeling and management of 3D stacked architectures (including systems with liquid cooling); and runtime management of manycore systems.

Quantum Communication and Measurement

Sergienko

Research in the Quantum Communication & Measurement (QCM) Laboratory focuses on fundamentals of quantum optics and quantum information processing with the purpose of developing quantum-optical communication networks and engineering novel ultra-precise measurement techniques in nano-photonics and life sciences that outperform conventional solutions.

Major research interests of the QCM Laboratory include:

» Quantum information processing, quantum communication and cryptography, quantum networking, and linear-optical quantum computing;

» Quantum communication and networking at the nanoscale, novel applications of collective excitations, surface plasmons, photonics bandgap structures, and metamaterials;

» Quantum state engineering using parametric amplification in specially designed periodically polled nonlinear structures, entanglement manipulation and processing on a chip, micro- and nano-photonics, and ultrafast quantum optics;

» Dispersion cancellation and management and super-resolution phase sensors;

» Quantum and correlation imaging, aberration-free imaging and microscopy in life sciences;

» High-performance single-photon detection and correlation measurement in a wide spectral range from ultraviolet to mid-infrared and terahertz;

» Quantum bio-photonics: novel approaches to optical characterization and diagnostic of biological materials and devices using quantum states of light including visible and infrared fluorescent correlation spectroscopy (FCS);

» Ultra-precise optical measurement in science and technology (quantum metrology) and characterization of organic, polymer, and semiconductor structures used in modern nano-photonics and optoelectronics; and

» Precise measurement of polarization and chromatic dispersion in elements of 40Gb/s and 100 Gb/s metropolitan telecommunication networks.

Reliable Computing Laboratory

Karpovsky, Levitin, Joshi

Members of the laboratory conduct research on a broad variety of topics, including the design of computer chips; efficient hardware testing at chip, board, and system levels; functional software testing; efficient signal processing algorithms; coding and decoding; the design of time-efficient systolic arrays; and asynchronous circuits. Current projects include the design of reliable CNT NANO devices, routing policy development, and hardware security.

Semiconductor Photonics

Paiella

Research by the Semiconductor Photonics laboratory is aimed at the development of novel optoelectronic devices based on artificially-structured material systems, whose properties can be tailored by design to meet specific applications in a way that is not afforded by simply using bulk materials. One important example is that of semiconductor quantum structures, in which nanoscale layers (or wires or dots) of different semiconductor materials are assembled to create an energy landscape in which electrons behave in a markedly quantum-mechanical fashion. By controlling the dimensions and geometry of these structures, one can tune their most basic electronic and optical properties to enable entirely new device concepts – an approach that has become known as bandgap engineering. Heterostructures involving materials with different optical properties (e.g. metals and dielectrics) can also be designed in a similar manner and used to control the flow of light and its interaction with the underlying matter in novel and often useful ways.

Using this general approach, the research group is investigating several device concepts to address a wide range of applications, literally spanning three orders of magnitude in optical wavelength. These include: light sources tunable by design over a broad portion of the mid- and far-infrared spectrum, including wavelengths currently not accessible with any other semiconductor technology; nonlinear all-optical switching devices for future ultrafast fiber-optic communications; high-efficiency surface-plasmon-enhanced visible LEDs for solid state lighting; and ultraviolet optical modulators based on the quantum confined Stark effect. Our research in these areas involves both theoretical and experimental activities, including design and simulations (often based on the proverbial particle-in-a-box problem of quantum mechanics), device fabrication, and electrical and optical characterization.
Visual Information Processing
Konrad, Ishwar
The VIP Laboratory provides computational and visualization infrastructure for research in the area of next-generation visual information processing. The topics of interest include: retrieval, analysis, compression, and transmission of visual information, whether in the form of still images, video sequences, or 3D data. Three research thrusts are currently pursued. Videopsy (video autopsy) is concerned with the analysis of video data to segment and track moving objects, recognize human actions, detect abnormal events, or condense video into short summaries. The second thrust is concerned with the classification and visualization of biomedical imagery, such as that resulting from colonoscopy exams or image-guided catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation. The third thrust focuses on stereoscopic and multisensory (3D) imagery and its use in communication, entertainment, and biomedical visualization. Some of the problems studied are: correspondence estimation under occlusions, data rendering for glasses-free 3D displays, and automatic 2D-to-3D image conversion. The laboratory is equipped with a network of manycore CPUs and GPUs, and various 3D displays.

VLSI and Neural Net Systems (VNNS)
Hubbard
The VNNS group designs, builds, and tests innovative architectures that span a wide variety of VLSI applications in electrical and biological fields. Chips designed using digital, analog, and subthreshold methodologies are realized using CMOS, BiCMOS, and Bipolar technologies. Applications include biomimetic source localization; neural-net image processing; integrated photonic devices and parallel photonic testing; automatic partial-valued dynamic logic synthesis; single-chip large-molecule and DNA analyzers; and neural tissue interface chips as well as high-voltage Mems-mirror drivers. The group is equipped with a full suite of design tools and testing instrumentation for analog and digital systems.

Wide Bandgap Semiconductor Laboratory
Moustakas
The Wide Bandgap Semiconductor Laboratory is a state-of-the-art facility dedicated to studying the growth, fundamental material properties, and fabrication of novel electronic and opto-electronic devices. The lab specializes in III-nitride growth by Molecular Beam Epitaxy (MBE) and Hydride Vapor Phase Epitaxy (HVPE). It has a history in the development of LEDs and currently continues to focus on LEDs and semiconductor lasers in the blue-UV region of the electromagnetic spectrum. Current research highlights include visible and UV LEDs; UV semiconductor lasers; HVPE GaN templates; nitrogen cluster source; and A-plane growth of GaN.

Affiliated Research Centers

Bernard M. Gordon Center for Subsurface Sensing and Imaging Systems (CenSSIS)
http://www.censsis.neu.edu
The Bernard M. Gordon Center for Subsurface Sensing and Imaging Systems is a multi-university National Science Foundation Engineering Research Center (NSF-ERC) founded in 2000. Its mission is to develop new technologies to detect hidden objects and to use those technologies to meet real-world subsurface challenges in areas diverse as noninvasive breast cancer detection and underground pollution assessment.

The center’s multidisciplinary approach combines expertise in wave physics (photons, ultrasonics, electromagnetics), multisensor fusion, image processing, and 3D CAT-scan-like reconstruction and visualization. The Gordon Center operates with the speed and agility more typical of a results-driven private company than of an academic institution, consistent with the needs of its industrial and government partners. With its commitment to leveraging technology transfer to spur economic development, the Gordon Center is intended to be a national model for the fusion of academic research and private-sector collaboration.

The Center’s academic partners are Northeastern University (NU-lead), Boston University (BU), Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), and the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez (UPRM). Strategic affiliates include Massachusetts General Hospital, Lawrence Livermore and Idaho National Laboratories, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Industrial partners include Raytheon, Analogic, Textron, Lockheed Martin, Cardiomag Imaging, Mercury, Transtech, GSSI, and Siemens; and other partners include AFOSR, NCPA (National Center for Physical Acoustics), and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

Center for Adaptive Systems (CAS)
http://cns.web.bu.edu/about/cas.html
The Center for Adaptive Systems (CAS) is an interdisciplinary research and training center whose interests intersect the
areas of biology, computer science, engineering, mathematics, and psychology. The Center performs interdisciplinary research aimed at discovering and developing principled theories of brain and behavior, notably concerning how individual humans and animals adapt so well on their own to rapidly changing environments that may include rare, ambiguous, and unexpected events. The Center also develops technological applications that are inspired by its biological models. Research and training are carried out both individually and through close collaborative relationships between faculty, students, and postdoctoral fellows. Research projects encompass a broad range of areas concerning cognitive and neural systems, including vision and image processing; audition, speech and language understanding; adaptive pattern recognition; cognitive information processing; self-organization and development; associative learning and long-term memory; reinforcement and motivation; attention; adaptive sensory-motor planning, control and robotics; navigation and spatial orientation; biological rhythms; consciousness; and the mathematical and computational methods needed to support advanced modeling research and applications. Both normal and abnormal behaviors are analyzed, including Parkinson’s disease, attention deficit disorder, schizophrenia, and depression.

Center for Computational Science
http://ccs.bu.edu
The Boston University Center for Computational Science (CCS) was founded in 1990 to coordinate and promote computationally based research, to foster computational science education, and to provide for the expansion of computational resources and support.

CCS provides a forum for the multidisciplinary exchange of ideas among researchers, educators, and students. Regularly scheduled seminars as well as workshops and symposia are offered to highlight advances in computational science. CCS has acted to develop and facilitate the formulation of projects in computationally based research and education, working with scientists from 20 different departments and centers.

CCS works in close collaboration with Information Services & Technology, in particular with its Scientific Computing and Visualization Group (SCV) group, in the development of resources to support computational science. The high performance computing and visualization systems at Boston University currently include the IBM Blue Gene, an IBM pSeries 655, an IBM BladeCenter Linux Cluster, an Intel Pentium III Linux Cluster, our Deep Vision Display Wall, the Access Grid Conference Facility, the Laboratory for Virtual Environments and the Computer Graphics Laboratory. SCV provides documentation, training and support for using these facilities and accepts applications for accounts online.

CCS offers a Certificate in Computational Science to graduate students in engineering and science pursuing a PhD through a multidisciplinary training program, ACES (Advanced Computation in Engineering and Science).

Center for Information and Systems Engineering (CISE)
www.bu.edu/systems
The Center for Information and Systems Engineering (CISE) provides an interdisciplinary home for research in methods and applications relevant to the design, analysis, and control of complex systems.

Information and systems engineering are disciplines with many crucial applications for our society. These application areas range from communication and sensor networks, robotics, medical imaging, and video surveillance, to modern energy systems and bioinformatics.

As these domains become increasingly complex, there is a critical need to understand, predict, and design for safety, efficiency, robustness, and the public good. With a proven track record of funding and industry collaboration, CISE faculty bring vast research experience to addressing these challenges.

Center for Nanoscience and Nanobiotechnology
http://nanoscience.bu.edu
Nanoscience and nanotechnology research and development are leading a revolution in basic materials science and engineering. New advancements with designed functionality are poised to enable a huge range of applications in everything from developing fundamental building blocks in the electronics, photonics, and materials sectors, to sensors, biomimetic and biocompatible platforms throughout the biomedical and health sector.

The strength of Boston University’s efforts in interdisciplinary nanoscience and nanotechnology form an axis that begins in basic materials science, surface science, physics, chemistry, and engineering, extending into molecular and cellular biology, biophysics, and the technologies of microfluidics, MEMS, and onto manufacturing. The center’s strengths are in developing and using nanotechnology advances in materials and platforms with our capabilities in biomedical engineering to focus on applications in understanding subcellular processes, biomolecular function and human physiology.

The Center for Nanoscience and Nanobiotechnology was established to advance academic and technological research and development in nanoscience and nanobiotechnology. The Center serves as a hub for nanoscience researchers from the
Charles River and Medical Campuses and builds activities that develop interdisciplinary research and training. The Center will connect scientists from disparate disciplines with each other in seminars, meetings, joint visitor programs and seeded projects to enhance the development of interdisciplinary nanoscale research. The Center will lead large, interdisciplinary proposal development and run funded programs for both research and training, as well as support individual researchers in their efforts by linking them with resources throughout the University and beyond. The Center will also build linkages between the research and technological commercialization resources at BU including the Photonics Center, the Technology Commercialization Institute, and Fraunhofer, and with external partners and industrial affiliates.

**Center for Space Physics**
www.bu.edu/csp
The Center for Space Physics (CSP) is a university-based center for research and education in space science and space-related technologies. The CSP constitutes a collaboration between science and engineering faculty at Boston University under a common mission: to advance our understanding of the atmospheres, magnetospheres, and plasma environments of our solar system. This region of space holds special interest because of its relative accessibility through space-based and ground-based sensing techniques, supported by theoretical and numerical modeling, and a variety of advanced data analysis strategies. The insights gained through these efforts help us understand how habitable environments evolve in the cosmos, in addition to having practical relevance in a society that is increasingly reliant on space-based assets.

The Center pursues a broad range of research in space physics, including: space plasma physics, magnetospheric physics, ionicospheric physics, atmospheric physics, exoplanet studies, and planetary and cometary atmospheric studies. Students in astronomy, applied physics, and engineering conduct research through the Center. The Center also serves as the coordinating mechanism for grant management and proposal development through NASA, NSF, and the Department of Defense.

**NeuroMuscular Research Center (NMRC)**
www.bu.edu/nmrc
The NeuroMuscular Research Center (NMRC) was established in October 1984. Its mission is to increase our understanding of human motor control and improve the quality of life for the neuromuscularly impaired. It pursues these goals by performing basic and applied research and by developing new techniques and technology in electromyography and biomechanics. The NMRC has active collaborations with various hospitals and clinics in the Boston area as well as research groups in seven countries throughout the world.

The NMRC is organized into four laboratories. Each laboratory is supervised by a faculty member with a scientific staff of research faculty, research assistants, and graduate students, drawn from engineering, medicine, psychology and allied health. The NMRC attracts scientists and researchers from universities throughout the world and has a staff of over 20 professionals and students.

**Photonics Center**
www.bu.edu/photonics
Over the past decade, the Boston University Photonics Center has become well known for building a strong academic program in the field of photonics: the science and engineering of light. Today, the Center serves as a unique national resource for the development of advanced photonic device prototypes for commercial and military applications.

From its inception, the Center has attracted scholarly pioneers to lead its academic and educational programs. Groundbreaking research conducted at the Center includes work on science and technology for solid state source and detector materials; quantum cryptography; subsurface imaging; adaptive optics; micro-opto-electro-mechanical systems (MOEMS); high-speed modulation and sensing; bioorganic chemistry; nanophotonic devices; and biomedical applications of photonics.

Boston University’s leadership in the field is supported by a state-of-the-art facility that includes an optical fiber draw tower and more than a dozen special-purpose research laboratories. Our shared facilities include the Optoelectronics Processing Facility, the Precision Measurement Laboratory, and the Integrated...
Optics Laboratory. These assets, combined with leading academic experts and a dedicated technical and administrative staff make the Boston University Photonics Center an extraordinary resource for students, faculty, and affiliated companies.

**Smart Lighting Center**

http://smartlighting.bu.edu

The Smart Lighting Center at Boston University (SLC/BU) is part of the National Science Foundation’s Smart Lighting Engineering Research Center (ERC), established in September 2008 by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, the University of New Mexico, and Boston University.

The NSF Smart Lighting ERC focuses on the creation and application of a new generation of smart light sources, whose properties are fully controllable and tunable in terms of their spectral composition, color, temperature, polarization, and spatial and modulation properties. These solid-state light sources, adaptable to myriad requirements and environments, will result in tremendous benefits to society and humankind, including:

- Reduced pollution and global warming through increased energy conservation
- Novel modes of communication, networking, and sensing for enhanced privacy, security and pervasive connectivity
- Increased automobile safety via localized directional communication that can provide active braking and collision avoidance
- Fundamental advances in biotechnology including the rapid highly specific identification of cells
- Displays with high efficiency and large color gamut enabled by polarized emitters
- Reduced dependency on sleep-inducing pharmaceuticals, reduced risk of cancer, and better support of the natural circadian rhythm, thereby enabling higher productivity and a better quality of life

These benefits are enabled through the systematic exploration and development of smart-lighting principles in three vertically integrated research thrusts: (i) novel materials, (ii) device technology, and (iii) system applications and impacts.

In addition to these research thrusts, other key components of the Center include an Industrial Advisory Board to drive industry requirements and technology commercialization and a network of educational outreach partners who are helping develop a new globally competitive science and technology workforce.