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EDUCATION

University of Kansas	Dynamics and Control	Postdoctoral 2008
University of Kansas	Aerospace Engineering	PhD 2007
CSULA University	Mechanical Engineering	MS 2004
Shiraz University	Mechanical Engineering	BS 1993

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Charles & Mary Jane Spahr Professor, Aerospace Eng., University of Kansas, 2022-Present.
- Professor, Aerospace Engineering, University of Kansas, 2019-2022.
- Associate Professor, Aerospace Engineering, University of Kansas, 2014-2019.
- Assistant Professor, Aerospace Engineering, University of Kansas, 2008-14.
- Postdoctoral Researcher in the Center for Remote Sensing of Ice Sheets, University of Kansas, NSF Grant #AST-042-4589, 2007-08.
- Graduate Research Assistant, University of Kansas, NASA Grant # NCC4-158 and U.S. Air Force Grant # F49620-01-1-0489, 2004-07.
- Graduate Research Assistant, the Multidisciplinary Flight Dynamics and Control Laboratory of California State University, Los Angeles, NASA Grant # NAGA-175 and U.S. Air Force Grant # F49620-01-1-0489, 2002-04.

Honors and Awards

1. The **Outstanding Educator Award**, KU Aerospace Engineering, April 2026.
2. **Miller Scholar Award**, School of Engineering, 2024.
3. The **Outstanding Educator Award**, KU Aerospace Engineering, April 2024.
4. **Charles E. & Mary Jane Spahr Professor**, Aerospace Engineering, August 2022.
5. The **Outstanding Educator Award**, KU Aerospace Engineering, April 2022.
6. **Miller Scholar Award**, School of Engineering, 2021-2022.
7. **Bellogs Scholar Award**, based on significant contributions to the teaching, research, and service, mission of their department and the KU School of Engineering, 2021.
8. **Miller Scholar Award**, School of Engineering, 2018-2019.
9. The **Outstanding Educator Award**, KU Aerospace Engineering, April 2019.
10. University of Kansas **H.O.P.E.** Teaching Award (Honor for the Outstanding Progressive Educator), 2018.
11. **John E. and Winifred E. Sharp Teaching Professor**, University of Kansas School of Engineering 2017-19.
12. Faculty Fellow, University of Kansas Honors Program, November 2018 – present.
13. The **Outstanding Educator Award**, KU Aerospace Engineering, May 2015.
14. **AIAA Associate Fellow**, 2015.
15. **Miller Scholar Award**, School of Engineering, 2014-15.
16. Selected by KU Engineering students as the **Gould Award winner** and Outstanding Educator of KU School of Engineering, May 2013.

17. Selected by KU Aerospace Engineering graduate students and **honored at the annual Celebration of Teaching**, April 2013.
18. The **Outstanding Educator Award**, KU Aerospace Engineering, May 2012.
19. Recipient of the National Science Foundation's **Antarctic Service Medal of the United States**, 2012.
20. **Miller Scholar Award**, School of Engineering, 2011-12.
21. **Bellows Scholar Award**, recognizes overall achievement in teaching, research and service, 2011.
22. **Miller Scholar Award**, School of Engineering, 2009-10.

RESEARCH RECORD

Research Publications

Selected Peer-Reviewed Publications

2026

1. J. Xu, J. Marshall, M. Powers and S. Keshmiri, "Real World Flight Test of a Three-Dimensional Collision Avoidance Control Barrier Function Algorithm," in Press, Springer Journal of Intelligent & Robotic Systems, 2026.
2. Dodge, A., Clough, J., Xu, J., and Keshmiri, S. "QP-MPC Based Guidance for Complex Path Following of Fixed-Wing Aerial Vehicles," 2026 AIAA SciTech, GNC-31, 4355900.
3. Carlson, M., Dodge, A., Clough, J., and Keshmiri, S. "Flight Test of Multi-Agent Aircraft Swarm for Polar Research," 2026 AIAA SciTech, GNC-31, 4354211.
4. Clough, J., Carlson, M., Keshmiri, S., and Ewing, M. "Flight Test Verification of Autonomous Collision Avoidance Between Crewed and Uncrewed Aircraft," Accepted for publication in IEEE International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (ICUAS), 2026.
5. Elo, C., Queen, C., and Keshmiri, S., "Controller-Aware Closed-Loop RRT for Real-Time Fixed-Wing UAV Navigation in Cluttered Environments," Accepted for publication in IEEE International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (ICUAS), 2026.
6. Dodge, A. and Keshmiri, S. "Robust Reinforcement Learning-Based Longitudinal and Lateral-Directional Attitude Control of a Hypersonic Flight Vehicle," under review, Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics, April 2026.
7. Fernando Rodriguez-Morales, Carl Leuschen, Emily Arnold, Mark Ewing, Daniel Gomez-Garcia, Richard Hale, Shawn Keshmiri, Jilu Li, John Paden, Gabriel Rose, Lee Taylor, "Development and Deployment of a Suit of Radars for Ice and Snow Measurement Onboard of UAS," May 2026.

2025

8. Dodge, A. and Keshmiri, S. "Control-Oriented Modeling and Sensitivity of Flight Dynamics of a Hypersonic Vehicle, AIAA Journal of Aircraft, Under Review, Nov. 2025.
9. J. Xu, J. Marshall, M. Powers and S. Keshmiri, "Guaranteed Fixed-Wing UAS Lateral Safety Via Control Barrier Functions," 2025 International Conference on Unmanned

Aircraft Systems (ICUAS), Charlotte, NC, USA, 2025, pp. 115-123, doi: 10.1109/ICUAS65942.2025.11007881.

10. A. Dodge, A. Baruth and S. Keshmiri, "Adaptive Optimal Path Following Guidance for Fixed-Wing Aerial Vehicles," *2025 International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (ICUAS)*, pp. 937-943, doi: 10.1109/ICUAS65942.2025.11007874.
11. G. Kucuksayacigil, S. Keshmiri and M. Chrit, "A Robust Flight Controller Design: Investigating Guidance Failures Near TSS Heliport in Challenging Wind Conditions," *2025 International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (ICUAS)*, 2025, pp. 1167-1174, doi: 10.1109/ICUAS65942.2025.11007899.

2024

12. H. Benyamen, Chowdhury, M., Keshmiri, S., "Data-Driven Aircraft Modeling for Robust RL Control Synthesis with Flight Test Validation," *ASME Journal of Dynamic Systems, Measurement and Control*, DS-23-1325, 2024, <https://doi.org/10.1115/1.4065804>.
13. Shukla, D., H. Benyamen, Keshmiri, S., and Beckage, N. "Reinforcement Learning Based Evolving Flight Controller for Fixed-wing Uncrewed Aircraft," *IEEE Transactions on Control Systems Technology*, Dec 2024, doi: 10.1109/TCST.2024.3516383.
14. M. Chowdhury and S. Keshmiri, "Interchangeable Reinforcement-Learning Flight Controller for Fixed-Wing UASs," *IEEE Transactions on Aerospace and Electronic Systems*, 0018-2951, doi: 10.1109/TAES.2024.3351608.
15. Xu, J. and Keshmiri, S. "UAS 3D Path Following Guidance Method via Lyapunov Control Functions," *2024 International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (ICUAS)*, Chania - Crete, Greece, 2024, pp. 673-680, doi: 10.1109/ICUAS60882.2024.10556918.
16. Chowdhury M. and Keshmiri, S. "A Unified Inner-Outer Loop Reinforcement Learning Flight Controller for Fixed-Wing Aircraft," ***Best Paper Session***, 2024 International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (ICUAS), Chania - Crete, Greece, 2024, pp. 556-563, doi: 10.1109/ICUAS60882.2024.10556883.
17. Yun, H., Soyyigit, A., Weng, Q., Keshmiri, S., Prabhakar, P., and Brown, N., "Anytime Perception and Control for Safe and Intelligent Urban Air," *AIAA 2024-2009 Session: Distributing Sensing as Enabling Technology for Autonomous Air Mobility III* Published Online:4 Jan 2024, <https://doi.org/10.2514/6.2024-2009>.
18. Clough, J., Carlson, M., and Keshmiri, S. "Comparative Analysis of Linear and Nonlinear Kalman Filters for Airflow Estimation in UAVs," *2024 International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (ICUAS)*, Chania - Crete, Greece, 2024, pp. 1275-1284, doi: 10.1109/ICUAS60882.2024.10557002.
19. Xu, J., Powers, M., Li, Y., and Keshmiri, S. "Time-Fixed, State Constrained, Optimal Landing Trajectory for Fixed-Wing UAVs," *AIAA Aviation Forum and Ascend 2024*, <https://doi.org/10.2514/6.2024-3656>.

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20. H. Benyamen, Chowdhury, M., Keshmiri, S., "Reinforcement Learning Based Aircraft Controller Enhanced By Gaussian Process Trim Finding," ASME Letters in Dynamic Systems and Control, ALDSC-23-1008, 2023.
21. J. Xu, M. Carlson and S. Keshmiri, "Identification and Quantification of Unsteady Aircraft Dynamics through Sliding Window Correlation Analysis," 2023 IEEE Aerospace Conference, Big Sky, MT, USA, 2023, pp. 1-12, doi: 10.1109/AERO55745.2023.10115824.
22. R. Bowes, H. Benjamin and S. Keshmiri, "System Identification-based Fault Detection and Dynamic Inversion Control of an Uncrewed Aerial System," 2023 International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (ICUAS), Warsaw, Poland, 2023, pp. 1286-1293, doi: 10.1109/ICUAS57906.2023.10156557.

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23. H. Benyamen, B. S. Mays, M. Chowdhury, S. Keshmiri and M. S. Ewing, "Analysis of Aircraft Simulation Validity in Different Flight Conditions," 2023 International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (ICUAS), Warsaw, Poland, 2023, pp. 129-136, doi: 10.1109/ICUAS57906.2023.10156586. 2022
24. Holmes, G., Chowdhury, M., McKinnis, A, and Keshmiri, "Deep Learning Model-Agnostic Controller for VTOL Class UAS," 2022 International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (ICUAS), 1520-1529, DOI: 10.1109/ICUAS54217.2022.9836118
25. Xu, J. and Keshmiri, S., "Flight Test of the Novel Fixed-Wing Multireference Multiscale LN Guidance Logic for Complex Path Following," Journal of Intelligent & Robotic Systems 105 (3), 1-24, 2022.
26. Chowdhury, M. and Keshmiri, S., "Flight Test Validation of a UAS Lateral-Directional Model Predictive Controller," Accepted for publication in the Journal of Intelligent and Robotic Systems, 2022.
27. Xu, J. and Keshmiri, S., "Multi-Scale & Multi-Reference Longitudinal Guidance Logic for UAS," 2022 IEEE Aerospace Conference (AERO), 1-8.
28. Chowdhury, M. and Keshmiri, S., "Deep Learning Based Mode-Free and Model-Agnostic Controller for VTOL Class Aircraft," 2022 IEEE Aerospace Conference (AERO), 1-12.
29. H. Benyamen and S. Keshmiri, "Flight Test Validation Verification of @AIR Distributed Electric Propulsion Aircraft Dynamic Model ," 2022 International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (ICUAS), 2022, pp. 821-830, doi: 10.1109/ICUAS54217.2022.9836206.
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33. Xu, J. and Keshmiri, S., "Dubins-Based Autoland Procedure for Fixed-Wing UAS," 2021 International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (ICUAS), DOI: [10.1109/ICUAS51884.2021.9476882](https://doi.org/10.1109/ICUAS51884.2021.9476882).
34. Xu, J. and Keshmiri, S., "Flight Test Validation and Verification of the Novel Ln Guidance for Unmanned Aerial Systems," 2021 International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (ICUAS), DOI: [10.1109/ICUAS51884.2021.9476808](https://doi.org/10.1109/ICUAS51884.2021.9476808).
35. Mckinnis, A., Hauptman, D., and Keshmiri, S., and Ewing, M., "Flight Test Validation of Adaptive Collision Algorithms Using Multiple Unmanned Aircraft," 2021 International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (ICUAS), DOI: [10.1109/ICUAS51884.2021.9476780](https://doi.org/10.1109/ICUAS51884.2021.9476780).
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39. Xu, J., Le Pichon, T., Spiegel, I., Hauptman, D., and Keshmiri, S. "Bio-Inspired Predator-Prey Large Spatial Search Path Planning," 2020 IEEE Aerospace Conference, Big Sky, MT, USA, 2020, pp. 1-6, DOI: 10.1109/AERO47225.2020.9172365.
40. Mckinnis, A., LaGue, J., Benyamen, H., and Keshmiri, S., "Dynamic Modeling and Flight Test Validation of an In-House Design UAS Built for Polar Research," 2020 IEEE Aerospace Conference, Big Sky, MT, USA, 2020, pp. 1-7, DOI: 10.1109/AERO47225.2020.9172252.
41. Shukla, D., Lal, R., Hauptman, D., Keshmiri, S., Prabhakar, P., and Beckage, N., "Flight Test Validation of a Safety-Critical Neural Network Based Longitudinal Controller for a Fixed-Wing UAS," AIAA 2020-3093, 8 Jun 2020; <https://doi.org/www2.lib.ku.edu/10.2514/6.2020-3093>.
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2019

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47. Wenju Xu, Keshmiri Shawn, Guanghui Wang, "Toward Learning a Unified Many-to-Many Mapping for Diverse Image Translation, Pattern Recognition," *Elsevier Pattern Recognition Journal*, 2019, ISSN 0031-3203, <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S003132031930192X>.
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2018

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54. Keshmiri, S., Kim, A. R., Shukla D., Blevins, A., and Ewing, M. "Flight Test Validation of Collision and Obstacle Avoidance in Fixed-Wing UASs with High Speeds Using Morphing Potential Field," 2018 International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (ICUAS), Dallas, TX, 2018, pp. 589-598, DOI: [10.1109/ICUAS.2018.8453299](https://doi.org/10.1109/ICUAS.2018.8453299).

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5. Co-inventor of an issued patents on “Techniques for Navigation of UAVs Using Ground-Based Transmitters,” Patent# 9,945,931, Issued: April 17, 2018, <https://patentimages.storage.googleapis.com/b4/55/10/976e596d691406/US9945931.pdf>.
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Grants and/or other Funded Projects

External Funding

Funded Proposals

1. Name: Applied Research and Innovation Scholarship for Engineering Students in Aerospace, AI, and Cybersecurity (ARISE)
Agency: U.S. Department of Defense
Role: PI
Co-PI: Heechul Yun, Carl Leuschen, Shima Fardad, and Drew Davidson
Amount: \$3,097,000
Period: 09/15/2023-09/14/2027
2. AeroSpec: An Adaptive Spectrum Framework for Autonomous Aerial Systems: Optimization, Decentralized Markets, and Deployment
Role: Co-PI
PI: Morteza Hashemi
Agency: NSF

Amount: \$760,000

Period: 08/01/2025-07/30/2028

3. Name: Learning, Exploration, and Application for Prospective Engineering Students (LEAPES)
Agency: U.S. Department of Defense
Role: PI
Co-PI: Suzanne Shontz, Heechul Yun, and Weizhang Wang
Amount: \$947,000
Period: 09/15/2021-2025
4. Name: AirScope: A Versatile and Programmable UAV Platform for End-to-End Cellular Network Measurements in Rural Environments
Role: Co-PI
PI: Morteza Hashemi
Agency: NSF
Amount: \$600,000
Period: 10/01/2023-09/30/2025
5. Name: Validate Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) Detect and Avoid (DAA) Well Clear Requirements
Role: Co-PI
PI: Mark Ewing
Agency: FAA
Amount: \$400,000
Period: 6/01/2023-08/30/2025
6. Name: Identify Wake Turbulence and Flutter Testing Requirements for UAS
Role: GNC and Flight Test Lead & CO-PI
PI: Mark Ewing CO-PIs: Z.J. Wang, Haiyang Chao, Charlie Zheng, Huixuan Wu
Agency: FAA
Amount: \$1,100,000
Period: 09/07/2020-04/20/2023
7. Name: Right-of-Way Rules for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Operations and Safety Recommendations
Role: GNC and Flight Test Lead & CO-PI
PI: Mark Ewing
Agency: FAA
Amount: \$390,000
Period: 10/01/2021-03/30/2025
8. Design Guidance and Best Engineering Practices for Automated Systems
Role: GNC and Flight Test Lead & CO-PI
PI: Mark Ewing

- Agency: FAA
Amount: \$357,681.00
Period: 06/29/2021-09/30/2024
9. Name: Small UAS (sUAS) Mid-Air Collision (MAC) Likelihood
Role: GNC and Flight Test Lead & CO-PI
PI: Mark Ewing
Agency: FAA
Amount: \$200,000
Period: 03/01/2021-2/01/2023
 10. Name: Model Agnostic and Interchangeable AI Controller for VTOL Aircraft (Phase I)
Role: KU PI
Agency: DOD
Amount: \$150,000
Period: 02/01/2021-06/30/2021
 11. Name: Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Pathways into the Earth, Ocean, Polar and Atmospheric & Geospace Sciences
Role: KU PI
Agency: NSF
Amount: \$339,573
Period: 08/15/2020- 07/31/2023
 1. Name: Learning and Curious Autopilot for Unmanned Aerial Systems (Phase II)
Role: KU PI
Co-I: Mark Ewing, and Heechul Yun
Agency: NASA and DARcorp
Amount: \$750,000
Period: 01/07/2018-12/31/2021
 2. Name: Helheim Glacier/Sermilik Fjord Research Collaboration
PI: Carl Leuschen
Role: CO-PI and GNC & Flight Test lead
Agency: Heising-Simons Foundation
Amount: \$600,000
Period: 05/01/2019-04/30/2023
 3. Name: Airborne Snow Depth Retrieval for Improved Hydrological Modeling
PI: Emily Arnold
Role: CO-PI
Agency: NOAA
Amount: \$499,926
Period: 09/01/2019-08/30/2021
 4. Name: Learning and Curious Autopilot for Unmanned Aerial Systems (Phase I)
Role: KU PI

- Co-I: Nicole Beckage, and Heechul Yun
 Agency: NASA and DARcorp
 Amount: \$150,000
 Period: 01/07/2018-12/31/2018
5. Name: Open System Architecture (OSA) and Autonomous Flight Control Enhancements for Small Unmanned Systems (UAS).
 Role: PI
 Co-I: Mark Ewing and Heechul Yun
 Agency: Lockheed Martin Advanced Development Programs (ADP)
 Amount: \$129,000
 Period: 01/08/2017-12/31/2018
6. Name: Multichannel Sense-and-Avoid Radar for Small UAVs
 Role: CO-PI
 PI: Christopher Allen
 Agency: NASA
 Amount: \$800,000
 Period: 01/08/2015-02/28/2018
7. Name: Active Wing Shaping Control of Morphing Aircraft
 Role: KU PI
 Co-I: N.A.
 Agency: NASA
 Amount: \$104,951
 Period: 08/01/2015-07/31/2018
8. Name: Determination of appropriate locations for Angle of Attack (AOA) ports on the body of the Garmin specific air data probe (GDC7500).
 Role: Co-I
 PI: Saeed Farokhi
 Agency: Garmin
 Amount: \$50,000
 Period: 09/01/2017-05/31/2018
9. Name: Dynamic Modeling and Control of a Quadcopter in Unstructured Environments
 Role: KU PI
 Co-I: N.A.
 Agency: Aerotenna
 Amount: \$73,662
 Period: 01/01/2016-08/31/2016
10. Name: Preventative Monitoring of Infectious Agents-PREMONITION
 Role: KU PI

Co-I: M. Ewing
Agency: Microsoft Research- IARPA
Amount: \$110,000
Period: 08/08/2015-05/31/2016

11. Name: Edge 540 V3 Aerobatic Aircraft Performance Analysis

Role: KU PI

Co-I: M. Ewing
Agency: Microsoft Research- IARPA
Amount: \$10,000
Period: 08/08/2015-09/07/2015

12. Name: Integration and Flight Test of Active Flow Control Technologies

Role: CO-PI

PI: R. Woszidlo

Agency: NASA
Amount: \$ 25,793
Period: 10/01/2014-05/31/2015

13. Name: Multi-Agent Airborne Laboratory for Cryospheric Remote Sensing

Role: PI

Co-I: R. Hale, C. Leuschen, J. Yan, F. Rodriguez-Morales, J. Paden, M. Ewing
Agency: Paul Allen Family Foundation
Amount: \$200,000
Period: 01/21/2014-5/30/2016

14. Name: Center for Remote Sensing of Ice Sheets (CReSIS)

Role: Co-I

PI: Prasad Gogineni
Agency: NSF
Amount: \$36,099,945
Period: 6/01/2005-5/31/2015

The total Co-I allocation:

2016: \$100,000
2015: \$132,000
2014: \$166,000
2013: \$166,000
2012: \$200,000
2011: \$200,000
2010: \$200,000
2009: \$132,000

2008: \$153,540

15. Name: IChARGE - Interdisciplinary Challenge for Recharging Using Green Energy

Role: Co-I

Agency: DOE

Amount: \$25,000

Period: 07/01/2013-06/30/2014

16. Name: Multichannel Sense-and-Avoid Radar for Small UAVs

Role: Co-I

PI: Chris Allen

Agency: NASA

Amount: \$200,000

Period: 11/15/2012-11/14/2013

The total Co-I allocation:

2013: \$66,000

17. Name: Low-Altitude Laser Altimeter to Assist UAS Autolanding and Improve State Estimations

Role: PI

Co-I: Chris Allen

Agency: Transportation Research Institute

Amount: \$89,000

Period: 10/01/2011-12/31/2012

The total PI allocation:

2012: \$48,950

18. Name: KUAEE Embedded Control Systems Development Testbed & Laboratory

Role: PI

Agency: Transportation Research Institute

Amount: \$45,000

Period: 8/1/2010-7/30/2011

Dissertation/Thesis/Postdoctoral/Other Supervision

Postdoctoral

1. Dr. Hady Benyamen January 2024 –Present.
2. Dr. Gulnihal Kucuksayacigil , April 2024 – June 2025.
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4. Dr. Gonzalo Garcia, February 2012 – January 2016.

Visitor Scholar

1. Sebastian Köberle, Aerospace Engineering PhD student, Technical University of Munich (TUM), April-July, 2022.
2. Dr. Seyool Oh, Flight Control engineer in Korea Aerospace Industries, 2019-2020.
3. Dr. Duhui Liu, Associate Professor, Civil Aviation Flight University of China, Status: completed, 2012 – 2013.
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Chair of PhD Student Dissertation and Thesis (Completed)

1. Jeffrey Xu, Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: Completed. 2019– 2025.
2. Hady Benyamen, Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: Completed. 2018– 2023.
3. Aaron McKinnis, Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: Completed. 2016 – 2023.
4. Mozammel Chowdhury, Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: Completed. 2019 – 2023.
5. Aaron Blevins, Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: Completed. 2015 – 2020.
6. Daksh Shukla, Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: Completed. 2016 – 2020.
7. Wenju Xu, Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: Completed. 2015 – 2020.
8. A Ram Kim, Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: Completed. 2013 – 2018.
9. Julien Esposito, Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: Completed. 2006 – 2015.
10. Katrina Legursky, Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: Completed. 2008 –13 (Co-chair).
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Chair of M.S. Student Thesis (Completed)

1. Andrew Dodge, M.S. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: Completed. 2024 – 2026.
2. Justin Clough M.S. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: Completed. 2022 – 2026.
3. Bobby Bows, M.S. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: Completed. 2021 – 2023.
4. Dustin Hauptman, M.S. in Computer Science, Status: Completed. 2016 – 2021, (Co-chair).
5. Thomas Le Pichon, M.S. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: Completed. 2016 – 2020.
6. Hady Benyamin, M.S. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: Completed. 2016 – 2019.
7. Shriniwas Kolpuke, M.S. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: Completed. 2014 – 2017.
8. Nathan Smith, M.S. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: Completed. 2014 – 2016.
9. Alec Matthew Bowman, M.S. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: Completed. 2011 – 2016.
10. T.J. Stastny, M.S. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: completed. 2012 – 2014.
11. Ryan Lykins, M.S. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: Completed. 2010 – 2014.

12. Robert Burns, M.S. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: Completed. 2010 – 2011.
13. David Royer, M.S. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: Completed. 2008 – 2010.
14. Casey Sweeten, M.S. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: Completed. 2008 – 2010.
15. Jonathan Tom, M.S. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: Completed. 2008 – 2010.

Chair of Graduate Student Dissertation and Thesis (in Pipeline)

1. Megan Carlson, Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: In progress. 2023 – 2028.
2. Jeb Marshall, Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: in progress. 2024 – 2029.
3. Matthew Powers , M.S. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: In progress. 2025 – 2027.
4. Adam Baruth, M.S. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: In progress. 2025 – 2027.
5. Cal Elo, M.S. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: In progress. 2025 – 2027.
6. Danai Papadopoulou, Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: In progress. 2026 – 2032.
7. Brandon Barnett, Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering, Status: In progress. 2026 – 2032.
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Research Advisor of Undergraduate Research Assistant

1. Spencer Ritchie, 2026-Present.
2. Aidan Clark, 2026-Present.
3. Ethan Dumke, 2026-Present.
4. Jack Fenlon, 2026-Present.
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6. Hazen Harvell, 2025-Present.
7. Zane Hermann, 2025-Present.
8. William Leuschen, 2025-Present.
9. Jacob Ryan, 2025-Present.
10. Hunter Seamons, 2025-Present.
11. Brandon Barnett, 2025-Present.
12. Justin Matulka, 2025-2026.
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14. Quintin McCoach, 2025.
15. Nicholas Lienemann, 2025.
16. Camden Williams, 2025.
17. Cal Elo, 2024-2025.
18. Adam Baruth, 2024-2025.
19. May DuPont, 2024-2025.
20. Kelsey Krstulic, 2024-2025.
21. Logan Brengle, 2024-2025.
22. Andrew Dodge, 2022-2024.
23. Emily Shaw, 2024.
24. Geoffrey, 2024.
25. Gracyn Goudschaal-Frazier, 2024.

26. Michael Shaw, 2024.
27. Sam Hader, 2023-2024.
28. Matthew Powers, 2023-2025.
29. Yuwen Li Tyler Andrew, 2021- 2024.
30. Cade Schneider, 2023-2024.
31. Jake Richardson, 2023-2024.
32. Joseph Ativie, 2020-2023.
33. Barrett McMichael, 2023.
34. Lucy Bailey, 2023.
35. Megan Carlson, 2022-2023.
36. Jeb Marshall, 2023-2024.
37. Hector Torres, 2023-2023.
38. Evelyn Shelby, 2022-2023.
39. Brayden Niessen, 2022-2023.
40. Benjamin Mays, 2022-2023.
41. Matthew Donnelly , 2022-2023.
42. Gabriel Bernart-Shenk, 2022.
43. Tyler Andrew, 2021-2022.
44. Scott Rosa, Summer 2021.
45. Alex Zugazagoitia, 2020-2022.
46. Brennan Wheatley, 2021-2022.
47. Vishvas Sharma, 2020-2022.
48. Julian Moreno, 2020-2022.
49. Nathan Wolf, 2020-2021.
50. Isaac Beach, 2020-2021.
51. Jeffry Xu, 2018-2020.
52. Jon Lofthouse, 2018-2020.
53. Jeffry Xu, 2018-2020.
54. Jon Lofthouse, 2018-2020.
55. Grant Godfrey, 2016-2019.
56. Aaron McKinnis, 2018 – 2019.
57. Dustin Hauptman, 2014 – 2017.
58. Mihir Vedantam, 2014 – 2017.
59. Thomas Le Pichon, 2014 – 2017.
60. Adam Liles, 2015 – 2016.
61. Martin Mendoza, 2015.
62. Brooks Sargent, 2015.
63. Marwan Dessouki, 2015.
64. Jordan Dixon, 2015.
65. Kyri Borton, 2015.
66. John Ink 2015.
67. Angela Wright, 2014 – 2016.
68. Samuel Cott, 2013.
69. Nathan Smith, 2012-13.
70. Mary Pat Whittaker, 2012-13.
71. Ryan Endres, 2012.

72. Tabitha Teo, 2012.
73. T.J. Stastny, 2011.
74. Sarah Elizabeth McCandless, 2011.
75. Kyle Brehm, 2011.
76. Ali Mahmood, 2011.
77. Matthew Austin, 2010.
78. Zaki Abou Ghazali, 2010.
79. Lee Clemon, 2010.
80. David Royer 2009.
81. Felix Lee, 2009.
82. Sidar Ravi, 2009.
83. Carly Sakumura, 2009.
84. William Pflug, 2009.
85. Ryan Lykins, 2009.
86. Cody Harryman, 2009.

Courses Taught (Over the Last Five Year, 2020-2025)

1. AE-732 Flight Test Engineering, 3 Units, Spring 2026, 31 Students
2. AE-550 Dynamics of Flight I, 3 Units, Fall 2025, 132 Students
3. AE-500 Dynamics of Flight I, Extended Course, Fall 2025, 122 Students
4. AE-750 Optimal Control, 3 Units, Fall 2025, 18 Students
5. AE-755 Optimal Control, 3 Units, Spring 2025, 9 Students
6. AE-592 UG Direct Study, 3 Units, Spring 2025, 2 Students
7. AE-593 UG Direct Study, 3 Units, Spring 2025, 1 Student
8. AE-550 Dynamics of Flight I, 3 Units, Fall 2024, 90 Students
9. AE-500 Dynamics of Flight I, Extended Course, 1 Unit, Fall 2024, 86 Students
10. AE-750 Optimal Control, 3 Units, Fall 2024, 8 Students
11. AE-732 Flight Test Engineering, 3 Units, Spring 2024, 31 Students
12. AE-592 UG Direct Study, 3 Units, Spring 2024, 1 Students
13. AE-211 Computation Methods 3 Units, Fall 2023, 51 Students
14. AE-550 Dynamics of Flight I, 4 Units, Fall 2023, 74 Students
15. AE-750 Optimal Control, 3 Units, Spring 2023, 7 Students
16. AE-550 Dynamics of Flight I, 4 Units, Fall 2022, 76 Students
17. EPHX 501 Direct Study, 3 Units, Fall 2022, 1 Student
18. AE-551 Dynamics of Flight II Honors, 4 Units, Spring 2022, 58 Students
19. AE-552 Dynamics of Flight II Honors, 4 Units, Spring 2022, 6 Students
20. AE-550 Dynamics of Flight I, 4 Units, Fall 2021, 64 Students
21. AE-750 Optimal Control, 3 Units, Fall 2021, 14 Students
22. AE-592 UG Direct Study, 3 Units, Fall 2021, 1 Student
23. AE-551 Dynamics of Flight II Honors, 4 Units, Spring 2021, 49 Students
24. AE-732 Flight Test Engineering, 3 Units, Spring 2021, 19 Students
25. AE-592 UG Direct Study, 3 Units, Spring 2021, 1 Student
26. AE-550 Dynamics of Flight I, 4 Units, Fall 2020, 61 Students

27. AE-592 UG Direct Study, 3 Units, Fall 2020, 1 Student
28. AE-551 Dynamics of Flight II Honors, 4 Units, Spring 2020, 61 Students
29. AE-552 Dynamics of Flight II Honors, 4 Units, Spring 2020, 6 Students
30. AE-750 Optimal Control, 3 Units, Spring 2020, 15 Students
31. AE-592 UG Direct Study, 3 Units, Spring 2020, 2 Student

SERVICE RECORD (2009-Present)

Polar Expeditions

Led KU Unmanned Aerial Systems (UASs) flight test team in following polar expeditions:

1. **Greenland, Helheim**, July 2025.
2. **Greenland, Helheim**, June 2019.
3. **Greenland, Kangerlussuaq**, March 06th 2016-April 25th 2016.
4. **Greenland, Kangerlussuaq**, September 2015.
5. **Antarctica, Sub-glacial Lake Whillans (SLW) camp**, December 01st, 2013 through January 14th, 2014.
6. **Antarctica, McMurdo**, November 27th, 2011 through December 30th, 2011.
7. **Greenland, North Greenland Eemian (NEEM) camp**, June 1st 2011 through July 1st 2011. 2015.
8. **Antarctica, McMurdo**, November 28th, 2009 through January 12th, 2010.

University of Kansas Service

School of Engineering:

- President of KU School of Engineering Faculty Senate, 2022-23.
- Vice President of KU School of Engineering Faculty Senate, 2021-22.
- Liaison of KU School of Engineering Faculty Senate in the University Senate, 2020-21.
- Liaison of Aerospace Department in the Academic Standards Committee in the School of Engineering, 2016- Present.
- Liaison of Aerospace Department in the Curriculum Committee in the School of Engineering, 2010- 2016.
- Faculty judge in the Madison & Lila Self undergraduate Fellowship Program 2012- Present.
- Led the 2012 Sharp Professorship Selection Committee.
- School of Engineering Faculty Marshal for the University Commencement ceremony, 2011.
- Member of School of Engineering Research Facilities Design and Use (RFDU) Committee 2011.
- Serving as the Research Mentor of EECS Students in their Senior Projects 2009-12.
- Faculty adviser in the Madison & Lila Self undergraduate Fellowship Program 2010-12.

University:

- Faculty Adviser of **Taekwondo** club.

Departmental:

- Member of Undergraduate Committee, 2015- Present.
- Member of Award Committee, 2013- Present.
- Member of New Faculty Selection Committee, 2013.
- Member of Avionic Technician Selection Committee, 2013.
- Designer of Flight Dynamic and Control Doctoral Qualifying Exam, 2008- Present.
- Giving tours to potential students and their families.

National Professional Service

- Served as a panelist in the NSF CPS review process, 2025.
- Served as a panelist in the NSF Robotic Foundation review process, 2024.
- Served as a panelist in the NSF Career Proposal review process, 2022.
- Served as a panelist in the NSF GRFP review process, 2021-22.
- Served as a panelist in the NSF Cyber Physical Systems, Unmanned Systems review process, 2018.
- Chair of Control Architectures Session in the 2018 International Conference of Unmanned Aerial Systems, Dallas Texas.
- Chair of Flight Testing Unmanned Aircraft Systems Session in the AIAA Aviation 2018, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Served as a panelist in the DOD's Science, Mathematics and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship review, 2015 and 2017.
- Chair of Mechanical Engineering Sessions in the 123rd ASEE Annual Conference & Exposition in New Orleans, 2016.
- National President of Sigma Gamma Tau which is the American honor society in Aerospace Engineering 2012-15.
- National Vice President of Sigma Gamma Tau which is the American honor society in Aerospace Engineering 2009-12.
- Serve as a peer reviewer for
 - Wiley Journal of Nonlinear and Robust Control
 - AIAA Journal of Aircraft
 - Journal of Aircraft Engineering and Aerospace Technology
 - ASEE
 - IEEE Conference on Decision and Control
 - Journal of Aerospace Engineering