

# About Me

Prof Venki Muthukumar

#### About Me ...



- Name:
  - Prof Venkatesan Muthukumar (Venki)
- Qualifications:
  - BE (Electronics & Communication Engineering)
    - Anna University College of Engineering, INDIA
  - MS (Computer Science)
    - Monash University, School of Computing, Australia
    - Research: Digital Design for FPGAs
  - PhD (Computer Science)
    - Monash University, School of Computing, Australia
    - Research: Digital Design for FPGAs

#### About Me ...



- Industrial Experience
  - Project Engineer, KONE Elevators (1 yr)
  - Consultant for Gaming Companies (Summers)
- Teaching Experience
  - University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV)
  - 23 Years of teaching in Electrical and Computer Engg.
  - Adjunct Professor: Entertainment Engineering & Design
  - Coordinator: Minor in Unmanned Aircraft Systems
  - Course Taught
    - Undergraduate Courses:
      - Digital Logic Design (I&II) [I& Yr], Embedded Systems [3 Yr], Advanced Embedded Systems [4 Yr], VLSI Physical Design [4 yr], Mobile Robotics [4 Yr], <u>UAV Simulation & Testing</u> [4 Yr], etc.
    - Graduate Courses:
      - Advanced Embedded Systems [1 Yr], VLSI Physical Design [1 yr], Mobile Robotics [1 Yr], UAV Simulation & Testing [1 Yr], Optimization of Digital Systems [PhD], Advanced Logic Design [PhD]
    - International Programs:
      - Internet of Things (CNU) [3 yrs], Embedded Systems (CSUST) [2 yrs].

### Minor in Unmanned Aircraft Systems



- This minor program provides engineering and computer science undergraduate students with indepth knowledge and technical aspects of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS). The curriculum focuses on UAS applications in unmanned surveillance, data collection, and autonomous navigation. The curriculum consists of 9 credit hours of core courses plus 12 credit hours of specialized elective-tracks. The core courses include UAS technologies; UAS Privacy; UAS training and testing courses.
- 9 credit hours of core courses
  - EGG 270 Introduction to Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)
  - EGG 370 Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Testing
  - EGG 470 Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Applications

## **About UNLV**



• Established in 1957.



## About ECE @ UNLV ...



- The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering has 15 faculty members covering a wide range of modern engineering fields including wireless communication, system on chip, nanotechnology, renewable energy and sensor networks.
- The Department offers B.S. in Electrical Engineering, B.S. in Computer Engineering, M.S. in Electrical Engineering and Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering.
- College of Engineering = 2994 (UG) + 110 (MS) + 125 (PhD)
- Dept. of Electrical & Computer Engg:
  - 535 [191/344] (UG) + 110 (MS) + 125 (PhD)
- Accreditation:
  - ABET & NWCCU
- Faculties:
  - 3 Research Centers, 5 Research Laboratories, and 5 Teaching Laboratories.

# My Research ...



- Transportation
- Medical/Healthcare Systems
- Control Engineering
- Robotics
- UAV/UAS
- Internet of Things (IoT)
- Emergency Response Systems
- Solar Forecasting for PV Systems

#### Current Research on UAVs



UAV Swarms for data collection

Landing UAVs in uneven surface

Robotic operations in UAVs



