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- Dana Randall (PI), Jeremy England, Daniel Goldman, Todd Murphey, Andrea Richi, Michael Strano, Army Research Office: MURI: Formal Foundations of Algorithmic Matter and Emergent Computation, \$6,000,000, 07/2019-06/2026.
- Todd D. Murphey (PI, 50%), Brenna Argall (Co-PI, 50%). National Science Foundation—Cyber-Physical Systems: CPS: Medium: Information based Control of Cyber-Physical Systems operating in uncertain environments. \$896,000, 09/2018-08/2021.
- Todd Murphey (PI, 55%), Anant Mishra (Co-I, Siemens, 45%). DARPA-TTO: *Complete Fog-of-Force Control Using Swarms*, \$450,000, 03/2020-03/2021.
- Todd Murphey (PI, 55%), Anant Mishra (Co-I, Siemens, 45%). DARPA-TTO: *Interaction & Perception: Multi-Source Spectral Framework for Human-Swarm Collaboration*, \$450,000, 05/2019-01/2020.
- Todd D. Murphey (PI) and Xiaobo Tan. National Science Foundation—Information and Intelligent Systems: RI: Small: Collaborative Research: Information-driven Autonomous Exploration in Uncertain Underwater Environments. \$500,000, 09/2017-08/2021.
- Todd D. Murphey (PI). National Science Foundation—Civil and Mechanical Systems: Stability and Optimality Properties of Sequential Action Control for Nonlinear and Hybrid Systems. \$375,000, 08/2017-07/2021.
- Todd D. Murphey (PI). National Science Foundation–National Robotics Initiative: *Task-Based Assistance for Software-Enabled Biomedical Devices*. \$430,000, 09/2021-08/2021.
- Mitra Hartmann (PI), Todd Murphey, John Rudnicki, Sara Solla. National Institutes of Health: *Coding properties of Vibrissal-Responsive Trigeminal Ganglion Neurons*. \$1,800,000, 07/2015-06/2021.
- Todd D. Murphey (PI), Eva Kanso, Yasamin Mostofi, Evangelos Theodorou. Army Research Office: *Study Proposal:Transforming Terrestrial Agility At All Scales*. \$60,000.
- Todd D. Murphey. Army Research Office: *Ergodic Control for Optimal Information Acquisition*. \$360,000.
- Todd D. Murphey (PI, 50%), J. Edward Colgate (Co-PI, 50%). National Science Foundation—National Robotics Initiative: *Autonomous Synthesis of Haptic Languages*. \$585,000.
- Malcolm A. MacIver (PI, 40%), Michael Peshkin (Co-PI, 30%), Todd D. Murphey (Co-PI, 30%). Office of Naval Research: A Bio-Inspired Underwater Robot for Station Keeping with Omnidirectional Disturbances. \$1,000,000.
- Todd D. Murphey (PI, 35%), Brenna Argall (Co-PI, 35%), and Magnus Egerstedt (Co-PI, 30%). National Science Foundation—Cyber-Physical Systems: *Collaborative Research: Mutually stabilized correction in physical demonstration.* \$1,000,000.
- Todd D. Murphey (PI, 50%) and Melvin Leok (Co-PI, 50%). National Science Foundation—Civil and Mechanical Systems: *Ergodic Trajectories in Discrete Mechanics*. \$430,000.
- Todd D. Murphey. National Institute of Health–R24: *Exoskeleton Evaluation for Hemiplegia Therapy*. \$50,000.
- Todd D. Murphey. National Science Foundation—Civil and Mechanical Systems: *Physical Design and Feedback Control of Hybrid Mechanical Systems*. \$350,000.

- Kevin Lynch (PI), Brenna Argall, J. Edward Colgate, Todd D. Murphey, and Ying Wu (Co-PIs). National Science Foundation: *MRI: Equipment Development: Bimanual Robotic Manipulation and Sensory Workspace*. \$400,000.
- Todd D. Murphey (PI, 50%) and Kevin Lynch (Co-PI, 50%). National Science Foundation—Robust Intelligence: *Hierarchical Planning, Estimation, and Control for Hybrid Mechanical Systems.* \$450,000.
- W. Murray (PI, 50%), T. D. Murphey (Co-PI, 50%), National Institutes of Health: *Prosthesis Control by Forward Simulation of the Intact Biomedical System*. (Northwestern portion) \$550,000.
- Todd D. Murphey (Consultant to Kinea, 10%) DARPA: SBIR Phase I: Tactile Detection Robotic Hand System. Murphey's portion is \$10,000
- Todd D. Murphey (PI, 50%) and Magnus Egerstedt (Co-PI, 50%). National Science Foundation—CreativeIT: *Collaborative Research: Major: Puppet Choreography and Automated Marionettes.* \$800,000.
- Magnus Egerstedt (Co-PI, 50%) and Todd D. Murphey (PI, 50%). National Science Foundation–Software for Real-World Systems: *Collaborative Proposal:* Abstraction-Based Motion Programs for Complex, Interconnected Systems. \$450,000.
- Lucy Y. Pao (PI, 50%) and Todd D. Murphey (Co-PI, 50%). Air Force Research Laboratory: *Data Association and Sensor Management Algorithms for Tracking Applications*. \$250,000.
- Todd D. Murphey. National Science Foundation—Advanced Learning Technology: *Assessment of Controls Laboratory*. \$24,591.
- Todd D. Murphey. National Science Foundation–Civil and Mechanical Systems: *CAREER: Planning and Control for Overconstrained Mechanisms*. \$400,000.

#### TEACHING

#### **Teaching Highlights**

- Northwestern University Cole-Higgins Award for Excellence in Teaching (2015)
- Northwestern University Charles Deering McCormick Professor of Teaching Excellence (2014)
- Northwestern University Cole-Higgins Award for Excellence in Advising (2013)
- Participant in National Academy of Engineering Frontiers of Engineering Education Symposium (2009)

#### Coursera

2013-2014, www.coursera.org

• Created and taught course: *Everything Is The Same: Modeling Engineered Systems*; available at *http://www.coursera.org/course/modelsystems*.

### **International Centre for Mechanical Sciences (CISM)**

2013, Udine, Italy

• Lecturer for *Differential-Geometric Methods in Computational Multibody Systems*. (My portion of the lectures focused on engineering applications of structured integration and optimal control in the context of structured integration.)

# **Northwestern University**

2009-present, Evanston, IL

- Created and taught course: *Theory of Machines: Dynamics ME 314* (2009-present)
- Created and taught course: *Active Learning in Robotics, EA-3* (2018-present)

- Taught course: Systems Dynamics, EA-3 (2009-2019)
- Created and taught course: *Introduction to Optimal Control, ME 454* (2009-2017)
- Created and taught course: Stochastic Systems in Robotics (Spring, 2011)

# PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

#### **Service Highlights**

- Member: Air Force Scientific Advisory Board (2019-2021)
  - Chair for FY21 AFRL Autonomy and Artificial Intelligence review
  - Vice-Chair for FY20 AFRL-RH review
  - Co-Vice-Chair for FY20 study 21st Century Training and Education Technologies
- IEEE service
  - Vice President: IEEE RAS Publication Activities Board (2022-present)
  - Member: IEEE RAS Education Committee (2021-present)
  - Member: IEEE RAS Section Chapter of the Year Award committee (2021)
  - Member: IEEE RAS ad hoc Committee to Explore Synergies in Automation and Robotics (CESAR) (2021-present)
  - Senior Editor for *IEEE Transactions on Robotics* (2014-2018)
  - Associate Editor for *IEEE Transactions on Automation Science and Engineering* (2010-2014)
  - Associate Editor for *IEEE Transactions on Robotics* (2008-2012)
- Member: National Academies / National Research Council Committee on Counter-Unmanned Aircraft System (CUAS) Capability for Battalion-and-Below Operations (2016-2018)
- Presenter for Coalition for the National Science Foundation (CNSF) Capitol Hill Exhibition (2017)
- Member: Northwestern University Task Force on the Undergraduate Academic Experience (2015)
- Defense Science Study Group (DSSG)—one of fifteen scientists/engineers nationwide selected to participate in the DARPA/IDA DSSG for the two year program in 2014-2015
- Invited speaker on Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) in universities for National Academy of Engineering Frontiers of Engineering Education Symposium in 2013

# **University Service**

- Segal Fellow
- Member: RAC Retail Robotics Advisory Board
- Chair: Northwestern University Faculty Distance Learning Workgroup (2015 2018)
- Director and Co-Founder of Master of Science in Robotics Program (2013-present)
- Member: Northwestern University Segal Design Institute Research Council
- Member: Feinberg School of Medicine DPT/PhD T32 Steering Committee
- Participant in Kellogg School of Management Executive Education 2013 Program *Management Skills for Innovative University Leaders*.

#### **External Service**

- Associate Editor for *Robotica* (2007-2011)
- Conference Organization
  - Local Arrangements Chair for the 2014 *IEEE International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*

- Publication Chair for the 2010 *IEEE International Conference on Automation Science and Engineering (CASE)*
- Co-Organizer (with Greg Chirikjian, Howie Choset, and Marco Morales) of 2008 *Workshop on the Algorithmic Foundations of Robotics (WAFR)*
- Workshop Organization
  - Co-Organizer (with Aleksandra Kalinowska, Deepak Gopinath, Mahdieh Nejati, Katarina Popovic, and Brenna Argall) of 2020 RSS workshop: AI and Its Alternatives in Assistive and Collaborative Robotics
  - Co-Organizer (with Aleksandra Kalinowska, Alexander Broad, Brenna Argall, and Adam Zoss) of 2019 RSS workshop: AI and Its Alternatives for Shared Autonomy in Assistive and Collaborative Robotics.
  - Member of advisory committee for 2017 *Midwest Workshop on Controls and Game Theory*
  - Co-Organizer (with Ken Goldberg, Vijay Kumar, and Frank van der Stappen) of 2009 RSS *Workshop on Algorithmic Automation*
  - Co-Chair (with Ken Goldberg, Jean-Paul Laumond, and Vijay Kumar) of CASE 2008 workshop: *Workshop on Algorithmic Automation*
  - Co-Organizer (with Vijay Kumar) of ICRA 2008 workshop: *Contact Models for Manipulation and Locomotion*
  - Co-Organizer (with Francisco Valero-Cuevas and Yoky Matsuoka) of ICRA 2008 workshop: *Is human-like dextrous manipulation within our robotic grasp?*
- Participant in the National Science Foundation and Computing Community Consortium (CCC) Workshop on Robotics in Manufacturing and Automation
- Conference Program committees
  - 2020 Int. Conference for Biomedical Robotics and Biomechatronics: Editor
  - 2020 Workshop on the Algorithmic Foundations of Robotics
  - 2020 Robotics: Science and Systems
  - 2017 Robotics: Science and Systems: Area Chair
  - 2016 Robotics: Science and Systems: Area Chair
  - 2016 Workshop on the Algorithmic Foundations of Robotics
  - 2015 IFAC Conference on Analysis and Design of Hybrid Systems
  - 2012 Workshop on the Algorithmic Foundations of Robotics
  - 2009 Robotics: Science and Systems
  - 2008 Hybrid Systems: Computation and Control
  - 2008 Robotics: Science and Systems
  - 2008 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation
  - 2008 IEEE Conference on Automation Science and Engineering
  - 2007 IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems
  - 2007 International Conference on Advanced Robotics
  - 2007 International Conference on Networked Robots
  - 2007 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation
  - 2006 IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems
  - 2006 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation
  - 2005 Robotics: Science and Systems
  - 2005 IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems
  - 2001 IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems
- Other Conference Committees (primarily IEEE conference committees for best paper awards over the years)

- National Science Foundation Panelist for programs ranging from control, education, robotics, cyberphysical systems, and others 2006-2017
- Member, IEEE, ASME, and AAAS

### STUDENTS AND POSTDOCS ADVISED

- Postdocs
  - Dr. Gerardo de la Torre, now at Northrop Grumman
  - Dr. Kathrin Flaßkamp, was a Postdoctoral Researcher at the University of Bremen, now a professor at Saarbrücken University
  - Dr. David Pekarek, now a senior scientist at Data Tactics
  - Dr. Benjamin Tovar, now a Research Software Engineer at Notre Dame
- Ph.D. Students
  - Brian Shucker (CS at University of Colorado), 2006 Ph.D. thesis: *Control of Distributed Robotic Macrosensors*, was at MIT Lincoln Laboratories, now at TALOS robotics.
  - Matt Travers, 2011 Ph.D. thesis: *Impulse Smoothing for Data Association*, now a Systems Scientist at Carnegie Mellon University.
  - Elliot Johnson, 2012 Ph.D. thesis: Trajectory Optimization and Regulation for Constrained Discrete Mechanical Systems, now at the Southwester Research Institute.
  - Elizabeth Jochum (Performance Studies at the University of Colorado), 2013 Ph.D. thesis: *Deux Ex Machina: Towards an Aesthetics of Autonomous and Semi-Autonomous Machines*, now an Associate Professor at Aalborg University.
  - Tim Caldwell, 2013 Ph.D. thesis: *Iterative Methods in Switched System Optimal Control*, postdoc at the University of Colorado at Boulder 2013-2015, Zoox 2015-present.
  - Vlad Seghete, 2014 Ph.D. thesis: Numerical Methods for Simulation and Control of Impacting Mechanical Systems. IDEO after DataScope Analytics 2014-present.
  - Jarvis Schultz, 2014 Ph.D. thesis: *Discrete Mechanics Computation for Real-Time Embedded Control*, Northwestern University 2014-2019, AZEVTEC 2019-present.
  - Andrew Wilson 2015 Ph.D. thesis: *Information-based Trajectory Optimization for Active Estimation in Mechanical Systems*, Intuitive Surgical 2015-present.
  - Alex Ansari, 2015 Ph.D. thesis: Sequential Action Control: Closed-Form Optimal Feedback for Nonlinear and Hybrid Systems. Postdoc at Carnegie Mellon University 2015-2017, Uber ATG 2017-2021, Cruise 2021-present.
  - Lauren Miller, 2015 Ph.D. thesis: Optimal Ergodic Control for Active Search and Information Acquisition. Postdoc at UC Berkeley 2015-2016. Now at Boston Dynamics, after Marble, after HERE.
  - Anastasia Mavrommati, 2017 Ph.D. thesis: *Real-Time Algorithms for Symbol-Based Automation*. Schlumberger-Doll Research 2017-2020; Mathworks 2020-present.
  - Emmanouil Tzorakoleftherakis, 2017 Ph.D. thesis: *Stable Control Synthesis for Human-in-the-Loop Systems*. Mathworks 2017-present.

- Ian Abraham, 2020 Ph.D. thesis: *Optimal Experimental Learning and Infinite Linear Embeddings*. Belytschko Outstanding Research Award in Mechanical Engineering, Northwestern University (2021); Postdoctoral fellow at Carnegie Mellon University (2020-2021); Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Yale University (2022-present).
- Ahalya Prabhakar, 2020 Ph.D. thesis: *Communicating and Modeling Information through Motion*. Postdoctoral fellow at EPFL, Switzerland, 2020-present.
- Kathleen Fitzsimons, 2020 Ph.D. thesis: *Motion as an Information Signal in Physical Human-Robot Interaction*. Assistant Professor, Pennsylvania State University 2020-present.
- Rebecca Abbott (ME/Physical Therapy at Northwestern University, co-advised with Prof. James Elliot.) 2021 Ph.D. thesis: Active Model-Based Inference for Muscle Strength Diagnostics.
- Giorgos Mamakoukas, 2021 Ph.D. thesis: *Real-Time Safe Control for Model-Based and Data-Driven Robotics*. Motional 2021-present.
- Ana Pervan, 2021 Ph.D. thesis: *Co-Design of Bodies and Strategies*. Wayve 2021-present.
- Taosha Fan, 2022 Ph.D. thesis: Efficient and Guaranteed Geometric Methods for Motion Generation and Perception. Meta (Facebook) Artificial Intelligence Research 2022-present.
- Aleksandra (Ola) Kalinowska
- Thomas Berrueta
- Millicent Schlafly
- Annalisa Taylor
- Katarina Popovic
- Kyra Rudy
- Allison Pinosky
- Muchen Sun
- Jake Ketchum
- Joel Meyer
- Jonathan Bosnich
- Undergraduate and MS Students
  - Kirk Nichols (ECE at University of Colorado)
  - Corrina Gibson (Aerospace at University of Colorado)
  - Matanya Horowitz (ECE at University of Colorado)
  - Yoke Peng Leong
  - Katy Powers
  - Henry Hung
  - Camaria Lehman (BME at Northwestern University)
  - Elliot Hevel

- Scott Beck
- Vismaya Walawalker
- Samuel Donis
- Alex Samland
- Christopher Kim
- Andrew Kim
- Won Hee Jenny Kim
- Karalyn Baird
- Muchen Sun
- Wu Di
- Maurice Rahme (MSR at Northwestern University)
- Joshua Cohen (MSR at Northwestern University)
- Visiting Students
  - Amy LaViers (Georgia Institute of Technology, USA)
  - Rowland O'Flaherty (Georgia Institute of Technology, USA)
  - Kathrin Flasskamp (Univ. of Paderborn, Germany)
  - Peter Kingston (Georgia Institute of Technology, USA)

# EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES

- Consultant for HDT for SOCOM TALOS exoskeleton project (2016-2017)
- Member of Nousot Scientific Advisory Board (2017-2021)