

# Remembering John N. Chiasson

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The first time I heard the name **John Chiasson** was in the late 1980s when I was a PhD student in the Control Sciences and Dynamical Systems program at the U of Minnesota.

John had received his PhD a couple of years before I arrived at the University of Minnesota, but I learned about him from my fellow students. Additionally, I took courses from Professor E. B. Lee, John's PhD adviser; some of the course material consisted of papers published from John's dissertation.

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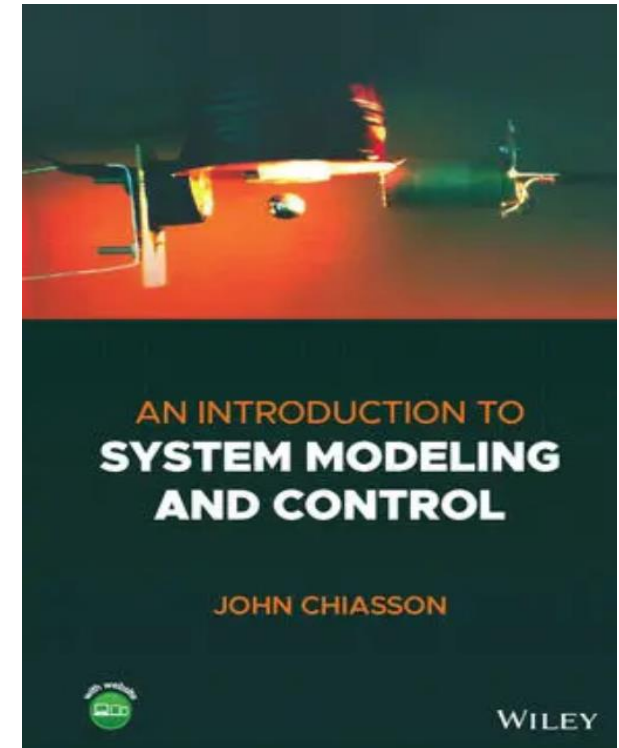
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John has made numerous significant contributions to the Time Delay Systems area during the first half of his academic career. This subject also falls into my general research interests. So, we would see each other frequently in workshops and conferences until I moved to Turkey in the 2000s; around the same time, John was focusing on the control of electric machines.

It was a nice surprise for both of us to see each other last July in Toronto at the 2024 American Control Conference after about 15 years. When he was on sabbatical leave at Sabanci U, in Istanbul, we invited him to give a seminar at Bilkent in December. I was his host.

He gave a wonderful talk on *fundamental issues in control design*, from his most recent book....

All the students and faculty who met him are greatly impressed by the clarity of his presentation and how he delivers technically difficult material with ease, making relevant connections to real-life problems.



Sadly, this was our last communication. May his soul rest in peace.

