

# CRISTIAN LACEY

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## Education

### Princeton University

PH.D. IN MECHANICAL AND AEROSPACE ENGINEERING, ADVISOR: **MICHAEL E. MUELLER**, GPA: **4.00/4.00**

Princeton, NJ

Expected May 2023

### The Cooper Union

B.E. IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, GPA: **3.98/4.00**

New York, NY

May 2018

## Honors

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| 2019 | <b>Sayre Award for Academic Excellence</b> , Highest ranking graduate student after first year.           | Princeton University |
| 2019 | <b>Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship</b> , Competitive second-year fellowship.         | Princeton University |
| 2018 | <b>Gordon Y. S. Wu Fellowship in Engineering</b> , Competitive first-year fellowship.                     | Princeton University |
| 2018 | <b>Henri D. Dickinson Award</b> , Highest cumulative ranking upon graduation.                             | The Cooper Union     |
| 2018 | <b>Alexander C. Grove Memorial Prize</b> , For scholarship, personal integrity, and professional promise. | The Cooper Union     |
| 2018 | <b>The Mechanical Engineering Design Prize</b> , For excellence in mechanical design.                     | The Cooper Union     |
| 2016 | <b>Tyler G. Hicks Mechanical Engineering Prize</b> , For academic achievement during the first two years. | The Cooper Union     |
| 2015 | <b>Howard Silfin Mechanical Engineering Internship Award</b> , For ability to conduct quality research.   | The Cooper Union     |
| 2014 | <b>Half-tuition scholarship</b> , Merit scholarship for all four years.                                   | The Cooper Union     |

## Conference Presentations

- Lacey, C.E., Novoselov, A.G., Mueller, M.E., In-Situ Adaptive Manifolds: Enabling simulations of complex turbulent reacting flows, 72nd Annual Meeting of the APS Division of Fluid Dynamics, Seattle, WA, November 23-26, 2019.
- Novoselov, A.G., Lacey, C.E., Mueller, M.E., Large Eddy Simulations of turbulent flames using two-dimensional reduced-order manifold models, 72nd Annual Meeting of the APS Division of Fluid Dynamics, Seattle, WA, November 23-26, 2019.
- Wei, H., Bianco, V., Lacey, C.E., Trubatch, A.D., Yecko, P.A., Experimental quantification of volume loss rate and flow dynamics due to a magnetically localized fluid region in a laboratory model blood vessel flow (Poster), 12th International Conference on the Scientific and Clinical Applications of Magnetic Carriers, Copenhagen, DK, May 22-26, 2018.

## Research

### High-Fidelity Manifold Modeling of Turbulent Combustion

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Princeton, NJ

Jan. 2019 - Present

- Integrating in situ adaptive tabulation (ISAT) algorithm into multi-modal manifold modeling code, enabling more efficient on-the-fly lookups and less computationally expensive turbulent combustion simulations.
- Simulating multiple nonpremixed and partially premixed jet configurations to determine regimes of applicability of different physically-derived reduced-order (PDRs) manifold models.
- Conducting scaling analysis with and without ISAT implementation.
- Validating results by comparing with experimental data.

### Magnetic Nanoparticle Feedback Control System

THE COOPER UNION

New York, NY

Sept. 2017 - May 2018

- Investigated using a magnetic control system to direct drug-coated magnetic nanoparticles to disease targets, increasing the effectiveness of treatments like chemotherapy while decreasing the side-effects.
- Designed and constructed an experimental setup comprising a closed-loop flow channel, nanoparticle cluster, webcam, stepper motors, and electromagnets on rails.
- Wrote a Python program using OpenCV to track the location of a nanoparticle cluster in real-time.
- Programmed an Arduino to actuate stepper motors and vary electromagnet strength in feedback control loop.

## Employment

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### Smith Engineering, PLLC

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New York, NY

May 2017 - Apr. 2018

- Trained predictive models in Microsoft Azure Machine Learning Studio.
- Integrated machine learning models with a local PI database using Python and API requests.
- Prepared screens in PI Vision for real-time data visualization.
- Wrote Python programs to scrape data using API requests and WebDrivers.
- Built Con Edison electric and steam rate structures in MATLAB.

## Projects

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### Genetic Algorithm for Structural Design and Topological Optimization

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Princeton, NJ

Nov. 2018 - Jan. 2019

- Developed a Python package that employs a genetic algorithm to optimize truss structures.
- Versioned with Git and coordinated with team to proactively avoid merge conflicts.
- Leveraged Coveralls and Codacy for code coverage evaluations and linting.
- Generated automatic documentation with Sphinx and Read the Docs.

### Analysis and Design of a Wind Turbine Tower

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New York, NY

Oct. 2017 - Nov. 2017

- Designed wind turbine tower to satisfy strength and deflection specifications.
- Modeled tower geometry in SolidWorks.
- Meshed solid geometry in ANSYS Meshing.
- Simulated design in ANSYS APDL and Workbench.
- Documented results in final report and delivered presentation.

### CFD Analysis and Design of a Turbojet Compressor

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New York, NY

Apr. 2017 - May 2017

- Designed compressor stage of a turbojet engine to satisfy pressure and compression ratio specifications.
- Modeled compressor geometry in BladeGen and SolidWorks.
- Meshed solid geometry in HyperMesh and ANSYS Meshing.
- Simulated design transiently in ANSYS Fluent and performed post-processing in CFD-Post.
- Documented results in final report and delivered presentation.

## Skills

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**Software** ANSYS Fluent, ANSYS APDL, HyperMesh, SolidWorks, AutoCAD, MATLAB.

**Languages** Python, C, Fortran.

**Tools** Make, Git, Mercurial, UNIX command-line,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ .

**IoT** Raspberry Pi, Arduino.

## Memberships

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**Honor Societies** Tau Beta Pi.

**Professional Associations** APS DFD, ASME.