# David Philip Larson

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#### EDUCATION

# University of California, San Diego

Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering

2012-present

- Advisor: Carlos F.M. Coimbra

# University of California, Merced

B.S. in Mechanical Engineering

2008 - 2012

- Dean's Undergraduate Research Scholarship (2008–2009)
- Dean's Honor List (Fall 2008, Fall 2011)

#### CITIZENSHIP

U.S.

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

#### Lab Manager, Coimbra Group

2012-present

University of California, San Diego

- Automated detection of remote instrument failures
- Implemented centralized version control for all projects
- Deployed irradiance and weather sensor systems at UCSD and Folsom, CA
- Manage group information infrastructure (computers, servers, databases)
- Oversee research lab safety (15+ personnel)

### Graduate Student Researcher, Coimbra Group

2012-present

University of California, San Diego

- Developing forecasting methods for chaotic time series

### Visiting UC LEADS Scholar, Animal Flight Lab

Summer 2011

 $University\ of\ California,\ Berkeley$ 

- Host Program: Cal NERDS
- Investigated effects of turbulent flow on hummingbird kinematics and metabolism
- Developed Particle Image Velocimetry (PIV) data analysis scripts for turbulent flow

### UC LEADS Scholar, Coimbra Group

Summer 2010

University of California, Merced

- Investigated aerodynamic trends of flapping flight

#### Lab Manager, Coimbra Group

2010-2012

University of California, Merced

- Deployed irradiance and weather sensor systems in CA (Merced, Berkeley, Davis) and WA (Bellingham)
- Manage group information infrastructure (computers, servers, databases)
- Oversaw research lab safety (10+ personnel)

#### Undergraduate Student Researcher, Coimbra Group

2009-2012

University of California, Merced

- Tested long term degradation of anti-dust glass coating for solar panels
- Analyzed animal flight data to determine underlying aerodynamic trends

### Undergraduate Student Researcher, Hirst Group

2008-2009

University of California, Merced

- Investigged phase separation in lipid tubules

TECHNICAL SKILLSETS	<ul> <li>Software</li> <li>Languages: Python, Matlab, Mathematica, UNIX Shell</li> <li>Version Control: Git</li> <li>TeX: LaTeX, Bibtex</li> <li>CAD: Pro/ENGINEER, Autodesk Inventor</li> </ul>	
	Rapid Prototyping - Machining: mill, lathe, and drill press machining - 3D printing	
	<ul><li>Instrumentation</li><li>Irradiance and weather sensors</li><li>PIV: high speed cameras, q-switched lasers, wind tunnels</li></ul>	
	Operating Systems - OS X, Linux, Windows	
Awards	<ul> <li>Innovate to Grow Competition</li> <li>1st Place (tied) People's Choice</li> <li>Entry Title: Harvesting Energy from Irrigation Canals</li> <li>Authors: D.P. Larson, D. Leong, S. Fleming, S. Isaiah</li> </ul>	May 2012
	Distributed Power Generation Project - Sponsors: ESW, SunEdison/MEMC, Autodesk - Entry Title: Solar Powered Cargo Ship - Funding Amount: \$8150	2011
	CITRIS Big Idea Competition - Honorable Mention - Entry Title: Distributed Computing for Open Access Solar Forecastin - Authors: R. Marquez, D.P. Larson, H.T.C. Pedro - Award Amount: \$1000	Apr 2010
	ASME Old Guard Oral Presentation Competition - 5th Place, District D - Entry Title: Distributed Computing for Open Access Solar Forecastin	Apr 2010
Professional Memberships	American Society of Mechanical Engineers Student Member	2009-present
	Engineers for a Sustainable World Student Member	2011–present

- Developed prototype printable RF-ID tag for tracking of dragonflies

2007-2008

 ${\bf Lab}\ {\bf Assistant},\ {\rm MEMS}\ {\rm Lab}$ 

University of California, Santa Cruz