

# GWENDOLYN J. CHEE

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## EDUCATION

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| PhD  | <b>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</b><br>Nuclear, Plasma and Radiological Engineering<br>Graduate Concentration: Computational Science and Engineering<br><i>Research focus: Leveraging Machine Learning for Generative Reactor Designs</i> | 2019 - Present |
| MS   | <b>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</b><br>Nuclear, Plasma and Radiological Engineering<br><i>Thesis: Sensitivity Analysis of Nuclear Fuel Cycle Transitions</i>  | 2017 - 2019    |
| BASc | <b>Queen's University at Kingston, Canada</b><br>Engineering Physics, Material Science focus<br><i>Thesis: Designing a System to Gaseous Hydrogen Charge Zirconium Alloys</i>   | 2013 - 2017    |

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| <b>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</b><br><i>Research Assistant, Advanced Reactors and Fuel Cycles</i><br>Advisor: Professor Kathryn D. Huff<br>Developed demand-driven deployment algorithms for CYCLUS, and coupled CYCLUS with Dakota to perform sensitivity analysis on nuclear fuel cycle transitions. Currently working on leveraging genetic algorithms to optimize Fluoride-salt High-temperature Reactor designs. | 2017 - Present<br><i>Urbana, IL</i> |
| <b>Argonne National Laboratory</b><br><i>Research Aide</i><br>Advisor: Dr. Bo Feng<br>Coupled Dymond with Dakota to perform sensitivity analysis on nuclear fuel cycle transitions.   | Summer 2019<br><i>Lemont, IL</i>    |
| <b>Queen's University at Kingston</b><br><i>Research Assistant, Nuclear Materials Research Group</i><br>Advisor: Professor Mark Daymond<br>Designed a Sieverts Apparatus to gaseously charge hydrogen gas into zirconium alloys to mimic hydrogen embrittlement of zirconium alloys used in nuclear reactors.   | 2016 - 2017<br><i>Kingston, ON</i>  |
| <b>National University of Singapore</b><br><i>Research Assistant, Centre for Advanced 2D Materials</i><br>Advisor: Professor Jens Martin<br>Developed a MATLAB script to study the effect of Berry Curvature on electrons in graphene and the effects of changing the geometry of graphene devices on their electric fields.  | Summer 2016<br><i>Singapore</i>     |
| <b>Nanyang Technological University</b><br><i>Research Assistant, Polymeric Biomaterials Group</i><br>Conducted experiments to characterize nanoparticle enhanced polymer materials to determine the material combination that best increases the mechanical properties of biodegradable heart stents.  | Summer 2015<br><i>Singapore</i>     |

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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| <b>U.S. Women in Nuclear</b><br><i>President</i><br>Leads the UIUC WiN chapter to uplift the mission of professional development, educational outreach, and a sense of community amongst our members (WiN CV). | 2018 - Present<br><i>Urbana, IL</i> |
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## ANS Student Conference 2021

Technical Subcommittee Chair

Works with the Technical Co-Chair to process student abstracts, and organize technical workshops, panels, and sessions.

2019 - Present

Urbana, IL

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Teaching Assistant, NPPE Department

NPPE 412, Nuclear Power Economics and Fuel Management

Spring 2020

Urbana, IL

### Queen's University at Kingston

Teaching Assistant, Physics Department

Conducted weekly help sessions for students who required extra guidance in first year physics courses (PHYS 104/106).

2015 - 2017

Kingston, ON

## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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- [1] Jin Whan Bae, Andrei Rykhleskii, Gwendolyn J. Chee, and Kathryn D. Huff. Deep Learning Approach to Nuclear Fuel Transmutation in a Fuel Cycle Simulator. *Annals of Nuclear Energy*, 2020. [github.com/jbae11/depletion\\_rom](https://github.com/jbae11/depletion_rom)

## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

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- [1] Gwendolyn Chee, Jin Whan Bae, Kathryn D. Huff, Robert R. Flanagan, and Roberto Fairhurst. Demonstration of Demand-Driven Deployment Capabilities in Cyclus. In *Proceedings of Global/Top Fuel 2019*, Seattle, WA, United States, September 2019. American Nuclear Society
- [2] Gwendolyn J. Chee and Kathryn D. Huff. Simulation of Spent Nuclear Fuel loading into a Final Waste Repository. In *WM Symposia 2019 Proceedings*, Phoenix, AZ, April 2019. Roy G. Post Foundation
- [3] Gwendolyn Chee, Gyutae Park, and Kathryn D. Huff. Validation of Spent Nuclear Fuel Output by Cyclus, a Fuel Cycle Simulator Code. In *Proceedings of the American Nuclear Society Winter Meeting 2018*, Orlando, FL, November 2018. American Nuclear Society
- [4] Gwendolyn Chee, Jin Whan Bae, and Kathryn D. Huff. Numerical Experiments for testing Demand-Driven Deployment Algorithms. In *Proceedings of the American Nuclear Society 2018 National Student Conference*, Gainesville, FL, United States, April 2018. American Nuclear Society

## TECHNICAL REPORTS

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- [5] Gwendolyn Chee, Roberto Fairhurst, and Kathryn Huff. Transition Scenario Demonstrations of CYCAMORE Demand Driven Deployment Capabilities. Technical Report UIUC-ARFC-2019-03, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL, June 2019

## SELECTED AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

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Women in Nuclear Chapter Excellence Award

Queens University Deans Scholar

2019

2014-2017

## SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING SKILLS

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| <b>Languages</b>        | bash, Python, C++, XML, HTML  |
| <b>Build Systems</b>    | make, cmake   |
| <b>Meshing Software</b> | Trelis, FreeCAD   |
| <b>Databases</b>        | SQL, hdf5   |
| <b>Test Frameworks</b>  | nose, pytest  |
| <b>Other Tools</b>      | L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Mathematica, Jupyter, MatLab, Dakota, CUDA |
| <b>Nuclear Software</b> | CYCLUS, PyNE, Serpent   |