

# GWENDOLYN J. CHEE

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## EDUCATION

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PhD	<b>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</b> Nuclear, Plasma and Radiological Engineering Graduate Concentration: Computational Science and Engineering <i>Research focus: Leveraging Machine Learning for Generative Reactor Designs</i>	2019 - Present
MS	<b>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</b> Nuclear, Plasma and Radiological Engineering <i>Thesis: Sensitivity Analysis of Nuclear Fuel Cycle Transitions</i>	2017 - 2019
BASc	<b>Queen's University at Kingston, Canada</b> Engineering Physics, Material Science focus <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> <i>Research Assistant, Advanced Reactors and Fuel Cycles</i> Advisor: Professor Kathryn D. Huff 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 <i>Urbana, IL</i>
<b>Argonne National Laboratory</b> <i>Research Aide</i> Advisor: Dr. Bo Feng Coupled Dymond with Dakota to perform sensitivity analysis on nuclear fuel cycle transitions.	Summer 2019 <i>Lemont, IL</i>
<b>Queen's University at Kingston</b> <i>Research Assistant, Nuclear Materials Research Group</i> Advisor: Professor Mark Daymond 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 <i>Kingston, ON</i>
<b>National University of Singapore</b> <i>Research Assistant, Centre for Advanced 2D Materials</i> Advisor: Professor Jens Martin 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 <i>Singapore</i>
<b>Nanyang Technological University</b> <i>Research Assistant, Polymeric Biomaterials Group</i> 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 <i>Singapore</i>

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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<b>U.S. Women in Nuclear</b> <i>President</i> 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 <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, NPRE Department

NPRE 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, OpenMC