# Nathan Gray

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Cyber-Physical Power System Modeling – Distributed Optimization – Microgrid Control

## EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering, Washington State University

Pullman, WA

Advisor: Dr. Anjan Bose

In Progress

Engineer-in-Training (EIT), Washington State

2017

Bachelor Of Science in Engineering, Walla Walla University

Colleg Place, WA

Electrical Engineering with Global Humanitarian Emphasis

June 2017

Magna Cum Laude

## SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, Matlab, C/C++, C#, Julia

Research Tools: GridLAB-D, OpenDSS, ns-3, HELICS, CVXPY, SciPy, Pandas, Plotly Dash, Git, LaTeX

# Work Experience

## Washington State University

Pullman, WA

Research Assistant and Ph.D. Student

Aug 2018—Present

- Developed Cyber-Physical Multi-Agent Co-Simulation Platform with HELICS, GridLAB-D, ns-3, and Python.
- Developed a Python package for asymetric three-phase optimal power flow using the linear branch flow model with support for OpenDSS models.
- Modeled and simulated cyber-physical systems.
- Studied distributed and decentralized algorithms for distribution system optimization and resiliency under adverse communication conditions.
- Tested algorithms for distributed and decentralized control of microgrids to prevent voltage collapse.

#### Key Technology

Walla Walla, WA

Electrical Engineer—Hardware and Reliability

Mar 2018—Jul 2018

- Troubleshoot circuit boards and other problems
- Plan for replacement of obsolete parts
- Design test fixture
- Write test procedures
- Work with team of interdisciplinary Engineers

## Key Technology

Walla Walla, WA

Assembly Technician—Testing and troubleshooting new machines before shipping

Aug 2017-Feb 2018

#### ANR Group Inc (assigned to CHPRC)

Richland, WA

Intern Electrical Engineer in support of 100K Area Facility Engineering

Jun 2016—Sep 2016

- Completed and submitted CHPRC Engineering Change Request package
  - \* Used AutoCAD to create drawing to fully describe the system
  - \* Updated existing engineering documentation for affected systems
  - st Consulted with Electrical and Operations Managers to ensure a practical design
  - \* Carefully studied the National Electrical Code and applied it in designs
- Analyzed facility electrical system to update SKM model for arc flash energy calculations

## Volunteer Experience

## Engineers Without Borders WWU Local Project Team

Mentor

College Place, WA

2023—Present

- Provide management and technical advise to student leader.

## Engineers Without Borders WSU Project Team

Electrical Engineer

Pullman, WA

2018-2019

- Design for solar-powered water pump system for off-grid community in Panama.
- Construction of solar and electrical systems on site.
- Technical support following installation.

#### Engineers Without Borders WWU International Project Team

College Place, WA

Electrical Engineer/Lead Electrical Engineer

Sep 2015—Jun 2017

- Used AutoCAD to draft designs for home solar PV systems for a remote community in Peru.
- Trained Community Members to use and maintain their PV systems.
- Research and design for micro-hydro based mini-grid.
- Modeled loads and AC distribution grid characteristics.

# Research Projects

Spokane Connected Communities Project; Edo Energy, Avista, McKinstry, PNNL, Urbanova

Objective: Demonstrate non-wires solutions by creating virtual power plants from existing buildings.

Grid Data Transport Analysis Framework (GDTAF); PNNL, Supported by the Department of Energy (DOE)

Objective: Coordination of power system and communication system planning.

CITADELS; PNNL, Supported by the Department of Energy (DOE)

Objective: Utilize distribution system assets to support grid resiliency.

Clean Energy Fund 2 (CEF2); Avista Utilities, Supported by the Wasington Clean Energy Fund

Objective Demonstrate benefits of Avista's shared energy economy model.

Clean Energy and Transactive Campus (CETC); PNNL, Supported by the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Washington Clean Energy Fund (CEF)

Objective: Optimization of building energy loads and renewable energy with energy markets.

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- [10] S. Szablya, G. Goldsmith, K. Allen, and N. Gray, "A Water System Using a DC Pump for Remote Solar Installations", in 2019 IEEE Global Humanitarian Technology Conference (GHTC), Seattle, WA, USA: IEEE, Oct. 2019, pp. 1–1, ISBN: 978-1-72811-780-5.