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EDUCATION

B.S. with Distinction, Cornell University, Operations Research and Industrial Engineering, 1986

Ph.D., Cornell University, Civil and Environmental Engineering, 1995

Post-doctoral research associate, University of Vermont, Research Center for Groundwater Remediation Design, 1995 – 1996

Future Thinking leadership development program, [Center for Authentic Leadership](#), 2007-2010

[Committee on Institutional Cooperation \(CIC\) Academic Leadership Program](#), 2009-10

HONORS AND AWARDS

1998	National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Award
1999-2000	National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA) Faculty Fellow
2000	Army Young Investigator Award
2000	Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists & Engineers (PECASE)
2001-2002	Center for Advanced Study Fellow
2001-present	Arthur and Virginia Nauman Faculty Scholar
2003	Fellow, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Invitation Fellowship Program
2003	American Society of Civil Engineers Walter L. Huber Civil Engineering Research Prize
2005	ASCE Environmental and Water Resources Institute (EWRI) Outstanding Achievement Award
2006	Xerox Award for Faculty Research
2008-2011	University Scholar
2012	EWRI Service to the Profession Award

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Developing innovative systems approaches to improve sustainability and resilience of coupled human and natural systems. Current projects focus on coupling machine learning with heterogeneous sensor data and advanced information technology to address green stormwater infrastructure design, integrated water cycle engineering, combined sewer overflows, hypoxia, and flooding and droughts.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2006-present	Professor , Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
1999-present	Faculty Affiliate , National Center for Supercomputing Applications, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
2010-present	President , Joyful U, Inc.
2008-2011	Associate Provost Fellow , Office of the Provost, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
2005-2007	President , Hazard Management Systems, Inc.
2002-2006	Associate Professor , Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

- 1996-2002 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- 1988-1990 **Environmental Policy Analyst and Work Assignment Manager**, Wade Miller Associates, Arlington, VA
- 1986-1988 **Environmental Policy Analyst**, ICF Incorporated, Fairfax, VA

MAJOR LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

- *Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE):*
 - Founding Co-Coordinator, Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure Systems Program (2011-13): Created governance structure to serve as a model for cross-disciplinary programs, new MS and PhD programs, global leaders program, and new courses integrating sustainability and resilience into CEE planning, design, and management.
 - Chair, Global and Multidisciplinary Committee (2010): Created multidisciplinary and global learning outcomes, new multidisciplinary and global faculty awards and fellows, a new program in Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure Systems, a new primary specialty in Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure Systems, and three new secondary specialties in Sustainability, CEE in a Global Context, and Custom Multidisciplinary.
- *Campus:*
 - Associate Provost Fellow: Led the creation of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Sustainability Initiative vision, implementation plan, and curriculum development program (<http://sustainability.illinois.edu>), 2008-11. After completing the 3-year Fellow term, continued to advise on sustainability activities and lead initiatives on community sustainability partnerships for research, education, and public engagement, 2011-13.
- *National:*
 - Principal Investigator (PI) and co-PI of the National Science Foundation (NSF)-funded WATERS Network Project Office (<http://watersnet.org>), 2005-10. National science plan evaluated by the National Research Council led to creation of a new \$26 million/year NSF program on Water Sustainability and Climate.
 - American Society of Civil Engineers:
 - Founding Chair, Task Committee on Performance-Based Sustainable Design of Water Resources Infrastructure (2011-present)
 - Secretary, Environmental Sensing and Cyber-infrastructure: Technologies and Applications (2011-12). Also control group member, 2010-11.
 - Chair, Environmental and Water Resource Systems Committee (2005-6). Also secretary (2003-4), Vice-Chair (2004-5), Past-Chair (2006-7).
 - Founding Chair, Task Committee on Long-Term Groundwater Monitoring (2000-2003). Awarded EWRI Outstanding Achievement Award.
 - Control Group Member, Evolutionary Computation Task Committee (2003-6)
 - Associate Editor, Water Resources Research (2002-4)

BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- The Joyful Professor: How to Shift From Surviving to Thriving in the Faculty Life*, Henschel Haus Publishing Inc., 2010.
- Minsker, Barbara S., "Genetic Algorithms," in *Hydroinformatics: Data Integrative Approaches in Computation, Analysis, and Modeling*, ed. Praveen Kumar, CRC Press, ISBN 0849328942, 2005.

PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS

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COURSES TAUGHT

CEE 201: Planning, Design, and Management of Civil Engineering Systems. Introduction to the formulation and solution of civil engineering systems problems. Major topics are engineering economics, mathematical modeling, and optimization.

CEE 434: Environmental Systems Analysis I. Examination of principles of environmental engineering design: applications to mathematical methods, including single and multi-objective programming, to environmental systems; economic analysis, including benefit-cost; and policy and management strategies.

CEE 498 BSM: Environmental Risk Assessment and Management. Risk assessment methods are introduced and issues associated with managing risk are discussed. The course is taught in a case study format, focusing on a variety of environmental case studies such as air pollution, climate change, drinking water, hazardous waste storage, transport and disposal, and Superfund remediation.

CEE 535: Environmental Systems Analysis II, Risk and Uncertainty in Environmental and Water Resources Decision Making. Exploration of the fundamental concepts of uncertainty, risk, and reliability as applied to environmental and water resources systems.

CEE 598 OS: Optimization Methods for Engineering Design. Optimization models have been shown to be useful tools for aiding engineering design in many fields. This course focuses on methods for applying nonlinear optimization to engineering design, with a practical, applications-oriented perspective. The course is intended to serve students from all areas of engineering and does not assume prior knowledge in any particular application area. Students complete a project applying one of the methods to a problem in their own field.

CEE 598 SUS: Sustainable Urban Systems. This course explores fundamental concepts of sustainability and resilience as applied to urban infrastructure systems, including the complex interactions among human, engineered, and natural systems. The course is taught from a project-based format; focusing on problems proposed by external government and non-governmental organization partners.

RESEARCH FUNDING

Years (Inclusive)	Brief Title or Description	Source of Funds	Total Funding	# of PI's & Lead PI if not Minsker
1997-1998	Computationally-Efficient Management Tools for Groundwater Remediation Design	University of Illinois Campus Research Board	\$13,973	1
1998-2004	Research and Educational Advances in Optimal Groundwater Remediation Design	National Science Foundation CAREER Program	\$246,868	1
1998-2000	Cost-Effective Monitoring Design for Intrinsic Bioremediation	Illinois Water Resources Center and the United States Geological Survey	\$52,152	2
1998-1999	Survey of Models Relevant to Sediment Contamination in Water Bodies	E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company	\$15,000	5
1999-2002	Cost-Effective Risk Based Corrective Action Design for Contaminated Groundwater	National Science Foundation	\$212,977	1
1999-2000	Efficient Parallelization of a Risk Management Model on the NT Supercluster	National Center for Supercomputing Applications UIUC Faculty Fellows Program	\$25,805	1
2000-2001	Cost-Effective Risk Management of Groundwater Contamination	U.S. Army Research Office Young Investigator Program	\$50,000	1

Years (Inclusive)	Brief Title or Description	Source of Funds	Total Funding	# of PI's & Lead PI if not Minsker
2000-2003	Cost-Effective Risk Management of Groundwater Contamination	State Matching Funds Program	\$28,302	1
2000-2005	Cost-Effect Risk Management of Groundwater Contamination	Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE)	\$500,000	1
2001-2002	Knowledge Integration for Long-Term Monitoring, Operations, and Stewardship	Argonne National Laboratory	\$27,639	2
2002-2007	A New Framework for Adaptive Sampling and Analysis During Long-Term Monitoring and Remedial Action Management	U. S. Department of Energy	\$540,000	3
2002-2003	Upscaling of Flows in Heterogeneous Porous Media Using Machine Learning	University of Illinois Research Board	\$8,597	3
2003-2004	Technology Transfer of Evolutionary Multiobjective Optimization Software, with Demonstration for Optimizing Long-Term Groundwater Monitoring	Office of Naval Research through Technology, Research, Education, and Commercialization Center	\$60,334	1
2003	Gift	BP Group Environmental Management Company	\$2,500	1
2004-2005	A Collaborative Framework for Integrated Hazard Management	Office of Naval Research through Technology, Research, Education, and Commercialization Center	\$173,802	1
2004-2007	Cyberinfrastructure to Support Collaborative Knowledge Synthesis, with Environmental Test Beds	National Center for Supercomputing Applications	\$555,171	1
2004-2006	Cyberinfrastructure and Management System Development for a National CLEANER Network	National Science Foundation	\$89,958	3, Wayland Eheart
2005-2006	A Collaborative Framework for Integrated Hazard Management	Office of Naval Research through Technology, Research, Education, and Commercialization Center	\$135,643	1
2005-2010	Coalition for Creation of CLEANER/WATERS Network Project Office	National Science Foundation	\$3,000,000	5
2005-2006	Computational Cluster for On-Demand and Interactive Environmental and Water Resources Engineering Computing	University of Illinois Campus Research Board	\$25,000	5

Years (Inclusive)	Brief Title or Description	Source of Funds	Total Funding	# of PI's & Lead PI if not Minsker
2005-2010	An Environmental Information System for Hypoxia in Corpus Christi Bay: A WATERS Network Testbed	National Science Foundation	\$400,000	3
2006-2007	Collaboration Support for Observation and Model-based Decisions	Office of Naval Research through Technology, Research, Education, and Commercialization Center	\$122,285	1
2008-2010	Science Plan of the WATer and Environmental Research Systems Network (WATERS Network)	National Science Foundation	\$750,000	5, Jeff Dozier, UCSB
2010-11	NSF Workshop on Creating Scientific Software Innovation Institutes for Sustained Cyberinfrastructure Achievement and Excellence	National Science Foundation	\$50,000	2, Stanley Ahalt, UNC
2010-11	Project Catfish	ADM Inc.	\$374,911	3
2011-12	EAGER: Launch of a Water Science Software Institute (WSSI)	National Science Foundation	\$300,000	4, Stanley Ahalt, UNC
2008-2014	Virtual Observatory for Sustainability of Intensively Managed Environmental Systems	Institute for Advanced Computing Applications and Technologies	\$734,546	3
2010-13	Digital Urban Informatics: Computational Innovation for Sustainable and Optimal Urban Stormwater Management	Microsoft Research, Inc.	\$400,000	2
2010-13	Demonstrating the Feasibility of Agronomic Decision Support Using a Field Readiness Virtual Sensor	John Deere Inc.	\$282,952	3
2011-14	Data Mining and Informatics Applied to Great Lakes Environmental Indices	Illinois-Indiana Seagrant	\$567,734	2
2012-13	Conceptualization of a Water Science Software Institute	National Science Foundation	\$729,686	4, Stanley Ahalt, UNC
2013-14	Animated Chicago Area Waterways Analysis System	Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago	\$198,017	4
2013-15	Real-Time Water Modeling and Decision Support Framework	Microsoft Research, Inc.	\$400,000 (gift)	3

Years (Inclusive)	Brief Title or Description	Source of Funds	Total Funding	# of PI's & Lead PI if not Minsker
2013-16	Collaborative Research: CyberSEES: Type 2: A New Framework for Crowd-Sourced Green Infrastructure Design	National Science Foundation	\$1,144,600	8

STUDENTS

PhD Thesis Students	Year Granted/ Expected	Thesis Title	Source of Support	Current Employment
Wenzhao Xu	2016	Adaptive Observation of Great Lakes Coastal Margins with Mobile Sensing	Illinois-Indiana Seagrant	Graduate research assistant
Erhu Du	2015	Real-Time Water Markets for Drought	Fellowship	N/A
Tristan Wietsma	2014	Real-Time Adaptive Observation	Institute for Advanced Computation Applications and Technologies (IACAT), Illinois- Indiana Seagrant	Graduate research assistant
Evan Coopersmith	2013	Virtual Sensors for Real-Time Agricultural Decision Making	John Deere Inc.	Graduate research assistant
Andrea Zimmer	2013	Adaptive Real-time Management of Combined Sewer Overflows	Fellowships and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago	Graduate research assistant
Gayathri Gopalakrishnan	2007	Subsurface Monitoring With Trees	Department of Energy	Research Scientist, Space Science Institute
Abhishek Singh	2007	Inverse Groundwater Modeling Using Interactive Evolutionary Optimization	Department of Energy	INTERA Inc.
David Hill	2007	Machine Learning for Environmental Monitoring and Modeling	National Science Foundation, Office of Naval Research	Assistant Professor, Thompson Rivers University

Meghna Babbar	2006	Interactive Genetic Algorithm: A Human-Computer Framework for Improving Groundwater Monitoring Designs	Department of Energy	Associate Professor, Oregon State University
Shenquan Yan	2006	An Adaptive Meta-Model Approach to Optimizing Groundwater Remediation Design with Genetic Algorithms	Army Research Office	Developer, Microsoft Inc.
Felipe Espinoza	2003	A Self-Adaptive Hybrid Genetic Algorithm For Optimal Groundwater Remediation Design	National Science Foundation, Army Research Office	Completed National Research Council post-doctoral fellow, US EPA, now consulting in Chile
Patrick Reed	2002	Striking the Balance: Long-Term Groundwater Monitoring Design for Multiple Conflicting Objectives	US EPA STAR fellowship	Professor, Cornell University (effective Fall 2013)
Yong Liu	2001	Multiscale Approach to Optimal Control of In-Situ Bioremediation of Groundwater	National Science Foundation	Senior Software Development Engineer, Microsoft Inc.

MS Thesis Students	Year Granted/ Expected	Thesis Title	Source of Support	Current Employment
Sarah Hoyle-Katz	2014	Animated Chicago Area Waterways Analysis System	Fellowship and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District	Graduate research assistant
Ankit Rai	2013	Green Stormwater Infrastructure Design for Human and Ecosystem Wellbeing	National Science Foundation	Graduate research assistant
Samuel Rivera	2013	Tracking Sustainability Indicators through Text Mining	Fellowship and Illinois Research Board	Graduate research assistant
Tingting Zhao	2013	Real-Time Optimization of Water Curtailments During Droughts	Microsoft Research Inc.	Graduate research assistant
Wesley Dawsey	2011	Bayesian Belief Networks for Water Security	Office of Naval Research, EPA Midwestern Technical Assistance Center, Illinois State Water Survey	Consultant
Indu Chinta	2010	Model Fusion for Improving Hypoxia Forecasts: A Study of Boosting and Historical Scenario Modeling	National Science Foundation	Indian government
Brian Payne	2011	Assessing and Improving Watershed Sustainability: A Model-Based Approach	National Science Foundation, University of Illinois	Consultant
Andrew Collier	2008	Real-Time Environmental Visualization for Diverse User Communities	Office of Naval Research	Consultant
Evan Coopersmith	2008	Statistical and Machine Learning Approaches to Understanding Hypoxia in Corpus Christi Bay	National Science Foundation	Graduate research assistant

Aniruddha Bhagwat	2005	Preliminary Cyberinfrastructure Needs Assessment and Technology Review for CLEANER	National Science Foundation	Consultant, Corollo Engineers
Matthew Zavislak	2005	Constraint Handling in Groundwater Remediation Design with Genetic Algorithms	Army Research Office	Consultant
Marcia Hayes	2005	Evaluation of Advanced Genetic Algorithms Applied to Groundwater Remediation Design	Army Research Office	Consultant
Dara Farrell	2004	Data Mining to Improve Management and Reduce Costs Associated with Environmental Remediation	Fulbright Fellowship	Graduate student, University of Washington
Eva Sinha	2004	Multiscale Island Injection Genetic Algorithms for Groundwater Remediation	Army Research Office	Consultant, Black and Veatch
Xiaolin Ren	2003	Which Groundwater Remediation Objective Is Better, A Realistic One Or A Simple One?	Army Research Office	Unknown
Abhishek Singh	2003	Uncertainty Based Multi-Objective Optimization Of Groundwater Remediation Design	Army Research Office	INTERA, Inc.
Rachel Arst	2002	Which are Better, Probabilistic Model-Building Genetic Algorithms (PMBGAs) or Simple Genetic Algorithms (SGAs)? A Comparison for an Optimal Groundwater Remediation Design Problem	Army Research Office	Unknown
Meghna Babbar	2002	Multiscale Parallel Genetic Algorithms for Optimal Groundwater Remediation Design	National Science Foundation	Associate Professor, Oregon State University
William Michael	2002	Integrating Data Sources to Improve Long-Term Monitoring and Management: A Hierarchical Machine Learning Approach	Fellowships and Argonne National Lab	Caterpillar Inc.

Gayathri Gopalakrishnan	2001	Optimal Sampling in a Noisy Genetic Algorithm for Risk-Based Remediation Design	National Science Foundation	Research Scientist, Space Science Institute
Patrick Reed (co-advisor Albert Valocchi)	1999	Cost Effective Long-Term Groundwater Monitoring Design Using a Genetic Algorithm and Global Mass Interpolation	US EPA STAR Fellowship	Professor, Cornell University (Effective Fall 2013)
J. Bryan Smalley	1998	Risk-Based In Situ Bioremediation Design Using a Noisy Genetic Algorithm	UIUC Research Board	Unknown
Jeremy Kosegi	1998	A Feasibility Study of Thermal In Situ Bioremediation of Dense Nonaqueous Phase Liquids	UIUC Research Board	Consultant