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EDUCATION

Master of Science in Applied Mathematics (Expected Graduation: May 2017)

West Virginia University, WV, USA

Advisor: Dr. Marjorie Darrah.

Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering, May 2015

West Virginia University, WV, USA.

Advisor: Dr. John Kuhlman.

Thesis: Characteristics of Bubble Behavior in Microgravity Conditions.

Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering, August 2008

West Virginia University, WV, USA.

Advisor: Dr. John Loth.

WORK EXPERIENCE

2014 Aug – 2015 Dec: **Google Summer of Code, Center for Mobile Learning, MIT Media Lab.** Developed the Raspberry Pi MIT App Inventor Component Extension.

2014 Aug – 2015 Dec: **CodeLAB Instructor (Android Programing) and Graduate Intern** at WVU Office of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Commercialization (LaunchLAB).

2014 Feb – 2014 May: **Visiting Research Student at Laboratory for Autonomous Marine Sensing Systems, MIT.** Conducted research on autonomous decision-making path planners for underwater vehicles. Developed a smooth curve path-planning algorithm for MIT Moos IvP open source software.

2011 May – 2013 Jul: **Research Assistant at Mathematics Department, WVU.** Developed Genetic Algorithms (GA) and undertook Genetic Programming for Cooperative Control Systems, Task Management, and Multi-Agent Systems.

2012 Jan – 2012 Aug: **Research Intern at Information Research Corporation, Fairmont, WV.** Integrated Genetic Algorithm software systems

to a ground control station, and tested them with Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs).

- 2010 Jan– 2011 May: **Research Assistant at Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering.** Conducted microgravity experiments to study the Kelvin Force Effect on Bubbles in paramagnetic liquids under microgravity conditions.
- 2005 Aug– 2009 May: **Resident Assistant at Dadisman Hall.** Student mentor and staff member at the Dadisman Hall.
- 2003 Jun – 2004 Aug: **Intern at Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Modern Technology, Moratuwa, Sri Lanka.** Conducted meteorite testing and analyzed the characteristics and composition of meteorites found in Sri Lanka.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2014 & Spring 2015: Android Programming Instructor
Fall 2011: Tutor at Mathematics Learning Center, WVU
Aug 2005 – May 2010: Math and Physics Tutor at WVU Engineering Learning Center
Summer & Fall 2009: Instructor for Engineering 102 (Intro to Engineering II)
Spring 2009: Instructor for Engineering 101 (Intro to Engineering I)
Fall 2008: Teaching Assistant University 101

AWARDS

- **Best Business/Project Idea and Most Technically Interesting** Project Award at the Big Travel Data Hackathon 2013, organized by Hack Reduce for *FlightR*.
- **Resident Assistant (RA) of the Year** Award of West Virginia University Dadisman Hall, 2008-2009 Academic Year.
- **Recognition Award from Sir Arthur. C. Clarke** for the meteorite and planetary science research, 2003.

INVITED TALKS

- Guest Speaker at S.Thomas' College Mt.Lavinia to address the College Teaching Staff on 'How to Teach High School Students Effectively' (invited by Warden Dr. Indra De Soysa), Jan 2014.
- 'Fluids and Bubble Motion Behavior in Microgravity Conditions' at Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Modern Technology, Sri Lanka; May 2010.
- 'High Altitude Balloon Satellites' at American National College, Sri Lanka; June 2007.

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

- Proficient in Object Oriented Programming using JAVA and C++
- Proficient in Mobile Application Development using the Android Platform
- Proficient in Scientific Computing using Matlab and R
- Proficient in Design Tools such as AutoCAD and Solid Works

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Publications

- A Flexible Genetic Algorithm System for Multi UAV Surveillance: Algorithm and Flight Testing. Journal of Unmanned Systems. *Marjorie Darrah, Jay Wilhelm, Thilanka Munasinghe, Mitch Wathen, Steve Yokum, Eric Sorton*. 7th January 2015.
- Using Genetic Algorithms for Tasking Teams of Raven UAVs. Journal of Intelligent and Robotics Systems, *Marjorie Darrah, Edgar Fuller, Thilanka Munasinghe, Kristin Duling, Mridul Gautam, Mitchell Wathen*. 20th July 2012.

Conference Publications

- Interest Driven Innovation: Internet of Things with Raspberry Pi and MIT App Inventor. Munasinghe.T, Byrne W.S, ACM HotMobile 2017, The 18th International Workshop on Mobile Computing Systems and Applications, Feb 2017. (Submitted)
- Dynamic and Kinematic Characteristics of Bubble Flow Motion in Paramagnetic Liquid under Microgravity Conditions. International Conference on Fluid Flow Dynamics (ICFD), Sendai, Japan, *Thilanka Munasinghe*, November 2009.
- Investigating Bubble Expansion in Pool Boiling Under Influence of Magnetic Field in Microgravity Conditions. World Scientific and Engineering Academy and Society, (WSEAS), Moscow, Russia, *Thilanka Munasinghe, Sanket Joshi*. August 2009.
- Studying the Characteristics of Bubble Motion in Pool Boiling in Microgravity Conditions Under the Influence of a Magnetic Field. Recent Advances on Space Technology (RAST), IEEE – AIAA Joint Conference, Istanbul, Turkey. *Thilanka Munasinghe*. June 2009.
- Investigating Bubble Behavior in Pool Boiling in Microgravity Conditions, World Congress on Engineering (WCE), International Association of Engineers (IAENG), Imperial College, London, UK, *Thilanka Munasinghe*, July 2008.

Poster Presentations

- Efficient Path Planning Algorithms for AUVs. Google Research Labs Conference, June 2014.
- Transformation Mapping of Bubbles' 2-D Circular Shape to an Elliptical Shape Under Influence of a Magnetic Field in Pool Boiling in Microgravity Conditions. 5th MIT Conference on Computational Fluid and Solid Mechanics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, MA, *Thilanka Munasinghe*. June 2009. (Abstract Only)
- 'WV-NANO', West Virginia University, Alumni Center, May 2009.

- Laminar to Turbulent Transition in Fluid Flow in Boiling, AIAA Young Professional and Student Education Conference, John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, November, 2008.
- Boling in Microgravity, AIAA Student Conference, University of Maryland, College Park, April, 2008.
- ‘Research Day at Capitol - 2008’, Governor’s Chamber, Charleston, West Virginia. January 2008.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Mar 2014 – May 2014:	Member of the MIT Cricket Team
Aug 2005 – May 2008:	Senior Mentor at Office of International Students and Scholars
Jul – Dec 2008:	Member of the Student Conduct Board of WVU
2007 – 2008:	Vice President, International Student Association WVU
2007 – 2009:	Member of the WVU Cricket Club
2007 – 2008:	Member of Multi-Cultural Leadership Club WVU
Aug 2005 – Dec 2008:	Member of Hall Council, Dadisman & Stalnaker Hall
2000 – 2004:	Member of Sri Lanka Student Red Cross Society

REFERENCES

Available Upon Request.