

Curriculum Vitae

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1 Education

Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering, West Virginia University, August 2011.

Research Advisor: Dr. Marcello R. Napolitano

Dissertation Title "Sensor Fusion Based Fault-Tolerant Attitude Estimation for Small Unmanned Aerial Vehicles"

B.S. in Aerospace Engineering, West Virginia University, December 2007.

B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, West Virginia University, December 2007.

Summa Cum Laude, Graduate of the University Honors College

Honors Thesis Title: "Low Outgassing Photogrammetry Targets for Spacecraft Alignment"

2 Professional Experience

West Virginia University, Department of Mechanical, Materials and Aerospace Engineering, Morgantown, WV

Professor, August 2024 - Present

Chairperson, October 2022 - Present (>800 students, 42 faculty, \$19M/yr sponsored research)

Interim Chairperson, January 2022 - October 2022

Associate Chair for Research, January 2021 - October 2022

Associate Professor, August 2019 - August 2024

Assistant Professor, January 2014 - August 2019

Air Force Institute of Technology, Autonomy & Navigation Technology Center, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH

AFOSR Summer Faculty Fellow, June 2015 - August 2015

California Institute of Technology, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena CA

Near Earth Tracking Applications Group

Technologist II, August 2011 - December 2013

West Virginia University, Dept. of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, Morgantown WV

Graduate Research Assistant, Flight Controls Systems Lab

PI: Dr. Marcello R. Napolitano, January 2008 - August 2011

NASA Independent Validation & Verification Facility, Fairmont WV

Consultant, Summer 2009

West Virginia University, Dept. of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, Morgantown WV

Course Instructor, January 2008 - May 2008

NASA Goddard Spaceflight Center, Greenbelt MD

Consultant, October 2007

NASA Goddard Spaceflight Center, Greenbelt MD

NASA Academy Summer Internship, Summer 2007

Summer Internship Program, Summer 2006

3 University & Administrative Service

Leadership Roles

Chair, Department Mechanical, Materials & Aerospace Engineering (MMAE), October 2022-Present

Interim Chair, Department Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, Jan 2021 - October 2022

Lead the Statler College's largest department: three undergraduate programs (Mechanical, Aerospace, and Robotics Engineering majors & minors) and six graduate programs (MS and PhD in Mechanical, Aerospace, and Materials Science); >800 students (sophomores – PhD), 42 faculty across tenure-track, teaching, and research tracks, and 8 full-time staff.

Key departmental accomplishments during time as chair to date include: tripling faculty-led sponsored research from ~\$6M to over \$19M (2020–2025); substantially growing fundraising efforts to support 9 student design teams competing in national engineering competitions, new scholarships, laboratory upgrades, and the establishment of a faculty professorship, a student peer mentoring program, and an engineering leadership seminar series; leading successful faculty hiring campaigns that added five tenure-track and three teaching-track positions, strengthening both research and instructional capacity; launching WVU's new B.S. in Robotics Engineering program, overhauling the Mechanical Engineering curriculum, and introducing new minors and accelerated master's pathways; growing undergraduate enrollment by 30% (2023–2026) while significantly improving program persistence rates; deepening alumni and industry engagement through the Visiting Committee and the Academy of Distinguished Alumni; managing the department budget and physical facilities including new and upgraded laboratories; and leading an NSF-funded Robotics REU site.

Associate Chair for Research, Department Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, Jan 2021 - October 2022

Supported research development, mentored junior faculty in grant writing and research strategy, and coordinated graduate recruitment initiatives that contributed to enrollment growth.

Co-Coordinator of WVU Robotics, 2018-Present

Led faculty searches, oversaw laboratory development, coordinated the WVU Robotics seminar series, and served as Associate Director then Site Director of the WVU Robotics NSF REU site (2018-2022; renewed as Site Director 2024-2027).

Additional University-Level Leadership in Service Roles

Member of the President's Faculty Advisory Board, 2025-present

WVU Faculty Senate Representative to WV State Government, 2025-present

WVU Representative to the WV Statewide Advisory Council of Faculty (ACF), 2025-present

Legislative Coordinator Officer of ACF, 2025-present

Member of WVU Research Council, October 2025-Present

WVU Research Office Faculty Advisory Committee, Spring 2020 – Spring 2025

Member of the WVU-wide Undergraduate Council which is charged with the review of 5-year program assessment, 2025-2028

WVU Faculty Senate Representative from Statler College, Elected Term 2020-2023, reelected 2023-2026

4 Honors and Awards

2024-2025 Richard T. Feller Outstanding Alumni Award, Presented by the West Virginia University Student Government Association, April 22, 2025

Scouting America North Star Award, Presented by the Mountaineer Area Council, March 22, 2025

2024 recipient of the Per Enge Early Achievement Award, Institute of Navigation, January 30, 2025

The purpose of this award is to recognize an individual for an outstanding achievement related to the art and science of positioning, navigation and/or timing early in their career (35 years or younger in the year of the achievement) with highest consideration given to the following criteria in descending order of importance:

An innovation or invention (which has been successfully demonstrated) or a novel equipment/system development relating to positioning, navigation, or timing.

An outstanding method for use in positioning, navigation, or timing.

Outstanding research or study relating to positioning, navigation, or timing

<https://www.ion.org/awards/2024-Early-Achievement.cfm>

2024 recipient of the Samuel M. Burka Award, Institute of Navigation, January 30, 2025

To recognize outstanding achievement in the preparation of papers advancing the art and science of positioning, navigation, and timing.

<https://www.ion.org/awards/2024-Burka.cfm>

AIAA Associate Fellow, January 10, 2024

For contributions to aerospace engineering education, research in space robotics and unmanned aerial vehicles, and aerospace-related academic service.

West Virginia State Journal's Generation Next: 40 under 40 Award, June 15, 2023

Stanford/Elsevier 2% Scientists List (yearly) 2023, 2024, 2025

Space Robotics Challenge Phase 2 a NASA Centennial Challenge, 6th place winner, \$30,000 (6th of 22 finalists from 114 registered teams), Team Leader, September 2021

Outstanding Researcher - Senior Level (1 of 4 in college), Statler College, West Virginia University, April 2021

Semi-Finalist (1 of 8 across WVU) for West Virginia University Distinction in Mentoring Graduate Students in Research Award, April 2021

Space Robotics Challenge Phase 2 a NASA Centennial Challenge, Competition Round Qualification Award, \$15,000 (only 6 of 114 registered teams secured the top qualification prize), Team Leader, 2020-2021

Excellent Reviewer, AIAA Journal of Guidance, Control and Dynamics, 2020

Recipient of West Virginia University Values Coin, 2019

Academies of Distinguished Alumni Teaching Award of the West Virginia University Statler College Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, 2019

Best Presentation in Session at ION GNSS+ 2017 (PhD student R. Watson was first author & presenter), 2017

Outstanding Teacher (1 of 5 in college), Statler College, West Virginia University, April 2017

1st Place NASA Sample Return Robot Centennial Challenge, \$750,000 (Dr. Yu Gu was the primary faculty advisor and team leader, I served as one of the faculty co-advisors), 2016

New Researcher of the Year, Statler College, West Virginia University, April 2016

Best Paper of IEEE/ION PLANS Track B: Perception of Autonomous and Semi-Autonomous Systems (first author, MSAE student J. Strader), 2016

WVU Big XII Faculty Fellowship to University of Texas at Austin Radionavigation Lab, 2015

National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency New Investigator Program Award (NGA NIP), 2015

AFOSR Summer Faculty Fellowship (SFFP), 2015

Level-2 Award NASA Sample Return Robot Centennial Challenge, \$100,000 (Dr. Yu Gu was the primary faculty advisor and team leader, I served as one of the faculty co-advisors), 2015

NASA Group Achievement Award, 2013

oAwarded to AirMoss Instrument Team: "For achievement in developing P-band polarimetric imaging radar capability"

NASA TechBrief, 2011 - "Low Outgassing Photogrammetry Targets for Use in Outer Space"

NASA Academy Robert H. Goddard Outstanding Research Award, 2007.

WVU STEM Supplemental Dissertation Fellowship 2011.

NASA WV Space Grant Graduate Research Fellowship 2010, 2011.

WVU Mountain Honorary (Ranking Honorary), 2007

WVU Student Body President, 2006-2007

5 Funded Research

Externally Funded Grants & Contracts

West Virginia University Robotics Laboratories for Education, Research, and Outreach NASA Award #80NSSC24K1008 PI	9/1/24 - 8/31/25 \$1,000,000
REU Site: Undergraduate Robotics Research for Rural Appalachia NSF Award #2348288 PI	4/15/24 - 3/31/27 \$454,179
Data Security Challenges for Multi-Agent Cooperative Robotic Systems Sequential Phase 2 Air Force STTR Program (AFWERX) PI of Research Institution	9/15/23 - 9/14/24 \$249,999 WVU / \$750,000 total
Design Guidelines for Assessment of Pillar Stability in Underground Room & Pillar Mines from Autonomous Robotic Inspections Alpha Foundation Co-PI	12/1/22 - 11/30/24 \$569,149
Collaborative Research: NRI: Reducing Falling Risk in Robot-Assisted Retail Environments NSF NRI 3.0 Co-PI	8/1/22 - 7/31/25 \$366,796
Multi-Agent Integration with Android Team Awareness Kit (ATAK) Phase 2 Air Force STTR Program (AFWERX) Co-PI	\$330,000 WVU / \$1M total
Data Security Challenges for Multi-Agent Cooperative Robotic Systems Phase 2 Air Force STTR Program (AFWERX) PI of Research Institution	8/15/21 - 11/12/22 \$249,999 WVU / \$750,000 total
NRI StickBug - an Effective Co-Robot for Precision Pollination USDA National Robotics Initiative 3.0 (NSF Panel) Co-PI	11/1/21 - 10/31/25 \$750,000 WVU / \$1M total

Characterization, Analysis, and Simulation of Unsteady Aerodynamics and Flight Trajectories for Unstable or Off-Nominal Free-Flight Bodies Co-PI	10/1/2020 - 9/30/2020 \$565,000 (Year 1)
Data Security Challenges for Multi-Agent Cooperative Robotic Systems Air Force STTR Program (AFWERX) PI of Research Institution	12/01/20 - 8/31/21 \$45,000 WVU / \$150,000 total
NOAA-WVU Collaboration for Developing Inertially-aided GNSS Processing Technology for Positioning of Wave-following, Spherical-hulled Ocean Buoys National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration PI	8/17/2020 - 8/16/2021 \$54,999
Characterization of Fault Tolerant Behavior and Flight Capabilities Following a Non-Lethal Intercept Strike Office of Naval Research Co-PI	9/20/19 - 9/20/20 \$249,996
Autonomous Robotic Early Warning System for Underground Stone Mining Safety Alpha Foundation Co-PI	9/1/19 - 8/31/22 \$748,968
REU Site: Undergraduate Robotics Research in Human-Swarm Interaction National Science Foundation Co-PI	3/1/19 - 2/21/22 \$319,310
Precision Pollination Robot (Year 3) USDA National Robotics Initiative (NSF Panel) Co-PI	11/15/18 - 11/14/19 \$355,295
Robust Estimation for Autonomous Navigation in Data Degraded Environments using Factor Graphs Air Force Research Lab / MacAulay-Brown Inc. PI	1/1/18 - 4/30/19 \$39,981
Autonomous Navigation of Small UAV/UGV Teams in Underground Tunnels NGA Academic Research Program (NARP) PI	02/15/18 - 08/14/23 \$599,688
Technology Development for Robotic Servicing, Autonomous Relative Navigation Task NASA GSFC Satellite Servicing Division / Alcyon Tech. Services Co-PI	10/1/17 - 9/30/18 \$113,116 (WVU task)
Fast Traversing Autonomous Rover for Mars Sample Collection NASA EPSCoR NNH17ZHA002C Co-PI	9/16/17 - 9/16/21 \$1,125,000 (\$750K NASA + \$375K WVU Cost-Share)
Precision Pollination Robot (Years 1-2) USDA National Robotics Initiative (NSF Panel) Co-PI	11/15/16 - 11/14/18 \$709,715
Integrity Ranking within Particle Filters for Multi-Constellation GNSS Air Force Research Lab / MacAulay-Brown Inc. PI	6/06/16 - 4/30/18 \$100,040
Enabling Moving Target Hand-off in GPS-Denied Environments Air Force Research Lab Phase I STTR PI of Research Institution	5/14/15 - 2/15/16 \$150,000 / \$60,731 WVU
Multi-Constellation GNSS, Multi-Sensor Precise Point Positioning NGA Academic Research Program, New Investigator Program (NIP) PI	6/01/15 - 5/31/18 \$199,925
Simulation-To-Flight 1 (STF1) 3U CubeSat Mission NASA CSLI, NASA IV&V, WVU, WV Space Grant Consortium Co-PI	6/1/15 - 5/31/18 CubeSat Launch Services
Real-Time GIPSY-X Inertial Navigation System Integration California Institute of Technology / NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory PI	11/12/14 - 9/30/19 \$211,847

TESS Mobile CubeSat Development and Test Environment Task Industry-TMC2 through NASA WVSGC Co-PI	7/23/14 - 10/31/14 \$24,518
SSCO Technology Development for Robotic Servicing of Orbital Space Assets AS&D (ASRC Federal Space and Defense) / WVRTC Program Collaborator	5/16/14 - 8/15/14 \$9,444
GPS Orbit Technologies and Support California Institute of Technology / NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory PI	4/11/14 - 11/12/15 \$15,000

Internally Funded Grants

SmartAg WV - WVU Academic Innovation Summit Co-PI & Pitch Team Member	01/15/22 - 01/14/22 \$131,000
Statler College Support for Participation in the NASA Space Robotics Challenge Phase 2 PI, WVU Team Lead	03/01/2020 - 08/15/2021 \$100,000
A Concept Study for the use of Lighter Than Air (LTA) Vehicles for the Next Generation of Sub-Orbital Payloads NASA WV Space Grant Consortium + WVU Cost Share PI	5/15/15 - 5/14/16 \$40,690
Development of a Spacecraft Design Laboratory NASA WV Space Grant Consortium + WVU Cost Share Co-PI	5/15/15 - 5/14/16 \$10,000
Ultra-Wideband Ranging and Communications to Augment GPS Relative Navigation of UAVs NASA WV Space Grant Consortium + WVU Cost Share PI	5/16/14 - 5/15/15 \$32,822
INSIGHTS: Inertial Navigation Systems Integrated into the GIPSY-OASIS for High-Accuracy Tightly-Coupled Solutions NASA WV Space Grant Consortium + WVU Cost Share PI	5/16/14 - 5/15/15 \$54,723

6 Publications: Patents

Bar-Sever, Y., Bertiger, W., Dorsey, A., Harvey, N., Lu, Miller, K., Miller, M., Romans, L., Sibthorpe, A., Weiss, J., Fernandez, M., **Gross J.** "Real-Time and Post-Processed Orbit Determination and Positioning" U.S. Patent No 9,057,780 B2 (Granted June 18, 2015).

7 Publications: Journal & Magazine Articles

Olawoye, U., **Gross, J. N.**, "Geometric Clustering for Distributed Fault Detection and Identification in Range-Based Cooperative Localization Without Fixed Reference Nodes" Applied Sciences, Vol. 16, No. 10, <https://doi.org/10.3390/app16105137>

Escobar, L., Akhihiero, D., **Gross, J. N.**, Pereira, G.A.S., "Development of an Autonomous UAV for Multi-Modal Mapping of Underground Mines" Robotics, Vol. 15, No. 3, 63; 2026 <https://doi.org/10.3390/robotics15030063>

Wang, X., Luo, Y., Gu, Y., **Gross, J.**, Yang, C., and Hu, B., "Impact of Retail Collaborative Robots on Surrounding Human Neuromuscular Responses: An EMG Analysis," IEEE Transactions on Human-Machine Systems, <https://doi.org/10.1109/THMS.2026.3668974>

- Yerebakan, M., Gu, Y., **Gross, J.**, Hu, B., "Evaluation of Biomechanical and Mental Workload during Human-Robot Collaborative Pollination Task", *Human Factors*, Feb. 2025, Vol. 67, No 2. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00187208241254696>
- Akhihiero, D., Olawoye, U., Das, S., **Gross, J.N.** "Cooperative Localization for GNSS-Denied Subterranean Navigation: A UAV-UGV Team Approach", *NAVIGATION: Journal of the Institute of Navigation*, December 2024, Vol 71, No. 4 <https://doi.org/10.33012/navi.677>
- Taylor, C., Gross, J.N. "Factor Graphs for Navigation Applications: A Tutorial", *NAVIGATION: Journal of the Institute of Navigation*, September 2024, Vol. 71, No. 3, <https://doi.org/10.33012/navi.653>
- Kilic, C., Guitierrez, E., **Gross, J.N.**, "Evaluation of the Benefits of Zero Velocity Update in Decentralized EKF-Based Cooperative Localization Algorithms for GNSS-Denied Multi-Robot Systems", *NAVIGATION: Journal of the Institute of Navigation*, December 2023, Vol. 70, No. 4 navi.608; <https://doi.org/10.33012/navi.608>
- Das, S., **Gross, J. N.** "Analysis Scale-Variant Robust Kernel Optimization for Non-linear Least Squares Problems" *IEEE Transactions on Aerospace Electronics Systems*, Vol. 59, No. 6, pp. 7529-7538, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.1109/TAES.2023.3290142>
- Martinez, B., Kilic, C., Tatsch, C., Pereira, B., **Gross, J. N.** "Multi-Robot Cooperation for Lunar In-Situ Resource Utilization" *Frontiers in Robotics and AI*, Vol. 10, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.3389/frobt.2023.1149080>
- Pooley, A., Gao, M., Sharma, A., Barnaby, S., Gu, Y., **Gross, J. N.** "Analysis of Thermal Soaring via Hawk-inspired Swarm Interaction" *Biomimetics*, Vol. 8, No. 1, 124, 25 pgs, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.3390/biomimetics8010124>
- Martinez, B., Lima, R., Samarakoon, K., Rathjen, J., **Gross, J.N.**, Periera, G., "Oxpecker: A Tethered UAV for Inspection of Stone-Mine Pillars". *Drones*, Vol. 7, No. 2. #73, 26 pgs, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.3390/drones7020073>
- Kilic C., Gu, Y., **Gross, J.N.** "Proprioceptive Slip Detection for Planetary Rovers in Perceptually Degraded Extraterrestrial Environments" *Field Robotics*, Vol. 2, pp. 1754-1778., 2022. <https://doi.org/10.55417/fr.2022054>
- Kilic C., Martinez B.R.Jr., Tatsch C., Beard J., Strader J., Das S., Ross D., Gu Y., Pereira G.A.S., and **Gross J.N.**, "NASA Space Robotics Challenge 2 Qualification Round: An Approach to Autonomous Lunar Rover Operations", *IEEE Aerospace and Electronic Systems Society Magazine*, Vol. 36, No. 12, 2021 <https://doi.org/10.1109/MAES.2021.3115897>
- Kilic, C., Ohi, N., Gu, Y., **Gross, J. N.**, "Slip-Based Autonomous ZUPT through Gaussian Process to Improve Planetary Rover Proprioceptive Localization", *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters*, Vol. 6, No. 3, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1109/LRA.2021.3068893>
- De Petrillo, M., Beard, J., Gu, Y., **Gross, J. N.**, "Search Planning of a UAV/UGV Team with Localization Uncertainty in a Subterranean Environment", *IEEE Aerospace and Electronic Systems Magazine*, Vol 36, No. 6, pp 6-16. 2021 <https://doi.org/10.1109/MAES.2021.3065041>
- Tian, P., Chao, H., Rhudy, M., **Gross, J. N.**, We, H., "Wind Sensing and Estimation Using Small Fixed-Wing UAVs: A Survey" *Journal of Aerospace Information Systems (AIAA)*, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.2514/1.I010885>
- Wang, K., Allahviridi-Zadeh, A., El-Mowafy, A., **Gross, J.N.**, "A Sensitivity Study of POD Using Dual-Frequency GPS for CubeSats Data Limitation and Resources", *Remote Sensing*, Vol. 12, No. 13, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rs12132107>
- Watson, R. M., **Gross, J.N.**, Taylor, C.N., Leishman, R.C., "Robust Incremental State Estimation Through Covariance Adaptation", *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters*, Vol 5., No. 5, pp. 3737-3744, April 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1109/LRA.2020.2979655>

- Watson, R. M., **Gross, J. N.**, Taylor, C. N., Leishman, R. C., "Enabling Robust State Estimation through Measurement Error Covariance Adaptation". IEEE Transactions on Aerospace and Electronic Systems, Vol. 56, No. 3, pp. 2026-2040, June 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1109/TAES.2019.2941103>
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- Gross, J.N.**, Kilic, C., Humphreys, T., "Maximum-Likelihood Power-Distortion Monitoring for GNSS Signal Authentication", IEEE Transactions on Aerospace and Electronic Systems, Vol. 55, No. 1, Feb 2019 pp 469-475 <https://doi.org/10.1109/TAES.2018.2848318>
- Sivaneri, V., **Gross, J. N.**, "Flight-Testing of a Cooperative UGV-to-UAV Strategy for Improved Positioning in Challenging GNSS Environments", Aerospace Science and Technology, Vol. 82-82, pp. 575-582, 2018. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ast.2018.09.035>
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- Tehrani, N., **Gross, J. N.**, "Performance Trades for Multiantenna GNSS Multi-Sensor Attitude Determination Systems", International Journal of Aerospace Engineering, Vol. 2018, 12 pgs. <https://doi.org/10.1155/2018/4871239>
- Sivaneri, V., **Gross, J.**, "UGV-to-UAV Cooperative Ranging for Robust Navigation in GNSS-Challenged Environments" Aerospace Science and Technology, Vol. 71, pp. 245-255, 2017. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ast.2017.09.024>
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- Rhudy, M. B., Gu, Y., Chao, H., **Gross, J.** "Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Navigation Using Wide-Field Optical Flow and Inertial Sensors", Journal of Robotics, Article ID 251379, 12 pages, Vol. 2015. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1155/2015/251379>
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8 Publications: Book Chapters

- Gu, Y. **Gross, J.**, Barchesky, F., Chao, H, Napolitano M. "Avionics Design for a Sub-Scale Fault-Tolerant Flight Control Test-Bed" Recent Advances in Aircraft Technology, Ramesh K. Agarwal (Ed.), ISBN: 978-953-51-0150-5 <https://doi.org/10.5772/38260>

9 Publications: Trade Magazines

- Das, S., Watson, R., **Gross, J.N.** "What is a Factor Graph?" Inside GNSS Magazine, GNSS Solutions Column, Nov-Dec 2021 Issue <https://insidegnss.com/q-what-is-a-factor-graph/>

10 Publications: Conference Proceedings (Full Length Paper)

- Taylor, C., **Gross, J. N.**, "A Comparative Analysis of Solution Separation-based RAIM and Robust Cost Functions in Factor Graph Optimization for GNSS Positioning", Proceedings of the 2026 International Technical Meeting of The Institute of Navigation, pp 302-311, Anaheim, CA, Jan., 2026 <https://www.ion.org/publications/abstract.cfm?articleID=20495>
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- Hu, B., Yerebakan, M., Gu, Y., Gross, J., "Ergonomics Assessment of a Human-Robot Collaborative Plan Pollination Task", IISE Annual Conference and Expo, New Orleans, LA, 2023
- Hu., B., Luo, Y., Gu., Y., Gross, J., Hayes, R., "Human movement Dynamics and Muscle Activity When Robotics Rolled into Retail Environments" IISE Annual Conference and Expo, New Orleans, LA, 2023
- Watson, R., Ohi, N., Harper, S., Kilic, C., Yang, C., Hikes, J., De Petrillo, M., Strader, J., Hedrick, G., Nichols, H., Upton, E., Kirk, C., Hendricks, K., Reynolds, D., Darr, J., Bredu, J., Langnese, E., Gu, Y., **Gross, J.** "A Rover and Drone Team for Subterranean Environments: System Design Overview." Robotics Science & Systems Workshop, Pittsburgh PA, June 30, 2018.
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- Ohi, N., **Gross, J.** "STF-1 CubeSat Mission GNSS Experiment Flight Software Design and Testing" AIAA Region I Young Professional, Student, and Education Conference 2015 Baltimore, MD, Nov. 2015.
- Sivaneri, V., Watson, R., **Gross, J.** "Comparison of Unscented and Extended Kalman Filters for GNSS Precise Point Positioning/Inertial Navigation" AIAA Region I Young Professional, Student, and Education Conference 2015 Baltimore, MD, Nov. 2015.
- Watson, R., Sivaneri, V., **Gross, J.**, "Performance Evaluation of Tightly-Coupled GNSS Precision Point Positioning Inertial Navigation System Integration" AIAA Dayton-Cincinnati Aerospace Sciences Symposium (DCASS) Dayton OH 2015
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- Desai, S, Haines, B., **Gross, J.**, Stowers, D. "Verification and Validation of the GNSS Stations at the Prototype Core Site for NASA's Next Generation Space Geodesy Network" AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2013.
- Gross, J.**, Sampler, H. Reed, B. "Low-Outgassing Photogrammetry Targets for Use in Outer Space" NASA Tech Briefs, August 2011.

12 Invited Seminars, Posters, and/or Presentations

- Gross, J. "Lost and Found: Toward Robust Sensor Fusion for Robot Navigation", St. Louis Chapter of ASME Keynote Talk, February 24, 2026
- Gross, J. "Some Approaches Toward Resilient Robotics Localization in Challenging Environments" University of Alabama Mechanical Engineering Seminar, October 29, 2025
- Gross, J., "From Mars to Mines: Resilient Localization for Robots in GPS-Denied Frontiers", WV Higher Education Policy Center STEM Speaker Series, October 21, 2025
- Gross, J. "Robotics Localization in Challenging Environments", Auburn University Aerospace Engineering Graduate Seminar, September 26, 2025
- Gross, J. "Robotics Localization in Harsh Environments: Underground and Planetary Robots" & "Opportunities in the MMAE Dept at WVU", Escuela Superior Politecnica de Chimborazo (ESPOCH), March 16, 17, 2025
- Gross, J. "Improved Robotics Localization in Harsh Environments", Purdue University School of Aeronautics and Astronautics Special Seminar, 09/12/2024
- Gross, J. "Cooperative Robotics for Applications on GNSS Denied Environments" Virginia Commonwealth University Department of Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering Seminar, 03/01/2024
- Gross, J. "Robot Localization Improvement through Autonomous and Cooperative Motion Constraints" Tufts University Mechanical Engineering Seminar, 10/13/23
- Gross, J. "Autonomous ZUPTs and Cooperative ZUPTs for Improved Wheeled Rover Localization" Georgia Tech School of Aerospace Engineering Seminar, 2/16/23
- Gross, J., "Improved Wheeled Rover Localization via Autonomous Pseudo-Measurement Constraints" Invited Seminar, Virginia Tech Aerospace and Ocean Engineering Department, 10/10/2022

- Gross, J., "Improved Wheeled Rover Localization via Autonomous Pseudo-Measurement Constraints" Invited Seminar, Louisiana State University Mechanical and Industrial Engineering Department, 10/7/2022
- Gross J., "Resilient Robot Localization for Challenging Operational Environments", NIOSH Robotics Interest Forum, June 29, 2022
- Gross J., "Localization and Planning for a UAV/Robot Team in Subterranean Environments", 7th Annual Intelligence Community Academic Research Symposium, September 2021
- Gross J. "Localization and Planning for a UAV/Robot Team in Subterranean Environments", NGA Summer Research Seminars, June 2020; Updated Version also presented to 6th Annual Intelligence Community Academic Research Symposium, September 2020
- Gross, J. "Resilient Navigation for Aerial Autonomy", ION CASSCA Workshop, Miami, FL, September 2019
- Gross, J. "Resilient Navigation for Autonomous Vehicles", NASA IV&V Guest Lecture Seminar, Fairmont, WV, December 10, 2018.
- Sivaneri, V., Gross, J. "UGV-to-UAV Cooperative Ranging for Robust Navigation in GNSS-Challenged Environments" 3rd Annual Intelligence Community Academic Research Symposium, National Academy of Sciences, Washington, DC, September 2017.
- Gu, Y, Park, Y-L, Waterland, N., Li, X., Gross, J., "Precision Pollination Robot", Poster Presented at the 2016 Annual National Robotics Initiative Program Meeting, Washington, DC, November, 2016.
- Gross, J. "Multi-Constellation GNSS, Multi-Sensor Precise Point Positioning" 2nd Annual Intelligence Community Academic Research Symposium, Washington, DC. September 2016.
- Gross, J. and Watson R., "Latest Results in PPP/INS Integration in RTGx for Airborne Applications", NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory GDGPS Team Update, June 2016.
- Gross, J. and Watson R., "Advances in GIPSY GNSS/IMU integrated positioning and application to UAVs", National Geodetic Survey's NOAA Airborne Gravity for Geodesy Summer School, Washington DC, June 2016.
- Gross, J. "Multi-Constellation GNSS, Multi-Sensor Precise Point Positioning Year-1 Update" National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Washington, DC. June 2016.
- Gross, J. "Multi-Constellation GNSS, Multi-Sensor Precise Point Positioning" 1st Annual Intelligence Community Academic Research Symposium, Washington, DC. September 2015.
- Gross, J. "Integrity Ranking within Particles Filters for Multi-GNSS Monitoring" Closeout Presentation for Air Force Summer Faculty Fellowship at AFIT. Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Aug. 2015
- Watson, R., Gross, J. "Performance Evaluation of Tightly-Coupled GNSS Precision Point Positioning Inertial Navigation System Integration in a Simulation Environment" Seminar Presented at NASA JPL Section 335 ARTS Seminar, Pasadena, CA. May 2015
- Gu, Y., Park, Y.L, Waterland, N, Gross, J. "Precision Pollination Robot", USDA NIFA, Washington, DC, December 2014.
- Gross, J. "Robust Relative Navigation with DGPS/INS/UWB During UAV Formation Flight" Institute of Navigation, Dayton, OH, Section, November 2014
- Gross, J. Faculty Interview Seminar, West Virginia University, Dept. of Mech. and Aero., Morgantown, WV, October 2013.
- Romero-Wolf, A, Gross, J., Zarifian, P, "CHIRP CubeSat Mission" Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena CA, Section 312 Seminar, June 2013

Gross, J. "Fault Tolerant Attitude Estimation Solutions for Small UAVs" Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena CA, Section 335 ARTS Seminar, February 2011.

13 Professional Service

Leadership in Professional Societies & Technical Committees

Vice-Chair, Aerospace Department Chairs Association (ADCA), 2026-Present

Associate Fellow, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), 2024-Present

Associate Fellow Citation: "For contributions to aerospace engineering education, research in space robotics and unmanned aerial vehicles, and aerospace-related academic service."

Senior Member, 2019-2023

Member, 2008-2019

Associate Member of the AIAA Guidance, Navigation and Control (GNC) Technical Committee, May 2015 - Jan. 2019

Member, AIAA Higher Education Committee, August 2022-Present

Senior Member IEEE, Institute of Electronics and Electrical Engineering (IEEE), 2020-Present

Member IEEE, 2015-2020

Member, IEEE-Aerospace Electronic Systems Society (AESS), 2016-Present

Member of the IEEE-AESS Navigation Systems Panel, May 2018-Present

Member, Institute of Navigation (ION), 2013-Present

Member, International Association of Geodesy Working Group on GNSS Interference and Spoofing, 2020-2022

Editorships & Conference Organization

Program Co-Chair (for Research Tracks), Institute of Navigation GNSS+ Conference 2025

Session Co-Chair, Institute of Navigation GNSS+, Sensor Network and Cooperative Navigation, September 2023

Tutorials Chair, IEEE/ION Position Localization and Navigation Symposium (PLANS), April 2023

Session Co-Chair, Institute of Navigation GNSS+, Session E6: Sensor Network and Cooperative Navigation, September 2022

Associate Editor, IEEE Transactions on Aerospace & Electronics Systems, Navigation Technical Area, Jan. 2021-Present

Track Chair, ION GNSS+ 2021, Multi-Sensor Fusion Track

Associate Editor, Frontiers in Robotics and AI - Field Robotics, June 2020-Present

Associate Editor, IEEE Aerospace & Electronics Systems Magazine, Navigation & Positioning Systems, Jan. 2020-Present

Track Chair, ION GNSS+ 2020, Multi-Sensor Fusion Track

Session Co-Chair, Multi-sensor Integrated Systems and Sensor Fusion Technologies, IEEE/ION PLANS 2020

Session Co-Chair, Aided GNSS and Sensor Fusion in Challenging Environments 2, Institute of Navigation GNSS+ Conference 2019

Associate Editor, 2020 AIAA Guidance Navigation & Control Conference

Associate Editor, 2019 IEEE International Conference on Advanced Robotics (ICAR)

Associate Editor, 2019 American Control Conference (AIAA sponsored sessions)

Session Co-Chair, Rendezvous and Proximity Operations, 2019 AIAA Guidance Navigation & Control Conference

Technical Area Co-Chair, Spacecraft and Launch GNC, 2019 AIAA Guidance Navigation & Control Conference

Session Co-Chair, High Precision GNSS Positioning 2, 2018 Institute of Navigation GNSS+ Conference

Editorial Board, GPS Solutions, Springer, 2017-Current

Associate Editor, 2018 American Control Conference (AIAA sponsored sessions)

Session Co-Chair, 2018 AIAA Guidance Navigation & Control Conference, 2 sessions: Novel Navigation methods

Technical Program Committee, Track B: Satellite Navigation, IEEE TVT Conf. 2017

Associate Editor, 2018 AIAA Guidance Navigation & Control Conference

Associate Editor, 2016 American Control Conference (AIAA sponsored sessions)

Technical Program Committee, Track B: Satellite Navigation, IEEE TVT Conf. 2016

Session Co-Chair, Mitigation of Jamming and Spoofing, 2017 Institute of Navigation International Technical Meeting (2017 ION-ITM)

Journal/Conference Paper Reviewer (selected)

IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters; AIAA Journal of Spacecraft and Rockets; AIAA Journal of Guidance, Control and Dynamics; Autonomous Robots, Springer; Aerospace Science & Technology, Elsevier; GPS Solutions, Springer; IEEE Transactions on Control Systems Technology; IEEE Transactions on Aerospace & Electronic Systems; IEEE Aerospace & Electronic Systems Magazine; IEEE Transactions on Vehicle Technology; IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing; IEEE Transactions on Automation Science & Engineering; IEEE Signal Processing Letters; Journal of Aerospace Engineering; Journal of Aerospace; Journal of Spacecraft & Rockets; Navigation, the Journal of the Institute of Navigation; Sensors; Algorithms; Electronics-MDPI; IET Science, Measurement & Technology; AIAA SciTech, GNC; American Control Conference; IEEE Conference on Robotics & Automation (ICRA); IEEE Conference on Unmanned Aerial Systems (ICUAS); IEEE Vehicle Technology Conference (VTC)

Research Proposal Reviewer

National Science Foundation, Proposal Review, 2020

National Science Foundation, Panel, 2019, 2021

National Science Foundation, Proposal Review, 2019

Kentucky Science & Engineering Foundation (KSEF)

Austrian Science Fund (FWF)

Research North Dakota.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence

Additional Department/College-Level Academic Service Roles

WVU MAE PhD Qualifier Committee Controls & Dynamics Section, Fall 2022

WVU MAE PhD Qualifier Committee Controls & Dynamics Section, Fall 2021

WVU MAE Chairperson Search Committee Member, 2021-2022

WVU Faculty Senate Teaching and Assessment Committee (TACO), 2021-2022

WVU MAE/LCSEE Robotics Cluster Faculty Search Committee, Chair, 2019, 2020

WVU MAE Faculty Search Committee, Member, 2018, 2019

WVU MAE Faculty Search Committee, Member, 2018

WVU MAE PhD Qualifier Committee, Chair of Fluid Mechanics & Aerodynamics Section, Spring 2018

WVU MAE PhD Qualifier Committee, Member of Fluid Mechanics & Aerodynamics Section, Spring 2018

WVU MAE PhD Qualifier Committee, Chair of Controls & Dynamics Section, Spring 2017

WVU MAE Faculty Search Committee, Member, 2017-2018

WVU SPACE Student Organization, Faculty Advisor, 2017-Present

WVU MAE PhD Qualifier Committee, Member of Aerodynamics & Fluid Mechanics Section, Fall 2016

WVU MAE PhD Qualifier Committee Member of Controls & Dynamics, Fall 2015

14 Software Development Projects

Contributor to JPL's RTGx GNSS Positioning and Orbit Determination Software

Power-Distortion GNSS Spoofing/Jamming Detector Software <https://github.com/navSecurity/P-D-defense>

Lab GitHub page with graduate student-led software repositories associated with publications
<https://github.com/wvu-navLab>

15 Teaching Experience

MAE 202: **Sophomore Seminar**, Spring 2026

MAE 216: **Intermediate Programming**, Fall 2025

MAE 202: **Sophomore Seminar**, Fall 2025

MAE 216: **Intermediate Programming**, Spring 2025

MAE 202: **Sophomore Seminar**, Spring 2025

MAE 202: **Sophomore Seminar**, Fall 2024

MAE 216: **Intermediate Programming**, Spring 2024

MAE 411: **Advanced Mechatronics**, Fall 2023

MAE 202: **Sophomore Seminar**, *New Course Development*, Fall 2023

MAE 411: **Advanced Mechatronics**, Fall 2021

MAE 211: **Mechatronics**, Spring 2021

MAE 411: **Advanced Mechatronics**, Fall 2020

MAE 561: **Satellite Navigation**, Spring 2020

MAE 475: **Flight Vehicle Design**, AE Capstone Design Course, Spring 2020

MAE 411: **Advanced Mechatronics**, Fall 2019

MAE 493D: **Spacecraft Design 2** (NASA Sounding Rocket Payload), *New Course Development*, Spring 2019

MAE 475: **Flight Vehicle Design**, AE Capstone Design Course, Spring 2019

MAE 493B: **Spacecraft Design 1** (NASA Sounding Rocket Payload), *New Course Development*, Fall 2018

MAE 475: **Flight Vehicle Design**, AE Capstone Design Course, Spring 2018

MAE 211: **Mechatronics**, Fall 2017

MAE 331: **Fluid Mechanics**, Spring 2017

MAE 593I: **Global Positioning System**, Fall 2016

MAE 331: **Fluid Mechanics**, Fall 2016

MAE 293C/493C: **Space Mission Development** (CubeSat Integration), Co-Instructor with Dr. Christian, Spring 2016.

MAE 593I: **Global Positioning System**, Fall 2015

MAE 293C/493C: **Space Mission Development** (CubeSat Integration), *New Course Development*, Co-Instructor with Dr. Christian, Fall 2015.

MAE 475: **Flight Vehicle Design**, BSAE Capstone Design Course, Spring 2015.

MAE 493J/593K/CpE 493N/CpE 591F: **Planetary Rover Design**, Co-Instructor with Dr. Gu, Dr. Klinkhachorn, Dr. Cheng, Spring 2015

MAE 593I: **Global Positioning System**, *New Course Development*, Fall 2014

MAE 331: **Fluid Mechanics**, Spring 2014

MAE 241: **Engineering Mechanics: Statics**, Spring 2008

16 Student Advising in Research

Completed Graduate Students

Haneen Hanoon, MSME, Research Advisor, Committee Chair, Graduation December 2025

Thesis Title: "Development of a Mixed Reality Robotics Testing Environment"

Job Upon Graduation: Adjunct Faculty, Penn-West University, California, PA

Andy Chu, MSME, Research Advisor, Committee Chair, Graduation May 2025

Thesis Title: "Flower Cluster Matching Utilizing The Unscented Transform For Robotic Pollination"

Job Upon Graduation: Engineer at MC Dean, Baltimore, MD

Shounak Das, PhD AE, Research Advisor, Committee Chair, Graduation December 2023

Dissertation Title: "Robust State Estimation Methods for Robotics Applications"

Job Upon Graduation: Qualcomm, Santa Clara, CA

Eduardo Guitierrez, MSME, Research Advisor, Committee Chair, Graduation December 2022

Thesis Title: "Decentralized Cooperative Localization for Challenging Conditions"

Job Upon Graduation: BALYO Robotics Field Engineer, Somerville, MA

Kieren Samarakoon, MSME, Co-Research Advisor, Committee Chair, Graduation August 2022

Thesis Title: "UAV Path Planning and Multi-Modal Localization for Mapping in a Subterranean Environment"

Job Upon Graduation: John Deere, Austin, TX

Maria Gonzalez, MSME, Research Advisor, Committee Chair, Graduation August 2022

Thesis Title: "Post Processing Precise Point Positioning Solutions Using Parameter Optimization"

Job Upon Graduation: Bosch, Michigan

Uthman Olawoye, MSAE, Research Advisor, Committee Chair, Graduation May 2022

Thesis Title: "UAV Position Estimation using a LiDAR-based 3D Object Detection"

Job Upon Graduation: PhD Student at WVU

Matteo De Petrillo, PhD AE, Research Advisor, Committee Chair, Graduation December 2021

Dissertation Title: "Planning Algorithms Under Uncertainty for a Team of a UAV and UGV for Underground Exploration"

Job Upon Graduation: Near Earth Autonomy, Pittsburgh PA

Cagri Kilic, PhD AE, Research Advisor, Committee Chair, Graduation December 2021

Dissertation Title: "Planetary Rover Inertial Navigation Applications: Pseudo-measurements and Wheel-Terrain Interactions"

Job Upon Graduation: Post-Doctoral Fellow at WVU, Now Assistant Professor at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

Derek Ross, MSAE, Research Advisor, Committee Chair, Graduation Summer 2021

Thesis Title: "Uncertainty Estimation in Stereo Visual Odometry"

Job Upon Graduation: Raytheon Missile Systems, AZ

Ryan Watson, PhD AE, Research Advisor, Committee Chair, Graduation December 2019

Dissertation Title: "Enabling Robust State Estimation Through Covariance Adaptation"

Summer 2018 Internship: Qualcomm

Job Upon Graduation: Caltech-NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, CA

Victor Sivaneri, PhD AE, Research Advisor, Committee Chair, Graduation May 2018

Dissertation Title: "UGV-to-UAV Cooperative Ranging for Robust Navigation in GNSS-Challenged Environments"

NASA WV Space Grant Graduate Fellowship, 2015-2016

Summer 2017 Internship: Air Force Research Lab, Dayton OH

Job Upon Graduation: Air Force Research Lab, Sensors Directorate, Dayton OH

Jacob Hikes, MSAE, Research Advisor, Committee Chair, Graduation December 2018

Thesis Title: "Calibration of Cameras and LiDAR for Applications in Autonomous Navigation"

NASA WV Space Grant Graduate Fellowship, 2018

Job Upon Graduation: Northrup Grumman, Rocket City, WV

Shannen Daly, MSAE, Research Advisor, Committee Chair, Graduation August 2018

Thesis Title: "Implementation of a State-of-the-Art GNSS Receiver Autonomous Integrity Monitoring Technique"

Summer 2017 & Spring 2018 Internship: NASA MSFC

Job Upon Graduation: Aerospace Corporation, El Segundo, CA

Sean Lantto, MSAE, Research Advisor, Committee Chair, Graduation May 2018

Thesis Title: "Precise Orbit Determination of a CubeSat Using Duty-Cycles GNSS Observations"

Awards: NASA WV Space Grant Graduate Fellowship, 2016-2017

Summer 2017 Internship: Air Force Research Lab, Dayton OH

Job Upon Graduation: Rockwell Collins, Cedar Rapids, IA

Nathan Tehrani, MSAE, Research Advisor, Committee Chair, Graduation August 2017

Thesis title: "Characterization and Flight Test of a Multi-Antenna GNSS, Multi-Sensor Attitude Determination Algorithm"

NASA WV Space Grant Graduate Fellowship, 2016-2017

Job Upon Graduation: NASA GSFC IV&V Facility, Fairmont, WV

Stephane D'Urso, MSAE, Research Advisor, Committee Chair, Graduation August 2017

Thesis title: "Analysis of Model Aided Navigation of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles"

Job Upon Graduation: PhD Student at WVU in a different group

Ryan Watson, MSAE, Research Advisor, Committee Chair, Graduation May 2017

Thesis title: "Precise Point Positioning Inertial Navigation Integration for Airborne Kinematic Platforms"

Summer 2016 Internship: NASA Jet Propulsion Lab

Summer 2017 Internship: Air Force Research Lab, Dayton OH

Job Upon Graduation: PhD student at WVU

Jeremy Hardy, MSAE, Research Advisor, Committee Chair, Graduated December 2016

Thesis title: "Sensitivity Analysis of a Relative Navigation Solution for UAVs in a GNSS-Denied Environment"

Summer 2016 Internship at Systems & Technology Research in Woburn, MA

Job Upon Graduation: Engineer at Systems & Technology Research in Woburn, MA

Current Graduate Students and Post Docs

Uthman Olawoye, PhD AE, Research Advisor, Committee Chair, Fall 2022-Present

David Akhiehiero, PhD AE, Research Advisor, Committee Chair, Fall 2022-Present

K. Kulbushan, PhD ME, Research Co-Advisor, Committee Co-Chair, Fall 2023-Present

Graduate Students: Committee Member (select)

Yaohui Ding, MSAE, Graduated Summer 2015; Trevor Caplinger, MSAE, Graduated Summer 2015; Jordan Sell, MSME, Graduated Spring 2015; Alan Didion, MSAE, Graduated Fall 2015; Sean Patrick, MSAE, Graduated Fall 2015; Chris Gioia, PhD AE, Graduated Spring 2016; Jared Strader, MSME, Graduated Summer 2016; Andrew Liounis, MSAE, Graduated Spring 2016; Ehsan Moradi Pari, PhD CSEE, Graduated Spring 2016; Amin Tahmasbi Sarvestani, PhD CSEE, Graduated Fall 2016; Lylia Benhacine, MSAE, Graduated Spring 2017; Shane Haught, MSAE, Graduated Summer 2018; Scott Harper, MSAE, Graduated Fall 2018; Josh Milam, MSAE, Graduated Fall 2018; Mohanad Al Nuami, PhD AE, Graduated Summer 2019; Conner Castel, MSME, Graduated Fall 2019; Alex Hypes, MSME; Theodore Lane, PhD Physics, Graduated Spring 2020; Kyle Lassak, PhD AE, Graduated Spring 2020; Chizhao Yang, PhD AE, Graduated Fall 2021; Garielle Hedrick, PhD AE, Graduated Fall 2020; Andrew Rhodes, PhD AE, Graduated Fall 2019; Sinan Imad Sabri, PhD CS, Graduated Spring 2022; Christopher Tatsch, MSME, Graduated Summer 2020; Jared Beard, MSAE, Graduated Summer 2020; Conner Castle, MSAE, Graduated Fall 2019; Jennifer Nguyen, MSAE, Graduated Spring 2020; Danylo Shapovalov, MSAE, Graduated Fall 2020; Quinn Jones, PhD CS; Bernardo Martinez, PhD ME; Al Mahmud, MSME; Jared Strader, PhD ME, Graduated Fall 2021; Rogerio Lima, PhD AE; Nicholas Ohi, PhD AE, Graduated Fall 2023; Lauren Cash, MSME; Joshua Daniell, MSAE; Brock Dolly, MSAE; Richard Licata, PhD AE, Graduated Fall 2022; Nathaniel Michek, PhD AE; Juan Pabon Arias, PhD ME; Jeremy Rathjen, MSME, Graduated Fall 2022; Madhav Rijal, PhD ME; Gerardo Rivera Santos, PhD AE; Eric Swanson, MSME; James Floyd, MSAE

Undergraduate Students: Research Advisor (select)

Caleb Ford, Fall 2022-Present; Mitchell Zehring, Fall 2021-Summer 2022; Alan Hongpaisan, Fall 2021-Spring 2022; Brock Dolly, BSME/BSAE, Fall 2020; Pranav Werrier, BSME/BSAE, Fall 2020-Current; Alec Angus, BSME/BSAE, Fall 2020-Current; Matthew Russell, BSME/BSAE, Summer 2019-Current; Hayden Nichols, BSME, Spring 2018-Current; Emily Upton, BSME, Spring 2018-Current; Thomas Swiger, BSME/BSAE, Fall 2018-Summer 2019; Connor Kirk, Summer 2018 WVU STEM-SURE REU Student, Fall 2018-Summer 2019; Akira Yamashita, Washington & Jefferson College Summer Student,

Summer 2018; Keelan Hendricks, Summer 2018 WVU STEM-SURE REU Student; Michael Lee, BSME/BSAE, Summer 2017 WVU STEM-SURE REU Student; Adam Roh, BSCE/BSEE, Fall 2016-Winter 2016; Keegan Mueller, BSME, Summer 2016 WVU STEM-SURE REU Student; Sean Lantto, BSAE/BSME, Fall 2015-Summer 2016; Nicholas Ohi, BSAE/BSME, WV NASA Space Grant Fellowship, Summer 2015-Spring 2016; Brandon Johnston, BSAE/BSME, Summer 2014-Spring 2015; Zach Rumble, BSAE/BSME, Summer 2014-Spring 2015; Timothy Bear, BSAE/BSME, Fall 2014-Fall 2016

17 Community Outreach (Select)

WVU Merit Badge University co-instructor of robotics, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
Judge at VEX High School Tournament February 2023, December 2024, Feb 2025, Jan. 2026
Space Robotics Challenge middle school Sphero robotics challenge, September 26, 2021, Space Center Houston, TX
WV STARS Symposium, Morgantown WV, November 16, 2019
Judge at WV State Science High School Science & Engineering Fair, Fairmont State University, April 2019
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WVU Faculty Dinner Lecture Series, Spring 2017
Participation in Mission Automation Collaboration hosted by SOCCOM/SOFWERX
Prospective WVU Student UAV Lab Tour (October & November 2016 ~50 students)
Judge at WV State Science High School Science & Engineering Fair, Fairmont State University, April 2016
WVU STEM SURE Seminar on Seeking Graduate Education, Summer 2015
Mentor to High School Senior Capstone Course, David Lituchy, 2015 academic year
Referee at WVROX 24-hour FIRST Robotics Competition, August 2014

18 Media Coverage / Appearances (Selected)

[WVU robotics professor gives demonstration at West Virginia Culture Center](#), November 2025
[Gross Recognized with Early Achievement Award for Exceptional Navigation Research Contributions](#), January 2025
[Launch of WVU degree in robotics engineering means cutting resources for students, local industry and K-12 outreach](#), August 2024
[Undergraduates to Design Robotics for Appalachia's Challenges at WVU Summer Research Program](#), April 2024
[Creating a new Future: WVU Unveils Undergraduate Degree Program in Robotics](#), December 2023
[Gross Elected as AIAA Associate Fellow](#), October 2023
[Statler College Professor Jason Gross Selected for Generation Next: 40 under 40](#), June 2023
[IEEE/ION PLANS 2023 Focused on the Technologies Advancing PNT](#), InsideGNSS, April 2023
[Gross appointed Chair of the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering](#), October 2022
[Researchers developing robots that can detect slip and fall hazards in retail spaces](#), Safety and Health Magazine and WVU Today, September 2022
[WVU space robotics research helps Mars rovers find their footing](#), WVU Today, August 2022

[Flight simulator donated by WVU alumnus aids education, research at Statler College](#), WVU Foundation News, August 2022

[WVU engineers advance U.S. Air Force search and rescue missions in hostile territories with unmanned drones](#), WVU Today, August 2022

[Gross Named Interim Chair of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering](#), Statler News, January 2022

[Navigating the Future of Robotics](#), WVU YouTube, November 2021

[WVU to launch projects aimed at building resilient communities](#), WVU Today, November 2021

[WVU researchers develop new robot pollinator as a backup for declining insect populations](#), WVU Today, October 2021

[Teams Develop Code to Coordinate Robots, Win \\$535,000 in Space Robotics Challenge](#), NASA Press Release, September 2021

[WVU Robotics Team Places Sixth in Final Round of NASA Centennial Challenge](#), Statler News, September 2021

[US Air Force Selects Kinnami and West Virginia University for Next Generation Information Technology STTR](#) PRNewswire, September, 2021

[Setting Our Sites on the Moon](#), Let's Go Engineers Podcast, Episode 1, April 2021

[Teaching, Research and Advising Awards Announced in WVU's Statler College](#), April 2021

[Folding Drone Can Drop Into Inaccessible Mines](#), Quoted in IEEE Spectrum, Feb, 2021

[22 Teams Crack Code, Qualify for final stage of NASA Space Robotics](#), NASA Press Release, Jan. 2021

[WVU robotics team qualifies for final round of NASA Centennial Challenge](#) Daily Anthnaeum, Jan 2021

[Shooting for the Moon: WVU qualifies for final round of NASA Centennial Challenge](#), WVU Today, Jan 2021

[A Saving Grace Underground: WVU Engineers to Utilize Robots to Improve Mine Safety](#), WVU Today, October 11, 2019

[Robotics at WVU Statler College of Engineering](#), WVU YouTube Video, August 2019

[NSF Award to Fund Undergraduate Summer Robotics Research Experience](#), WVUToday, March 15, 2019

[WVU Goes to Space!](#), WVUToday Video on YouTube, June 28, 2018

[WVU contributing to development of space economy](#), The West Virginia State Journal, June 13, 2018

[WVU engineering developing tech for use on farms, underground and beyond](#), The WV State Journal, December 27, 2017

[WVU Research Team to Test Effectiveness of Drones, Robots in Underground Tunnels](#), WVU Today, December 7, 2017

[WVU to develop software for future NASA Mars rovers, test 3-D printed foams on ISS](#), WVU Today, July, 2017

[Teaching, Advising and Research Awards Announced](#), WVU Statler News, April, 2017

Research Online: "GNSS Spoofing, Jamming, and Multipath Interference Classification using a Maximum-Likelihood Multi-Tap Multipath Estimator" GPS World Magazine, Feb. 2017

[From Mars to a greenhouse near you: WVU team transitions robot from rover to pollinator](#), WVU Today, November, 2016

[WVU Students win \\$750,000 NASA Robotics Challenge](#), WVU Today, September 2016

[Navigation Progress for Indoors and UAVs](#), Tony Murfin, GPS World Magazine, July, 2016

[WVU Statler College award winners announced WVU Today](#), April 2016

[Meet STF-1](#) WVU Magazine, Spring 2016

[Seven additional WVU faculty members awarded Big 12 research grants](#) WVU Today, October 2015

[WVU engineering students honored on Capitol Hill for historic victory in NASA robotics competition](#) WVU Today, September 2015

[WVU engineering students make history and bring home \\$100,000 award in NASA robotics competition](#) WVU Today, June 2015

[NASA Awards \\$100,000 to Winning Team of Robot Challenge](#) , NASA, June 2015

[WVU partners with NASA to launch state's first satellite into orbit](#) WVU Today, April 2015

[WVU's Gross wins National Geospatial Intelligence Agency New Investigator award](#) WVU Today, April 2015