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EDUCATION

- Postdoc, Aerospace Engineering, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL. *Jan. 2013 – Sept. 2014*
Ultraviolet Digital Image Correlation (UV-DIC) for High Temperature Applications
Advisor: Professor John Lambros
- PhD, Mechanical Engineering, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. *June 2008 – Jan. 2013*
Mechanical Characterization of Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Electrolytes with Honeycomb Support
Advisor: Professor Mark E. Walter
- B.S., Mechanical Engineering, University of Maryland, College Park, MD. *Aug. 2003 – May 2008*
Minor in Physics, QUEST Honors Program, Concentration in Solid Mechanics

HONORS & AWARDS

1. AFRL Summer Faculty Fellowship Program, Wright-Patterson AFB, 2018
2. MAE Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentor of the Year, Utah State University, 2018.
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5. MAE Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentor of the Year, Utah State University, 2016.
6. Haythornthwaite Foundation Student Travel Award and Paper Competition, ASME-IMECE 2012.
7. Ray Travel Award, The Ohio State University Council of Graduate Students, Fall 2012.
8. NSF Student Travel Award and Poster Competition, Finalist, ASME-IMECE 2011.
9. General Topics Poster Competition, 3rd Place (of 95 participants), ASME-IMECE 2011.
10. Distinguished University Fellowship, Ohio State University, 2008-'09 & 2011-'12 academic years.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Visiting Researcher, Wright-Patterson AFB. *June-Aug. 2017, 2018*
 - Collaborated with AFRL's Turbine Engine Fatigue Facility
 - Measured full-field vibration fatigue strains at high temperatures (1200-1400°F) and frequencies (20-30 kHz)
- Assistant Professor, Utah State University. *Jan. 2015 – Present*
 - Director of the Mechanics at Extreme Temperatures Lab (www.berkelab.com)
 - Studies mechanics of materials for extreme temperature environments, with applications to the energy, aerospace, and nuclear industries.
- Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. *Jan. 2013 – Dec. 2014*
 - Studied mechanical response of nickel superalloy at high temperatures (1100°C and above)
 - Developed high-temperature stereo-DIC methods using filtered blue and UV light.
 - Purchased and assembled optical equipment including cameras, lights, lenses, and filters.
 - Designed and produced custom coils for an induction heating system.
- Graduate Research Associate, The Ohio State University. *June 2008 – Jan. 2013*
 - Partnered with NexTech Materials to improve mechanical robustness of Solid Oxide Fuel Cells (SOFCs)
 - Performed Finite Element simulations of SOFC components using ANSYS and ABAQUS
 - Characterized mechanical properties of material samples using load frame experiments and resonance
 - Prepared manuscripts for submission to scientific literature and presented at technical conferences
- Co-Op Student, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) *Jan. 2005 – Aug. 2007*
 - Worked full-time as an undergraduate research assistant in the Building and Fire Research Lab (BFRL)
 - Calibrated field equipment, and redesigned the group's calibration procedures to be more precise.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Solid Mechanics:** Thermo-mechanical loading, fracture, fatigue, creep, environmental effects.
- Advanced Material Systems:** High temperature materials, multi-scale structures, advanced energy systems, aerospace vehicles, nuclear structural materials, accident tolerant fuels.
- Experimental Methods:** High-temperature measurements, in-situ methods, resonant ultrasound spectroscopy, 2-D and 3-D digital image correlation.
- Education:** Graduate and undergraduate research, participation of under-represented populations

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

As Assistant Professor at Utah State University:

- MAE 3040: Mechanics of Solids (Junior Required Course)
- Fall 2017: 53 students, evaluation score 4.2/5.0
 - Fall 2016: 57 students, evaluation score 4.0/5.0
 - Fall 2015: 47 students, evaluation score 3.6/5.0

- MAE 5040: Experimental Solid Mechanics (Senior / Graduate Elective) – **New course** developed by me
- Fall 2017: 32 students, evaluation score 4.1/5.0
 - Fall 2016: 6 students, evaluation score 4.4/5.0 (as MAE 5930: Special Topics)
 - Spring 2015: 11 students, evaluation score 3.2/5.0 (as MAE 5930: Special Topics)

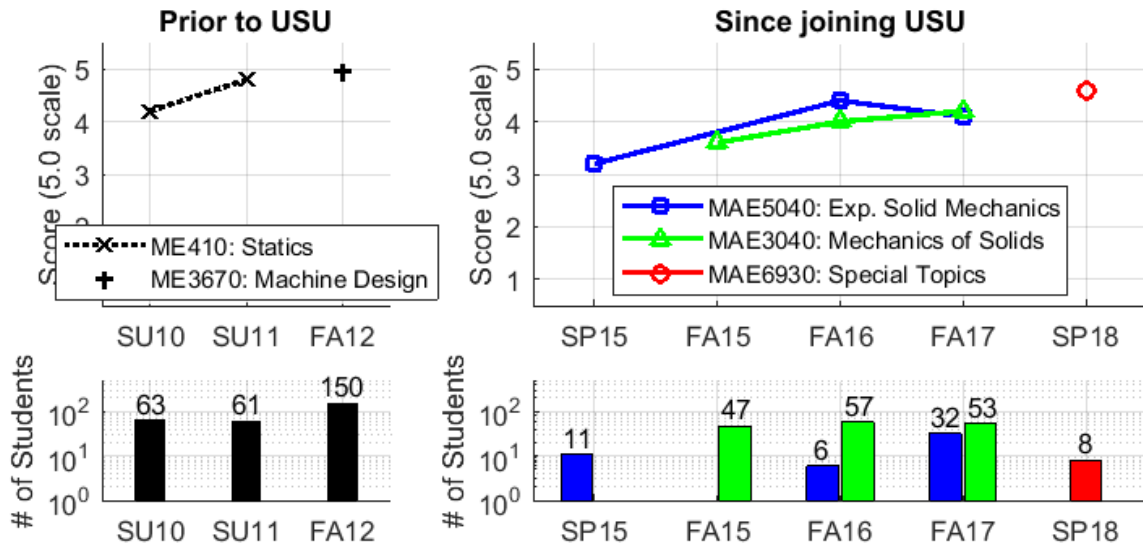
- MAE 6930: Micro-Mechanics of Materials (Graduate Elective) – **New course** developed by me
- Spring 2018: 8 students, evaluation score 4.6/5.0

Other Teaching Activities:

- Have mentored a total of 6 graduate students and 28 undergraduates – including 9 women, 2 Latinas, 1 Native American, 1 veteran, and 2 LGBTQ+ students. (*Last Updated Jan 2018*)
 - o Nine (9) admitted into USU's Engineering Undergraduate Research Program (EURP)
 - o Seven (7) admitted into USU's Undergraduate Research Fellows (URF) Program
 - o One (1) recognized as 2017 MAE Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher of the Year
 - o One (1) recognized as 2018 MAE MS Student Researcher of the Year
- Advised four (4) Undergraduate Teaching Fellows (UTFs) to develop new lab activities for MAE 5040: Experimental Solid Mechanics:
 - o Fall 2017: Dynamic Measurements (Robert Rowley) and Fracture Measurements (Weston Craig)
 - o Fall 2016: Vibration Measurements (Trevor Bird) and Strain Measurements (Robert Rowley)
- 2016-17: Advised senior design team to build custom UV Zoom Lens for high temperature imaging.

Prior to joining Utah State University:

- ME 410: Statics (Sophomore Required Course), The Ohio State University (as Instructor of Record)
- Summer 2011: 61 students, evaluation score 4.8/5.0
 - Summer 2010: 63 students, evaluation score 4.2/5.0
- ME 3670: Machine Design (Junior Required Course), The Ohio State University (as Graduate TA)
- Fall 2012: 150 students, evaluation score 4.95/5.00
- ENES 190H: Intro to Quality & Design (Sophomore Elective), Univ of Maryland (as Undergrad TA)
- Fall 2005: 70 students, no evaluation score



PAST AND CURRENT SUPPORT**Past and Current Support (as PI)**

1. USU Office of Research and Graduate Studies, "High Temperature Vibrational Resonance of SiC Composites for Advanced Aerospace Applications," **\$20,000**, 07/01/15 – 12/31/16.
2. USU Office of Research and Graduate Studies, "Graduate Research Assistantship in Materials Characterization at Extreme Temperatures for Advanced Aerospace Applications," **\$80,000**, 08/01/15 – 03/31/19.
3. USDOE Nuclear Energy University Program (NEUP), "Full Field Temperature and Strain Measurements at Extreme Temperatures," **\$226,824**, 01/01/16 – 12/31/16.
4. USU Office of Research and Graduate Studies, Proposal Writing Institute, **\$2,500**, May 2016.
5. AFRL Summer Faculty Fellowship Program (SFFP), "Characterizing Full-Field Vibration Fatigue at Elevated Temperatures," **\$37,125**, Summer 2017.
6. NASA MSFC Cooperative Agreement Notice, "Heterogeneous Strain Measurement during Hot-Fire Testing of Carbon-Carbon Rocket Nozzles," **\$120,973**, 01/01/18 – 12/31/18.
7. AFRL/RQTI, "Benchmark Simulations of Improved High-Throughput Method to Measure High Cycle Fatigue," **\$6,771**, 01/08/18 – 08/24/18.
8. AFRL Summer Faculty Fellowship Program (SFFP), "Improved High-Throughput Measurements for High Cycle Fatigue at Extreme Temperatures" **\$43,500**, Summer 2018.

TOTAL PAST AND CURRENT AS PI: \$542,693.

Past and Current Support (as co-PI)

1. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), "Faculty Development Program to Integrate New Faculty in Nuclear Engineering Research at Utah State University," **\$329,779 (my responsibility: about \$160,000)**, 08/31/15 – 08/30/18. (PI: Heng Ban).
2. USDOE Nuclear Energy University Program (NEUP), "Transient Reactor (TREAT) Experiments to Validate MBM Fuel Performance Simulations," **\$5 Million (my responsibility: about \$350,000)**, 10/01/16 – 09/30/20. (PI: Heng Ban).
3. USDOE Nuclear Energy University Program (NEUP), "Focused Ion Beam for Advanced Specimen Preparation, 3D Microstructural Characterization, and Simulated Irradiation," **\$300,000**, 10/01/17 – 09/30/18. (PI: Nick Roberts).
4. USDOE Nuclear Energy University Program (NEUP), "Benchmarking Microscale Ductility Measurements," **\$776,669 (my responsibility: \$200,000)**, 10/01/18 – 09/30/21. (PI: Owen Kingstedt, University of Utah).

TOTAL PAST AND CURRENT AS CO-PI: \$6,406,448 (my responsibility: about \$710,000)

Student Support (as Faculty Advisor)

1. USU Engineering Undergraduate Research Program (EURP), total of **\$40,500**:
 - a. Jaren Devey, "UV Digital Image Correlation to characterize Graphite at Extreme Temperatures," \$4500, 01/01/15 – 05/01/16 (Cohort #6).
 - b. Trevor J. Bird, "Modal Identification in Flat Plates during Vibrational Resonance at High Temperatures," \$4500, 01/01/16 – 05/01/17 (Cohort #7).
 - c. Ren Voie, "Full-Field Microstructural Strains at High Temperatures and Long Working Distances," \$4500, 01/01/16 – 05/01/17 (Cohort #7).
 - d. J. Jackson Matsen, "Damage Accumulation in Multi-Modal Vibration Fatigue," \$4500, 01/01/17 – 05/01/18 (Cohort #8).
 - e. Robert Rowley, "Full-Field Strain Measurements during High Temperature Impact," \$4500, 01/01/17 – 05/01/18 (Cohort #8).
 - f. Emma German, "Full-Field Deformation of Rotating Turbine Blades," \$4500, 01/01/18 – 05/01/19 (Cohort #9).
 - g. Daniel Waldram, "Super-Resolution Imaging for DIC at Improved Magnifications and Working Distances," \$4500, 01/01/18 – 05/01/19 (Cohort #9).
 - h. Katherine Burn, "DIC at Long Working Distances: The Effect of Diffraction Limits," \$4500, 05/01/18 – 12/31/19 (Cohort #10).
 - i. Samantha Burton, "High Throughput Vibration-based Measurements for High Cycle Fatigue," \$4500, 05/01/18 – 12/31/19 (Cohort #10).
2. USDOE Nuclear Energy University Program (NEUP), "Graduate Fellowship for Robert Hansen," **\$155,000**, 10/01/17 – 9/30/20.

TOTAL SUPPORT AS FACULTY ADVISOR: \$195,500.**BOOKS PUBLISHED**

1. Jay Carroll, Shuman Xia, Allison M. Beese, **Ryan B. Berke**, Garrett J. Pataky (editors), "Fracture, Fatigue, Failure, and Damage Evolution," Volume 7, *Proceedings of the 2017 Annual Conference on Experimental and Applied Mechanics*. Indianapolis, IN. June 2017.
2. Alan T. Zehnder, Jay Carroll, Kavan Hazeli, **Ryan B. Berke**, Garrett Pataky, Matthew Cavalli, Allison M. Beese, Shuman Xia (editors), "Fracture, Fatigue, Failure, and Damage Evolution," Volume 8, *Proceedings of the 2016 Annual Conference on Experimental and Applied Mechanics*. Orlando, FL. June 2016.

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

1. E.K. Nickerson & **R.B. Berke**, "Ultraviolet Diffraction-Assisted Image Correlation (UV-DAIC) for Single-Camera 3D Strain Measurement at Extreme Temperatures," *Experimental Mechanics*, available online April 12, 2018.
2. **R.B. Berke**, C.M. Sebastian, R. Chona, E.A. Patterson, & J. Lambros. "High Temperature Vibratory Response of Hastelloy-X: Stereo-DIC Measurements and Image Decomposition Analysis." *Experimental Mechanics* **56**(2), pp. 231-243 (2016)
3. **R.B. Berke** & M.E. Walter. "Using Specimen Geometry to Distinguish between Flexural and Torsional Modes when Determining Elastic Material Properties via Sonic Resonance." *ASTM J. Test Eval.* **44**(1) (2016).
4. **R.B. Berke** & J. Lambros. "Ultraviolet Digital Image Correlation (UV-DIC) for High Temperature Applications." *Rev. Sci. Inst.* **85**, 045121 (2014).
5. **R.B. Berke** & M.E. Walter. "Mesoscale Stress Response of Thin Ceramic Membranes with Honeycomb Support." *Int. J. Mech. Mater. Des.* **10**(1), pp. 53-64 (2014).
6. **R.B. Berke** & M.E. Walter, "Mechanical Characterization of Thin SOFC Electrolytes with Honeycomb Support." *J. Fuel Cell Sci. Technol.* **10**(1), pp. 1-7 (2013).

CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

1. **R.B. Berke**, C.M. Sebastian, A. Ding, R. Chona, E.A. Patterson, & J. Lambros. "Stereo-DIC Measurements of Thermal Gradient Effects on the Vibratory Response of Metals." *Proceeding of IMAC*, Orlando, FL. January 2016.
2. **R. B. Berke**, "Full-Field Strain Measurements at Extreme Temperatures using Ultraviolet Digital Image Correlation (UV-DIC)" Extended Abstract. Proceedings of the *Winter Meeting of the American Nuclear Society*, Washington D.C., Nov. 2015.
3. **R. B. Berke**, J. Lambros. "Ultraviolet Digital Image Correlation (UV-DIC) for Creep Measurement at High Temperatures" Extended Abstract. Proceedings of the *US National Congress on Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (USNCTAM)*, East Lansing, MI. June 2014.
4. **R. B. Berke**, C. M. Sebastian, E. A. Patterson, J. Lambros. "High Temperature Vibration Response of a Nickel-based Superalloy Validated Using stereo-DIC measurements." Extended Abstract. Proceedings of the *SEM Annual Conference & Exposition on Experimental and Applied Mechanics*, Greenville, SC. June 2014.
5. **R. B. Berke**, J. Lambros. "Ultraviolet Digital Image Correlation (UV-DIC) at High Temperatures" Extended Abstract. Proceedings of the *SEM Annual Conference & Exposition on Experimental and Applied Mechanics*, Greenville, SC. June 2014.
6. **R. Berke** & M. Walter, "Mechanical Characterization and Modeling of Corrugated Metal Foams for SOFC Applications." Proceedings for *ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition*, Denver, CO. Nov. 2011.
7. **R. Berke** & M. Walter. "Mechanical Characterization and Modeling of Solid Oxide Fuel Cells and Stacks." Proceedings for *SEM Annual Conference & Exposition on Experimental and Applied Mechanics*, Mohegan Sun, Conn. June 2011.
8. **R. Berke**, A. Suresh, & M. Walter. "Mechanical Characterization and Modeling of Electrolyte Membranes in Electrolyte-Supported SOFCs." Proceedings for *SEM Annual Conference & Exposition on Experimental and Applied Mechanics*, Indianapolis, Ind. June 2010.

INVITED / KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

1. **R.B. Berke**, "KEYNOTE: Ultraviolet Image-based Measurement Techniques for Strain Measurement at Extreme Temperatures," 2nd International Symposium on Image-based Metrology, Maui, HI, Dec. 2017.

2. **R.B. Berke**, "Heterogeneous Strain Measurements at Extreme Temperatures with Ultraviolet Digital Image Correlation (UV-DIC)", Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, Nov. 2017.
3. **R. B. Berke**. "Thermo-acoustic Response of Hastelloy X measured with Ultraviolet Digital Image Correlation (UV-DIC)," Oak Ridge National Lab, Oak Ridge, TN, Feb. 2016.
4. **R. B. Berke**. "Extreme Temperature Vibration Response of Hastelloy-X measured with Ultraviolet Digital Image Correlation (UV-DIC)," Army Research Lab, Aberdeen, MD, Nov. 2015.
5. **R. B. Berke**. "Vibration of Hastelloy-X at Extreme Temperatures measured with Ultraviolet Digital Image Correlation (UV-DIC)," National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Gaithersburg, MD, Nov. 2015.
6. **R. B. Berke**. "Full-Field Temperature and Strain Measurements at Extreme Temperatures using Ultraviolet Digital Image Correlation," Idaho National Lab, August 2015.
7. **R. B. Berke**. "Mechanical Characterization at Extreme Temperatures using Ultraviolet Digital Image Correlation (UV-DIC)," Idaho National Lab, Materials and Fuels Complex, July 2015.
8. **R. B. Berke**. "Ultraviolet Digital Image Correlation (UV-DIC) for Mechanical Characterization at Extreme Temperatures," University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, April 2015.
9. **R. B. Berke**. "Materials Characterization at Extreme Temperatures using Digital Image Correlation," Missouri University of Science & Technology, Rolla, MO, August 2014.
10. **R. B. Berke**. "Materials Characterization at Extreme Temperatures using Digital Image Correlation," Utah State University, Logan, UT, August 2014.
11. **R. B. Berke**. "Mechanical Characterization of Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Electrolytes with Honeycomb Support," University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL, October 2012.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. **R. B. Berke**, M. E. Nelson, S. Burton, "Full-Field Vibration Fatigue Strains at Extreme Temperatures," *SEM Annual Conference and Exposition on Experimental and Applied Mechanics*, Greenville, SC, June 2018.
2. **R. B. Berke**, T. Thai, A. Dabb, A. Smith, "Speckle Pattern Inversion in DIC at Extreme Temperatures," *SEM Annual Conference and Exposition on Experimental and Applied Mechanics*, Greenville, SC, June 2018.
3. **R. B. Berke**, K. Burn, E. K. Nickerson, "DIC at Long Working Distances: The Influence of Diffraction Limits," *SEM Annual Conference and Exposition on Experimental and Applied Mechanics*, Greenville, SC, June 2018.
4. **R. B. Berke**, E. Nickerson. "Ultraviolet Diffraction-Assisted Image Correlation (UV-DAIC) for Single-Camera Stereo-DIC at Extreme Temperatures," *ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition*, Tampa, FL, Nov. 2017.
5. **R. B. Berke**, E. Nickerson. "Single-Camera Stereo-DIC at Extreme Temperatures with Ultraviolet Diffraction-Assisted Image Correlation (UV-DAIC)," *SEM Annual Conference and Exposition on Experimental and Applied Mechanics*, Indianapolis, IN, June 2017.
6. **R. B. Berke**, T. Thai, A. Ding, J. Lambros. "Full-Field Strain Measurements up to 1700C with Ultraviolet Digital Image Correlation," *SEM Annual Conference and Exposition on Experimental and Applied Mechanics*, Indianapolis, IN, June 2017.
7. **R. B. Berke**, T. Bird, S. Ames. "Parametric Study of Resonating Plates at Extreme Temperatures," *SEM Annual Conference and Exposition on Experimental and Applied Mechanics*, Indianapolis, IN, June 2017.
8. **R. B. Berke**, E. Nickerson, T. Thai. "Full-Field Thermal Strain Measurements on Graphite at Extreme Temperatures," *ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition*, Phoenix, AZ, Nov. 2016.
9. **R. B. Berke**, E. Nickerson, T. Thai. "Measuring Full-Field Strains on Graphite in Extreme Temperatures using Ultraviolet Digital Image Correlation (UV-DIC)," *SEM Annual Conference and Exposition on Experimental and Applied Mechanics*, Orlando, FL, June 2016.
10. **R. B. Berke**. "Ultraviolet Digital Image Correlation (UV-DIC) for Measuring Full-Field Strains at Extreme Temperatures," *TMS Annual Conference*, Nashville, TN, Feb. 2016.
11. **R. B. Berke**. "Full-Field Strain Measurements at Extreme Temperatures using Ultraviolet Digital Image Correlation (UV-DIC)." *Winter Meeting of the American Nuclear Society*, Washington, D.C., Nov. 2015.
12. **R. B. Berke**, J. Lambros. "Ultraviolet Digital Image Correlation (UV-DIC) for Creep Measurement at High Temperatures." *US National Congress on Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (USNCTAM)*, East Lansing, MI. June 2014.

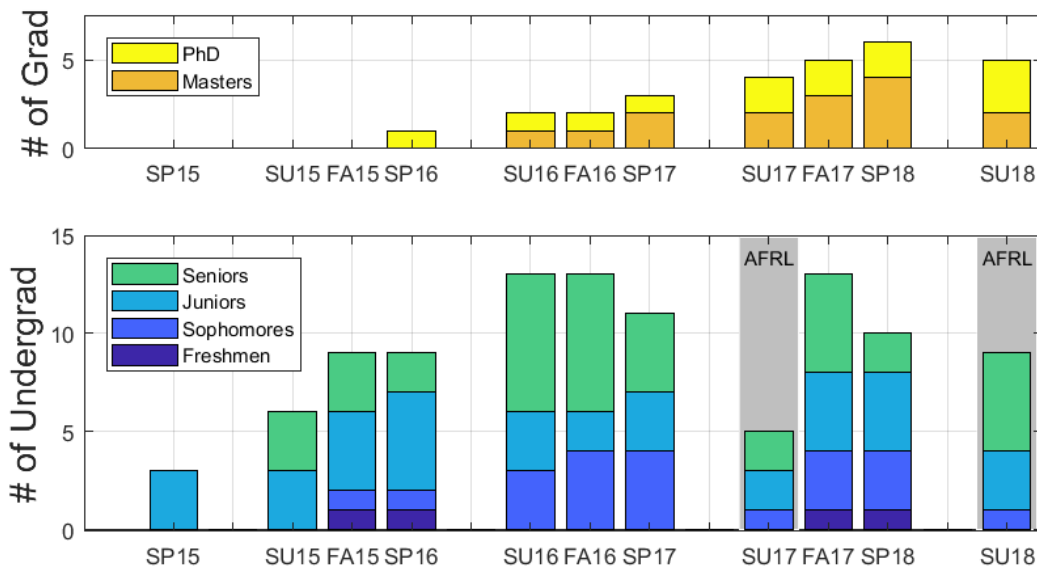
13. **R. B. Berke**, C. M. Sebastian, E. A. Patterson, J. Lambros. "High Temperature Vibration Response of a Nickel-based Superalloy Validated Using stereo-DIC measurements." *SEM Annual Conference & Exposition on Experimental and Applied Mechanics*, Greenville, SC. June 2014.
14. **R. B. Berke**, J. Lambros. "Ultraviolet Digital Image Correlation (UV-DIC) at High Temperatures" *SEM Annual Conference & Exposition on Experimental and Applied Mechanics*, Greenville, SC. June 2014.
15. **R. Berke**, M. Walter, S. Monfort, G. Arkenberg. "Mechanical Characterization and Modeling of Next-Generation Electrolyte-Supported SOFC Stacks." *ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition*, Houston, TX. Nov. 2012
16. S. Akanda, M. Walter, **R. Berke**, N. Kidner, M. Seabaugh "Lifetime Predictions of MCO Coatings on Metallic Interconnects." *ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition*, Houston, TX. Nov. 2012
17. **R. Berke**, M. Walter, "Mechanical Characterization and Modeling of Corrugated Metal Foams for SOFC Applications." *ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition*, Denver, CO. Nov. 2011
18. **R. Berke**, M. Walter, "Mechanical Characterization and Modeling of Next-Generation Solid Oxide Fuel Cells and Stacks." *Material Science & Technology 2011 Conference & Exposition*, Columbus, OH. Oct. 2011
19. **R. Berke**, M. Walter. "Mechanical Characterization and Modeling of Corrugated Metal Foams for SOFC Applications." *Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Graduate Student Research Day*, Columbus, OH. Oct. 2011.
20. M. Walter, B. Dev, & **R. Berke**. "Mechanical Characterization and Modeling of Solid Oxide Fuel Cells and Stacks." *SEM Annual Conference & Exposition on Experimental and Applied Mechanics*, Mohegan Sun, Conn. June 2011.
21. **R. Berke**, B. Dev, & M. Walter. "Mechanical Characterization and Modeling of Solid Oxide Fuel Cells and Stacks." *ASME Applied Mechanics and Materials Conference (McMAT)*, Chicago, Ill. May 2011.
22. **R. Berke**, A. Suresh, & M. Walter. "Mechanical Characterization of Electrolyte-Supported Solid Oxide Fuel Cells." *Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Graduate Student Research Day*, Columbus, OH. Oct. 2010.
23. **R. Berke**, A. Suresh, & M. Walter. "Mechanical Characterization and Modeling of Electrolyte Membranes in Electrolyte-Supported SOFCs." *SEM Annual Conference & Exposition on Experimental and Applied Mechanics*, Indianapolis, Ind. June 2010.
24. M. Walter, **R. Berke**, & A. Suresh. "Two-Scale Characterization and Modeling of Electrolytes in Electrolyte-Supported Solid Oxide Fuel Cells." *ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition*, Lake Buena Vista, Fla. Nov. 2009
25. **R. Berke**, A. Suresh, & M. Walter. "Two-Scale Modeling of Thin Layers in Electrolyte-Supported Planar Solid Oxide Fuel Cells." *U.S. National Congress on Computational Mechanics*, Columbus, Ohio. July 2009.

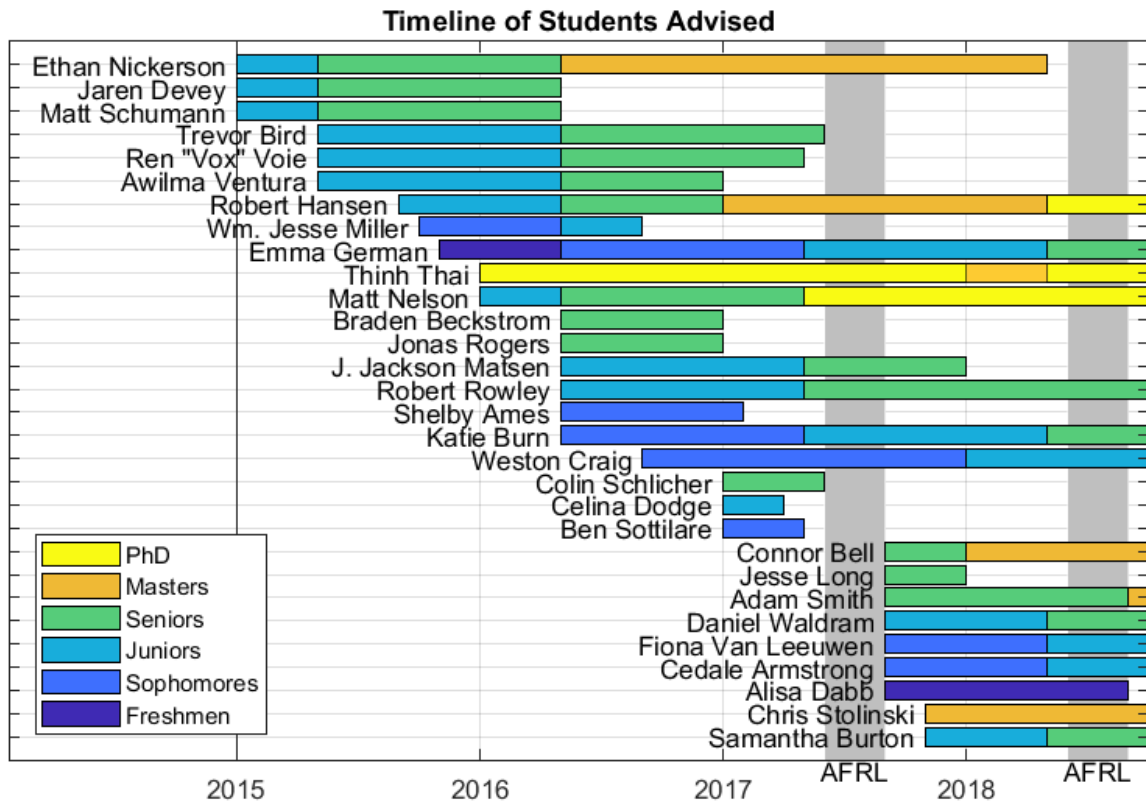
POSTER SESSIONS

1. T. Bird, S. Ames, & **R. Berke**. "Modal Identification in Flat Plates during Vibrational Resonance at High Temperatures," *ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition*, Phoenix, AZ, Nov. 2016.
2. E. Nickerson, J. Schulthess, & **R. Berke**. "Distortion Correction for Digital Image Correlation at HFEF." *Idaho National Laboratory's 2016 Intern Expo*, Aug. 2016.
 - a. World's Nuclear Energy Future poster competition, 2nd place
3. **R. Berke**, B. Dev, M. Walter, M. Jansen, M. Day, & S. Swartz. "Characterization of SOFC Electrolytes for Improved Mechanical Robustness." *Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Graduate Open House*, Columbus, OH. Feb. 2012.
4. **R. Berke**, M. Walter, "Mechanical Characterization and Modeling of Corrugated Metal Foams for SOFC Applications." *ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition*, Denver, CO. Nov. 2011
 - a. General Topics Poster Competition, 3rd place (of 95 participants)
 - b. NSF Student Poster Competition, Finalist
5. **R. Berke**, B. Dev, M. Walter, M. Jansen, M. Day, & S. Swartz. "Characterization of SOFC Electrolytes for Improved Mechanical Robustness." *Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Graduate Student Research Day*, Columbus, OH. Oct. 2011.

6. M. Walter, **R. Berke**, B. Dev, M. Jansen, M. Day, & S. Swartz. "Characterization of SOFC Electrolytes for Improved Mechanical Robustness." *12th Annual Solid State Energy Conversion Alliance Workshop*, Pittsburgh, PA. July 2011.
7. **R. Berke**, M. Walter, A. Suresh, P. Matter, M. Day, K. Chenault, & S. Swartz. "Mechanical Characterization and Modeling of Electrolyte Membranes in Electrolyte-Supported SOFCs." *Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Open House*, Columbus, OH. Feb. 2011.
8. **R. Berke**, M. Walter, A. Suresh, P. Matter, M. Day, K. Chenault, & S. Swartz. "Mechanical Characterization and Modeling of Electrolyte Membranes in Electrolyte-Supported SOFCs." *Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Graduate Student Research Day*, Columbus, OH. Oct. 2011.
9. M. Walter, A. Suresh, **R. Berke**, P. Matter, M. Day, K. Chenault, & S. Swartz. "Mechanical Characterization and Modeling of Electrolyte Membranes in Electrolyte-Supported SOFCs." *11th Annual Solid State Energy Conversion Alliance Workshop*, Pittsburgh, PA. July 2010.
10. **R. Berke**, M. Walter. "Application of Experimental Mechanics and Microstructural Analysis for Multi-Scale Materials Characterization." *Department of Mechanical Engineering Open House*, Columbus, OH. Feb. 2010.
11. **R. Berke**, T. Gatts, M. Walter. "Investigation of the Heating and Cooling of Composite Glass Seals for SOFCs." *Department of Mechanical Engineering Graduate Student Research Day*, Columbus, OH. Oct. 2010.
12. **R. Berke**, M. Walter. "Application of Experimental Mechanics and Microstructural Analysis for Multi-Scale Materials Characterization." *Department of Mechanical Engineering Open House*, Columbus, OH. Feb. 2009.
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STUDENTS ADVISED





PhD Students

1. Robert Hansen, PhD Student (May 2018-present)
2. Matt Nelson, PhD Student (May 2017-present)
3. Think Q. Thai, PhD Student (Jan 2016-present)

MS Students

1. Adam Smith, M.S. Student (Aug 2018-present)
2. Chris Stolinski, M.S. Student (Oct 2017-present)
3. Connor Bell, M.S. Student, (Jan-May 2018)
4. Think Q. Thai, M.S. Mechanical Engineering 2018 → PhD in my lab
5. Robert Hansen, M.S. Mechanical Engineering 2018 → PhD in my lab
6. Ethan Nickerson, M.S. Mechanical Engineering 2018

Undergraduate Students

1. Alisa Dabb, Mechanical Engineering Student, 2017-2018
2. Fiona Van Leeuwen, B.S. Mechanical Engineering (expected graduation May 2020)
3. Cedale Armstrong, B.S. Mechanical Engineering (expected graduation May 2020)
4. Weston Craig, B.S. Mechanical Engineering (expected graduation Dec 2019)
5. Katie Burn, B.S. Mechanical Engineering (expected graduation Dec 2019)
6. Daniel Waldram, B.S. Mechanical Engineering (expected graduation May 2019)
7. Samantha Burton, B.S. Mechanical Engineering (expected graduation May 2019)
8. Emma German, B.S. Mechanical Engineering (expected graduation May 2019)
9. J. Jackson Matsen, B.S. Mechanical Engineering (expected graduation Dec 2018)
10. Robert Rowley, B.S. Mechanical Engineering (expected graduation Dec 2018)
11. Adam Smith, B.S. Mechanical Engineering 2018 → MS in my lab
12. Connor Bell, B.S. Mechanical Engineering 2017 → MS at USU (not in my lab)
13. Jesse Long, B.S. Mechanical Engineering 2017
14. Matt Nelson, B.S. Mechanical Engineering 2017 → PhD in my lab
15. Braden Beckstrom, B.S. Mechanical Engineering 2017 → MS at Colorado State
16. Trevor Bird, B.S. Mechanical Engineering 2017 → PhD at Purdue
17. Jonas Rogers, B.S. Mechanical Engineering 2017 → MS at USU (not in my lab)
18. Ren "Vox" Voie, B.S. Mechanical Engineering 2017 → MS at Virginia Tech
19. Colin Schlicher, B.S. Mechanical Engineering 2017

- 20. Awilma Ventura, B.S. Mechanical Engineering 2017
- 21. Ben Sottillare, Mechanical Engineering Student, 2017
- 22. Celina Dodge, Mechanical Engineering Student, 2017
- 23. Shelby Ames, Mechanical Engineering Student, 2016-2017
- 24. Robert Hansen, B.S. Mechanical Engineering 2016 → MS in my lab
- 25. Wm. Jesse Miller, Mechanical Engineering Student, 2015-2016
- 26. Jaren Devey, B.S. Mechanical Engineering 2016 → MS at USU (not in my lab)
- 27. Ethan Nickerson, B.S. Mechanical Engineering 2016 → MS in my lab
- 28. Matt Schumann, B.S. Mechanical Engineering 2016

INTERNAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

USU Committee Membership:

- USU Engineering Undergraduate Research Program (EURP) Committee *Fall 2016 – Present*
 - Committee Chair 2017-Present
- USU MAE Undergraduate Studies Committee *Fall 2015 – Summer 2016*

Advisor for Student Organizations:

- USU Student Chapter of the American Nuclear Society (Faculty Advisor) *Fall 2017 – Present*
- USU Student Chapter for oSTEM (Faculty Advisor) *Spring 2017 – Present*

Participant:

- USU Engineering State Summer Camp *Summer 2018*
- USU Native American STEM Mentorship Program (NASMP) *Summer 2016-2018*
- USU Allies on Campus *Spring 2016 – Present*
- USU Interfaith Initiative *Spring 2016 – Present*

EXTERNAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Society for Experimental Mechanics (SEM) *Spring 2010 – Present*

Fracture and Fatigue Technical Division

- Secretary** June 2018-Present
- Abstract Chair and Editor June 2017-2018
- Abstract Reviewer June 2015-2018

Education Committee, Member June 2017-Present

Research Committee, Member June 2017-Present

2019 SEM Annual Conference, Reno, NV

1. Workshop Organizer: "Let's Talk Post-Doc" (with Meg Grady)
2. Panel Organizer: "Panel on Junior Career Development in Academia"
3. Session Organizer: "Fracture and Fatigue in Extreme Environments" (with Kavan Hazeli)
4. Session Organizer: "Vibration Methods and High Cycle Fatigue" (with Onome Scott-Emuakpor)

2018 SEM Annual Conference, Greenville, SC

1. Chair of the Abstract Review Committee for Fracture and Fatigue Technical Division
2. Session Organizer: "In-situ Techniques for Fracture and Fatigue" (with Garrett Pataky)
3. Session Organizer: "Fracture and Fatigue in Extreme Environments" (with Kavan Hazeli)
4. Session Organizer: "Vibration Effects in Fracture and Fatigue" (with Onome Scott-Emuakpor)

2017 SEM Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN

1. Paper Reviewer for Fracture and Fatigue Sessions (with Garrett Pataky)
2. Session Organizer: "In-situ Techniques for Fracture and Fatigue" (with Omer Ozgur Capraz)
3. Session Organizer: "Fracture and Fatigue in Extreme Environments" (with Kavan Hazeli)
4. Session Organizer: "Vibration Effects in Fracture and Fatigue" (with Onome Scott-Emuakpor)
5. Session Organizer: "Brittle Fracture" (with Garrett Pataky)

2016 SEM Annual Conference, Orlando, FL

1. Paper Reviewer for Fracture and Fatigue Sessions (with Garrett Pataky)
2. Session Organizer: "In-situ Techniques for Fracture and Fatigue" (with Allison Beese and Garrett Pataky)
3. Session Organizer: "Fracture and Fatigue in Extreme Environments" (with Kavan Hazeli)
4. Session Organizer: "General Topics in Fracture and Fatigue" (with Garrett Pataky)
5. Session Organizer: "Damage Detection in Fracture and Fatigue" (with Shuman Xia and Xueju Wang)
6. Session Co-chair: "Interfacial Effects in Fracture and Fatigue" (with Vikas Tomar and Garrett Pataky)

American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
Applied Mechanics Division > Experimental Mechanics Committee
Vice Chair Nov. 2016-Present

Fall 2003 – Present

2018 IMECE Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA

1. Topic Organizer: "12-3: Mechanical Characterization in Extreme Temperature Environments" (with Natasha Vermaak and Owen Kingstedt)
2. Topic Organizer: "12-5: Quantitative Visualization of Fracture and Failure" (with Leslie Lamberson and Natasha Vermaak)
3. Topic Organizer: "12-6: In Situ Techniques in Experimental Mechanics" (with Charles Wojnar)

2017 IMECE Annual Conference, Tampa, FL

1. Topic Organizer: "12-12: Quantitative Visualization of Fracture and Failure" (with Leslie Lamberson and Natasha Vermaak)
2. Topic Organizer: "12-13: In Situ Techniques in Experimental Mechanics of Fracture and Failure" (with Charles Wojnar)
3. Topic Organizer: "12-23: Mechanical Characterization in Extreme Temperature Environments" (with Natasha Vermaak)

2016 IMECE Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ

1. Topic Organizer: "12-31: Mechanical Characterization in Extreme Temperature Environments" (with Natasha Vermaak)

American Nuclear Society (ANS), Materials Science and Technology Division Winter 2015 – Present

Proposal reviewer for DOE Consolidated Innovative Nuclear Research (CINR) FY 2015 – Present

Proposal reviewer for NSF Mechanics of Materials and Structures (MOMS) Winter 2017 – Present

Journal reviewer for *Experimental Mechanics*, *I.J. Mechanics and Materials in Design*, *J. Applied Mechanics*, *J. Strain Analysis in Engineering Design*, *J. Testing & Evaluation*, *Materials Research Express*, *Measurement Science and Technology*, and *Review of Scientific Instruments*. 2015 – Present

Prior to joining Utah State University:

American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) *Spring 2010 – Spring 2013*

Student Chapter President, 2010-'11 & 2011-'12 Academic Years (Reelected)

Ohio State Mechanical Engineering Grad Student Association (MEGA) *Fall 2008 – Fall 2012*

Chapter President, 2011-'12 Academic Year

Ohio State Mechanical Engineering Graduate Studies Committee

Student Representative

Fall 2011 – Fall 2012

Ohio State Design & Manufacturing Interest Group Committee

Student Representative

Fall 2012