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CECS founder Daniel Gajski honored in EDA at CECS-hosted event in conjunction with ICCAD 2017



During a CECS-hosted ICCAD event, CECS founder and former director Daniel Gajski was recognized by eda centrum, an independent institution dedicated to the promotion of research and development in the area of electronic design automation (EDA). He was awarded with the first EDA Contribution Award on November 12th, 2017 for his innumerable contributions and strong support of activities like EDTC, EuroDAC, and DATE.

Prof. Fadi Kurdahi, CECS director and host opened the event, welcomed everyone, and introduced the emcee, Dr. Sanjiv Narayan from Google. Speeches honoring Prof. Gajski were given by Prof. Wolfgang Rosenstiel from University of Tübingen, Germany, Prof. Frank Vahid from UCI Riverside, Prof. Yale N. Patt from The University of Texas at Austin and Prof. Rainer Doemer from UCI. Prof. Doemer also presented Prof. Gajski with a family tree of all of his former graduate students and their graduate students.

Daniel D. Gajski is one of the most influential scientists in EDA with more than 40 years of intensive engagement in industry and academia. He developed principles for structured design of electronic systems, implemented these principles by means of languages and tools, and proved their wide industrial applicability. Congratulations!



CECS founder Daniel Gajski honored at CECS-hosted ICCAD 2017 (cont.)



MaxLinear Inc. Visits CECS

MaxLinear's VP, Yves Rasse, visited CECS on October 5th to discuss research collaborations in the SoC (System on a Chip) domain. MaxLinear was founded in 2003. The company's original high performance, radio-frequency receiver products capture and process digital and analog broadband signals for applications including terrestrial, cable and satellite television and DOCSIS broadband. These products include both RF receivers and RF receiver systems-on-chip, or SoCs, which incorporate highly integrated radio system architecture and demodulator technology. The company's products were based on its pioneering low power, low cost CMOS process technology. Currently most of their current academic interactions appear to be with UCSD in the analog/mixed-signal space, but as their designs are getting more complex and involve more digital SoC content, collaboration with UCI is within their scope.



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Awards and Honors

CECS Professor Mohammad Al Faruque Earns Tenure

On July 1st, 2017, assistant professor Al Faruque was promoted to associate professor along with three other UCI engineering professors. In CECS, Professor Al Faruque conducts research on system-level design of embedded systems and cyber-physical systems (CPS) with special interest in CPS design automation and security, model-based design and multi-core systems.

In the past year, he was recognized for his research contribution in the area of embedded systems with the UCI Academic Senate Distinguished Early-Career Faculty Award for Research 2017-18 (see page 3) and also the Henry Samueli School of Engineering Early-Career Faculty Award for Research 2016-17.



Along with his graduate student Korosh Vatanparvar, Al Faruque received the best paper award last year at the IEEE/ACM Design Automation and Test in Europe (DATE) conference in Dresden, Germany. Additionally, he was the recipient of the Thomas Edison Patent Award 2016 for his patent titled, "Network as automation platform for collaborative E-car charging at the residential premises". Congratulations!



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Awards and Honors

Professor Nikil Dutt awarded the CS@ILLINOIS 2017 Distinguished Educator Award



Chancellor's Professor of Computer Science Nikil Dutt was honored with the CS@ILLINOIS 2017 Distinguished Educator Award in an award banquet ceremony held at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) on October 20, 2017. The CS @ ILLINOIS Distinguished Educator Award honors UIUC computer science alumni or faculty members who have made outstanding contributions to computer science education and research, and recognizes those who excel at motivating computer science students. Dutt's award recognizes his contributions to embedded systems and architecture research, his mentoring of many successful PhD advisees, as well as his teaching.



Professor Mohammad Al Faruque recognized by Academic Senate

Professor Mohammad Al Faruque from CECS has been recognized for his exemplar achievements in research by the Academic Senate. He was presented with the Distinguished Assistant Professor Award for Research on November 6, 2017 in the Newkirk Alumni Center. This award is given to those who have achieved excellence through their activities in research, teaching, and service.

His current research is focused on system-level design of embedded systems and Cyber-Physical-Systems (CPS) with special interests on CPS design automation, model-based design, multi-core systems, and CPS security. Just last year, he received the Thomas Alva Edison Patent Award 2016!



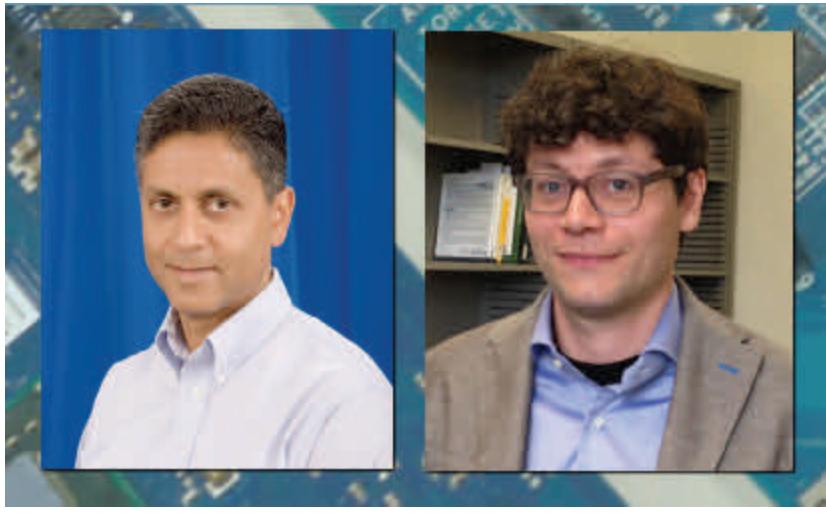
Awards and Honors

Professor Tsudik received 2017 ACM SIGSAC Outstanding Contributions Award

Chancellor's Professor of Computer Science Gene Tsudik was presented with the ACM SIGSAC Outstanding Contributions Award at the ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security in Dallas on Nov. 1. Tsudik received the award for his leadership in security and privacy research. The Outstanding Contributions Award is given for significant contributions to the field of computer and communication security through fostering research and development activities, educating students and providing professional services such as the running of professional societies and conferences. His research interests include many topics in security, privacy and applied cryptography.



Dutt and Levorato awarded NSF grant for healthcare IoT research



Chancellor's Professor of Computer Science Nikil Dutt and Assistant Professor of Computer Science Marco Levorato have received a \$300,000 research grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for designing a personalized ubiquitous healthcare framework using the Internet of Things (IoT). Dutt and Levorato lead the research project "IoCT-CARE: Internet of Cognitive Things for Personalized Healthcare" jointly with Finnish partners at

the University of Turku, the Turku University Central Hospital, and VTT Finland. The two-year project investigates a self-aware cognitive IoT architecture for ubiquitous health monitoring that can predict early onset of critical health conditions such as heart attacks. The project is funded as part of the NSF WiFiUS program jointly managed by the Academy of Finland and the US National Science Foundation, and aims to expand research collaboration between Finland and the United States in new areas of wireless telecommunications research.

CECS Student Profile—Sina Faezi



Sina Faezi is a second-year MS/PhD student with a focus on Computer Engineering in the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS) department at UC Irvine. He received his Bachelor's degree from Sharif University of Technology, Iran, with a Major in Electrical Engineering and a Minor in Computer Engineering in 2015. He ranked 29th among more than 300,000 participants for the Bachelor level university entrance exam in 2010, and he has received the Distinguished Bachelor's Thesis Award for the research he conducted during his undergraduate studies.

The topic of the research project he conducted at his undergraduate institute was "Quality Improvement and Critical Object Detection in Millimeter Wave (mmW) Images."

In this project, he improved the quality of mmW images using image processing techniques. Also, he developed a machine learning algorithm capable of detecting dangerous objects such as guns and knives in the poor-quality images captured by the mmW technology.

Currently, he is working under the supervision of Professor Al Faruque in the Advanced Integrated Cyber-Physical Systems (AICPS) laboratory at UCI. His current works in the AICPS lab are on the topic of data-driven modeling of Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS). He creates and uses data-driven models to tackle practical issues like durability, security, and process control. Sina thrived in the collaborative environment of the AICPS lab and accomplished a lot over two years. He has modeled long-term drivers' behavior using neural networks and used the model for improving durability and energy consumption of Electric Vehicles. He has also studied information leakage of 3D-printers from physical side-channels such as thermal, acoustic, magnetics, and in his latest work, he has developed a data-driven approach for securing 3D printers from similar types of confidentiality attacks.

Besides research, he has been a teaching assistant as both an undergraduate and graduate student. When he was an undergraduate student, he had the chance to be a teaching assistant for courses such as computer structure, operating systems, and ASIC and FPGA design. As a graduate student, he was a teaching assistant for several courses including CPS and introduction to programming with Python.



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