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Post Doctoral

Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering Howard University, 2300 Sixth Street, NW

Washington, D.C. 20059

EDUCATION

University of Maryland

College Park, MD

Ph.D. Civil Engineering (Structures) Advisor: Dr. Brian M. Phillips

May 2020

M.S. Civil Engineering (Structures)

May 2017

B.S. Civil Engineering (Structures/Geotechnical)

December 2015

St. Mary's College of Maryland

St. Mary's City, MD

B.A. Physics (Applied Physics Concentration), minor in Mathematics

December 2015

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Artificial intelligence (AI)-driven structural health monitoring to inform repair and replacement decisions
- Cyber-physical modeling of civil infrastructure performance to achieve robustness against natural hazards
- Gradient-based and stochastic optimization of structural efficiency and performance of civil infrastructure

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Howard University

Washington, D.C.

Post Doctoral October 2020 – Present

- Developed numerical tools in MATLAB and Python to support a machine learning (ML) and computervision based approach to structural health monitoring
- Successfully developed a computational platform prototype integrating a ML model, video analytics module, and experimental data for in-situ damage detection and localization of civil infrastructure
- Lead the selection, instrumentation, and data collection for civil structures subject to dynamic loading
- Disseminated research results to international engineering communities through formal presentations
- Wrote a technical conference paper for publication and assisted with a \$5M project proposal (pending)

University of Maryland

College Park, MD

Graduate Research Assistant

January 2016 – May 2020

- Developed numerical and experimental tools in MATLAB and Python to support cyber-physical systems (CPS) approaches to wind hazards engineering
- Successfully constructed a cyber-physical framework integrating numerical optimization into standard boundary layer wind tunnel testing considering wind hazards
- Lead the design, fabrication, and instrumentation of mechatronic wind tunnel building models
- Coordinated wind tunnel experiments at the University of Maryland and University of Florida
- Estimated full-scale building phenomena using Kalman filtering and the maximum likelihood function
- Prepared and delivered presentations summarizing research findings to international audiences
- Wrote peer-reviewed technical journal papers and conference papers for publication

Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division

Patuxent River, MD

Applied Physics Intern

November 2012 – May 2013

- Designed and fabricated portable magneto-optical trap unit in SolidWorks meeting all specifications
- Constructed highly sensitive sensors using lasers and magnetic fields to cool and position atoms

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Howard University

Washington, D.C.

Mentor, 3 undergraduate students

October 2020 – Present

University of Maryland

College Park, MD March 2019

Guest Lecturer, Design of Steel Structures

Instructed lecture on analysis and design of compression members to class of 40 students

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TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

University of Maryland

College Park, MD

Tutor, A. James Clark WiseGuy Tutoring

August 2015 – May 2016

- Designed and implemented personalized exercises to facilitate academic improvement of 5 students
- Provided tutoring services for Fluid Mechanics and Dynamics

St. Mary's College of Maryland

St. Mary's City, MD

Teaching Assistant, Fundamental of Physics I

August 2012 – December 2012

- Tutored on an individual basis to ensure students understood quantitative and theoretical concepts
- Aided in teaching of lab sessions, exam preparation sessions, and course recitation sessions

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Whiteman, M. L., Fernández Cabán, P. L., Phillips, B. M., Masters, F. J., Bridge, J. A., & Davis, J. R. "Mitigating vortex-induced vibrations of a tall building in a wind tunnel using a controllable active fin system." *Journal of Wind Engineering and Industrial Aerodynamics* (in review).

Fernández-Cabán, P. L., **Whiteman, M. L.**, Phillips, B. M., Masters, F. J., Davis, J. R., & Bridge, J. A. (2020). Cyberphysical design and optimization of tall building dynamics using aeroelastic wind tunnel modeling. *Journal of Wind Engineering and Industrial Aerodynamics*, 198, 104092.

Whiteman, M. L., Fernández-Cabán, P. L., Phillips, B. M., Masters, F. J., Bridge, J. A., & Davis, J. R. (2018). Multi-objective optimal design of a building envelope and structural system using cyber-physical modeling in a wind tunnel. *Frontiers in Built Environment*, 4, 13.

Whiteman, M. L., Phillips, B. M., Fernández Cabán, P. L., Masters, F. J., Bridge, J. A., & Davis, J. R. "Optimal design of structures using cyber-physical wind tunnel experiments with mechatronic models." *Journal of Wind Engineering and Industrial Aerodynamics* 172, 441-452.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS (Presenter shown in **bold**)

Whiteman, M. L., Fernández-Cabán, P. L., Marin, C. C., Tezcan, J., Wu, X., Cheng, Q. S. (2021, May). Detection and classification of damages to civil infrastructure using a video-monitoring tool. In *The 6th American Association for Wind Engineering Workshop* (6th AAWE Workshop).

Whiteman, M. L., Fernández-Cabán, P. L., Phillips, B. M., Masters, F. J., Bridge, J. A., & Davis, J. R. (2019, September). A cyber-physical framework for optimizing the performance of wind-sensitive structures in a boundary layer wind tunnel. In *The 15th International Conference on Wind Engineering (ICWE15*).

Whiteman, M. L., **Fernández-Cabán, P. L.**, Phillips, B. M., Masters, F. J., Bridge, J. A., & Davis, J. R. (2019, June). Optimal design of tall buildings using cyber-physical aeroelastic wind tunnel experiments. In *Engineering Mechanics Institute Conference 2019 (EMI 2019)*.

Whiteman, M. L., Fernández-Cabán, P. L., Phillips, B. M., Masters, F. J., Bridge, J. A., & Davis, J. R. (2019, June). Optimization of an active tall building envelope system using cyber-physical aeroelastic wind tunnel experiments. In *EMI 2019*.

Whiteman, M. L., Fernández-Cabán, P. L., Phillips, B. M., Masters, F. J., Bridge, J. A., & Davis, J. R. (2019, April). A cyber-physical framework for structural optimization of tall buildings in a boundary layer wind tunnel. In *Structures Congress 2019*.

Whiteman, M. L., Fernández-Cabán, P. L., Phillips, B. M., Masters, F. J., Bridge, J. A., & Davis, J. R. (2018, September). Optimal design of a low-rise structure in a wind tunnel using deterministic and metaheuristic algorithms. Presented at *Tornado Hazard Wind Assessment and ReducTion Symposium (THWARTS*).

Whiteman, M. L., **Fernández-Cabán, P. L.**, Phillips, B. M., Masters, F. J., Bridge, J. A., & Davis, J. R. (2018, April). Optimal design in wind engineering using cyber-physical systems and non-stochastic search algorithms. In *Structures Congress* 2018.

Whiteman, M. L., **Phillips, B. M.**, Fernández-Cabán, P. L., Masters, F. J., Rice, J. A., & Davis, J. R. (2017, May). Cyber-physical systems approach to optimization in wind engineering: parapet wall design. In *The 13th Americas Conference on Wind Engineering (13ACWE)*.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Best Paper Presentation at the 6th AAWE Workshop; AAWE; 2021
- Bechtel Fellowship Fund; University of Maryland (UMD); 2018 and 2019
- Ann G. Wylie Fellowship; UMD; 2019
- Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award; UMD; 2018

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FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS (CONTINUED)

- Rattan L. Khosa '71 Graduate Scholarship in Structural Engineering; UMD; 2018
- Higher Education Scholarship; Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma; 2011 2018
- Award of Excellence; National Capital Chapter of the American Concrete Institute; 2016
- Civil Fundamentals of Engineering Exam (EIT) Passed; Maryland Department of Labor; 2015
- Maryland Senatorial Scholarship; Maryland Higher Education Commission; 2012 2015
- Maryland House of Delegates Scholarship; Maryland Higher Education Commission; 2012 2013
- St. Mary's Academic Achievement Scholarship; St. Mary's College of Maryland; 2011 2013
- Minority Scholar Honorable Mention; American Physical Society; 2012
- Eagle Scout; Boy Scouts of America; 2011

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- American Concrete Institute (ACI); 2015
- American Society of Civil Engineers; 2014
- American Physical Society; 2012
- Chi Epsilon; 2015