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Education	1/2002 <i>PhD / Electrical Engineering</i> 12/1999 <i>MSE / Electrical Engineering</i> University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI Dissertation: <i>Hearing Aid Fitting with Genetic Algorithms</i> Advisor: Gregory H. Wakefield, PhD Major / Minor: Signal Processing / Communications 5/1998 <i>BS / Computer Engineering, with High Honors</i> <i>BS / Electrical Engineering, with High Honors</i> Milwaukee School of Engineering Minor: Management Systems	
Employment	9/2006–present <i>Program Director, Computer Engineering</i> Milwaukee School of Engineering Develop and maintain industrial contacts, work with faculty to enhance the curriculum and the student experience, administer program policies related to student advancement, transfer credit, etc., and report on and promote ongoing assessment activities 3/2002–present <i>Assistant Professor</i> Milwaukee School of Engineering Teach in the Computer Engineering (CE) and Software Engineering (SE) programs 5/2003–present <i>Hearing Research Consultant (every summer)</i> Starkey Laboratories, Inc., Berkeley, CA and Eden Prairie, MN <ul style="list-style-type: none">Designed and implemented experiments and experiment software infrastructure for genetic-algorithm-based parametric fitting of hearing aidsPlatforms include research hearing aid hardware (C and assembly) and Pocket PC (C++/MFC and C#.NET 2.0 Compact Framework) for current product lines (Axent II and Destiny)Ongoing redesign of algorithm modules to improve fitting based on experimental results 3/1999–1/2002 <i>Graduate Student Research Assistant</i> University of Michigan, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Performed genetic algorithm and perceptual tuning research 8/2000–1/2002 <i>Advanced Research Team Member</i> Starkey Laboratories, Inc., Eden Prairie, MN Researched genetic algorithm based hearing aid fitting algorithm in conjunction with dissertation research, developed experimental fitting system in MATLAB, C, and Motorola 56k assembly 6/2000–7/2000 <i>Technical Consultant</i> Adapted Wave Technologies, Ann Arbor, MI Implemented fast block transform algorithms in C, multi-platform profiling and testing 6/1996–9/1998 <i>Central Research Team Member</i> Johnson Controls, Inc., Glendale, WI Researched and developed smart building technologies. Responsibilities included: interfacing emulation software to DAQ/RIO, evaluating and interfacing softPLCs, presentations to management, ActiveX integration, TCP-level service programming, Web development including project tracking, GIS, and database integration 9/1996–7/1998 <i>Webmaster</i> Milwaukee School of Engineering Researched user needs, trained and supported developers, wrote site automation software in C and Perl, integrated new and legacy database systems	
Professional societies	IEEE Senior Member (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, S'93, M'02, SM'06) ASEE Member (American Society for Engineering Education, M'02)	

Teaching experience	<p>Courses taught at Milwaukee School of Engineering GE-110: Introduction to Engineering Concepts (F'03), CS-182: Computer Programming (S'02, W'02-03, S'03), CE-1900: Digital Logic I: Combinational Systems (W'06-07), CS-183: Software Design (Su'02), CS-280: Embedded Systems Software (S'02, S'03, S'04, S'05, S'06), CS-285: Data Structures (W'02-03), CS-321: Computer Graphics (F'02, F'03, F'04), SE-380: Software Architecture (F'02), SE-3821: Software Requirements and Specification (W'03-04, F'04, F'05), CS-384: Design of Operating Systems (W'04-05, W'05-06), EE-393: VLSI Lab (S'07), CS/SE-40x: Senior Design Project (W'03-04 through S'07), CS-421: Advanced Computer Graphics (W'02-03, W'03-04, W'04-05), SE-4920: Computer Security (S'06, S'07), CS/SE-499: Independent Study (S'05, W'05-06, S'06)</p> <p>Master's Projects chaired at Milwaukee School of Engineering Emily Blakemore, "Audio Signal Compression Enhancements" (W'04-05 through S'05)</p>
Honors and awards	<p>Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department Fellowship (University of Michigan, 1998–2002) Motorola Foundation fellowship (1999–2000) Alumni Association Student Achievement Award (Milwaukee School of Engineering, 1998) Newport Corporation Award of Excellence (for outstanding optics project, 1998) Fred F. Loock Outstanding Student Award (Milwaukee School of Engineering, 1997)</p>
Patents	<p>Eric A. Durant, "Hearing aids and methods and apparatus for audio fitting thereof," pending, filed January, 2002, last office action June, 2006.</p>
Invited presentations	<p>Henry Welch, Deepti Suri, and Eric Durant, "Using Targeted Assessments to Satisfy Achievement of Program Outcomes," <i>Best Assessment Processes (BAP) IX</i>, April, 2007, Terre Haute, IN. Eric A. Durant, Gregory H. Wakefield, Dianne J. VanTasell, and Martin E. Rickert, "Hearing Aid Fitting with a Genetic Algorithm," <i>International Hearing Aid Research Conference (IHCON)</i>, August, 2002, Lake Tahoe, CA.</p>
Invited papers	<p>Henry Welch, Deepti Suri, and Eric Durant, "Rubrics for Assessing Oral Communication in the Capstone Design Experience: Development, Application, Analysis and Refinement," <i>International Journal of Engineering Education (IJEE)</i>, 2008 (accepted 8/2007 and pending publication).</p>
Refereed papers	<p>Eric A. Durant, "Combining Requirements and Interdisciplinary Work," <i>Proceedings of the 2006 ASEE Annual Conference</i>, CD-ROM, Chicago, IL, June, 2006. Eric A. Durant, Gregory H. Wakefield, Dianne J. VanTasell, and Martin E. Rickert, "Efficient Perceptual Tuning of Hearing Aids with Genetic Algorithms," <i>IEEE Transactions on Speech and Audio Processing</i>, vol. 12, no. 2, March, 2004. Eric A. Durant and Gregory H. Wakefield, "Efficient model fitting using a genetic algorithm: Pole-zero approximations of HRTFs," <i>IEEE Transactions on Speech and Audio Processing</i>, vol. 10, no. 1, January, 2002.</p>
Other papers	<p>Henry L. Welch, Deepti Suri, and Eric Durant, "Rubrics for Assessing the Capstone Design Experience: Development, Application, Analysis and Refinement," <i>Best Assessment Processes (BAP) VIII</i>, Session 59, Terre Haute, IN, February, 2006. Deepti Suri and Eric Durant, "Teaching Requirements through Interdisciplinary Projects," <i>Proceedings of the 2004 ASEE North Midwest Regional Conference</i>, October, 2004.</p>
Professional activities	<p>Program Committee Member for IEEE WASPAA (Workshop on the Applications of Signal Processing to Audio and Acoustics) (2003)</p>
Professional activities – reviewer	<p>IEEE Transactions on Audio, Speech, and Language Processing (TASL) (2007) ASEE Annual Conference Papers, Software Engineering Constituent Committee (SwECC) (2005, 2006) IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (2005–2006) IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing (2005) All chapters of "Interactive Computer Graphics: A Top-Down Approach Using OpenGL™" 4ed (2004) IEEE Signal Processing Letters (2003)</p>
Professional activities – participant¹	<p>Electrical and Computer Engineering Department Heads Association (ECEDHA) Annual Meeting (2007) ABET Evaluator Training (BMES, Chicago, 2006) Information Security and Advanced Information Security SEI week-long courses (2005) ASEE ExCEEd Effective Teaching Workshop (Santa Clara University, 2004) On-line Faculty Development Course (University of Wisconsin, 2003) ASEE North Midwest Section Conference (University of Wisconsin, 2003)</p>
Company visits	<p>Rockwell Collins, Cedar Rapids, IA (alumni association event and CE IAC member visit) (8/2007) Stark Investments, Milwaukee, WI (7/2007) FedEx SmartPost, New Berlin, WI (4/2007) Direct Supply, Milwaukee, WI (3/2007)</p>
Other extramural activities	<p>Judge for Johnson Controls high school robotics class capstone competition (8/2007) Volunteer for MSOE's Jazz in the Park activities through the East Town Association (2x2002, 2003, 2007)</p>

¹ All conferences where a paper was given (listed above) were attended. These and conferences where invited presentations were given, also listed above, do not appear in this section.

University activities (MSOE)

Benefits Committee Chair (2003–present): led successful effort to increase 403(b) matching rate
Mentor Program (2003–present)
Alumni Board Faculty Representative (2003–present)
Wrote numerous student letters of recommendation (2003–present)
Commencement (S'03, S'04, S'05, S'06, F'06, W'06–07, S'07)
Representative at Alumni Association Reception for graduates (S'04, S'05, F'05 [gave speech], W'05–06, S'06, F'06, W'06–07, S'07)
Coordinated IEEE Publications Services visit (IEEE Expert Now) for faculty (5/2007)
Master of Ceremonies, Faculty and Staff Recognition Dinner (4/2007)
Selection Committee, Daniel Sahs and Tom Davis student awards (2005, 2006, 2007)
Judge, Regional Science Bowl (2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007)
Interviewer, President's Scholarship (2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007)
Volunteer, Midnight Breakfast (2/2003–2/2007, all 10 quarters offered)
Faculty Senate (6/2004–5/2006), Secretary (9/2005–5/2006)
Advisor, *Ingenium* student newspaper (2002–2006)
Quiz Bowl Faculty Team (2003, 2004, 3/2005, 12/2005, 2006)
Volunteer, Campus Visit Day Luncheons (2003–2006, four times)
Volunteer, Op Computer Programming Competition for high school students (2006)
Coordinator, Op Computer Programming Competition for high school students (2002, 2003, 2004, 2005)
Selection Committee, R. Pieper Endowed Chair for Servant-Leadership (2004)
CSI (College Student Inventory) advisor training and advising (2004)
Events Subcommittee, Centennial Celebration Committee (2002)

Department activities (MSOE EECS)

Coordinate CE and SE senior design (5/2004–5/2007)
Planned and executed first CE student social and networking event (4/2007)
Advise students in the SE and CE majors (2002–present)
Represented department at most open houses (2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007)
Taught two- or three-day sequence in CE Focus summer program for high school students (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007)
Coordinated CE and SE senior class picture gift (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007)
Major updater of software tools used by students in embedded systems courses (2002–2006)
Organized and presented SDL SQL Training Session (2003)

Research interests

Signal processing, with emphasis on image coding, perceptual tuning, fast algorithms, hearing, and audio