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PROFESSIONAL

2015 - present: Assistant Professor, Civil & Environmental Engineering, Virginia Tech
2017 - present: Director, Center for Applied Water Research and Innovation, Virginia Tech
2014 - 2015: Director, Renewable Energy Program, The Ohio State University
2011 - 2014: Visiting Assistant Professor, The Ohio State University
2009 - 2011: Postdoctoral Research Associate, Oak Ridge National Laboratory
2007 - 2009: Postdoctoral Research Associate, Washington State University
2006 - 2007: Project Officer, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

EDUCATION

- 2003 - 2007: Ph.D. degree in Environmental Engineering
Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
Dissertation: Insights into mechanism of aerobic granulation in sequencing batch reactor
Advisors: Joo Hwa Tay and Yu Liu
- 1996 - 2000: Bachelor Degree in Environmental (Water Supply & Drainage) Engineering
Harbin Institute of Technology, P.R.China

REGISTRATION AND INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

- Registered Professional Engineer since 2011, Montana State No. 20462
- Provided technical advice and research service to consultant firms such as Hazen and Sawyer, AECOM, Jacobs, Black & Veatch, CDM smith, HDR, SCS Engineering, as well as utilities such as Alexandria Renew Enterprises, Upper Occoquan Service Authority, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, DCWater, Arlington County, Loudoun Water, Hampton Roads Sanitation District, and Fairfax County.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- **Water/wastewater treatment:** aerobic granulation; thermal hydrolysis, anaerobic digestion, odor control, ozonation-biofiltration, membrane filtration.
- **Nutrient removal/recovery:** anammox, fermentative bio-P, genetically modified plant, biochar
- **Waste conversion to bioenergy/bioproducts:** valorization of food waste, animal manure, wastewater, and cellulosic biomass into ethanol, butanol, PHAs, etc.

PUBLICATIONS

indicates graduate students, * indicates corresponding authors.

Peer Reviewed Journal papers

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4. An Z.H. #, Zhang X.Y. #, Bot C.B., **Wang Z.W.*** (2021) Long-term stability of nitrifying granules in a membrane bioreactor without hydraulic selection pressure, Processes, 9(6), 1024, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3390/pr9061024>
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8. Sun Y.W. #, Gomeiz A.T., Aken B.V., Angelotti B., Brooks M., **Wang Z.W.*** (2021) Dynamic response of aerobic granular sludge to feast and famine conditions in plug flow reactors fed with real domestic wastewater, Science of the Total Environment, 758, 144155, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2020.144155>
9. An Z.H. #, Sun Y.W. #, Angelotti B., Brooks M., **Wang Z.W.*** (2020) Densification dependence in continuous flow and sequential batch granulation systems on reactor feast-to-famine duration ratio, Journal of Water Process Engineering, 101800, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jwpe.2020.101800>
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11. An Z.H. #, Kent T.R. #, Sun Y.W. #, Charles B., **Wang Z.W.*** (2020) Free ammonia resistance of NOB developed in aerobic granular sludge cultivated in continuous upflow airlift reactors performing partial nitrification, Water Environment Research, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1002/wer.1440>
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14. Alfredo K., Lin J.#, Islam A., and **Wang Z.W.** (2020) Impact of activated carbon-block point-of-use (POU) filters on chloraminated water quality, AWWA Water Science, 2(3) e1180. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1002/aws2.1180>
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18. Sun Y. #, Vaidya R., Khunjar W.O., Rosenfeldt E., Selbes M., Wilson C., Bott C.B., Titcomb M., **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) Mathematical modeling of biologically active filtration (BAF) for potable water production applications, Water Research, 167, 115128

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 21. Shah P.[#] and **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) Using digital polymerase chain reaction to characterize microbial communities in wetland mesocosm soils under different vegetation and seasonal nutrient loadings, *Science of the Total Environment*, 689, 269-277. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2019.06.305>
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Book Chapters

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Invited Talk

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3. **Wang Z.W.** (2021) Continuous flow aerobic granulation for wastewater treatment, Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering, University of Cincinnati, January 24
4. **Wang Z.W.** (2020) Aerobic granulation in continuous flow reactors for wastewater treatment, invited by Environmental Biotechnology Network, United Kingdom, November 3
5. **Wang Z.W.** (2020) Aerobic granules in continuous flow reactors for upgrading wastewater treatment capacities, Invited by Beijing University of Technology, September 25
6. **Wang Z.W.** (2018) The process intensification and consolidation for metropolitan wastewater reclamation plants, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, George Mason University, September 14

Conference Oral Presentation

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4. Luo H.#, Zhang D.#, Taylor M., Nguyen C., Quansah S., **Wang Z.W.*** (2021) Identifying the Source, Cause, and Solutions for Biosolids Odor Control at a Maryland Water Resource Recovery Facility, WEF Residuals and Biosolids 2021, Virtual, May 11-13
5. An Z.H.#, Angelotti B., Bott C.B., **Wang Z.W.*** (2020) The feast-to-famine duration ratio dependent aerobic granulation in continuous flow and sequential batch reactors. WaterJAM 2020, Virtual, September 14-October 2
6. Luo H.#, Zhang D.#, Taylor M., Nguyen C., Quansah S., **Wang Z.W.*** (2020) Identification and Controlling the Biosolids Odor Emission in Wastewater Treatment Facilities. WaterJAM 2020, Virtual, September 14-October 2
7. Zhang D.#, Broderick T., Strawn M., Santha H., **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) A Comparison Between Temperature-Phased Anaerobic Digestion and Thermal Hydrolysis as A Pretreatment Method for Enhanced Anaerobic Digestion of Biosolids, WFETEC 2019, Chicago, September 23-25
8. Zhang D.#, Angelotti B., Schlosser E., **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) Orthophosphate Control & Sludge Dewaterability Improvement by Using Cerium Chloride, WFETEC 2019, Chicago, September 23-25

9. An Z.H.#, Kent T.R.#, Bott C., **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) Resistance of NOB to free ammonia inhibition developed over long-term acclimation in continuous flow aerobic granulation reactor performing partial nitrification, WFETEC 2019, Chicago, September 23-25
10. Sun Y.W.#, Vaidya R., Khunjar W., Rosenfeldt E., Selbes M., Wilson C., Bott C.B., **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) Model-guided strategies for headloss control in the biological activated carbon filters for potable water reuse, WFETEC 2019, Chicago, September 23-25
11. Kent T.R.#, Sun Y.W.#, An Z.H.#, Bott C., **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) The Impact of Free Ammonia Inhibition and Granule Size on the suppression of Nitrite Oxidizing Bacteria in Continuous Flow Bioreactors, WFETEC 2019, Chicago, September 23-25
12. Sun Y.W.#, Angelotti B., Brooks M., **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) Continuous flow aerobic granulation in real municipal wastewater: a pilot-scale evaluation of the effects of feast/famine and sludge settling velocity selection, WFETEC 2019, Chicago, September 23-25
13. Zhang D.#, Angelotti B., Schlosser E., **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) Dissolved phosphate control & sludge dewaterability improvement by using cerium chloride, WaterJam 2019, Virginia Beach, Virginia, September 9-12
14. Kent T.R.#, Sun Y.W.#, An Z.H.#, Bott C., **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) The impact of granule size on the inhibition of nitrite oxidizing bacteria by free ammonia in continuous flow bioreactors treating, WaterJam 2019, Virginia Beach, Virginia, September 9-12
15. An Z.H.#, Kent T.R.#, Bott C., **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) Free ammonia resistance of NOB developed in continuous flow aerobic granulation reactor performing partial nitrification, WaterJam 2019, Virginia Beach, Virginia, September 9-12
16. Sun Y.W.#, Vaidya R., Khunjar W., Rosenfeldt E., Selbes M., Wilson C., Bott C.B., **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) Mathematical modeling of deep-bed biofiltration to describe contaminant control and headloss development, ASABE 2019, Boston, Massachusetts, July 8-10
17. Sun Y.W.#, Angelotti B., Brooks M., **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) Pilot-scale evaluation of the effects of settling velocity-based selection and feast/famine conditions on continuous flow aerobic granulation, ASABE 2019, Boston, Massachusetts, July 8-10
18. Kent T.R.#, Sun Y.W.#, An Z.H.#, Bott C.B., **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) Free Ammonia Inhibition as a Means of Suppressing Nitrite Oxidizing Bacteria in Differently Sized Granules Treating Agricultural Wastewater, ASABE 2019, Boston, Massachusetts, July 8-10
19. An Z.H.#, Huang H.B., Shuai D.M., **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) Granulation of Clostridium beijerinckii P260 in continuous flow reactors converting food waste to butanol simultaneously recovered through pervaporation membrane, ASABE 2019, Boston, Massachusetts, July 8-10
20. Zhang D.#, Broderick T., Strawn M., Santha H., **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) Process Intensification of Anaerobic Digestion through Temperature Phased Anaerobic Digestion and Thermal Hydrolysis Pretreatment, ASABE 2019, Boston, Massachusetts, July 8-10
21. An Z.H.#, Kent T.R.#, Bott C.B., **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) Stabilization of full or partial nitrification aerobic granules in continuous flow reactors without hydraulic selection pressure, ASABE 2019, Boston, Massachusetts, July 8-10
22. An Z.H.#, Kent T.R.#, Bott C.B., **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) Free ammonia resistance of NOB in continuous flow air-lift reactor performing partial nitrification, ASABE 2019, Boston, Massachusetts, July 8-10
23. Zhang D.#, Khunjar W., **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) The effect of pH and ferric ion on recalcitrant dissolved organic nitrogen production from the thermal hydrolysis of biosolids, ASABE 2019, Boston, Massachusetts, July 8-10
24. Zhang D.#, Angelotti B., Schlosser E., and **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) Using Cerium Chloride to Control Soluble Orthophosphate Concentration and Improve the Dewaterability of Sludge, WEF/IWA Residuals and Biosolids Conference 2019, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, May 7-10
25. Zhang D.# and **Wang Z.W.*** (2018) Using cerium salt as an economical precipitant for complete phosphorus recovery and effective dewatering of anaerobic digestate, ASABE 2018, Detroit, Michigan, July 29- Aug 1.
26. Sun Y.W.# and **Wang Z.W.*** (2018) Fast-growing can be taken as an alternative strategy to fast-settling by microorganism to survive extreme selection pressures in aerobic granulation reactors, ASABE 2018, Detroit, Michigan, July 29- Aug 1.
27. Zhang D.# Novak J, and **Wang Z.W.*** Manipulating methanethiol formation and degradation rates for odor emission control, doi:10.13031/aim.201701221, 2017 ASABE, Spokane, Washington, July 16-July 19
28. Sun Y.W.# and **Wang Z.W.*** (2017) Biological nitrogen removal of stormwater, ASABE 2017, Spokane, Washington, July 16-July 19

29. Xu F.Q., **Wang Z.W.**, Li Y., (2014) Mathematical modeling of solid-state anaerobic digestion system for bioenergy production and waste management. ASABE 2014, Montreal, Quebec Canada July 13 – July 16.
30. Manchala K.R.#, Novak J.T., and **Wang Z.W.*** (2016) Impact of surfactant addition on anaerobic bioreactor landfill performance. WEF/IWA Residuals and Biosolids Conference 2016, Orlando, Florida July 17 – July 20

Conference poster presentation

1. Luo H. #, Freed C. #, Gillaspay G., **Wang Z.W.*** (2021) Phosphorus immobilization in biochar produced from plants genetically engineered for luxury phosphorus uptake, WaterJAM 2021, Virginia Beach, VA, September 13-16
2. Wang J.F. #, Sun Y.W. #, Khunjar W., Pace G., Pathak A., McGrath M., **Wang Z.W.*** (2021) Low concentration nitrogen polishing via the synergy between partial denitrification and anaerobic ammonia oxidation in moving bed biofilm reactors under real-time feed forward control at Noman M. Cole Jr., Pollution Control Plant, WaterJAM 2021, Virginia Beach, VA, September 13-16
3. Zhang X.Y. #, Shi J., Zhang W., **Wang Z.W.*** (2021) Volatile Fatty Acid Recovery via Deep Eutectic Solvent in Membrane Contactor System, WaterJAM 2021, Virginia Beach, VA, September 13-16
4. An Z. #, Bott C.B., Angelotti B., Brooks M., **Wang Z.W.*** (2021) Applying feast and famine selection pressure in continuous flow aerobic granulation systems to manage treatment performance during startup, WaterJAM 2021, Virginia Beach, VA, September 13-16 (**1st place award**)
5. Iboleon R.#, Zhang D.#, An Z.#, Strawn M., Broderick T., Khunjar W., Sveuma K., Schmitz B., **Wang Z.W.*** (2021) Understanding the Thermal Hydrolysis Effect on Recalcitrant Nitrogen Formation With and Without Anaerobic Digestion of Municipal Biosolids, Virginia Beach, VA, September 13-16
6. Iboleon I.#, Zhang. D. #, An Z.H. #, Strawn M., Broderickc T., Khunjard W., **Wang Z.W.*** (2021) Recalcitrant Dissolved Organic Nitrogen Formation in Thermal Hydrolysis and Anaerobic Digestion of Municipal Sludge, CSAWWA'S 2021 second annual virtual poster competition (**2nd place award**)
7. Sun Y.W. #, Vaidya R. #, Khunjar W.O., Rosenfeldt E.J., Selbes M., Wilson C., Bott C.B., **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) Mathematical modeling of biologically active filtration (BAF) for potable water production applications, WaterJam 2019, Virginia Beach, Virginia, September 9-12 (1st place award in water poster competition)
8. Sun Y.W. #, Angelotti B., **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) Continuous-flow aerobic granulation in. plug-flow bioreactors fed with real domestic wastewater, WaterJam 2019, Virginia Beach, Virginia, September 9-12
9. An Z.H. #, Kent T.R. #, Bott, C.B., **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) Stabilization of full or partial nitrification aerobic granules in continuous flow reactors without hydraulic selection pressure, ASABE 2019, Boston, Massachusetts, July 8-10
10. An Z.H. #, Kent T.R. #, Bott C.B., **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) Free ammonia resistance of NOB in continuous flow air-lift reactor performing partial nitritation, ASABE 2019, Boston, Massachusetts, July 8-10
11. Zhang D. #, Khunjar W., **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) The effect of pH and ferric ion on recalcitrant dissolved organic nitrogen production from the thermal hydrolysis of biosolids, ASABE 2019, Boston, Massachusetts, July 8-10
12. Zhang D. #, Angelotti B., Schlosser E., and **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) Orthophosphate Control & Sludge Dewaterability Improvement by Using Cerium Chloride, AEESP 2019, Tempe, Arizona, May 14-16
13. An Z.H. #, Kent T.R. #, Bott C.B., and Wang Z.W. (2019) Free ammonia resistance developed by NOB in continuous flow aerobic granulation reactor performing partial nitritation, AEESP 2019, Tempe, Arizona, May 14-16
14. Sun Y.W. #, Angelotti B., and **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) Pilot-scale investigation of the effects of feast/famine conditions and sludge settling velocity-based selection on continuous flow aerobic granulation in real municipal wastewater, AEESP 2019, Tempe, Arizona, May 14-16
15. Kent T.R.#, Sun Y.W.#, Bott C.B., and **Wang Z.W.*** (2019) Free Ammonia Inhibition as a Means of Suppressing Nitrite Oxidizing Bacteria in Granular Sludge for Continuous Flow Bioreactors, AEESP 2019, Tempe, Arizona, May 14-16
16. Zhang D.# and **Wang Z.W.*** (2018) Mathematical modeling of the effect of shear intensity on odor generation from dewatered anaerobically digested biosolids, ASABE 2018, Detroit, Michigan, July 29- Aug
17. Sun Y.W. #, Kent T.R. #, and **Wang Z.W.*** (2018) Theoretical understanding of the effectiveness of free ammonia inhibition of nitrite oxidizing bacteria in granular sludge, ASABE 2018, Detroit, Michigan, July 29- Aug 1.
18. Sun Y.W. #, Li X.J. #, **Wang Z.W.**, and He Z. (2018) Theoretical understanding of an integrated system using psychrophilic anaerobic biofilms to optimize COD/N ratio for low energy nitrogen removal through nitrification-anammox processes in biogranules, ASABE 2018, Detroit, Michigan, July 29- Aug 1.

19. Zhang D. #, Strawn M., **Wang Z.W.*** (2017) Mathematical Modeling of Methanethiol Formation and Degradation in Anaerobic Chemostats, WaterJam 2017, Hampton, Virginia, September 11-14
20. Zhang D. #, Novak J., **Wang Z.W.*** (2017) Manipulating Methanethiol Formation and Utilization for Odor Mitigation, ASABE 2017, Spokane, Washington, July 16-19
21. Sun Y.W.#, Angelotti R.W, Evans P., Brooks M., **Wang Z.W.*** (2017) Pilot-scale investigation of ozone-enhanced biofiltration using spent and regenerated granular activated carbon media for potable reuse, AEESP 2017, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
22. Zhang D. #, Novak J. **Wang Z.W.*** (2017) Manipulating Methanethiol Formation and Utilization for Odor Mitigation, AEESP 2017, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
23. Sun Y.W.# and Wang Z.W. (2017) Biological nitrogen removal potential of stormwater, AEESP 2017, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
24. Xu F. #, **Wang Z.W.**, Li Y., (2014) Modeling solid state anaerobic digestion for process optimization and mechanism study. ASABE IBE 19th Annual Conference, Lexington, Kentucky
25. **Wang Z.W.**, Edwards, A.N., Lee, S.H., Hamilton-Brehm S.D., Elkins J.G., Morrell-Falvey, J.L. (2011) Determinants of cellulolytic bacterial attachment on plant cell walls. In: BESC Retreat, Chattanooga, TN, USA
26. **Wang Z.W.**, Hamilton-Brehm S., Elkins J.G., Morrell-Falvey J.L. (2010) Imaging and modeling of cellulolytic Biofilm. In: BESC Retreat, Ashville, NC, USA
27. **Wang Z.W.**, Hamilton-Brehm S., Elkins J.G., Morrell-Falvey J.L. (2010) Cellulolytic Biofilm: Imaging, Modeling and Kinetic Implications. American Society for Microbiology (ASM) 110th General Meeting, San Diego, CA
28. Hamilton-Brehm S., **Wang Z.W.**, Morrell-Falvey J.L. and Elkins J.G. (2010) Characterization of cellulose hydrolysis and ethanol production in the extreme thermophile *Caldicellulosiruptor obsidiansis*, 32nd Symposium on biotechnology for fuels and chemicals poster, Clearwater beach, FL.
29. **Wang Z.W.**, Hamilton-Brehm S., Morrell-Falvey J.L., Mielenz J., Keller M., and Elkins J.G. (2010) Characterizing cellulose hydrolysis and ethanol production by the extremely thermophilic cellulolytic organism, 2010 Genome to Science conference poster, Washington D.C.
30. Hamilton-Brehm S.D., Vishnivetskaya T., **Wang Z.W.**, Mosher J., Podar M, Morrell-Falvey J., Allman S., Carroll S., Keller M., and Elkins J.G. (2009) Thermophilic cellulose degrading organisms from Obsidian Pool Yellowstone National Park In: BESC Retreat, Ashville, NC, USA
31. **Wang Z.W.**, Li Y., Shen L. and Liu Yu (2008) Kinetics and energetics behaviors of aerobic granule In: IWA Biofilm Technologies Conference, Singapore

Technical Reports

1. Luo H.# and **Wang Z.W.*** (2020) Turning phosphorus pollution from digested dairy manure into a marketable product by using fungi, Submitted to Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, March 12
2. Luo H.#, Zhang D., and **Wang Z.W.*** (2020) Identification of the Source, Cause, and Solution of the Biosolids Odor Emission in Western Branch Water Resource Recovery Facility, Submitted to Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, March 4
3. Zhang D.# and **Wang Z.W.*** (2020) Effect of temperature-phased anaerobic digestion and thermal hydrolysis pretreatment on the process intensification of anaerobic digestion, Submitted to Arlington County Water Pollution Control Plant and Alexandria Renew Enterprises, January 10.
4. Zhang D.# and **Wang Z.W.*** (2018) Effect of cerium chloride addition on sludge dewatering through centrifugation, Submitted to Upper Occoquan Service Authority, March 1.
5. Zhang D.# and **Wang Z.W.*** (2017) Anaerobic Digestion and Sludge Dewatering Studies for Arlington County Water Pollution Control Plant, Submitted to Arlington County, August 4.

Patents

1. Utilizing slow-releasing fertilizer processed from phosphate-hyperaccumulating plants to remediate phosphate pollution. Serial No.:63/106,408; Filing Date: October 28, 2020; VTIP Ref.: 20-119; TJH Ref.:222204-8105
2. Heterologous ddp1 expressing plants and uses thereof. Serial No.: PCT/US2021/033799; Filing Date: May 22, 2021; VTIP Ref. 20-029 & 20-119 Ref. VTIP-0260WP

TEACHING

Courses currently taught at Virginia Tech:

CEE 3104 Introduction to Environmental Engineering (Asynchronized online course, 3-credit, Spring and Summer 2018-2021)

- CEE 4174** Solid and Hazardous Waste Management (Synchronized online course, 3-credit, Fall 2015-2021)
CEE 5100 Stormwater Treatment (Synchronized online course, 3-credit, Spring 2016, 2017, 2019), self-developed
CEE 5984 Biofilms Science and Technology (Synchronized online course, 3-credit, Spring 2017, 2018), self-developed

Courses previously taught at The Ohio State University:

- 2010T** Introduction to Renewable Energy (3-credit, Fall 2012, 2013, 2014), self-developed
2020T Bioconversion Systems (3-credit, Spring 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015), self-developed
2030T Biomass Feedstock Evaluation (3-credit, Fall 2012, 2013, 2014), self-developed
2040T Project planning, Development, and Operation (3-credit, Spring 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015), self-developed
2189T Renewable Energy Practicum (2-credit, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015), self-developed
2191T Renewable Energy Internship (2-credit, Summer 2012, 2013, 2014), self-developed
1201T Exploring Renewable Energy (0.5-credit, Fall 2012, 2013, 2014), self-developed

Postdoctoral Research Associate

Current:

1. Yuepeng Sun (Summer 2021 – present)

Chair of Ph.D. Dissertation

Current:

1. Xueyao Zhang (Spring 2021 - present)
2. Karthik Reddy Manchala (Spring 2016 – present)
3. Alexandria Gagnon (Fall 2016 – present)
4. Zhaohui An (Fall 2018 – present)
5. Hao Luo (Spring 2019 – present)
6. Jiefu Wang (Fall 2019 – present)
7. Jeffrey Nicholson (Fall 2014 – present)

Completed:

1. Yewei Sun (Fall 2016 – Spring 2020), currently as a Scientist in Hazen & Sawyer. Dissertation: [Advanced Biofilm and Aerobic Granulation Technologies for Water and Wastewater Treatment](#)
2. Dian Zhang (Spring 2017 – Spring 2020), currently as a Civil Engineer in Stantec. Dissertation: [Effects of process intensification techniques on biosolids management](#)

Chair of M.S. Theses/non-Thesis

Current

1. Tyler Kisling (Fall 2020 – present), Thesis
2. Rafael Iboleon (Fall 2020 – present), Thesis
3. Kyle Malin (Fall 2019 – present), Thesis
4. Alexander Panaccione (Fall 2020 – present), Thesis
5. Adam Taylor (Fall 2016 – present), non-Thesis

Completed

1. Parita Raj Shah (Fall 2016 - Fall 2018), currently as a Civil Engineer in SCS Engineers. Thesis: [Evaluation of Digital PCR \(dPCR\) for the Quantification of Soil Nitrogen Turnover Bacteria in Wetland Mesocosms in Response to Season, Fertilization, and Plant Species Richness](#)
2. Timothy Robert Kent (Fall 2016 - Fall 2018), currently as a Civil Engineer in AECOM. Thesis: [Mechanistic Understanding of the NOB Suppression by Free Ammonia Inhibition in Continuous Flow Aerobic Granulation Bioreactors \(Received 2019 AEESP thesis award\)](#)
3. Jie Lin (Fall 2016 - Spring 2018), currently as a MS in Operations Research, Columbia University. Thesis: [Statistical evaluation of the factors causing microbial growth in point-of-use filters](#)
4. Yewei Sun (Fall 2015 - Summer 2016), non-Thesis
5. Matt Wisniewski (Fall 2016 – April 2020), non-Thesis

Members of PhD and MS degree committees at Virginia Tech

1. Megan Bachmann, M.S. Thesis, Chair: Amy Pruden - ongoing
2. Mah Joshua, Ph.D. Dissertation, Chair: Adil Godrej – ongoing
3. Ali Nemati, M.S. non-Thesis, Chair: Adil Godrej – ongoing
4. Mancell-egala Abdul, Ph.D. Dissertation, Chair: Adil Godrej - completed
5. Ramola Vaidya, Ph.D. Dissertation, Chair: Amy Pruden - completed
6. Stephanie Klaus, Ph.D. Dissertation, Chair: Amy Pruden - completed
7. Jain Akshay, M.S. Thesis, Chair: Zhen He - completed
8. Syeed Md Iskander, Ph.D. Dissertation, Chair: Zhen He - completed
9. Pranav Sai Shankar Sampara, M.S. Thesis, Chair: Zhen He - completed
10. Shiqiang Zou, Ph.D. Dissertation, Chair: Zhen He - completed
11. Erin Lynn Ress, M.S. non-Thesis, Chair: Adil Godrej - completed
12. Ke Li, M.S. Thesis, Chair: Zhen He - completed
13. Lu Guan, M.S. Thesis, Chair: Zhen He - completed
14. Shuai Luo, Ph.D. Dissertation, Chair: Zhen He - completed
15. Pengyu Yan, M.S. Thesis, Chair: Zhen He - completed
16. Jing Wang, M.S. Thesis, Chair: Zhen He - completed
17. Xiaojin Li, Ph.D. Dissertation, Chair: Zhen He - completed
18. Zhenyu Wu, M.S. Thesis, Chair: Zhen He - completed
19. Victory Oghenerabome Odize, Ph.D. Dissertation, Chair: Adil Godrej - completed
20. Jian Li, Ph.D. Dissertation, Chair: Zhen He - completed
21. Matthew Stephen Ferby, M.S. Thesis, Chair: Zhen He - completed
22. Bin Xu, Ph.D. Thesis, Chair: Zhen He - completed
23. Zixuan Wang, M.S. Thesis, Chair: Zhen He - completed
24. Tue Phung, M.S. non-Thesis, Chair: Adil Godrej - completed
25. Nevetha Ramesh, M.S. non-Thesis, Chair: Zhen He - completed
26. Michael Anthony Gallo, M.S. non-Thesis, Chair: Adil Godrej - completed
27. Jay Sim, M.S. non-Thesis, Chair: Bill Knocke - completed
28. Dipika Dinesh, M.S. non-Thesis, Chair: Gabriel Isaacman-VanWertz - completed
29. Danny Hermes, M.S. non-Thesis, Chair: Adil Godrej - completed
30. Dylan Cowell, M.S. non-Thesis, Chair: Zhen He - completed
31. Divyang Pavan Baldota, M.S. non-Thesis, Chair: Zhen He - completed
32. Kyung Sun Chung, M.S. non-Thesis, Chair: Zhen He - completed
33. Yi Shuang, M.S. non-Thesis, Chair: Zhen He - completed
34. Yu Dong, M.S. non-Thesis, Chair: Zhen He - completed
35. Khantil Buch, M.S. non-Thesis, Chair: Linsey Marr - completed
36. Tolulope Adekanye, M.S. non-Thesis,, Chair: Zhen He - completed
37. Justin Macmanus, M.S. Thesis, Chair: Amy Pruden - completed
38. Sarah Frances Schoepflin, M.S. Thesis, Chair: Amy Pruden - completed
39. Kayla Bauhs, M.S. Thesis, Chair: Amy Pruden – completed

Members of Thesis and dissertation committee in other universities

1. Alison Gomeiz, M.S. Thesis, Chair: Benoit Van Aken, in George Mason University

Visiting Scholars

1. Dong Li (2017, Beijing University of Technology, China)
2. Youwei Cui (2018, Beijing University of Technology, China)
3. Li Tang (2013-2014, Shanghai Jiaotong University, China)

Honors and Awards Received by Advisees

1. Zhaohui An, Recipient of the 1st place award in Fresh Ideas Poster Contest in WaterJam 2021 conference, 09/2021
2. Rafael Iboleon, Recipient of a 2nd place award in CSAWWA's Annual Virtual Poster Competition, 07/2021
3. Rafael Iboleon, Recipient of Sussman Foundation Internship Award, 03/2021
4. Xueyao Zhang, Recipient of Sussman Foundation Internship Award, 03/2021
5. Hao Luo, Recipient of Sussman Foundation Internship Award, 03/2020
6. Jiefu Wang, Recipient of Sussman Foundation Internship Award, 03/2020

7. Yewei Sun, Recipient of 1st place award in water poster competition in WaterJam, 09/2019
8. Yewei Sun, Featured Speaker of WEFTEC 2019, 09/2019
9. Yewei Sun, Recipient of Sonny Roden Graduate Scholarship, 09/2019
10. Yewei Sun, Recipient of Tom Grizzard Scholarship, 09/2019
11. Zhaohui An, Recipient of Sussman Foundation Internship Award, 03/2019
12. Timothy Robert Kent, Recipient of AEESP Master's Thesis Award, 05/2019
13. Yewei Sun, Recipient of AEESP student travel award, 06/2017
14. Dian Zhang, Recipient of Sussman Foundation Internship Award, 03/2017
15. Jie Lin, Recipient of NASSCO Scholarship, 04/2017
16. Yewei Sun, Recipient of Sussman Foundation Internship Award, 03/2016

SERVICE

Departmental Service

- Director, Center for Applied Water Research and Innovation (CAWRI), Virginia Tech, 2017-present
- Director, Renewable Energy Program, The Ohio State University, 2014 to 2015
- Served as the member of distance learning committee, 2017 to present.
- Served as the advisor for the Student AWWA group, 2021 to present

Professional Service

- Associate Editor, Water Environment Research, 2017 – 2018
- Editorial board member
Water Environment Research, 2019 – present
Journal of Environmental Sciences, 2013 – present
- Moderator in AEESP 2017 for Advancing Community Health through Technology Innovation session. Ann Arbor, Michigan, Jun 20-22, 2017
- Judge for 2018 WaterJAM YP Poster Contest

- Peer reviews for scientific journals:

Applied Microbiology and Biotechnology
African Journal of Biotechnology
Biochemical Engineering Journal
Biofouling
Biomass and Bioenergy
Bioprocess and Biosystems Engineering
Bioresource Technology
Biotechnology Advances
Biotechnology and Bioengineering
Biotechnology for Biofuels
CLEAN – Soil, Air, Water; Chemosphere
Colloids and Surfaces B: Biointerfaces
Critical Reviews in Environmental Science and Technology
Environmental Pollution
Environmental Science and Technology

Environment International
International Journal of Environment and Waste Management
International Journal of Microbiology
Journal of Biobased Materials and Bioenergy
Journal of Chemical Technology & Biotechnology
Journal of Chemical & Engineering Data
Journal of Environmental Sciences
Journal of Industrial & Engineering Chemistry Research
Journal of Waste Management
Process Biochemistry
Resources, Conservation & Recycling
Transactions of the ASABE
Water Research

Grant proposal reviewer

- Environment and Natural Resources Trust (2020)
- UK-EPSC (2020)
- NSF-INFEWS (2017)
- NSF-CBET (2017)
- NSF-CDS&E (2017)
- USDA-Sun Grant (2013, 2016)
- USAID-S&T (2017)
- Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (2017)
- Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (2013)

Community Service

- Lectured Environment Classes in Flint Hill Upper School on 10/20/16, 3/3/17, 11/11/17, 4/17/18, 11/9/18, 4/8/19, 11/6/19, 4/13/20, 11/30/2020
- Gave a career day presentation to the Forestville Elementary School on 6/3/19
- Mentored the 2019 summer internship of Pierre Quan from Langley High School and Steve Jia from Thomas Jefferson High School
- Lectured a class for the Ashby Ponds Retirement Community on 2/15/17

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors (2015-present)
- American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineering (2013-present)
- Water Environment Federation (2015-present)
- Virginia Water Environment Association (2015-present)
- Overseas Chinese Agricultural, Biological, and Food Engineers (2018-present)
- American Society of Civil Engineers (2018-present)