

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

1978	B.A. in Mathematics Purchase College 735 Anderson Hill Road Purchase, NY 10577 914-251-6000
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1993	Ph.D in Advanced Technology Binghamton University PO Box 6000 Binghamton, NY 13902 607-777-2000

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2010-2013 Associate Professor  
Journalism, Media & Computing
- 2001-2010 Associate Professor  
Computer Science
- 1994-2001 Assistant Professor  
Mathematics & Computer Science  
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Department of Modeling and Simulation  
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- 1989-1991 Programmer  
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- 1985-1989 Graduate Assistant  
System Science Department  
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- 1981-1985 Instructor  
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## TEACHING

### Computer Science

My general field of teaching specialization is computer graphics. I teach computer graphics, human-computer interaction, Windows programming, mobile app programming, and web-programing.

Table 1: Subject Areas Taught

Fuzzy Set Theory	Computer Graphics
Data structures	Discrete Math
Human-Computer Interaction	Godel, Escher, Bach
Computer Science I and II	Object-Oriented Design
Theory of Computation	Uncertainty-Based Information
Web Programming	Windows Programming

### Other teaching contributions

The curricula for the undergraduate classes CSC 444 Human-Computer Interaction and CSC 552 Windows Programming were both developed by me. CSC 544 is taught entirely from lecture notes that are downloadable from my website.

In 2006 I started teaching classes in Creighton's honors program. My first class was HRS 303 Fuzzy Set Theory. One of the in HRS303 students suggested I teach an honors class based on the Pulitzer Prize winning book *Godel, Escher, Bach*, and this resulted in the development of HRS 312, which was a very successful class. I also reprised HRS 303 in the Spring of 2008 and Fall of 2010.

In 2007, Dr. Terry D. Clark and I designed a new graduate program, titled Research Design Analysis which enrolls approximately 25 students a semester. It is basically Informatics for Political Science. I primarily teach Computer Applications for the Social Sciences which focuses on R, a computer language for Statistics and Data Minipulation.

All of my classes have syllabi, class notes, resource pointers, etc. on the Internet at my website, URL: <http://duck.creighton.edu/>.

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## EDITORIAL WORK

- Editorial Board Member of the International Journal of General Systems
- Paper Chair and Co-Proceedings Editor for 2008-2011 NAFIPS Conferences
- Co-Editor of the Critical Review of the Society for the Mathematics of Uncertainty (2008-2011)
- Journals and Conferences for which I regularly review papers include:
  1. International Journal of Approximate Reasoning
  2. International Journal of General Systems
  3. IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Sets
  4. ISECON
  5. Information Science
  6. Fuzzy Sets and Systems
  7. NAFIPS

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## RESEARCH

My general field of research specialization is modeling and simulation. As an undergraduate, the modeling and simulation was accomplished with differential equations. As a graduate student this modeling and simulation was done with queues, linear equations, differential equations, finite state machines, statistical methods, fuzzy sets, and pure numerical techniques.

Much of my post-graduate research focused on the various models that have been devised to represent systems that contain uncertainty. These theories include: probability, fuzzy sets, possibility, evidence, and rough sets. In 1998, I collaborated on a book, about the properties and applications of measures of information in all of these different theories.

Over the past five years, my research has been focused primarily in two different areas. The first area (in collaboration with William J. Tastle) explores ways to assess consensus, dissent, and agreement, especially in ordinal data (such as the Likert Scale). We have developed measures of dissent and agreement, that have relevant mathematical properties, and applied them in various fields such as student evaluation and risk management.

The second area (in collaboration with John N. Mordeson, Terry C. Clark and a host of students) explores the application of Fuzzy Set Theory to mathematical models in Political Science. We have published a book as well as articles in major journals. We have also formed strong ties with the Society for the Mathematics of Uncertainty.

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## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- AP Reader Computer Science (2006)
- Member of Center for the Mathematics of Uncertainty (1996-Present)
- Member of North American Fuzzy Information Processing Society (1996-Present)