

**THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
**Curriculum Vitae for Faculty Members**

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1. **SURNAME:** WARD **FIRST NAME:** Rabab  
**MAIDEN NAME:** Kreidieh
2. **DEPARTMENT/SCHOOL:** Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Office: KAIS 4054  
Email address : rababw@ece.ubc.ca
3. **FACULTY:** Applied Science
4. **PRESENT RANK:** Professor Emeritus since July 2015
5. **POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION**

University or Institution	Degree	Subject Area	Dates
University of Cairo, Egypt	B.A.Sc.	Electrical Engineering	1966
University of California, Berkeley	M.Sc.	Electrical Engineering and Computer Science	1969
University of California, Berkeley	Ph.D.	Electrical Engineering and Computer Science	1972

(a) **Special Professional Qualifications**

P.Eng, Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC.

6. **EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

(a) **Prior to coming to UBC**

University, Company or Organization	Rank or Title	Dates
University of Zimbabwe	Lecturer then Senior Lecturer	1975 – 1979
Computer Science Dept., Univ. of British Columbia	Sessional Lecturer	1973 – 1975
Institute of International Studies, Berkeley, California	Research Assistant	1970 – 1972
Ministry of Hydro Electric Resources, Beirut, Lebanon	Electrical Engineer	1966 – 1967

(b) **At UBC**

Rank or Title	Dates
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Coordinator/ Including all matters and programs related to NSERC Office of the VP Reseach & Inernational	July 1, 2008 – July 1, 2014
Director Pro Tem, Institute for Computing, information and Cognitive Systems	July 1, 2009 – Dec 1, 2009
Professor	July 1993 - 2015
Director, Institute for Computing , Information and Cognitive Systems	July 1,1996 - June 30, 2007
Associate Professor	July 1985 -1993
Assistant Professor	July 1981 -1985
Lecturer	July 1980 - June 1981
Sessional Lecturer	Sept 1979 – June 1980

## 7. AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

- President of IEEE Signal Processing Society, 2016-2017.
- Recipient of the Outstanding Mentor/Sponsor Award of Wendy McDonald Awards, 2017.
- Recipient of Centennial Gold Medal, UBC Applied Science, 2016.
- Killam Award for Excellence in Mentoring, UBC, 2013.
- Meritorious Service Award of IEEE Signal Processing Society, 2013.
- CUFA BC "Career Achievement Award", May 2011. (CUFA is the association representing all professors in all B.C. universities). This is the highest of the 3 awards it gives each year.
- Paradigm Shifter Award of the Society for Canadian Women in Science and Technology, Nov 2011.
- Millennium Award, IEEE Vancouver Chapter, Aug 2011.
- WYCA Woman of Distinction Award, 2008.
- Society Award of the IEEE Signal Processing Society, 2008. This is the highest and most prestigious award of this society, emphasizing technical leadership and achievements in the field.
- R.A. McLachlan Award of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia, 2007. Amongst its nine awards, this is the top and most prestigious, emphasizing education, research, innovation in engineering, and community service.
- Recipient of the UBC Killam Research Prize, 1998.
- Registered Professional Engineer (of the BC Professional Engineers Association).

### **Fellowships**

- Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineers, since 2001.
- Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, since 1999.
- Fellow of the IEEE, since 1998.
- Fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada, since 1997.

### **Best Paper Awards:**

- Best Paper Award of IS&T International Symposium on Electronic Imaging, "Fast Edge-Directed Single Image Super-resolution" by N. Rouf and R. K. Ward, 2016.
- Our paper "Conversion of H.264 Encoded 2D Video to 3D Format" received the Best Paper Award of the IEEE International Conference on Consumer Electronics, January 2010.
- A Best Student Paper Award went to my student, Shan Du, at the IEEE ICASSP 2005 for a jointly co-authored paper.
- Co-recipient of the prestigious "Excellence in Neural Engineering Award" 2005, from the IEEE-EMBS Neural Engineering Conference and sponsored by the National Science Foundation, Office of Naval Research Global and IEEE-EMBS. This was the highest paper award given at the conference emphasizing innovative projects integrating engineering and neuroscience. The paper title is "A New Design of the Computer Interface Using the Knowledge of the Path of Features," coauthored by A. Bashashati, myself and G. Birch.
- The Best Paper Award in the Inter. Conf. on Information Technology Research and Education, New Jersey, USA, August 2003, "A Robust Method for Fitting the (Sigma, Rho) Model to a Traffic Source."
- The Best Paper Award with my student P. Mousavi at the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology International Conference, July 2000.
- Best Student Paper Award went to my student P. Mousavi for the paper "Feature Analysis and Classification of Homologous Chromosome Lbs Using Fluorescence Microscopy Images" co-authored by myself, and IEEE CCECE Conference 1999.
- Four Best Paper Awards of the BC Advanced Systems Institute Exchange: These were:
  - March 2002, (co-authored with Alexandre Paquet)
  - March 1998 (co-authored with K. Barzykina and P. Nasiopoulos),
  - March 1998 (co-authored with P. Mousavi) and
  - March 1997 (co-authored with K. Archer and D. Forsey).
- The Rhodesian Institution of Engineers Award for 1978-1979 for the paper "Operations Research and Applications for Rhodesia".

### Scholarships and Early Distinctions Awards:

- Full scholarship from the Lebanese Council for Scientific Research to do graduate work in Electrical Engineering in Berkeley, California (5 years).
- Won the Egyptian government scholarship award to study engineering or medicine (5 years).
- Won the American University of Beirut Scholarship award to study medicine (but declined it because I wanted to study engineering. Women were not allowed at that time to study engineering at the American University of Beirut in 1961).
- “Distinction Award” for being the first in Lebanon in the 1960 Scientific Baccalaureate national Exam . All students in Lebanon had to take this exam or another one if they were not in the science stream.

### Awards for Service:

- UBC Engineering Co-op “Faculty of the Year “Award (2010)

## 9. TEACHING

### (a) *Briefly describe areas of special interest and accomplishments*

Taught various courses in the areas of digital signal processing, digital image processing, communication theory, coding, control theory, discrete structural design, optimization, operations research, numerical computations, electromagnetic theory, computer programming, electrical machines, and electronics.

### (b) *Graduate Students Supervised*

Student Name	Program	Graduation date	Principal Supervisor	Co-Supervisor(s)
Rey, Claudio	M.A.Sc.	01/86	R. Ward	
	Currently Deputy Director Reference Design & Standards at Intel Corporation, USA.			
Ting, Roger	M.A.Sc.	12/86	R. Ward	
	Financial services, private consultant.			
Revelant, Ivan	M.A.Sc.	04/87	R. Ward	
Nasiopoulos, Panos	M.A.Sc.	08/88	R. Ward	
	Professor, Electrical & Computer Eng, Dept., UBC, and Director of ICICS, UBC.			
Guan, Ling	Ph.D.	01/89	R. Ward	
	Professor at Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada			
Poon, Steven	M.A.Sc.	08/89	R. Ward	
	Senior Systems Engineer, STEMCELL Technologies Inc. Vancouver , Canada			
Chi, Lau Meng	M.Eng.	04/90	R. Ward	V. Leung
	Currently in Hong Kong			
Shi, Pingnan	Ph.D.	04/90	R. Ward	
	Director of System Engineering at JDS Uniphase Corporation and Director at Overcome Depression Ministry, Indiana, USA			
Burge, Ray	M.A.Sc.	08/90	R. Ward	
	Currently consultant at Brown Electronics, Squamish			
Lam, Edward	M.A.Sc.	08/90	R. Ward	
Smayra, Michael	M.A.Sc.	08/92	R. Ward	
Foster, Michael	M.A.Sc.	06/1993	R. Ward	M. Ito

Student Name	Program	Graduation date	Principal Supervisor	Co-Supervisor(s)
	Current position: Client Platform at Telecommunication Systems (formerly Networks In Motion).			
Xie, Qiaobing	Ph.D.	09/1993	R. Ward	C. Laszlo
	Current position: Distinguished technologist at Adara Networks, Chicago, USA			
Shi, Xiaotian	Ph.D.	10/1993	R. Ward	
Gresseth, Reider	M.A.Sc.	11/1993	R. Ward	
Nasiopoulos, Panos	Ph.D.	04/1994	R. Ward	
	Professor at the University of British Columbia and Director of ICICS			
Darwish, Mohammad	M.A.Sc.	08/1994	R. Ward	Seger
	CEO of AdvancedIO., Vancouver			
Aghdasi, Farzin	Ph.D.	01/1995	R. Ward	
	Current position: Director of Innovation at Schneider Electric, California, USA Previously , Professor at Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg, South Africa			
Lau, Albert	M.A.Sc.	07/1995	R. Ward	
Nesbitt, Daniel	M.A.Sc.	08/1995	R. Ward	
	Current position: Principal Architect at MobilQuest Systems Inc.			
Black, John	M.A.Sc.	08/1997	R. Ward	C. Laszlo
	Director - Client Service Management at TELUS			
Archer, Katerina	M.A.Sc.	08/1997	R. Ward	D. Forsey
	Currently at: Gener8 Digital Media, Vancouver			
Poon, Steven	Ph.D.	12/1997	R. Ward	
	Currently at: StemCell technologies Inc. Previously with Bc Cancer Agency Research			
Barzykina, Ekaterina	M.A.Sc.	04/1998	R. Ward	P. Nasiopoulos
	Current position: Manager, Investment Research at CPP Investment Board, Toronto			
Lee, Yuen-Wen	Ph.D.	04/1998	R. Ward	F. Kossentini
	Current position: Technical leader at Cisco Inc., San Francisco, USA			
Koo, Irene	M.A.Sc.	08/1998	P. Nasiopoulos	R. Ward
	Current position: Senior Software Engineer at Microsoft			
Sameti, Mohammed	Ph.D.	11/1998	R. Ward	
	Current position: Senior Project Manager at Motion Metrics, Vancouver, Canada			
Lou, Ying	M.A.Sc.	08/1999	R. Ward	
	Currently at: AMD Canada, Toronto			
Ahmed, Maher	Ph.D.	08/1999	R. Ward	
	Associate Professor at Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Canada			
Shirani, Shahram	Ph.D.	04/2000	F. Kossentini	R. Ward
	Professor at McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada			

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Ismail, Ismail	Ph.D.	08/2000	R. Ward	F. Kossentini
	Principal Video Codec Engineer Magnum Semiconductor, Waterloo, Canada			
Murad-agma, Abdul	M.A.Sc.	11/2000	R. Ward	
	Current position: Sr Principal Engineer at Broadcom, Vancouver Previously with UBVideo Inc, Vancouver			
Shi, Hongjian	M.A.Sc.	09/2001	R. Ward	
	Current position: Senior Research Scientist at Danaher, USA Editor of Advances in Mathematics			
Mousavi, Parvin	Ph.D.	09/2001	R. Ward	
	Associate Professor at Queen's University, Kingston, Canada			
Li, Lilijun	M.Eng.	11/2001	R. Ward	
	Currently at: EATON, Guangzhou			
Duncan, Tracey	M.A.Sc.	02/2002	R. Ward	
	Currently: Ops Specialist – WIND			
Hussein, Faten	M.A.Sc.	03/2002	R. Ward	N.Kharma
	Currently at: IBM, Egypt			
Paquet, Alexandre	M.A.Sc.	08/2002	R. Ward	
	Director , Advance Engineering at Bombardier Transportation			
Subh, Amer	M.Eng.	08/2002	R. Ward	
Adams, Michael	Ph.D.	11/2002	R. Ward	
	Associate Professor at University of Victoria, Victoria, Canada			
Xiaoli, Li	M.A.Sc.	12/2002	R. Ward	
	CEO , Baustem Broadband Technologies, Ltd. Previously , co-founder of Roxus Inc , Vancouver			
Arya, Ali	Ph.D.	04/2004	B. Hamidzadeh	R. Ward
	Associate Professor at Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada			
Azimi, Mehran	Ph.D.	04/2004	R. Ward	P. Nasiopoulos
	Microsoft, Redmond, Washington			
Ugur, Kemal	M.A.Sc.	08/2004	P. Nasiopoulos	R. Ward
	Research Leader at Nokia, Finland			
Wang, Thomas	M.A.Sc.	08/2004	R. Ward	
Avanaki, Alireza	Ph.D.	10/2004	B. Hamidzadeh	R. Ward
	Current position: Sr. Software Engineer at Barco, Portland, USA Previously , Assist prof at Amir Kabir University, Tehran			
Fu, Bin	M.A.Sc.	10/2004	M. Beddoes	R. Ward
	Currently: Guangzhou, China			
Khojasteh, Mehrnoush	M.A.Sc.	12/2004	R. Ward	
	Biomedical Imaging Specialist at Stemcell Technologies, Vancouver, Canada			
Farahmand, Fazel	M.A.Sc.	01/2005	Z. Moussavi	R. Ward
	Sr Controls Engineer at Capstone Turbine Corporation			

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Wang, Qing	Ph.D.	04/2005	R. Ward	
	Currently at: Sigma Designs Inc, Toronto			
Deng, Hui Qun	Ph.D.	04/2005	R. Ward	
	Dolby, Beijing, China			
Su, Weizhong	M.A.Sc.	08/2005	R. Ward	
	TI engineer, UBC, Fac. of Medicine			
Abdel-Hadi, Marwa	M.Eng.	04/2007	R. Ward	
	Current position: RA , Qatar University			
Gadala, Marwa	M.A.Sc.	05/2007	R. Ward	J. Wang
	Lecturer at King Abdulaziz University			
Mai, Zicong	M.A.Sc.	08/2007	R. Ward	
	Research Engineer at Point Grey Research, Vancouver			
Wasniewski, Flavio		08/2007	Ian Cumming	R. Ward
	MacDonald Dettwiler and Associates, Vancouver			
Bashashati, Ali	Ph.D.	09/2007	R. Ward	G. Birch
	Research Fellow at BC Cancer Agency, Vancouver, Canada			
Fatourech, Mehrdad	Ph.D.	01/2008	R. Ward	G. Birch
	Chief Technology Officer at BroadbandTV Corp, Vancouver			
Mendoza, Lino Coria	Ph.D.	04/2008	R. Ward	P. Nasiopoulos
	Research Engineer at BroadbandTV Corp, Vancouver, Canada Previously , Assoc. Professor ITESO Universidad Jesuita de Guadalajara, Mexico Also he is founder of Dos Tres Media, Vancouver			
Du, Shan	Ph.D.	11/2008	R. Ward	
	Research Scientist at Intellview Technologies, Calgary, Canada			
Majumdar, Angshul	M.A.Sc.	07/2009	R. Ward	
	Assistant Professor at Indraprastha Institute of Technology, India			
Ersahin, Kaan	Ph.D.	11/2009	I. Cumming	R. Ward
	Currently at: ASL Environmental Sciences, Victoria, BC. Prveiously with MDA , Vancver			
Tang, Qiang	Ph.D.	04/2010	R. Ward	P. Nasiopoulos
	Research Engineer at Point Grey Research, Vancouver, Canada			
Paurazad, Mahsa	Ph.D.	06/2010	P. Nasiopoulos	R. Ward
	Research Scientist at TELUS and Systems Consultant at ICICS, UBC, Vancouver, Canada			
Saab, Rayan	Ph.D.	06/2010	R. Ward	O. Yilmaz
	Assistant Professor at University of California, San Diego, USA			
Souhaib, Majzoub	Ph.D.	08/2010	R. Saleh	R. Ward

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	Assistant Professor at King Saud University, Saudi Arabia			
Sun, Ning	M.A.Sc. (p/t)	12/2011	R. Ward	
	Current position: Computer Software Professional			
Chiu, Tommy Tzu Chan	M.A.Sc. (p/t)	04/2012	R. Ward	
	Stantec consulting ltd., Vancouver			
Atkins, Robin	M. A.Sc. (p/t)	04/2012	R. Ward	
	Dolby California			
Gu, Jia	M.A.Sc.	04/2012	R. Ward	
	Avanade (Accenture and Microsoft)			
Faradji, Farhad	Ph.D.	06/2012	R. Ward	G. Birch
	Assistant professor at KN Toosi University in Iran			
Mai, Zicong	Ph.D.	07/2012	R. Ward	P. Nasiopoulos
	Current position: Research Engineer at Point Grey Research, Vancouver, Canada			
Majumdar, Angshul	Ph.D.	08/2012	R. Ward	
	Assistant Professor at Indraprastha Institute of Technology, India			
Yong, Xin Yi	Ph.D. (p/t)	08/2012	R. Ward	G. Birch
	Metafore Software, Vancouver			
Naseri, Ghazal	B.M.E	09/2012	R. Ward	
	Biomedical Engineer, MEng. Program			
Khojasteh, Mehrnoush	Ph.D.	12/2012	R. Ward	C. MacAulay
	Biomedical Imaging Specialist at Stemcell Technologies, Vancouver, Canada			
Malekesmaeili, Mani	Ph.D.	07/2013	R. Ward	
	Rigid Robotics Inc, Vancouver			
Nezhadarya, Ehsan	Ph.D.	07/2013	R. Ward	
	Research Engineer, Magna Inc., Toronto			
Vahedi, Ehsan	Ph.D.	08/2013	R. Ward	I. Blake
	Research Engineer at BroadbandTV, Vancouver, Canada			
Guha, Tanaya	Ph.D.	09/2013	R. Ward	
	Postdoctoral fellow at University of California, as of October 2013			
Aida Chehrazi	M.Eng.	09/2013	R. Ward	
	Biomedical Engineer, MEng. Program			
Fauvel, Simon	M.A.Sc.	11/2013	R. Ward	
	Now working as a research engineer at Nanyang Technological University			
Rmeily, Patrick	M.A.Sc.	08/2014	R. Ward	
	Pipeline Technical Director, Nitrogen Studios, Vancouver, BC, Canada			
Hiba Shahid	M. A. Sc.	12/2015	R. Ward	
	Software Engineer at NetApp, Vancouver, BC, Canada			

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Karimi, Davood	Ph.D	07/2016	R. Ward	
	Post Doctoral Fellow, UCLA, California, USA			
Mahrous, Hesham	M.A.Sc.	08/2016	R. Ward	
	Data Scientist, SAMSUNG Research, Vancouver, BC, Canada			
Palangi, Hamid	Ph.D.	April 2017	R. Ward	
	Microsoft, Deep Learning Research Scientist			
Bashashati, Hossein	Ph.D.	April 2017	R. Ward	
	Machine Learning/Data Scientist, Electronic Arts, Vancouver, BC, Canada			
Sheikhzadeh, Fahimeh	Ph.D.	April 2018	R. Ward	Martial Guillaud
	Research Officer, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia			
Rouf, Nasa	Ph.D.	June 2018	R. Ward	
	Computer Vision Engineer, Ouster, San Francisco, California, USA			
Hussein, Ramy	Ph.D.	ongoing	R. Ward	Z. Jane Wang
Valizadeh, Sima	Ph.D.	June 2017	P. Nasiopoulos	R. Ward
	Data Analytics Researcher, Mobify, Vancouver, BC, Canada.			
Aejalalai, AbdelMalik	Ph.D.	ongoing	v. Leung	R. Ward
Dana Bazazeh	M.Sc.	ongoing	R. Ward	Z. Jane Wang
Jlanzhe Lin	Ph.D.	ongoing	Z. Jane Wang	R. Ward
Yongwei Wang	Ph.D.	ongoing	Z. Jane Wang	R. Ward
Robin Atkins	Ph.D.	ongoing	L.Whitehead	R. Ward

**(c) Other HQP supervised**

Post Doctoral Fellows:

- Shi, Pingnan, May 1991 - April 1992
- Zhang, Qin, September 1990 - June 1992
- Xie, Qiaobing, September 1993 - August 1995
- Shi, Xiaotian, March 1995 - May 1997
- Docef, Alen, September 1997 - June 1999
- Kharma, Nawwaf, January 1998 - July 1999
- Ma, Liying, August 2002 - January 2003
- Wang, Qing, September 2005 - September 2006
- Ghazel, Mohsen, September 2004 - October 2006
- Fatourechi, Mehrdad, March 2008 – December 31, 2011
- Coria, Lino, June 2009 – Dec. 31, 2010
- Joyce Chiang, October 2012 till December 2014
- Xin Yi Yong, November 2012 till Feb 2013
- Xun Chen, June 2014 till March 2015
- El-Gendi, Mohamed, June 2016 – Present
- Sima Valizadeh, December 31, 2017- June 30, 2018

Research Engineers Employed:

- Dr. Pingnan, Shi, 1992-1995
- Dr. Zhang, Qin, 1992-1995
- Dr. Qiling Qin, Visiting Scholar, 1994-1995
- Dr. Kossentini, Faouzi, July 1995-December 1995
- Darwish, Mohammed, August 1995-August 1996



- Xu, Mei, May 1996-February 1997
- Ng, Andrew, September 1997-February 1998
- Du, Julong, November 1992-December 1998
- Barzykina, Ekaterina, May 1998-August 1999
- Dr. Aghdasi, Farzin, August 2000- February 2001
- Li, Xiaoli, January 1995-February 2002
- Dr. Shadaydeh, Maha, Maha, August 2007- January 2008
- Xiong, Victor, July 2007- February 2008

#### Undergraduate Student Research Supervision

- Supervised the 4<sup>th</sup> year required system's laboratory projects of 6 to 18 students each year (until 1997). Since then I have supervised 2-3 students on average each year.
- Supervised several undergraduate research students for many years. The names below are examples

Satyaprakash Pareek	Comparison of video fingerprinting algorithms	May 2010 - Jul 2010
Iris Liu	Implementing a new video fingerprinting algorithm	May 2010 - Aug 2010
James An	Implementing the Shazam audio fingerprinting algorithm	May 2010 - Aug 2010
Steven Risi	Generalization of watermarking algorithm from B&W to color images	May 2010 - Aug 2010
Mohammad M.Najar	Integrating a 2-state self-paced BCI system with an eye-tracker system	Sep 2010 - Dec 2010
Sousan Kochak Yazdi	Automatic monitoring of the heart activity of patients	Jan 2011 - Apr 2011
Hessan Tmar	Complexity Analysis of the Deblocking Loop Filter (DLF) in the H.265 Next Generation Video Compression Standard	Apr 2011 - Aug 2011
Marianne Kobierski	Design and Performance Testing of a Self-Paced Brain Computer Interface (BCI) system (under NSERC USRA program)	May 2011 - Aug 2011
Gokul Raghuraman	Extension of Image and Video Fingerprinting Algorithm from Grayscale to Color Domain (under Global MITACS program)	May 2011 – Jul 2011
Omar Omari (USRA)	Spoken Keywords Detection	May 2012 – Aug 2012
Abhinav Agarwal	Sensor networks for EEG Signals( MITACS)	May 2012 – Jul 2012
Yimeng Zhang	Compression of EEG ( MITACS)	Jul 2012 – Sep 2012
Omar Omari	Spoken Keyword Detection	Sep 2012 – Dec 2012

ELEC 496, Frans Kouwenhoven	Real-Time Seizure Detection	Jan 2013 – Apr 2013
ELEC 496, Mostafa Nejatali	Real-Time Seizure Detection	Jan 2013 – Apr 2013

- Supervised 1 or 2 co-op students each year until 2005.

**(d) Visiting Lecturer on sabbatical**

- Gave a condensed course on "Digital Image Processing" to practicing professional engineers in Zimbabwe. Also gave two public lectures on the subject, July, 1989.
- Invited to give a course seminar and discussions with members of the Water Research Center, University of Western Australia. The title of the seminar was "Estimation of Signals Distorted by Systems of Random Impulse-Response," February 1989.
- Gave a condensed course on "Optimization and Non-linear Control", to practicing professional engineers in Zimbabwe. Also gave two public lectures on image processing, August 1987.
- Invited to update a working model and a computer program (which I developed in 1977-1979) to forecast electricity needs for Zimbabwe. Work was sponsored by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and by the University of Zimbabwe, April-June 1982.
- Invited to give two condensed courses on "Data Structures" and "Numerical Methods" in Al-Hazen Research Centre, Baghdad, Iraq, October-November 1975.

**10. SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**(a) Briefly describe areas of special interest and accomplishments**

Signal processing is the analysis, interpretation, and manipulation of signals that represent physical quantities. These signals include audio, video, speech, image, geophysical, sonar, radar, medical, musical, communication and other signals. My research activities involves the applications of signal processing theory and techniques to solve real life problems. Towards that aim I had on most occasions to expand the theory so it can solve the specific engineering problems at hand .

My previous and on-going projects have resulted in several Best paper awards stated earlier and include:

**Processing of Image signals:**

*Image restoration and enhancement* : A major accomplishment here is my work on deblurring random time-varying blur and image restoration such as stellar images.

*Measuring the biomass and swimming speed of fish such as salmon* : As this was achieved by processing underwater video images taken in fish hatcheries, it alleviated the problem of destroying the fish when measuring their mass.

**Medical images:**

*Mammography (breast X-ray images)* : to help radiologists detect cancer as early as possible .

*Blood Cells*: measuring the number of white or red blood cells from blood samples using microscope images.

*Measuring the Length of Every Telomere in Every Chromosome*: from biological cells using Fluorescence microscope-based systems. The lengths of telomeres indicate the longevity of humans.

**Processing of Video Signals:**

*Automatic monitoring, measurement and testing of Cable television* : to enable cable operator to measure picture quality the viewers are receiving, without having to stop the TV program transmission during testing and measurement.

Digital video compression and encoding for transmission and storage, removing picture blockiness and other compression artifacts, enhancing video pictures so it is more appealing to viewers , image size enlargement and resizing video pictures; and enabling viewers to interact with live TV programs ( interactive TV).

*Information Management and Security in Internet Media-Sharing Social Networks*: to protect multimedia intellectual property rights and enhance security, manage digital media objects and support automated network-service monitoring.

### **Processing of 1-dimensional Signals:**

*Brain-Computer Interface Systems*: To enable people to carry a simple task such as moving a wheel chair forward or backward by using their brain signals only ( i.e. by thinking only).

*Automated Face recognition*: finding from a vast number of stored face images of people, the picture of the person that most resembles a certain given new face image (the latter image usually differ in face pose, image illumination and other aspects).

A system that *estimates the* level of distress of a baby from his/her cry signal: deaf parents take turn sleeping watching their baby because of their inability to hear the cry; the system measures the amount of distress from baby's cry signals and only awaken the parent(s) when the distress level is above a threshold and not when the baby is cooing.

*Estimating the glottal waves and the vocal-tract area functions*: These estimates are needed in natural speech synthesis, pathology and recognition and in language training.

Early on, I have worked on Modelling and Estimation of Systems and applied them to build an Econometric Model to forecast the electricity demand in Zimbabwe. My resulting program was adopted by the Zimbabwe Electrical Supply Commission.

**(b) Research or equivalent grants (indicate under COMP whether grants were obtained competitively (C) or non-competitively (NC))**

Granting Agency	COMP	\$	Years	Principal Investigator	Co-Investigator(s)
NSERC ENGAGE	C	24,000 per year	Nov/2016-Feb/2017	R. Ward	Z. Wang
Qatar National Research Fund	C	250,00 per year	2015- 2018	Amr Mohamad	R. Ward, Z. Wang
NSERC Discovery Grant	C	51,000 per year	2013- 2018	R. Ward	
Qatar National Research Fund	C	300,000 per year	2012 - 2015	Amr Mohamad	R. Ward, V. Leung, P. Nasiopoulos
NSERC ENGAGE	C	22,000	Jun – Nov/2012	R. Ward	
Qatar National Research Fund	C	290,000 per year	2011 - 2013	Amr Mohamad	R. Ward, Mahmoud Annaby
MITACS with BroadBand TV Inc.	C	15,000	Dec/2011-Mar./2011	R. Ward	

Granting Agency	COMP	\$	Years	Principal Investigator	Co-Investigator(s)
MITCAS with BroadBand TV Inc	C	15,000	Jun/2010 – Nov/2010	R. Ward	
MITCAS with Vericorder Technology Inc	C	15,000	Feb/2010 – July/2010	R. Ward	
CFI/BCKDF	C	12.4 million	2009-11	N.Rajapakse	R.Ward and eight others
NSERC Strategic Research Grant	C	631,500	2009-11	P. Nasiopoulos	R.Ward W.Heidrich
NSERC Discovery Grant	C	46,000 per year	2009-13	R.Ward	
NSERC Strategic Research Grant	C	470,000	2009-11	R.Ward	J. Wang H. Zhao
NSERC Strategic Research Grant	C	621,000	2006-09	R. Ward	P. Nasiopoulos and V. Krishnamurthy
CFI, BCKDF & UBC	C	22.14 million	2001-05	R. Ward	124 other faculty members
NSERC Discovery Grant	C	56,000 per year	2004-08	R. Ward	
NSERC Operating Grant	C	34,650 per year	1999-04	R. Ward	
Canadian Cable Labs Fund (Rogers)	C	187,000	1997-99	F. Kossentini	R. Ward
BC Advanced Systems Institute	C	120,000	1997-99	R. Ward	F. Kossentini
MDSI & BC Advanced Systems Institute & NSERC-UIP	C	320,000	1996-98	S. Kallel	F. Kossentini R. Ward
BC Science Council G.R.E.A.T. Award to M. Sameti	C	34,000	1996-98	R. Ward	
BC Advanced Systems Institute	C	20,000	1996	R. Ward	F. Kossentini
Canadian Cable Labs Fund	C	58,000	1996	R. Ward	F. Kossentini
BC Advanced Systems Institute	C	20,000	1996	R. Ward	
James Thompson & Assoc. (Contract)	C	23,000	1996	R. Ward	
Xillix, Inc.	C	14,000	1995	R. Ward	
Sierra Consulting Ltd., - BC Advanced Systems Institute	C	24,000	1994	R. Ward	
BC Science Council G.R.E.A.T. Award to Daniel Nesbitt	C	34,000	1994-96	R. Ward	
Rogers Cable TV Labs Fund Grant	C	137,000	1994	R. Ward	
NSERC Operating Grant	C	27,000 per year	1994-99	R. Ward	
NSERC UIP Grant	C	129,000	1993-95	R. Ward	
Rogers Cable TV Labs Fund Grant	C	137,000	1993	R. Ward	
Rogers Cable TV Labs Fund Grant	C	15,000	1993	R. Ward	
Rogers Cable TV Labs Fund Grant	C	129,000	1992	R. Ward	

Granting Agency	COMP	\$	Years	Principal Investigator	Co-Investigator(s)
BC Advanced Ed. Training & Tech.	C	4,000	1992	R. Ward	
BC Science Council G.R.E.A.T. Award to Steven Poon	C	34,000	1992-94	R. Ward	
NSERC UIP Grant	C	114,000	1992	R. Ward	
BC Science Council	C	86,500	1991	B. Palcic	R. Ward
BC Science Council G.R.E.A.T. Award	C	16,000	1991	R. Ward	
Rogers Cable TV Labs Fund Grant	C	22,500	1991	R. Ward	
NSERC Operating Grant	C	20,000 per year	1991-94	R. Ward	
Rogers Cable TV Labs Fund Grant	C	50,000	1990	R. Ward	
CICSR Equipment Grant	C	12,480	1990	R. Ward	
NSERC Equipment Grant	C	142,568	1989	R. Ward	
NSERC Operating Grant	C	18,500 per year	1989-91	R. Ward	

(c) **Research or equivalent contracts (indicate under COMP whether grants were obtained competitively (C) or non-competitively (NC)).**

Granting Agency	COMP	\$ Per Year	Years	Principal Investigator	Co-Investigator(s)
Ward Lab Inc. (Contract)	C	10,000	1999-00	R. Ward	
Ward Lab Inc. (Contract)	C	134,000	1998-99	R. Ward	
Daikin - Japan (Contract)	C	182,000	1997-99	R. Ward	P. Nasiopoulos
Ward Lab Inc. (Contract)	C	165,600	1997	R. Ward	
Ward Lab Inc. (Contract)	C	145,000	1996	R. Ward	

(d) **Invited Presentations**

I have given seminars and talks in the departments I worked for. Also, I have been invited to give talks by outside bodies. Examples are:

- Keynote speaker: The Fifth International Conference on Electronic Devices, Systems and Applications, RAK, United Arab Emirates, Dec 6-8, 2016
- Invited Speaker: Emerging topics in Signal Processing, IEEE Section in Muscat, Oman, Dec. 2016
- Invited Speaker: Deep Learning and applications, IEEE Buenos Aires Section, Argentina and in IEEE Santiago, Chile, January 2016.
- Keynote Speaker: Emerging Applications in Signal Processing in the "Visual Signal Analysis and Processing" workshop, Abu Dhabi, November 9-10, 2015.
- Invited Speaker: IEEE Chengdu Section, IEEE Beijing Section, Tsinghua University .
- Keynote Speaker: Future of Broadcasting at the Emerging Technology Workshop, the Communication University of China, July 2015.

- Keynote speaker: Skills for women success in Engineering, Women in Engineering Luncheon, ICASSP 2015, Brisbane, Australia, April 2015.
- Invited Speaker, Graduate School Information Night for Undergraduate Students in Engineering and Science, April 2010, Undergraduate Engineering Student Association.
- Keynote speaker, Inspirational Speaker Night, Women in Engineering Society in collaboration with Society of Women in Science and Technology, April 26, 2009.
- Keynote speaker of the California Lebanese Ladies Society's Gala, Los Angeles, May 2004.
- Guest speaker at the Research Mentoring Dinner, organized by the UBC VP Research office and St. John's College, entitled "Research Topics, Students, Publishing and Multi-disciplinarity", November 20, 2002.
- Gave a lecture entitled "In Praise of Engineering" at a Public Science Forum organized by the Canadian Academy for the Advancement of Science at Mulgrave High School, West Vancouver, November 18, 2002.
- Keynote Speaker, UBC Applied Sciences Seminar on Engineering for Women, May 2000.
- Invited talk at the University of Waterloo on "Automatic Monitoring of cable TV Picture Performance", 1999
- Gave a speech entitled, "Information Revolution and Societal Change" at a Public Science Forum of the Canadian Academy for the Advancement of Science, March 28, 1998, Robson Square Conference Centre, Vancouver.
- Invited Talk on "Video Noise Reduction", April 11, 1997, University of Waterloo.
- Gave a seminar entitled "Emerging Trends in Multimedia" at the UBC Applied Science Speaker Series, UBC, Feb. 1997
- Gave a one-hour interview to Lebanese television, September 1996, on women and engineering. Earlier in 1968, gave a similar interview to Egyptian television
- One of three panelists on challenges facing women grad students in engineering (March 1996).
- Speaker for UBC, CICSIR Distinguished Lecturer Series, Home Base Seminar, Feb. 21, 1995.
- Presented our work to the President of Sanyo, California, US, who visited our lab for discussions about relevant work, July 16, 1994.
- Invited by Rogers Inc. to present my work on cable TV to selected engineers in the National Cable Television Association, San Francisco, June 6-9, 1993. As a result, I was invited to address the technical committee of the National Cable TV Association, June 30-July 1, 1993, Washington, D.C.
- Invited by Techtronics (Portland, Oregon), as a distinguished guest, met with the vice-president of engineering and senior engineers, gave a two-hour seminar attended by over 100 of their engineers, and conducted many discussions with their engineers about common work, January 1993.
- I address on a regular basis the Faculty of Applied Science Conference for Women's senior secondary school students. The aim of this one day long conference is to encourage high school girls to consider engineering as a career. Many of our present female students in engineering have said that they joined the engineering school only after they heard my speeches and had discussions with me.
- Guest lecturer, Shad Valley Program, June 1991 & July 1994 hosted the whole group, August 1999
- I gave various newspaper and radio interviews about engineering and women, e.g. in 1990-91, I appeared twice on CBC TV News, the first time was regarding the Montreal massacre and the second time was about the attitude of engineering students towards women and minorities.
- I have given public talks on a continuous basis and for many years to various Women's groups and various high school female students about Women in Engineering, e.g. last year I addressed the Vancouver Female Careers Day in Killarney School, and was one of the three panel speakers for the York House students' presentation organized by the UBC School and College Liaison Office.
- One of three panelists, "A Day in Science", organized by UBC School and College Liaison Office for high school women students, May 1990.
- Main speaker, UBC Applied Science Women in Engineering Conference, April 1990, April 1991, April 1992, April 1993.
- Speaker at the annual meeting of the cable TV lab, April 1990, May 1992, April 1993, April 1994, April 1995, May 1996, and May 1997.
- "Electricity Demand for Zimbabwe", February 1982. Organized by the UBC Simulation and Modelling Seminar.
- "Women in the Scientific Community: Techniques for Survival and Success" February 25, 1982, Organized by the AMS Women's Committee.

- "Women, Science and Technology", November 1981, the Society of Canadian Women in Science and Technology.
- "Women in Engineering", the University Women Graduates Assoc., May 1979.
- "Energy" in the "Development for Independence" programme by the Development Studies Committee of the University of Rhodesia, February 1979.
- "Operations Research Applications for Rhodesia", the Rhodesian Institution of Engineers, January 1978.

**(e) Other Presentations to Industry**

- Presented and demonstrated a prototype on video noise reduction, enhancement, and resizing to Equator Inc. and Hewlett-Packard in August 2005; and to Enuclia Semiconductor in October, 2005.
- Presented and demonstrated our prototype on video picture enlargement to Rogers Cable TV and to Equator Inc., 2003.
- Presented and demonstrated our prototype on video compression improvement at the Western Cable TV show, December, 2000.
- Presented and demonstrated our prototype on video noise reduction at the Western Cable TV show, December 1997, 1998, and 1999.
- Presented and demonstrated our prototype on video noise reduction at the U.S. Cable Labs Winter meeting, San Diego, CA, February 1997.
- Presented and demonstrated our prototype on video noise reduction in Cablenet, LA, CA, December 1996.
- Presented our work to a group of Hewlett Packard (Santa Rosa, Calif.) engineers who visited us and had discussions about our work, June 1992, January 1995.
- Presented our work to the Vice President and members of TCI (largest US cable company), Denver, Colorado, August, 1991.

**Conference Participation (Organizer, Keynote Speaker, etc.)**

Conference or Event	Role(s)	Location	Date(s)
IEEE Canadian Conference on Electrical and Computer Engineering	Co-Chair	Vancouver	May 15-18, 2015
IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Signal and Speech Processing ( This is the flagship conference of the IEEE SPS over 2500 attendees)	General Co-Chair	Vancouver, Canada	May 2013
Brain Computer Interface Workshop and Hands-On Seminar	Co-chair	Vancouver, Canada	Sep 12, 2012
IEEE International Workshop on Multimedia Signal Processing	Chair	Banff, Canada	Sep 2012
IEEE International Conference on Image Processing	Advisor	Cairo, Egypt	Nov 2012
Middle East Conference on Biomedical Engineering	Advisory Committee Member	Sharjah, UAE	Feb 2011
BIRS workshop on Multimedia , Mathematics, and Machine Learning "By Invitation Only"	Chair	Banff, Canada	Jul 2009
2 <sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Advances in Computer Vision and Information Technology (ACVIT-09)	Advisory Committee Member	Aurangabad, India	Dec 2009
International Conference on Computer Vision, Graphics and Image Processing	International Technical Program Committee Member	India	2008
BIRS workshop on Mentoring for	Co-chair	Banff, Canada	Jul 2007

Engineering Academia "By Invitation Only"			
IEEE SIPS	Program Committee Member	Banff, Canada	Oct 2006
2 <sup>nd</sup> International Computer Engineering Conference (ICENCO 2006)	Technical Committee Member	Cairo, Egypt	Dec 2006
IEEE International Symposium on Signal Processing and Information Technology (ISSPIT)	Chair	Vancouver, Canada	Aug 2006
International Conference on Image Analysis and Recognition	Technical Committee Member	Toronto, Canada	Aug 2005
"By Invitation Only" BIRS workshop on Multimedia and Mathematics	Chair	Banff, Canada	Jul 2005
International Conference on Image Analysis and Recognition	Advisory Committee Member	Porto, Portugal	Sep 2004
IEEE ISCAS (over 1300 attendees)	Vice Chair	Vancouver, Canada	May 2004
IEEE Women Forum	Main Speaker	Vancouver, Canada	12 Mar, 2004
UBC Applied Sciences Workshop for high school students to promote engineering as a career	Main Speaker	Vancouver	May 1991, May 1994, May 1998, May 2001
International Digital Signal Processing Conference	Technical Committee Member		2002
IEEE International Conference on Image Processing ( Over 1000 attendees)	General Chair	Vancouver, Canada	09 Sep, 2000 – 13 Sep, 2000
IEEE International Symposium on Multimedia Information Processing	Advisory Committee Member		2000
IEEE CCECE Conference	Technical Committee Member		1999
IEEE South West Symposium on Image Analysis & Interpretation	Technical Committee Member		May 1995 – Mar 1996
UBC Applied Sciences seminar on engineering for high school teachers to promote engineering as a career to their students	Speaker	Vancouver, Canada	Oct 1993

## 11. SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

### (a) *Memberships in committees, including offices held and dates*

Organizational Unit	Committee Name	Dates	
		Start	End
EECE Dept.	Curriculum Planning Committee	1986	
EECE Dept.	Optical Scanning Equipment Advisory Committee	Nov / 1986	Jul / 1987
EECE	Curriculum Planning Committee	1992	1996
UBC	President's Advisory Committee to select Head for the Civil Engineering Department	1992	UBC
UBC	President's Advisory Committee to select Head for the Mechanical Engineering Department	1993	UBC
UBC	President's Advisory Committee to select Head for the CS Department.	1995	UBC



UBC	President's Advisory Committee to select the Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science	1996	1997
UBC	President's Advisory Committee to select Head for the Advanced Technical Management program	1996	1997
UBC	Killam Fellowship Awards Selection Committee	1996	1997
UBC	Advisory Board of UBC Continuing Education Certificate in Software Engineering	1996	Present
EECE	ECE department committee to decide on salary and merit increases for the ECE faculty members	1994	2000
UBC	Faculty Awards Committee	1996	1997
UBC	President's Advisory Committee to select Head for the EECE	1997	
UBC	Wide Strategic Initiative-Focus Group	1997	UBC
UBC	Campus Connectivity Project Steering Committee for BC Tel Partnership (of the Advisory Committee on Information Technology)	1997	
UBC	President's Advisory Committee to select dean for the Faculty of Applied Science	1997	1998
EECE Dept.	Resource Committee	1998	
UBC	Alternate Route to Computing Committee	1998	
UBC	New MIC Committee	1998	1999
UBC	CICSR-CFI Committee	1998	2000
UBC	Dean of Applied Science and Dean of Medicine Committee for Biomedical Engineering	1999	
UBC	Committee Chair to Appoint Professor in the Biomedical Engineering Field	2000	
UBC	Vice President Academic Committee to further collaboration between the CS and EECE	2001	2002
UBC	President Committee to design and establish the Kuwait Institute of Business & Technology	2001	2004
UBC	President's Advisory Committee to select Head for the EECE Dept.	2002	2003
UBC	President's Committee for the Reappointment of the Dean of Applied Science	2003	
UBC	Vice President Research Committee to review UBC Industry Liaison Office	2005	
EECE Dept	Chairman or member of committees for individual faculty members promotion or tenure (around 2 professors yearly)	2003	2015
UBC.	President's Advisory Committee to select the Dean for the Faculty of Applied Science	Feb 2008	Jun 2008
UBC	CFI-LEF Adjudication Committee	2008	2015
UBC	CFI-NOF Adjudication Committee	2008	2015
UBC	Martha Piper Fund Scholarship Adjudication Committee	Apr 2008	2015
UBC	Coordinator of the NSERC CREATE Program	Apr 2008	2015
UBC	Responsible fo all NSERC programs .eg. Discovery, Accelerate, CREATE, RTI, Strategic, CRD etc.	April 2008	2015
UBC	Responsible for the NSERC General Research Fund	April 2008	2014
UBC	UBC committee to select NSERC DAS candidates ,chair	Jul 2008	2014
UBC	APSC CFI-LOF Advisory Committee on Applications Chair	Aug 2008	2015
UBC	CFI-LOF Adjudication Committee	2009	

UBC	Peter Wall Institute Adjudication and Advisory Committee	Jul 2009	2015
UBC	Steacie Selection Committee	May 2010	May 2010
EECE Dept.	FOGS Adjudicating Committee ( to rank all UBC student scholarship applicants in the NSERC areas )	Oct 2010	Nov 2010
UBC	UBC Selection Committee of NSERC Steacie candidates, chair	Apr 2012	Apr 2012
UBC	Chair of the Banting PDF Selection Committee	Aug 2012	Sep 2012
ECE	Member of the Promotion Committee of Dr. Dunford	2011	2013
ECE	Member of the promotion Committee of Dr. Mirabasi	2012	2013
ECE	Member of the Committee to rank ECE faculty for April 2012 consideration for Merit and PSA salary awards	2012	
ECE	3 mntes Thesis adjudication Committee		Feb 2013
ICICS/ECE/IEE E	Workshop on Future Communications and Muutomeia System		Mar 2013
UBC	Responsible for the Banting Postdoctoral fellowships	July 2011	2015

**(b) Other service, including dates**

Organizational Unit	Title/Nature of Duties	Dates	
		Start	End
UBC	Coordinator for the 4th year Engineering Technical Report course	1982	1985
EECE	Organizer of the department weekly seminar	1984	1987
IEEE UBC Chapter	Student Counselor	1985	1987
EECE	CoursesTime Tabling for EECE Dept.	1986	1987
EECE	Undergraduate Student Advisor (3rd year)	1988	1996
UBC	Responsible for the Imaging Lab development	1989	Present
MITACS	Reviewer of accelerate PDF program	2011	present

I served as internal Examiner at UBC: I have served on at least 400 (Masters, PhD qualifying, PhD dept. and PhD final) exams of students supervised by other faculty members in my department. The names are too many to include here. ( In the pat 12 months I served on 8 such exams) I have also chaired many Univeristy Ph.D exams .

- Committee member or University examiner for over 25 UBC graduate students outside Electrical and Computer Engineering Department. The students were in Civil Eng., Mechanical Eng., Bioresource Eng., Computer Science, Mathematics, Commerce and Zoology.

**12. SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

**(a) Memberships in scholarly societies, including offices held and dates**

Scholarly Society	Role	Dates	
		Start	End
Canadian Society for Electrical and Computer Engineering	Vice-President for Western Canada	1990	1995
IEEE	Admission & Advancement Committee to decide on members' promotion to the rank of senior members	Feb / 1992	Mar / 2000
IEEE Signal Processing	Vice President /Conferences	Jan / 2003	Dec / 2005

Society			
IEEE Signal Processing Society	Board of Governors	Jan / 2003	Dec / 2005
IEEE Signal Processing Society	Executive Committee	Jan / 2003	Dec / 2005
IEEE Signal Processing Society	Conference Board	Jan / 2006	Dec/2007
BCIT	External review committee of the new Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering	2006	2007
Academy of Science In the Developing World (Rome, Italy)	to select the Trieste Science Prize winner	2008	2009
IEEE Signal Processing Society	IEEE Signal Processing Society Committee to select IEEE Fellows	Jan 1, 2008	Dec 31, 2010
IEEE Signal Processing Society	Board of Governors (re-elected)	Jan 1/ 2008	Dec 31, 2010
Royal Society of Canada	Committee to select fellows of the Society (engineering field)	Dec 2012	2015
IEEE Canada	Awards and Recognition Committee	Jan 1, 2013	2014
IEEE Signal Processing Society	President-Elect	Jan 1, 2014	Dec 31, 2015
IEEE Signal Processing Society	President	Jan 1, 2016	Present
IEEE TAB AdHoc Committee on Africa and Education	Chair	Jan 1, 2016	Present
IEEE TAB Strategic Planning Committee	Member	Jan 1, 2017	Present

**(b) Memberships in other societies, including offices held and dates**

Other Society	Role	Dates	
		Start	End
University Women Graduate Association	Member	1980	1980
Society for Canadian Women in Science and Technology	Member	1979	Present
Academic Women's Association, UBC	Executive Board	1982	1983
International Scientific Advisory Board of the BC Advanced Systems Institute	Member	1996	2004
ISAB sub-committee of the above body (BC ASI)	Member	1996	2004
Canadian Academy for the Advancement of Science	Member of the Advisory Board	1997	2007
BCIT	External review committee of the new Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering	2006	2007

**(c) Memberships in scholarly committees, including offices held and dates**

Scholarly Committee	Role	Dates	
		Start	End
Best student papers awards ,VCIP conference of the International Society for Optical Engineering	Chair	1997	1998
NSF (USA) IGERT program Adjudication Committee	Member	2001	
NSF ( USA) National Science Foundation committee to review the Integrated Media Systems Center, University of Southern California	Member	2002	

**(d) Memberships in other committees, including offices held and dates**

Other Committees	Role	Dates	
		Start	End
Advisory Board of the Pacific Institute of Mathematical Sciences	Member	1988	2009
NSERC Grant Selection Committee, Communications, Computers and Components Engineering	Member	1997	2000
Committee to review the ECE department of University of Victoria	One of 3 members	1998	1998
NRC Advisory Committee on Information Technology	Member	1999	2002
Royal Society of Canada Awards committee on Women Students	Member	2003	2007

**(e) Editorships (list journal and dates)**

- Assoc. Editor, Jour. of Electronic Imaging (SPIE), 2001-2006.
- Member of the Editorial Board of the IEEE Signal Processing Magazine, Jan 2006-2009

**(f) Reviewer (journal, agency, etc. including dates)**

- NSERC Discovery Grants reviewer (Reviewed 1-4 applications yearly)
- Biomedical Signal Processing & Control
- Journal of Real-Time Processing
- Computer Vision and Image Understanding
- Journal of Neural Engineering
- IEEE Trans. on Multimedia
- IEEE Trans. on Automotive Control
- IEEE Trans. on Communication
- IEEE Trans. on Image Processing
- IEEE Trans. on Pattern Analysis & Machine Intelligence
- IEEE Trans. on Signal Processing (previously ASSP)
- IEEE Trans. on Systems, Man and Cybernetics
- Jour. of the Can. Soc. of Comp. & Electrical Engineers
- Jour. of Visual Communication & Image Representation
- Jour. of the Optical Society of America A Applied Optics
- Optimal Control: Applications and Methods
- IEE Proceedings on Vision, Image and Signal Processing
- IEE Electronics Letters
- The Computer Journal
- Computational Intelligence and Neuroscience
- Investigative Ophthalmology and Visual Science
- Elsevier Digital Signal Processing Journ.

- EURASIP Jour. On Advances in Signal Processing
- Banff International Research Station workshops 3 to 5 proposal yearly
- Book proposal reviewer: have reviewed few books, (in 2010 reviewed Multilinear Subspace Learning: Dimensionality Reduction of Tensors, names of authors cannot be included for confidentiality)
- Several Conferences (too many to state here)

**(g) External Ph.D. thesis examiner**

- External examiner of Kemal Ugur, Tampere University of Technology, Finland , July 2009
- External Examiner for Mr. Diego Sorrentino, Univ of Victoria , July 2009
- External examiner of Dr. Jun Cheng .Ph.D. dissertation, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, 2007.
- External examiner of Dr. Naga Mudigonda - Ph.D. dissertation, University of Calgary, Nov., 2001.

Member of the Committee to review the ECE Dept at Univ. of Victoria , 1998.

- External examiner of Dr. Mahmoud El-Sakka, University of Waterloo, April 1997.
- External examiner of Dr. Jianping Li - Ph.D. dissertation, University of Victoria, Sep. 1996.
- External examiner of Dr. Peter Jones - Ph.D. dissertation, Queen's University, Feb. 1993.
- External examiner of Dr. Aziz Qureshi - Ph.D. dissertation, Queen's University, Dec. 1991.
- External examiner of Dr. Salah G. Foda - Ph.D. dissertation, University of Victoria, July 1988.

**(h) Consultant**

- MDA , Vancouver , 2013-2014
- AdvancedIO Systems Inc., 2007-2009
- WebTech Wireless,telematics, 1999-2005
- R.F.I.D., Passport photograph compression, November 1996-1999.
- Hewlett-Packard (Santa Rosa, Calif.), Non-intrusive measurements of cable TV parameters.
- Vision Systems Inc. Building a computer vision system for grading lumber, 1989.
- The Whitsun Foundation of Rhodesia, building a computer model for Agrarian Reform, 1978.
- Arab Projects and Development on their project with the Iraqi Ministry of Planning "Five Year Plan for transportation development", June-August 1974.
- Computer Modelling of Operations Decisions for the Okanagan Lakes System, January-June 1973.

**(i) Other service to the community**

- Member of the RCMP Advisory Committee on deterring violence, 2005 – 2009.
- Speaker at the RCMP Conference on Community and Security, January 2002.
- Speaker at the Vancouver Peace rally, November 2001.
- Speaker at the BC Labour Federation, November 2001.
- Speaker at the rally for Canada's unity on the steps of the Vancouver Art Gallery, October 1995.
- Organized a community dinner for the Committee for Racial Justice, attended by approximately 90 people belonging to over a dozen different governmental, religious and ethnic groups. During the dinner I gave a 30-minute (televised) speech about "stereotyping some ethnic religious groups," March 1995.
- Member of the Vancouver Jewish-Arab group to promote mutual understanding, 2003-2004.
- As a graduate student in Berkeley, I participated in establishing a group of Arab and Israeli students to dialogue on "bridges to peace" in the Middle East. In 1992, I actively encouraged the establishment of the Palestinian-Jewish Women for Peace in Vancouver.
- Gave a talk about "Islam and Women," one hour of which was televised and broadcasted on Vancouver Community Channel. The talk was attended by approximately 150 people at the Unitarian Church, March 1991.

- Gave a 20-minute speech at International Women's Day on the steps of the Vancouver Art Gallery, 1991.
- Gave a public speech outside the Student Union Building at UBC after the Montreal Massacre of women engineers, 1989.
- Gave seminars in various studios, and taught Middle East Dancing from 1982-1989. Contributed articles to "Sahda," BC's Middle East dance association newsletter, and to "Arabesque," an international magazine for Middle East dancing, published in New York. I also organized a 2-day workshop in Vancouver given by Ibrahim Farah of New York. Mr. Farah is internationally renowned as a master of Middle East dance. It was attended by 69 local dancers, and the evening dinners and shows were 100% booked, June 1988.

### **13. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION**

- I was one of the founders of the Society for Canadian Women in Science & Technology. Some of the great achievements of this society were the introduction of programs to help high school girls in mathematics and provide hands-on experience in technology and science.
- I was the first woman professor to be appointed to the Engineering Faculty at UBC
- I was the first woman professor to be appointed to the Engineering Faculty in Rhodesia, Zimbabwe
- I was the first woman to become a member of the Lebanese Professional Engineering Society.
- The model I developed for forecasting electricity demand for Zimbabwe was adopted by the Zimbabwe Electricity Supply Commission, 1982 and used for several years.
- The Ph.D. thesis of Dr. Mehrdad Fatourechhi who finished his Ph.D. under my supervision was nominated by UBC for the NSERC best doctoral thesis award in 2008.
- Our paper on the design of a brain computer interface with a low false positive rate was selected for inclusion in the "Highlights of 2008" of the Journal of Neural Engineering. The selection was based on the number of citations and full text downloads the article has received, as well as the receipt of outstanding praise from the journal's referees.
- Our paper on surveying artifact processing algorithms in brain computer interface systems was selected amongst the Top 25 Hottest Articles in "Clinical Neurophysiology" three times (in 2007 and 2008).
- Our paper on surveying signal processing algorithms in brain computer interface systems was selected for inclusion in the "Highlights of 2007" of the Journal of Neural Engineering.
- The Ph.D. thesis of Dr. Michael Adams who finished his Ph.D. under my supervision was nominated by UBC for the NSERC best doctoral thesis award in 2005.
- The Ph.D. thesis of Dr. Parvin Mousavi who finished her Ph.D. under my supervision was recommended for nomination to the Canada Assoc. for Graduate Studies best doctoral thesis award (2002).
- The Ph.D. thesis of Dr. Steven Poon who finished his Ph.D. under my supervision was recommended for nomination to the Governor General's Gold Medal (1998).
- The Ph.D. thesis of Dr. X. Shi who finished his Ph.D. under my supervision was nominated for the Governor General's Gold Medal (1994).
- The Ph.D. thesis of Dr. Q. Xie who finished his Ph.D. under my & Dr. Laszlo's supervision was nominated for the NSERC top thesis award (1994).
- The Ph.D. thesis of Dr. F. Aghdasi who finished his Ph.D. under my supervision was nominated for the NSERC top thesis award (1995).
- Hewlett-Packard holds an exclusive license of my invention (see Patent #6). This is for the non-intrusive testing of cable TV performance.
- My work with Prof. Petrell on a video imagery system for the aquacultural industry (such as salmon farming) was commercialized by a Canadian company, JB Thompson & Assoc (1998). The instrument measures in a non-interfering and non destructive fashion the size, biomass and swimming speed of fish in cages and tanks.
- My work on improving and reducing the noise in television and video signals attracted leading international companies to visit our lab to see our prototype. Although many university and industry research groups were working on the same problem, the performance of our prototype exceeded all others, including Sony, Panasonic and Intelvideo. Not only was the quality superior but the cost range was reduced.
- Vice Presidents and engineers from companies, e.g. Scientific Atlanta, Level I, Sanyo, Sony, Cannon, Daikin, RainMaker, Midnet, MDSI, Sierra Consulting Ltd., Rogers Cable TV, Shaw Cable TV, JB Thompson & Assoc. Ltd., Hewlett Packard, TCI, Equator, Mosaid, Pioneer and General Instruments visited our labs (1995-2005).

- My research work has been featured in various magazines, Journals and newsletters. For example, our work on facial image compression was featured in the *ASI Journal* (April 1995), and written about in the *Vancouver Province* newspaper (April 1995).  
Our work on video compression was written about in *Future Vision* (Spring 1996).  
Our work on improving TV picture quality was featured in *UBC PATSCAN News* (Fall 1993), *Future Vision* (Autumn 1993), *UBC FOCUS* (Spring 1994 and Fall 1991), *Cablecaster* (2001) and *Tele-com* (Aug. 1996). The latter is a US popular electronics magazine.  
Articles about our research on baby crying signals were published in *UBC Reports*, *Chatelaine*, *The Vancouver Sun* and *Family Practice* which practicing medical doctors subscribe to.  
I gave two radio interviews to the CBC programs, *Quirks and Quarks* and *Early Edition* (1996).
- Many articles featuring my achievements have been published e.g., in the *Vancouver Sun*, February 2007, *Innovation Magazine*, February 2007, *Focus Newsletter*, 2006 and 2007, *UBC Reports*, April 1996. I was also featured in a 30-minute TV program by Al-Jazeera, 2003, another 30-minute program on the Canadian CTV Channel, 1999, and another 30-minute TV program on the Canadian Shaw Multicultural Channel, 2005.
- One of our patents (licensed by Hewlett Packard (1996)) allowed cable TV operators (for the first time) to measure picture quality of TV pictures without interrupting program transmission.
- Our collaboration during the 2008 – 2011 with a Vancouver multimedia company BBTV resulted in algorithms that protect the rights of multimedia owners (e.g. audio, songs, images and video assets) from illegal copying and content piracy. BBTV is now developing this technology for commercializing.
- I was the the chief scientist of Ward Laboratories Inc., a spin-off company bearing my name (1993-2006). The company signed an agreement with my university to license patents and know-how related to cable television picture quality monitoring, measurement and noise reduction developed by me and my associates at UBC
- My work with Steven Poon, has resulted in a Fluorescence microscope-based system which can, for the first time, measure the length of every telomere in every chromosome. This work is now used in research centres worldwide, including the BC Cancer Research Agency, Spain, John Hopkins, Holland, Germany, Hong Kong.
- My work with Dr. Kossentini on video compression has resulted in an algorithm for motion vector estimation which has been officially adopted in the ITU-T H-263+ Standard TMN8 model for video encoding.
- I was a member of a 15 scientists committee to advise Qatar Foundation headed by Her Heighness Sheika Mozah on how to establish and promote scientific research in Qatar (2006-2008).
- I was a member of the UBC Committee to plan the Kuwait Institute for Business and Technology (2001-2004).
- I was a member of a UBC three-people delegation (VP Research & International, Dean of Applied Science and I) that visited Saudi Arabia in April/May, 2010 to strengthen research and collaboration between Saudi Universities and UBC.

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