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Faculty News

**SHAHANI RECEIVES PRESIDENTIAL EARLY CAREER
AWARD FOR SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS**



The White House announced on Tuesday that MSE Associate Professor **Ashwin Shahani** has been named a recipient of the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE), the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. government on outstanding scientists and engineers early in their careers. [Read more.](#)
Congratulations, Ashwin!

Upcoming Events

PHD DEFENSE: JOHN KIM (LAHANN GROUP)

John Kim

(Lahann group)

"Fundamentals and applications of polymer nanofiber arrays fabricated via chemical vapor deposition polymerization"

Friday, January 17

2:30 p.m./NCRC 300, Room #376



Zoom link:
umich.zoom.us/j/91482434662
passcode: 380719

Best of luck, John!

MSE LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION JANUARY 29



Come celebrate the Year of the Snake with homemade dumplings and other traditional treats:

Wednesday, January 29

1:30-3:00 p.m.

MSE Conference Room (3062A Dow)

All are welcome!

Student News

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR DECEMBER GRADS!

December 2024
undergraduates

A yellow graduation cap with a tassel, featuring the letters "MSE" on its front.

Abigail Ahn

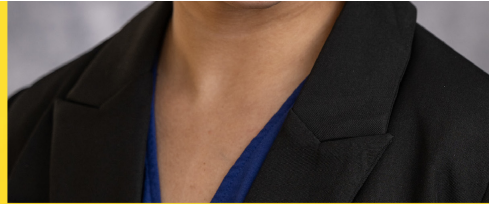


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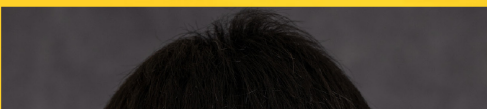
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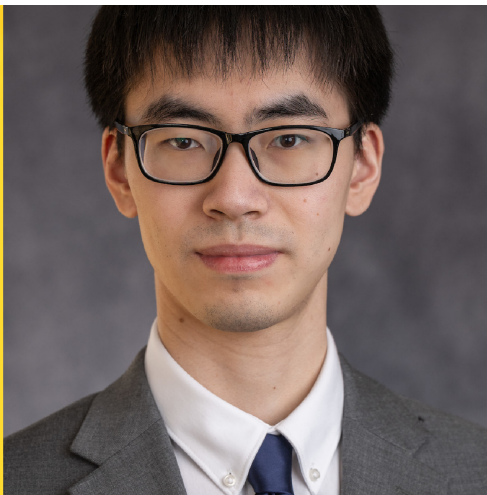


Penelope Springel



Dashal Womack





Jingtian Zhou



Archi Agrawal



Jonah Jarczewski



Chih-Jui Lung



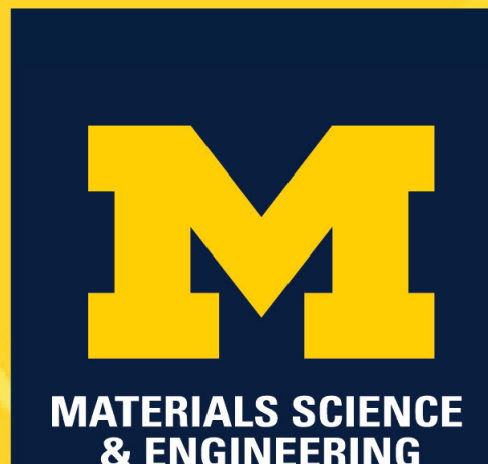
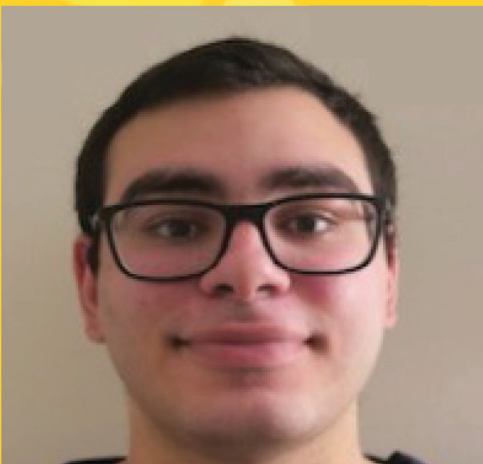
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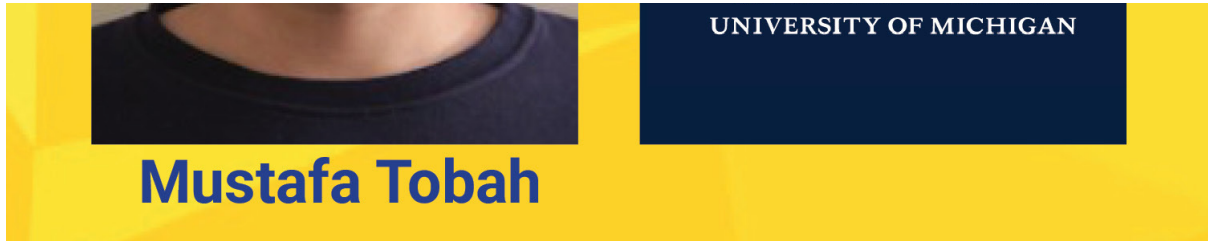


Lingxia Shi



Rohan Somashekara







Tao-Yu Huang
(Goldman)



Taylor Repetto
(Mehta/Tuteja)



Matt Webb
(Heron)



Distinguished Lectureships



It's maybe a little early to be talking about the Robert D. Pehlke Lectureship that's happening April 18, but we just couldn't wait to share the news: our own MSE rockstar alum, **Jim Yurko (BSE '97)**, has been named as our 2025 Pehlke Lecturer! Jim, Senior Distinguished Materials Engineer at Apple, always draws big crowds whenever he comes to campus, so let the countdown begin and stay tuned for more details...

Staff News

**HUIMIN PONCHART AND TINA LONGENBARGER
RECIPIENTS OF 2024 STAFF INCENTIVE AWARDS**



Michigan Engineering recently announced that **Huimin Ponchart** (business manager) and **Tina Longenbarger** (assistant to Liz Holm) have earned 2024 Staff Incentive Awards. The award symbolizes their contributions to MSE, the College and University and for upholding their shared visions and values.

Congratulations, Huimin and Tina!

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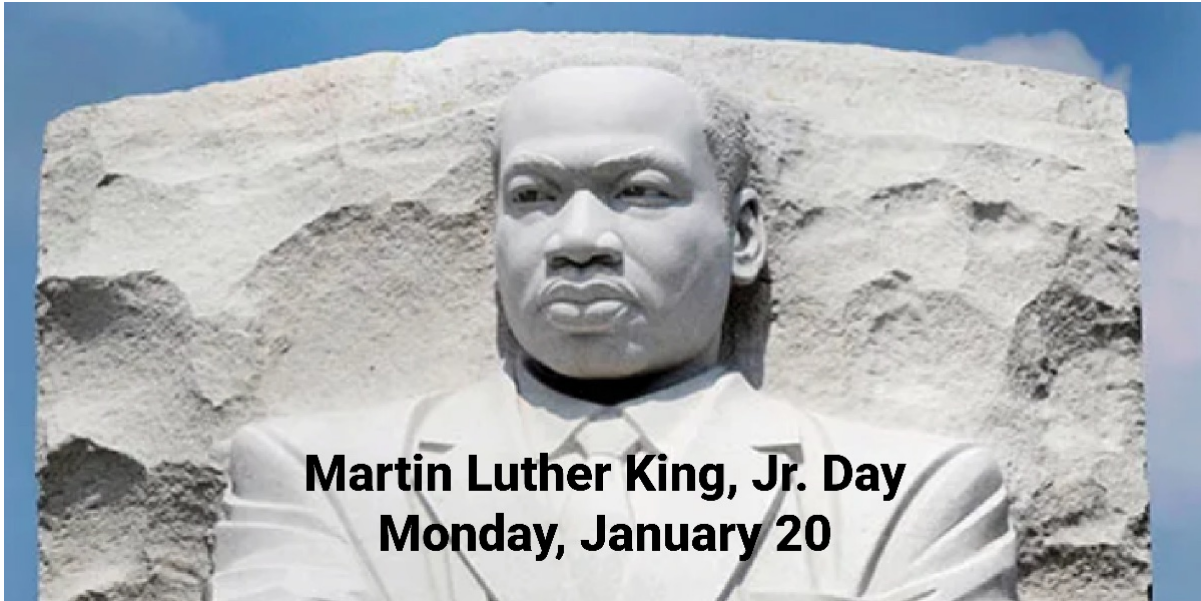
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LinkedIn (note this is a new site, in addition to our alumni page):
[linkedin.com/company/michigan-materials-science-and-engineering](https://www.linkedin.com/company/michigan-materials-science-and-engineering)

X (formerly twitter): x.com/ummse

MLK JR SYMPOSIUM EVENTS



In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr Day on Monday, the University has a slew of exciting activities planned, including keynote lecturer actress Erika Alexander at Hill at 9:30 am., a speech by Malcolm X's daughter, Ilyasah Shabazz, at 2:00 at the Union, and a Unity Circle at 3:00 at LSA Atrium. Check out the entire events lineup [here](#) and make Monday a day "on" rather than a day off.



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