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RESEARCH FOCUS AREAS

ENERGY SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

fuel science, advanced conversion methods, carbon capture, solar ecology, materials for energy electrochemistry conversion, fuel cells and batteries, solar systems engineering, biofuels, catalysis sustainable clean power technologies for fuel processing, efficient and environmentally friendly energy conversion, energy storage, and power production. Examples include research in fuel chemistry, advanced combustion processes like chemical looping combustion and pressurized oxy-fuel combustion, catalytic conversion, carbon capture technologies, materials science for energy applications, electrochemical storage of energy, biofuels, and integration of solar and photovoltaic energy at scale.

Key Faculty: Brownson, Eser, Lvov, Mathews, Psupati, Radovic, Razae, Song, Vander Wal, Webster

ENERGY SYSTEMS ENGINEERING & ENERGY ECONOMICS

electricity and natural gas markets, grid optimization and simulation

Faculty engaged in this research area apply economics, operations research, and engineering to market design and system design and operations. Examples include electricity market design, economics of technological innovation, planning robust, sustainable, and resilient energy infrastructures under uncertainty, integration of electricity and natural gas systems and markets, and economics of environmental regulations on energy systems.

Key Faculty: Ayala, Bhumsack, Brownson, Karamalidis, King, Kleit, Landry, Lei, Lo Prete, Srinivasan, Webster

MINING, INDUSTRIAL SAFETY & HEALTH, AND GEOENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

ground control, ventilation, dynamic optimization of production systems, mine electrical systems, occupational safety & health systems, exposure assessment, risk characterization & mitigation, regulatory & minerals policy analysis, coal preparation, mineral processing, rare earth extraction from secondary sources, environmental management, pollution control, waste management and environmental sustainability.

Faculty engaged in this research apply science and engineering principles to develop sustainable methods and processes to extract and beneficiate mineral resources in a safe, economic, and environmentally responsible manner; and to the identification, characterization, and mitigation of risks to safety and health that arise from extraction, beneficiation, and use of mineral and energy-related resources. This research spans the full life cycle of the mineral industries, and includes analysis of the affectiveness of regulatory policies on safety and health, as well as on the economic affects of policy on the development of mineral resources.

Key Faculty: Bhattacharyya, Elsworth, Gernand, Groves, Karamalidis, Klima, Kleit, Kohler, Liu, Landry, Psupati, Rezaee, M. Wang

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unconventional production, stimulation, reservoir characterization and simulation, digital rock physics, multiphase flow & transport phenomena in porous media, subsurface coupled processes

Faculty engaged in this area apply science and engineering concepts to advance cutting-edge research and technologies for the efficient recovery of hydrocarbons and other earth fluids from complex natural systems. This entails the use of techniques for the description, study, and high performance computation of complex subsurface processes. Examples include the study of field-scale characterization, seismic data integration, rock and fluid interactions, hydraulic fracturing design and evaluation, surface production design, recovery from unconventional resources including tight sands, shales, coal bed methane, hydrates and bituminous oil reservoirs, enhanced recovery processes, groundwater remediation, geothermal energy extraction, and sequestration of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases.

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