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Areas of Expertise

- Foundation design and analysis
- Numerical modeling in geotechnical engineering
- Soil testing/evaluation/improvement
- Slope stability analysis

Education

- Ph.D. in Geotechnical Engineering, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, 1995
- M.ENG. in Geotechnical/Structural Engineering, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, 1991
- B.S. in Civil and Hydraulic Engineering, Chung-Yuan Christian University, Taiwan, 1985

Experience

- Assistant Professor/Associate Professor/Professor, Civil Engineering Department, Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas, 1998 – Present
- Project Engineer/Geotechnical Engineer, GTS Technologies, Inc. Harrisburg, PA / Fairfax, VA, 1995 – 1998
- Graduate Assistant/Lab Instructor, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, 1990 – 1994
- Project Engineer, South Link Railway Engineering Project Office, Department of Transportation, Pingtung, Taiwan 1987-1988
- Civil Engineer, Giasan Engineering Project Office, Hualian, Taiwan, 1985 - 1987

Awards and Professional Membership

- Chi Epsilon, National Civil Engineering Honor Society, James M. Robbins Excellence-in-Teaching National Award , 2003
- Chi Epsilon, National Civil Engineering Honor Society, James M. Robbins Excellence-in-Teaching Award for the Southwest District, 2003
- University Merit Award, Lamar University, 2003
- Who's Who in the World, 25th Edition, 2008
- Who's Who in Science and Engineering, 7th Edition, 2003 - 2004
- Who's Who in America, 56th Edition, 2002
- Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 7th Edition, 2002

- Member, Sigma Xi (International Society of Scientific and Engineering Research), 1999 – present
- Member, Phi Kappa Phi (National Honor Society), 1993 – present
- Member, Chi Epsilon (National Civil Engineering Honor Society), 1990 - present

Selected Publications

- Jasmin Kurt, T Thuy Minh Nguyen, Zachariah Payne, Paul Bernazzani, and Xianchang Li, and Mien Jao, “Improvement of Dredged Material using a Novel Bioenzyme and Portland Cement”, accepted for publication and presentation in GeoAsai7 & IGS First Young Engineers Conference, Oct. 31-Nov. 4, 2022
- Md Ashraful Hoque, Chun-Wei Yao, Ian Lian, Jenny Zhou, Mien Jao, and Yu-Chuen Huang “Enhancement of Corrosion Resistance of a Hot Dip Galvanized Steel by Superhydrophobic Top Coating”, MRS Communications, The Materials Research Society, June 2022.
- Qin Qian, Milad Ketabdar, Mien Jao, and Xiangchang Li “Modelling Sediment Load in Storm Drain System of Southeast Texas Coastal Region" Journal of Irrigation and Drainage Engineering, Vol. 148, Issue 4, April 2022
- Jesus Esquivel, T. Thuy Minh Nguyen, Mien Jao, Paul Bernazzani “Remediation of Contaminants in Dredged Soil: A Gas Chromatography Analysis” poster presentation at the International Polyolefins Conference in Galveston, Texas, February 2022.
- Saeed Rabbanifar, T. Thuy Minh Nguyen, Chun-Wei Yao, Qin Qian, Paul Bernazzani, Mien Jao, “Adding Value to Dredged Material Using Lime and Ash Products” Proceedings, Recent Trends in Geotechnical Geo-Environmental Engineering and Education RTG²EE International Conference, Online, ISBN-13: 978-0-6489449-0-4, pp. 94-98, Brisbane, Australia, 10-11, September, 2020
- T. Thuy Minh Nguyen, Saeed Rabbanifar, Nicholas A. Brake, Qin Qian, Kyle Kibodeaux, Harold E. Crochet, Soheil Oruji, Remington Whitt, Jashua Farrow, Brandon Blaire, Paul Bernazzani, and Mien Jao, “Stabilization of Silty Clayey Dredged Material” Journal of Materials in Civil Engineering, ASCE, Vol 30, Issue 9, September 2018.
- Nicholas Andres Brake, Mien Jao, Dan Su, “Integrating 3D printing and design-build-test projects into a civil engineering curriculum to build confidence”, Journal of Professional Issues in Engineering Education and Practice, ASCE, Vol 144, Issue 2, April 2018
- M.Jao, F. Ahmed, G. Sudani, S. Gudavally, T.T.M. Nguyen, and M. C. Wang, “Interaction between Strip Footings and Sheetpile Walls”, Electronical Journal of Geotechnical Engineering, Bundle 6, 2017 <http://www.ejge.com/2017/Ppr2017.0160ma.pdf>
- Qian, Q., Ketabdar, M., Jao, M., & Aung, K. (in press, 2017). Using Diffusion Model to predict runoff for Assessment on Sediment Load and

Transport in Storm Drain System. *American Society of Civil Engineering EWRI congress conference.*

- Qin Qian, Benjamin Kolkmeier, Lin Su , Xing Wu, Mien Jao, Robert Yuan, Keh-Han Wang, Victor Zaloom, “Streambank Erosion and Protection Due to Wake Wash in the Sabine Neches Waterway” MTEPC conference November, 2017, Taipei
- Qin Qian, Milad Ketabdar, Mien Jao, and Ken Aung, “Sediment Transport Mechanics in Coastal Plain Shallow-Grade Storm Drain Systems” Proceedings of the inaugural World Transport Convention, Beijian, China, June 4-6, 2017
- Qin Qian, Mien Jao, Jeremiah Fox, Experimental Study on Shoreline Erosion using EM2 Geomodel. American Society of Civil Engineering EWRI congress conference, May 22-26, 2016, West Palm Beach, FL.
- Gassan Sudani, Nicholas Brake, and Mien Jao, “Stability of Footings Adjacent to Pile Walls”, *International Journal of Geomechanics, ASCE*, Vol. 15, No.2, December 2015
- Nutan Palla, Suresh Gudavalli, Liang Chao, M. Jao, and M.C. Wang, “Numerical Analysis of Texas Cone Penetration Test”, *International Journal of Applied Science and Technology*, Vol.2, No.3, pp. 1-6, March 2012
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- Mark Bourland, Byungik Chang, and Mien Jao, “Evaluation of Superheavy Load Criteria for Bridges”, Final Project Report 0-6438, Texas Department of Transportation, November, 2011
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- M. C. Wang, M Jao, and M. S. Ghazal, “Heating Effect on Swelling Behavior of Expansive Soils”, *Journal of Geomechanics and Geoengineering*, Vol. 3, No2. June 2008, pp. 121-127.
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Funded Research Projects:

- Co-PI: "Finding an Efficient Solution to Managing Dredge Waste in Ports and Waterways", Center for Advances in Port Management (CAPM), Lamar University, 02/01/2021 -08/30/2021, \$33,000, with Drs. Thuy Minh Nguyen, Zhe Luo, XianChang Li, Qin Qian and Paul Bernazzani
- Co-PI: "Chemical Decontamination and Stabilization of Texas Dredge Materials", Texas Hazardous Waste Research Center, 04/01/2020 – 06/30/2021, \$16,250 with Drs. Thuy Minh Nguyen, Zhe Luo, and Paul Bernazzani
- Co-PI: "Modeling and Experimental Study on the Transport of Natural Gas in Southeast Texas Soil from the Underground Pipeline Leak", Center for Midstream Management and Science, Lamar University, 06/01/2020 – 08/30/2021, \$30,000 with Drs. Ping He and Clayton Jeffryes.
- Co-PI: "Development of Sustainable and Energy Efficient Soil Bricks using Dredge Spoils", Lamar REG, 09/01/2019 -08/30/2020, \$5,000
- Co-PI : "Wake Wash in Sabine-Neches Waterway", Phase II, Sabine-Neches Waterway Navigation District 10/01/2017-9/30/2018, \$99,742, PI: Dr. V. Zaloom
- Co-PI: "Evaluation and Remediation of Water Contaminants Originating from Dredge Waste", CAWAQ Grant Program, Lamar University, 03/01/2016 – 05/30/2017, \$25,000, PI: Dr. T. Thuy Minh Nguyen
- Co-PI: "Wake Wash in Sabine-Neches Waterway", Sabine-Neches Waterway Navigation District, 11/01/2015-06/30/2017, \$99,742, PI: Dr. V. Zaloom
- Co-PI: "Undergraduate Research/Creative Activity in Civil Engineering and Mechanical Engineering Using EM2 Geomodel, Presidential Faculty Fellowship in Support of Undergraduate Research/Creative Activity, 09/01/2014-08/31/2015, \$15,000, PI: Dr. Qin Qian

- PI: “Effect of Biomaterials on the Behavior of Expansive Soils”, funded by Lamar Research Enhancement Grant, 09/1/12-08/31/13, \$5,000.
- Co-PI: “Evaluation of Superheavy Load Criteria for Bridges”, Texas Department of Transportation, 09/01/09-08/31/11, \$181,189/\$110,395, PI: Dr. Mark Bourland
- Co-PI: “Pavement Repair Strategies for 2R and Routine Maintenance Project”, Texas Department of Transportation, 09/01/09-08/31/10, \$135,000/\$30,000, with Dr. Mark Bourland
- PI: “Correlation of Texas Cone Penetrometer Test Values and Shear Strength of Texas Soils ”, Texas Department of Transportation, 09/01/04-08/30/06, \$25,000/\$175,000
- Co-PI: “A Combination of Thermal and Chemical Stabilization of Expansive Soils”, funded by Lamar Research Enhancement Grant, 09/1/04-08/31/05, \$5,000.
- Co-PI: “Development of a Mechanical Model to Predict Strength Parameters of Soils”, funded by Lamar Research Enhancement Grant, 09/1/04-08/31/05, \$5,000.
- Co-PI: “Comprehensive Water Quality Monitoring, Simulation, and Management Plan for Reservoirs in Rio Grande Basin”, TSUS, \$26,250, 9/1/04-8/31/05
- Co-PI: “Field Investigation of Effluent Quality of Placement Areas along Sabine-Neches Waterway”, funded by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 02/01/03-12/31/03, Dr. V. Zaloom (PD), \$20,000
- PI: “Jefferson County Highway 87 Shore Protection - Clay Sediment Characterization”, funded by Jefferson County, Texas/ Pacific International Engineering, 02/15/03-08/15/03, Dr. V. Zaloom (PD), \$10,000
- PI: “Performance of Shallow Foundations adjacent to Vertical Retaining Walls” funded by Lamar Research Enhancement Grant, 11/15/02-08/31/03, \$5,000.
- PI: “Sabine-Neches Waterway Feasibility Study – Pipeline/Facilities Relocation and Removals” funded by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, \$38,771, Dr. V. Zaloom (PD), 9/1/01-8/31/02
- Co-PI: “Design of Confined Placement Areas for Sabine-Neches Waterway Dredged Spoils ” funded by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, \$53,631, Dr. V. Zaloom (PD), 9/1/02-8/31/03
- PI: "Interaction between Shallow Foundations and Concrete Box Culverts", funded by Lamar University Research Enhancement Grant, \$5,000, 9/1/01-08/31/02 (completed).
- PI: “Chemical stabilization of Beaumont Clay”, Gill Young Investigator Award \$2,000, Gill Foundation/College of Engineering, Lamar University
- PI: "Stability of Shallow Foundations on Top of a Slope", funded by Lamar University Research Enhancement Grant, 09/01/99-8/31/00, \$5,000.

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