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Current member of the following committees: AIAA Structures Technical, AIAA Non-Deterministic Applications Technical, the ASTM D-30 on Composite Materials, UIUC AAUP Policy, UIUC Senate, two archival journal editorial boards and two scientific committees organizing international conferences. He also chairs the AIAA Illinois Section, and is a regional director for Sigma Gamma Tau, the national aerospace engineering honor society and 1959-61, 69-71, 2013-19 president UIUC Chapter American Association University Professors (AAUP). He is a recipient of American Civil Liberties Union's (ACLU) Victor J. Stone Award for Lifetime Commitment to Civil Liberties, AAUP Academic Freedom Award and the AIAA service award. He has also been active in community affairs as the chair of the Champaign-Urbana Symphony Guild, member of the C-U ACLU steering committee, past 2nd vice-president Champaign

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After his retirement in 1990, he continues to be actively engaged in research with a part time NCSA appointment, teaching one of three graduate AE courses (528, 529, 550) each semester and special research problems AE 497/597, and in public and professional service. Currently he advises one PhD thesis student. He has published over 500 papers in archival journals or conference proceedings and 11 book chapters. His present active analytical & computational research areas are deterministic and stochastic linear and nonlinear viscoelasticity, composites, aero-thermo-viscoelasticity, aerodynamic noise, computational solid mechanics, structural probabilistic failure criteria and analysis, damping & nonlinear dynamics, linear & nonlinear anisotropic viscoelastic finite element analysis, optimum designer materials and systems of systems, piezoelectric, magnetic, and functionally graded viscoelastic materials, nonlinear creep and delamination column & plate buckling, analytical determination of damping properties, material characterization, stochastic minimum structural weight analysis, probabilistic delamination of composites during service and manufacturing processes, 3D/4D viscoelastic printing, structural control and survivability, engineering education, and structural integrity of dentures.

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