## COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FACULTY AREAS OF EXPERTISE BY DEPARTMENT

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NAME	CONTACT INFORMATION	RESEARCH INTERESTS AND EXPERTISE
<b>Arce, Pedro</b> Professor	parce@tntech.edu (931) 372-3267	Nanostructured materials-With Functional Performance (Health Care Engineering Applications: Hydrogels for clinical diagnostics, wound healing, math-assisted medicine, tissue scaffolds and assisted drug delivery) • Micro- and Nano-flows in Biophysical Systems (Microcirculatory and renal system pathologies, arterial stenosis, kidney failure, etc.) • Environmental catalysis (Advanced oxidation in water, soil and air; photocatalytic clean energy production, electrokinetics-based remediation; battery and fuel cell materials) • Engineering education: (collaborative-, creative- and innovation-driven learning; constructionistic approaches)
<b>Arias Chavez, Laura H.</b> Assistant Professor	lchavez@tntech.edu (931) 372-3678	Improving sustainability at the water - energy nexus, especially through the use of membrane technologies. • Fabrication and characterization of polymeric membranes for reverse osmosis, forward osmosis, and filtration processes. • New fabrication strategies for improving membrane fouling resistance and selectivity. • Development and evaluation of applications in desalination and the recovery of materials and energy from 'waste' water and other non-traditional resources. • Experimental (wet chemistry) work and process-level modelling.
<b>Biernacki, Joseph J.</b> Professor	jbiernacki@tntech.edu (931) 372 3667	Modeling of multi-scale materials systems composite concrete systems
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<b>Rice, Cynthia A.</b> Associate Professor	crice@tntech.edu (931) 372-6059	Electrocatalysis • Electrochemistry • Membrane electrode assembly design • Fuel cell material diagnostics – performance, durability, kinetics, and mass transport • Fuel cell automotive – cold-starts using a prototype quasi-adiabatic fuel cell fixture and cathode catalyst layer durability • Direct formic acid fuel cells for portable power – anode catalyst layer design and efficient CO2 byproduct removal
<b>Sanders, Robby</b> Associate Professor	rsanders@tntech.edu (931) 372-3494	Innovation-driven learning with a focus on student learning at the interface of disciplines (i.e., engineering-nursing, engineering-business, etc.) • Clinical diagnostics and new therapeutics for diseases of the lungs • Development, utilization, and characterization of soft gel materials • Wound healing

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Professor		demand manufacturing of pharmaceuticals • Nanomaterials as sensors • Expertise in polymer nanocomposites • Polymer dynamics at 4K • Nanoparticle fluorescent sensing
<b>Zhang, Liqun (Laura)</b> Assistant Professor	<u>Izhang@tntech.edu</u> (931) 372-3604	Molecular simulation on biomass modified asphalt, warm mix asphalt • Simulations and modeling on structure and dynamics of human beta defensin type 3 • Interaction with lipid membranes and receptors
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<b>Kalyanapu, Alfred</b> Associate Professor	akalyanapu@tntech.edu (931) 337-3561	Regional scale flood modeling simulation • GIS applications in Civil and Environmental Engineering • Hydrologic monitoring and analysis • Low-cost technologies for watershed hydrology • Integrated watershed management • Computational hydraulics and hydrology • Climate impacts

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