

## DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

### Swarms of Small, Flying Robots

My group works on creating autonomous ground and aerial robots, designing bio-inspired algorithms for collective behaviors, and on robot swarms. The last decade has seen rapid advances in computation, sensing, and communication that has created new opportunities for flying robots. I will examine some of the relevant technological drivers and scientific advances and explore challenges of realizing autonomous swarms of flying robots in environments with obstacles in the absence of GPS with opportunities for first response, and mining and construction.

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**ZOOM**

**11:00 AM - 11:50 AM**



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