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| NAME: Hero, Alfred |
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| POSITION TITLE: R. Jamison and Betty Williams Professor of Engineering |

EDUCATION/TRAINING *(Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, include postdoctoral training and residency training if applicable.)*

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| INSTITUTION AND LOCATION | DEGREE (if applicable) | Completion Date  MM/YYYY | FIELD OF STUDY |
| Boston University, Boston, MA | BS | 05/1980 | Electrical Engineering |
| Princeton University, Princeton, NJ | MS | 05/1982 | Electrical Engineering and Computer Science |
| Princeton University, Princeton, NJ | PHD | 12/1984 | Electrical Engineering and Computer Science |

### B. POSITIONS AND HONORS

Positions and Employment

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| --- | --- |
| 1984 - 1990 | Assistant Professor, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI |
| 1990 - 1996 | Associate Professor, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI |
| 1996 - 2009 | Professor, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI |
| 2009 - | R. Jamison and Betty Williams Professor of Engineering, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI |

Other Experience and Professional Memberships

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| 1978 - | Member, IEEE |
| 1994 - | Member, American Statistical Association (ASA) |
| 1994 - 1998 | Associate Editor, IEEE Transaction on Information Theory |
| 1998 - | Member, Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM) |
| 1999 - 2002 | Chair, US National Commission C, International Union of Radio Sciences |
| 2000 - | Member, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) |
| 2003 - 2008 | Associate Editor, IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics |
| 2004 - 2006 | Member, Army Research Laboratory Technical Activities Board |
| 2005 - 2006 | President, IEEE Signal Processing Society |
| 2010 - 2011 | Director, Division IX (Signals and Applications), IEEE Board of Directors |
| 2011 - | Member, US National Research Council, Committee on Applied and Theoretical Statistics |

Honors

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| 1996 | Best Paper Award, IEEE Signal Processing Society |
| 1997 | Fellow, IEEE |
| 2000 | Third Millenium Medal, IEEE |
| 2009 | Best Original Research Paper Award, J. of Cytometry - Part B - Clinical Cytometry |
| 2009 | R. Jamison and Betty Williams Endowed Chair in Engineering, University of Michigan |
| 2010 | Best Paper Award, IEEE Signal Processing Magazine |
| 2011 | Best Student Paper Award, SPIE Defense, Security and Sensing Conference |
| 2011 | Best Student Paper Award, IEEE Conference on Acoust, Speech, and Signal Processing (ICASSP) |
| 2011 | Rackham Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award, University of Michigan |
| 2013 | Notable Paper Award, Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTAT) |
| 2013 | Best Paper Award, IEEE Conf on Image Processing |
| 2013 | Technical Achievement Award, IEEE Signal Processing Society |
| 2013 | Best Student Paper Award, IEEE workshop on Computational Advances in Multi-Sensor Adaptive Processing (CAMSAP) |

### C. Contribution to Science

1. Development of fast statistical estimation algorithms. Hero and Fessler introduced the space alternating generalized EM (SAGE) algorithm for maximum likelihood parameter estimation (a) and its application to tomography (b). In unrelated work, a widely cited SIAM Journal on Optimization paper by Hero (d) and his former student Blatt introduced a convergent version of the incremental gradient algorithm (called stochastic gradient in machine learning) that resulted in collaborations with Fessler that produced the fastest known iterative PET/CT image reconstruction algorithm (c) at the time. Remarkably, many of the over 850 citations of the SAGE paper (a) are in the area of wireless communications, and in particular, for channel equalization for cellular networks. SAGE is the primary basis for US patent 7340257 (2008), owned by Intel Mobile, which is cited in recent patents for OFDMA (US 8095076 B2 (2012) Qualcomm) and multi-antenna communications (US 8238471 B2 (2012) Qualcomm). The papers (a) and (b) have been collectively cited over 1100 times.
   1. Hero AO, Fessler JA. Space-alternating generalized expectation-maximization algorithm. IEEE transactions on signal processing : a publication of the IEEE Signal Processing Society. 1994 October; 42(10):2664-2677.
   2. Fessler JA, Hero AO. Penalized maximum-likelihood image reconstruction using space-alternating generalized EM algorithms. IEEE Trans Image Process. 1995;4(10):1417-29. PubMed PMID: [18291973](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/18291973/).
   3. Ahn S, Fessler JA, Blatt D, Hero AO. Convergent incremental optimization transfer algorithms: application to tomography. IEEE Trans Med Imaging. 2006 Mar;25(3):283-96. PubMed PMID: [16524085](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/16524085/).
   4. Blatt D, Hero AO, Gauchman H. A convergent incremental gradient algorithm with a constant stepsize. SIAM Journal on Optimization. 2007 February; 18(1):29-51.
2. Self localizing sensor networks. Hero published the first maximum likelihood estimators for relative node localization in wireless networks ((a) and (c) - best paper awardee). Hero's distributed weighted multidimensional scaling (dwMDS) algorithm (b) improved upon the previous parametric node localization methods by using a local distributed optimization to learn the propagation characteristics of the medium. As shown by several citations to this work, the dwMDS algorithm can be applied to more general problems as a distributed non-linear manifold learning technique. These three papers are collectively cited over 3700 times.
   1. Patwari N, Hero AO, Perkins M, Correal NS, O'Dea RJ. Relative location estimation in wireless sensor networks. IEEE transactions on signal processing : a publication of the IEEE Signal Processing Society. 2003 August; 51(8):2137-2148.
   2. Costa JA, Patwari N, Hero AO. Distributed weighted-multidimensional scaling for node localization in sensor networks. ACM transactions on sensor networks. 2006 February; 2(1):39-64.
   3. Patwari N, Ash JN, Kyperountas S, Hero AO, Moses RL, et al. Locating the nodes: cooperative localization in wireless sensor networks. IEEE Signal Processing Magazine. 2007 July; 22(4):54-69.
3. Statistical signal processing for Medicine. Hero has made sustained contributions to biomedical signal and image processing. His early work on iterative tomographic reconstruction for PET/CT were mentioned above. He has also worked in the area of biomedical data analysis using machine learning approaches. Hero's Fisher-information non-linear embedding (FINE) method of manifold learning was applied to flow cytometry in (c). This latter paper received the Best Original Paper Award in 2010 by the editors of the journal Cytometry, the leading journal in clinical flow cytometry. His papers on applications of factor analysis to gene expression and sequence analysis are published in some of the top scientific journals including: PLoS Genetics (d), Proceedings of the National Academy of Science (a), Blood, Cell Host and Microbe, and Science Translational Medicine. Also of note is that in 2002 Hero co-organized (with Krim and Zhou) GENSIPS (Genomic Signal Processing and Statistics Symposium), the first-ever signal processing workshop on genomics.
   1. Akimoto M, Cheng H, Zhu D, Brzezinski JA, Khanna R, et al. Targeting of GFP to newborn rods by Nrl promoter and temporal expression profiling of flow-sorted photoreceptors. Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 2006 Mar 7;103(10):3890-5. PubMed PMID: [16505381](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/16505381/); PubMed Central PMCID: [PMC1383502](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1383502/).
   2. Zhu D, Hero AO 3rd. Bayesian hierarchical model for large-scale covariance matrix estimation. J Comput Biol. 2007 Dec;14(10):1311-26. PubMed PMID: [18052776](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/18052776/).
   3. Finn WG, Carter KM, Raich R, Stoolman LM, Hero AO. Analysis of clinical flow cytometric immunophenotyping data by clustering on statistical manifolds: treating flow cytometry data as high-dimensional objects. Cytometry B Clin Cytom. 2009 Jan;76(1):1-7. PubMed PMID: [18642311](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/18642311/).
   4. Huang Y, Zaas AK, Rao A, Dobigeon N, Woolf PJ, et al. Temporal dynamics of host molecular responses differentiate symptomatic and asymptomatic influenza a infection. PLoS Genet. 2011 Aug;7(8):e1002234. PubMed PMID: [21901105](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21901105/); PubMed Central PMCID: [PMC3161909](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3161909/).
4. Data mining for correlations in high dimensional data. Several contributions were made in correlation analysis and graphical models in high dimension. Correlation screening (a) and hub screening (b) are methods that extract a a dependency graph from observational data with guaranteed familywise error control and have been applied by us to gene expression network discovery (a,b,d), brain connectomics, financial time series networks, spatio-temporal earth climate (windspeed) (c) and solar climate (sunspots, flares and CMEs). Our screening methods operate in the purely high dimensional regime appropriate to Big Data where the number of samples (time snapshots, replicates) are fixed while the number of variables (biomarkers, electrode locations) is large.
   1. Hero AO, Rajaratnam B. Large Scale Correlation Screening. Journal of the American Statistical Association. 2011 December; 106(496):1540-1552.
   2. Hero AO, Rajaratnam B. Hub discovery in partial correlation graphs. IEEE transactions on information theory / Professional Technical Group on Information Theory. 2012 September; 58(9): 6064-6078.
   3. Tsiligkarides T. Covariance Estimation in High Dimensions via Kronecker Product Expansions. IEEE transactions on signal processing : a publication of the IEEE Signal Processing Society. 2013 November; 61(21):5347 - 5360.
   4. Hero AO, Rajaratnam B. ``Correlation mining for biomolecular network discovery," in Big Data over Networks . Cui S, Hero AO, Luo Z, Moura J, editors. Cambridge UK: Cambridge University Press; 2015. (ISBN: 9781107099005 https://statistics.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/2015-02.pdf)

### D. RESEARCH SUPPORT

Ongoing Research Support

2014/09/01-2019/08/31

DE-NA0002534, Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration

Sara Pozzi (PI)

Consortium for Verification Technology

Role: CPI

2011/08/01-2016/07/31

W911NF-11-1-0391, Army Research Office

Alfred Hero (PI)

Value-Centered Information Theory For Adaptive Learning, Inference, Tracking and Exploitation

Role: PI

2012/08/23-2016/07/22

W911NF-12-1-0443, Army Research Office

Alfred Hero (PI)

Social Informatics Program: Emergent spatio-temporal behavior in social networks

Role: PI

2013/02/01-2016/01/31

FA9550-13-1-0043, Air Force Office of Scientific Research

Alfred Hero (PI)

Sample-starved large scale network analysis

Role: PI

2012/09/01-2015/12/31

CCF-1217880, National Science Foundation

Clayton Scott (PI)

Distribution-Adaptive Prediction and Classification

Role: CPI