843-953-2708

linkedin.com/in/deirdre-d-ragan

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS	
All-Southern Conference Faculty of the Year	2023
Undergraduate Teaching Excellence James A. Grimsley, Jr. Award	2022
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society	2022
National Collegiate Honors Council Faculty Award: Developing Course Material	2021
Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society	2019
Lowcountry Engineer of the Year (Charleston Engineering Joint Council)	2019
Oxford ISGAP Scholar (Oxford University, St. John's College, England)	2019
Excellence in Teaching Award Graduate Student Runner-Up (UCSB)	1997
Fulbright Research Fellowship in Sweden	1995
EDUCATION	
University of California at Santa Barbara, College of Engineering (Santa Barbara, CA)	
Ph.D. in Materials: "The Effect of Cation Dopants on Phase Transformations in Alumina"	1999
M.S. in Materials: "Decohesion of Thin Films in Microelectronic Circuits"	1995
Rice University, School of Engineering (Houston, TX)	
B.S. in Materials Science and Engineering	1992

EXPERIENCE

The Citadel Honors Program (Charleston, SC)

2014 – Present

Founded in 1987, The Citadel Honors Program focuses on building a community of academically curious learners, offering interesting and challenging courses, and developing each student for their future career.

Director

2018 – Present

Areas of focus include

- Mentor: Meet with each Honors Program student monthly for personal and professional development, focusing on aptitudes, interests, and experiences needed for post-graduate success; Help develop plans for study away programs and research projects
- Advise: Verify progress towards graduation and Honors Program completion, verifying major academic progress and accuracy of records presented in DegreeWorks
- Pedagogy: Engage in ongoing education for continual improvement in teaching approaches and methods to boost Honors course engagement and learning; Provide input and instruction to faculty teaching Honors Program courses
- Recruit: Identify and recruit eligible high school students; Act as liaison for
 prospective students and parents for the Honors Program and The Citadel; Serve as
 Chair of the Scholarships Committee; Work collaboratively with Financial Aid and
 Admissions to construct processes for identifying and interacting with high
 potential applicants
- Assess: Ensure alignment between course objectives and program objective; Annually measure outcomes and plan for the coming academic year; Summarize and report results to college leadership
- Plan: Work with other departments to organize Honors Program classes for future semesters; Create courses within Banner
- Instruct: Develop and teach Honors courses; Utilize Canvas Learning Management System to organize and communicate assignments and grades to students

- Involve: Engage in open dialogue, interaction, and involvement of alumni; Write recommendation letters and evaluate proposals for young alumni as needed
- Operations: Maintain Honors Program operations including all aspects of processes and procedures, budgeting, and supervising staff
- Service to students: Serve as faculty academic advisor to ~100 residential students
- Service to faculty: Serve as mentor to new faculty
- Service to college: Deliver Conflict Resolution and Diversity workshops to faculty, staff, and students using the National Coalition Building Institute curriculum; Chair of the Scholarship Committee
- Honors Community Involvement: Participate in southern region and national organizations; publish, present, and serve to enhance the Honors community

Honors Undergraduate Courses Developed and Taught:

Freshman Honors Seminar

A Matter of Thinking	Fall 2022
Logic, Learning, Belief, and Persuasion	Fall 2021
Periodic Explorers: Exploration and Innovation	Fall 2019, 2020
Honors Special Topics Seminars for upperclassmen	
Bias, Information, and Decision Making	Spring 2023
Factfulness	Spring 2022
Cultures and Controversy	Spring 2021
Controversy and Critical Thinking	Spring 2019
Honors Tutorials: Personal and Professional Development	Fall 2018 – Present

Additional Institution Courses Taught:

First-year Experience in Honors	Fall 2018 – 2022
Ethics in Leadership	Fall 2018, 2019, 2022

Incoming Director: Begin to assume Honors Program Director responsibilities 2017 – 2018

Assistant: Serve as sole support staff to Honors Program Director

2014 - 2018

Areas of focus included

- Relationships: Develop rapport and understanding of Honors Program students such that they view the Honors Program office as a compassionate, dedicated resource for success
- Communication: Ensure that all communications regarding program status, events, and course announcements are relevant, accurate, and updated
- Data Management: Create metrics for all Honors Program students and applicants; Maintain complete, error-free records on cadets and prospective students

The Citadel Mechanical Engineering Department (Charleston, SC)	2017 – Present
Assistant Professor	2020 – Present
Visiting Assistant Professor	2018 - 2020
Adjunct Professor	2017 - 2018

Areas of focus include

 Teaching: Instruct undergraduate and graduate students; Utilize Canvas Learning Management System to organize and communicate assignments and grades to students

- Curriculum development: Update existing courses to keep content relevant and impactful; Develop new courses to extend student options both within Mechanical Engineering and within core curriculum offerings
- Service: represent of the School of Engineering at college and community events
- Mentor and Advise: Provide academic advising to students; Encourage student involvement in research

Undergraduate Courses:

Introduction to Materials

Advanced Materials

Engineering Design

Grand Challenges of the 21st Century

Fall 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022

Fall 2020, Spring 2023

Spring 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022

Spring 2021

Graduate Courses:

Fracture and Fatigue

Summer 2019, Spring 2020

Providence Preschool (Charleston, SC)

Director 2012 – 2014

Responsibilities: Create a positive, welcoming school environment for parents and students; Develop age-appropriate curriculum for toddler to Pre-K classrooms; Balance resources to provide a quality environment while minimizing costs; Train and Manage all personnel; Maintain budget records; Create and distribute monthly newsletters and other regular communication with school families; Report to Board of Directors.

Lead Teacher, Kindergarten Readiness (4K) class

2011 - 2014

Responsibilities: Design and implement age-appropriate, developmental class lessons to ensure continual progress toward kindergarten readiness; Utilize multiple instruction techniques to assist students with different learning styles; Create a culture of open communication with parents; Collaborate with and mentor assistant teacher.

Creative Learning Center for Very Young Children (Winston-Salem, NC)

Lead Teacher, 2 to 3-year old's classroom

2007 - 2008

Responsibilities: Create opportunities for learning through play with age-appropriate materials; Develop foundational language and math literacy skills with books, art, blocks, and other toys.

PPG Industries, Inc. (Harmarville, PA)

Development Project Engineer, Glass New Product Development

2001 - 2004

Responsibilities: Conceive and fabricate nanotechnology-related products for automotive and architectural glass; Focus on process optimization of surface treatments done in situ during glass formation; Work with development team to create prototypes for design selection; Drive technology transfer with national laboratories; Lead educational outreach program to regional at-risk students.

PPG Industries, Inc. (Allison Park, PA)

Chemist, Automotive Powder Coatings

1999 - 2001

Responsibilities: Explore and optimize the incorporation of inorganic nanoparticles into polymeric coatings; Make and evaluate the performance of various polymeric prototypes when subjected to extreme environmental conditions; Direct a university research project (at the University of Arkansas) on process optimization of electrostatic application parameters and chemical formulation of polymeric coatings

University of California, Santa Barbara

Graduate Researcher, Materials

1996 - 1999

Responsibilities: Develop thin film fabrication technology and testing methodology for measuring the effect of ions on crystal phase transformations.

Dean of Engineering Search Committee

1998

Invited to be the sole graduate representative on committee

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Materials (Course: Graduate Thermodynamics)

1996 - 1997

Responsibilities: Hold weekly office hours to assist graduate students; Host study sessions; Design study guides; Lead class in the absence of the professor

Uppsala University (Uppsala, Sweden)

1995 - 1996

Visiting Fulbright Researcher, Solid-State Physics

Responsibilities: Investigate the fabrication and behavior of various electrochromic materials; Create functional prototypes for marketing purposes; Collaborate with multiple researchers in other disciplines to characterize material behavior.

University of California, Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara, CA)

1992 - 1995

Graduate Researcher

Responsibilities: Create and utilize microelectronics processing techniques for determining the weakest interface in a thin film stack.

Rice University Admissions Office (Houston, TX)

1991 - Present

Alumni Recruiter and Interviewer

Responsibilities: Act as a regional representative of the university; Conduct interviews of prospective students; Provide information about the university at regional college fairs.

Texas Instruments, Inc. (Houston, TX)

summer 1991

Summer Intern

Responsibilities: Verify the failure of fabricated circuits due to voltage cycling.

Los Alamos National Laboratory (Los Alamos, NM)

summers 1988-90, 1992-1994

Undergraduate Researcher

Responsibilities: Measure the behavior of materials when subjected to static high-pressures; Maintain a Department of Energy Q-Level (Top Secret) Clearance

PRESENTATIONS (KEYNOTES, PANELS, WORKSHOPS, and POSTERS)

		,	,	,	
Doing Honors at	Small Colleges:	Challenges,	Opportunities,	and Data	2022
National Collegi	ate Honors Coun	cil Conferen	ce (Dallas, TX		

Students in Honors: Introducing Yourself/Making Elevator Pitches	2022
National Collegiate Honors Council Conference (Dallas, TX)	

Beginning in Honors Workshop	2022
National Collegiate Honors Council Conference (Dallas, TX)	

"Prepare for the Journey"

2022

Convocation Address to The Citadel Class of 2026 (Charleston, SC)

"Using Web-based Textbook to Improve Students' Understanding of Materials Science" 2022 American Society of Engineering Education Southeastern Section Conference (Charleston, SC)

ReStart Conference (Mt. Pleasant, SC)

Deirdre D. Ragan, Ph.D.	6
"Elementary School Science Fairs: Parent Involvement" Forsyth County Schools (Winston-Salem, NC)	2010
"Powder Electrostatics" PPG Industries, Inc., (Pittsburgh, PA)	1999
"The Effect of Cation Dopants on Phase Transformations in Alumina" University of California at Santa Barbara	1999
"Phase Transformations in Alumina Thin Films" PPG Industries, Inc. (Pittsburgh, PA)	1998
"Using Time Resolved Reflectivity to Monitor Planar Transformations in Alumina" University of California at Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara, CA)	1997
"An Investigation of Electrochromic Ni-Oxide Based Films" University of California at Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara, CA)	1996
"Electrochromic Ti-Ce Oxides" Electrochemical Society (San Antonio, TX)	1996
"Electrochromic Research at Uppsala University" PPG Industries, Inc. (Pittsburgh, PA)	1996
"An Investigation of NiO _x H _y Films" Uppsala University (Uppsala, Sweden)	1996
"Decohesion of Thin Films in Microelectronic Circuits" University of California at Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara, CA)	1995
"A Novel Method for Determining Strain Energy in Thin Films" University of California at Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara, CA)	1994
"Electrochromism of WO ₃ " University of California at Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara, CA)	1994
"Ruby Fluorescence: A Technique for Measuring Stress" University of California at Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara, CA)	1993
"The Use of Silicone Fluid as a Pressure Medium in Diamond Anvil Cells" Los Alamos National Laboratory (Los Alamos, NM)	1993

PUBLICATIONS

"Assessing Students' Metacognitive Skills in a Summer Undergraduate Research Program", S. Ghanat, D. Garner, T. Wittman, M. Hefner, D. Ragan, T. Le-Vasicek, E. Bierman, B. Adair-Hudson, proceedings of American Society of Engineering Education Conference, June 26-29, 2022

Leadership 101: The First-Year Experience, T. Shealy, E. Connor, D. Ragan, 11th edition, published June 2022

- "Using Web-based Textbook to Improve Students' Understanding of Materials Science", M. Bubacz, D. Ragan, proceedings of 2022 American Society of Engineering Education Southeastern Conference, March 13-15, 2022
- "Student-Instructor Academic Relationships: Effects of Background and Culture", G. Elamin, M. Bubacz, A. DeVoria, R. Rabb, D. Ragan, P. Niksiar, proceedings of 2022 American Society of Engineering Education Southeastern Conference, March 13-15, 2022
- "Emerging Ways to Conquer Education Challenges in Times of COVID-19 and Their Influence on Students' Academic Performance", P. Niksiar, M. Bubacz, D. Ragan, G. Elamin, P. Bass, *Journal of Higher Education Theory and Practice* Vol. 21(13) 2021
- "Examining the Impact of Collaborative Homework on Student Performance in an Engineering Materials Course", D. Ragan, J. Geathers, proceedings of 2021 American Society of Engineering Education Southeastern Conference, virtual conference, March 8-11, 2021
- "Solar Powered Dehydrator", J. Plumblee, E. Bierman, D. Ragan, proceedings of 2021 American Society of Engineering Education Southeastern Conference, virtual conference, March 8-11, 2021
- "Potentials and Limitations of Face to Face and Hybrid Teaching Modes", M. Bubacz, P. Niksiar, G. Elamin, D. Ragan, P. Bass, proceedings of 2021 American Society of Engineering Education Southeastern Conference, virtual conference, March 8-11, 2021
- "Student Perception on Ethics and Intercultural Issues in Introduction to Mechanical Design Course", M. Bubacz, D. Ragan, K Skenes, proceedings of 2020 American Society of Engineering Education Southeastern Conference, Auburn, Alabama, March 8-10, 2020
- "Introducing Competition to Improve Design Aptitudes in Introduction to Mechanical Design Course", M. Bubacz, D. Ragan, N. Washuta, K Skenes, proceedings of 2020 American Society of Engineering Education Southeastern Conference, Auburn, Alabama, March 8-10, 2020
- "Comparison of Mentors' and Mentees' Perceptions of Mentees' Research Skill Gains at The Citadel", S. T. Ghanat, M. K. Zanin, D. Garner, D. Ragan, J. M. Plumblee, D.B. Bornstein, J.H. Lewis, proceedings of American Society of Engineering Education 126th Annual Conference and Exposition, Tampa, Florida, June 16-19, 2019
- "Small Mentoring Efforts that Make a Big Difference for Retention," R. Rabb, R. Welch, W. Davis, D. Ragan, J. Geathers, proceedings of American Society of Engineering Education 126th Annual Conference and Exposition, Tampa, Florida, June 16-19, 2019
- "A Structured Course in Personal and Professional Development," D.D. Ragan, *Honors in Practice* **14** (2018)
- "How to Prepare for a Science Fair: A Guide for Parents," D.D. Ragan, Forsyth County School District (2010)
- "The effect of yttrium and erbium ions on the epitaxial phase transformations in alumina," D.D. Ragan, T. Mates, D.R. Clarke, *J. Amer. Ceramic Society* **86**, 541 (2003)
- "Electrochromic Ni oxide films studied by magnetic measurements," D.D. Ragan, P. Svedlindh, C.G. Granqvist, *Solar Energy Materials and Solar Cells* **54**, 247 (1998)

- "Optically passive counter electrodes for electrochromic devices: transition metal-cerium oxide thin films," A. Azens, L. Kullman, D.D. Ragan, C.G. Granqvist, *Solar Energy Materials and Solar Cells* **54**, 85 (1998)
- "Magnetic measurements on electrochromic Ni-oxide-based films," D.D. Ragan, P. Svedlindh, C.G. Granqvist, *J. Appl. Phys.* **82**, 1759 (1997)
- "Cerium-containing counter electrodes for transparent electrochromic devices," L. Kullman, M. Veszelei, D. D. Ragan, J. Isidorsson, G. Vaivars, U. Kanders, A. Azens, S. Schelle, B. Hjorvarsson, C. G. Granqvist, in *Optical Organic and Semiconductor Inorganic Materials*, E. A. Silinsh, A. Medvid, A. R. Lusis, and A. O. Ozols, eds., Proc. SPIE 2968, 219–224 (1997).
- "Electrochromic properties of Ti-Ce oxides: the effect of varying stoichiometry," A. Azens, L. Kullman, D. D. Ragan, M. Strømme Mattsson, and C. G. Granqvist, in *Electrochromic Materials III*, K.-C. Ho, C. B. Greenberg, and D. M. MacArthur, eds., Electrochem. Soc. Proc. **96-24**, 218–228 (1997).
- "Measurement of the Fracture Energy of SiO₂/TiN Interfaces Using the Residually-Stressed Thin-Film Micro-Strip Test." X. Guanghai, D. D. Ragan, D. R. Clarke, M.Y. He, Q. Ma, and H. Fujimoto, *MRS Proceedings* 458 (1996)
- "Optical and electrochemical properties of dc magnetron sputtered Ti-Ce oxide films," A. Azens, L. Kullman, D. D. Ragan, C. G. Granqvist, B. Hjorvarsson, and G. Vaivars, *Appl. Phys. Lett.* **68**, 3701–3703 (1996)
- "Silicone fluid as a high-pressure medium in diamond anvil cells," D.D. Ragan, D. Schiferl, D.R. Clarke, *Rev. Sci. Instr.* **67**, 494 (1996)
- "Calibration of the ruby R1 and R2 fluorescence shifts as a function of temperature from 0-600 K," D.D. Ragan, R. Gustavsen, D. Schiferl, *J. Appl. Phys.* **72**, 5539 (1992)
- "Calibration of the nitrogen vibron pressure scale for use at high temperature," S.C. Schmidt, D. Schiferl, A.S. Zinn, D.D. Ragan, D.S. Moore, *J. Appl. Phys.* **69**, 2793 (1991)

PATENTS

Display Panel USPTO# 8,629,610; Issued Jan. 2014 Mehran Arbab, Adam D. Polcyn, Deirdre D. Ragan, Michael Buchanan

Material having laser induced light redirecting features USPTO# 8,547,008; Issued Oct. 2013 Mehran Arbab, Adam D. Polcyn, Deirdre D. Ragan

Coating compositions providing improved mar and scratch resistance and methods of using the same

USPTO# 8,258,225; Issued Sept. 2012

Karen A. Barkac, Anthony M. Chasser, Roy E. Dean, Mildred Lisa Perrine, Deirdre D. Ragan, Karen S. Rechenberg, John R. Schneider

Article having nano-scaled structures and a process for making such article Mehran Arbab, Deirdre D. Ragan, Songwei Lu USPTO# 7,851,016; Issued Dec. 2010

Organic solvent-free film-forming compositions, multi-layer composite coatings, and related methods

USPTO# 7,241,830; Issued July 2007

Charles M. Kania, Roxalana L. Martin, Carolyn A. K. Novak, Thomas R. Hockswender, Mark A. Tucker, Mary Beth Grolemund, Deirdre Ragan, Alicia Williams

CEDVICE	
SERVICE Service to College	
Scholarships Committee Chair	2018 – Present
Dept. of Mechanical Engineering faculty search committee	2016 – Fresent 2021 – Present
National Coalition Building Institute, workshop facilitator	2019 – Present
Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Reading Day	2019 – Fresent 2022 – Present
·	2019 – Present
New Faculty Mentor	
Commencement Ceremony Faculty Line Leader	2019 – Present
Public Speaking Competition Judge	2020 – Present
Distinguished Scholars Program Advisory Board	2018 – Present
Fellow of the James B Near, Jr., USAF, '77 Center for Climate Studies	2020 – Present
Citadel Women's Network Advisory Board	2020 – Present
Purpose&Growth volunteer and student coordinator (Australia/ Charleston, So	
Thesis Committee, Citadel School Psychology Ed.S. candidate	2021 - 2022
ASEE- SE conference planning team	2021 - 2022
School of Engineering Vision Task Force co-chair	2021
Summer Virtual Orientation Team Leader	2020, 2021
Citadel Leadership Day Team Leader	2017, 2018, 2021
Dept. of Project Management faculty search committee	2020
Judge at The Citadel Students of Excellence poster competition	2017, 2018, 2022
Service to Students	
Sierra Company Faculty Academic Advisor	2019 – Present
Senior Design Team Advisor (2 teams)	2022 – Present
Leadership Day Junior Class Experience	2019, 2020, 2022
Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Research Mentor	2018, 2021
Mock Interviewer for The Citadel Career Center	2017
Co-Advisor for the NCBI student club	2021 – Present
Advisor for The Citadel Honors Program student club	2014 – Present
Service to Community	
National Coalition Building Institute, trainer/small group leader (Carolinas)	2019 – Present
National Collegiate Honors Council (national)	
Beginning in Honors Mentor	2022 – Present
Awards & Grants Committee	2020 – Present
Small Colleges Committee	2020 - Present
Conference Planning & Review Committee	2018 – Present
Student Research Committee	2018 – Present
Judge of STEM-related student research posters	2017 – Present
Student Moderator Coordinator	2017 – Present
	rys: 2018 – Present
ReStart (Charleston, SC) Leadership team and mentor	2014 - 2022
A not-for-profit organization, equipping those in career transition with powerful to search for employment today or in the future.	ols to enhance their
	summer 2021, 2022
IIE Project GO! Application Reviewer (national)	2021
SC State Science Olympiad Volunteer Event Facilitator (Charleston, SC)	2019, 2020
STEM Festival Volunteer (Charleston, SC)	2019, 2020
Storm the Citadel Engineering Competition Volunteer (Charleston, SC)	2019 – Present
Middle School Robotics Competition Volunteer Judge (Charleston, SC)	2018

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Society for Engineering Education

Society of Women Engineers

Engineers Without Borders

Engineering for Change

National Collegiate Honors Council

Southern Regional Honors Council

CERTIFICATIONS

National Coalition Building Institute: Resolving Conflict and Building Consensus

National Coalition Building Institute: Welcoming Diversity: Leadership in Diversity and Respect

Mini-ExCEEd Engineering Education

Online Teaching Academy

Critical Problem-Solving Skills

Design of Experiments

Six Sigma Methodology

Understanding Learning Styles