



2011 SEARi Annual Research Summit

Welcome and Introductions

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SEARI Group Research Mission

*Advance the theories, methods, and effective practice of
systems engineering applied to complex socio-technical systems
through collaborative research*

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SEARi Leadership and Affiliated Faculty

Leadership

- Dr. Donna Rhodes, Director and Principal Research Scientist
- Dr. Adam Ross, Lead Research Scientist



Internal Advisory Board

- Professor Daniel Hastings, Aero/Astro, ESD (Chair)
- Professor Debbie Nightingale, Aero/Astro, ESD, CTPID Director
- Mr. Pat Hale, SDM Program, ESD



Affiliated Faculty

Eight by declared interest and/or association with sponsored research



Doctoral Research Assistants and Affiliated Students

- Brian Mekdeci, ESD PhD Candidate
- Nirav Shah, Aero/Astro PhD Candidate
- Paul Grogan, ESD PhD Student
- Matthew Frye, MechE PhD Candidate
- Henrique Gaspar, Visiting PhD Student, NTSU



Graduate Research Assistants and Affiliated Students

- J. Clark Beesemyer, Aero/Astro SM Student
- Matthew Fitzgerald, Aero/Astro SM Student
- Dan Fulcoly, Aero/Astro SM Student
- Nicola Ricci, Aero/Astro SM Student
- Erik Stockham, Aero/Astro SM Student
- Amanda Rohrbach, TPP SM Student



SEARi Alumni Invited Speakers

- Professor Zoe Szajnfarber, George Washington Univ.
- Dr. Andrew Rader, Com Dev, Mission Dev Group



Introductions

Please share:

- Your name
- Your organization and position
- *Optionally – brief remarks on challenges and uncertainties your organization is facing*

GOALS for SUMMIT

Given the complexity and lifespan of modern systems and systems-of-systems, along with changing budgets, technologies, and missions, creating the right system capabilities for the right time is essential, not just during the design phase, but throughout full operational life.

Three complementary approaches to enable this imperative are ingenuity, innovation, and ilities-based

Dialogue with colleagues on challenges and strategies for dealing with uncertainty.