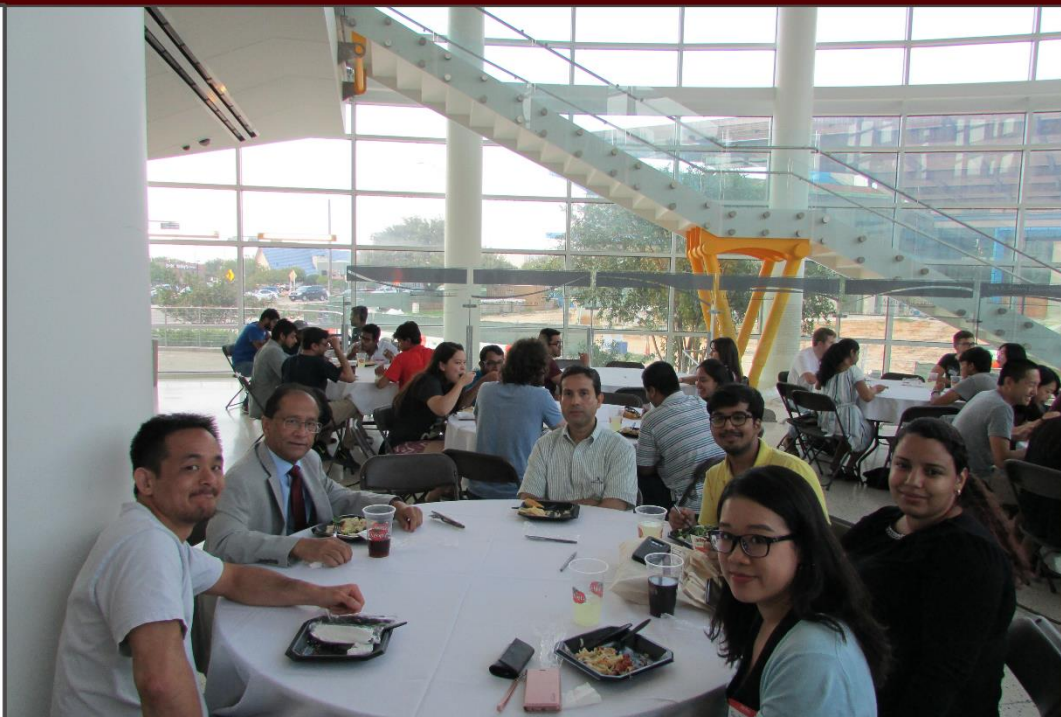


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Welcome Dinner: As part of its tradition, ChEGSA celebrated another year of professional development and social activities with this year's Welcome Dinner. The dinner is organized to welcome every year's new students and to start the year for the new ChEGSA officers. The following awards were presented in the dinner:
 Dr. Mark Holtzapple - Faculty of the year - 2017
 Drew Thompson - Staff of the year - 2017
 Monica Hwang - Officer of the year - 2017



Mentorship Program Kickoff:

The mentorship program carried out by our Event coordinator for activities, Hallie Graham, had a kick-off for the second version semester of the program designed to encourage interaction with new students and as support for students in this journey that graduate school represents.

Recent Events:

Board Game Night: Join us for our first social event! Game night will be a fun opportunity to interact, show some of your game skills and most importantly, have a great time with fellow students. (Food and drinks will be provided)
 5th October, 7:00 to 9:00 pm
 Register in the following link: [Link](#)

Donation Drive: ChEGSA stood with all the families affected by Hurricane Harvey and partnered with Mission Reclaimed Anderson Food Pantry to provide support.

Upcoming event:
Halloween Trick or Treat,
 Tuesday, 31st October 2017

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS:

UPCOMING LINDSAY LECTURES:

Oct. 19, 2016

Dr. Michael Ladisch, Purdue University, Director of the Laboratory of Renewable Resources Engineering; Distinguished Professor of Agricultural and Biological Engineering; joint appointment in the Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering.

Research focus: Enzyme Hydrolysis of Lignocellulosic Substrates Effects of Liquid Hot water Pretreatment and Lignin Derived Inhibitors

Nov. 2, 2016

Distinguished Lindsay Speaker,

Dr. Pablo G. Debenedetti, Princeton University, Class of 1950 Professor in Engineering and Applied Science, Professor of Chemical and Biological Engineering; Dean for Research.

Research focus: Drying and Hydration Phenomena at the Nanoscale: Implications for Protein Stability and Long-Term Storage.

NEW FACULTY APPOINTMENTS:

Dr. Ahmed Hilaly

Professor of Practice

Ph.D., Colorado State University

Dr. Qing Sun

Assistant Professor

Ph.D., University of Delaware

Dr. Xuejun Zhu

Assistant Professor

Ph.D., UC Berkeley

UNIVERSITY EVENTS:



[Step up link](#)

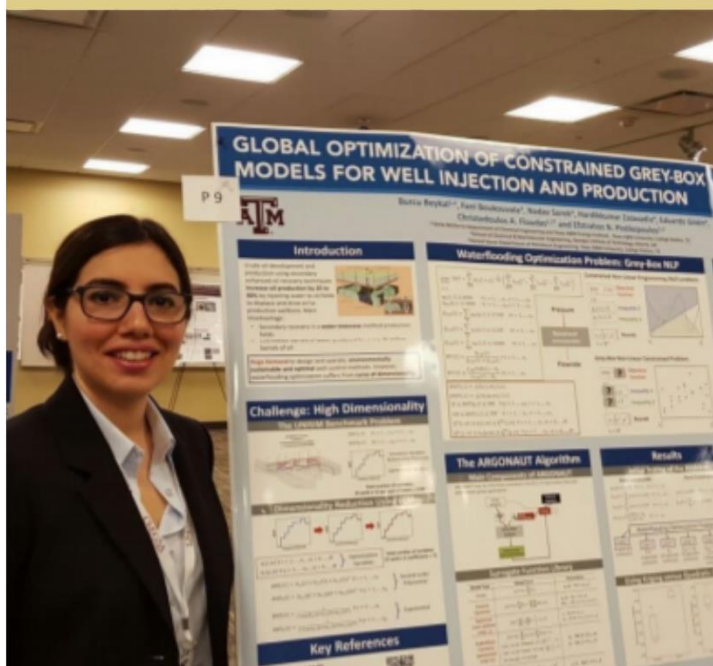
Texas A&M University is hosting renowned violence prevention activist Dr. Jackson Katz Oct. 4th and 5th for the "Step In. Stand Up. Speaker Series."



[3 MT thesis link](#)

Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) is a research communication competition developed by The University of Queensland (UQ). Graduate students have three minutes to present a compelling oration on their thesis and its significance.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: BURCU BEYKAL



Burcu Beykal is a third year Ph.D. student in Dr. Pistikopoulos' group, and she is working on big data analytics, specifically focusing on data-driven modeling and global optimization of constrained grey/black-box models. Additionally, she is currently serving as a journal reviewer for Computers & Chemical Engineering and as the President of Texas A&M Energy Research.

"full article: <https://www.chegsatamu.com/newsletter>"

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS:

L.T. Jordan Fellows Program: The L.T. Jordan Institute for International Awareness provides undergraduate and graduate students with an opportunity for personal development and education through an international research experience. The program provides up to \$2,000 to ten qualified students each year for individual study or research. For more details about the program, please refer to the link: [L.T. Jordan fellows](#)

OGAPS Graduate Student Travel Awards: The Graduate Student Travel Award Program is supported by the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies, the Texas A&M Association of Former Students, and the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation. The purpose of the program is to support graduate student's domestic and international travel related to conferences, academic presentations, research projects, and internships by reimbursing eligible expenses. For more information regarding the eligibility requirements, guidelines and the application process, refer to the link: [OGAPS Travel](#)

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES:



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