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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## APPOINTMENTS

### **University of Alabama in Huntsville**

August 2018 – present

*Assistant Professor  
Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering Department*

**Research Interests:** Applied Aerodynamics & Flow Control

### **University of Alabama in Huntsville**

January 2018 – August 2018

*Lecturer  
Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering Department*

### **University of Denver, Denver, Colorado**

September 2016 – December 2017

*Adjunct Professor  
Electrical & Computer Engineering Department*

### **University of Denver, Denver, Colorado**

April 2016 – December 2017

*Postdoctoral Fellow, DU Unmanned Systems Research Institute  
Advisers: Prof. K. P. Valavanis & Associate Prof. M. J. Rutherford*

### **University of Denver, Denver, Colorado**

January 2013 – March 2016

*Research Assistant, DU Unmanned Systems Research Institute  
Advisers: Prof. K. P. Valavanis & Associate Prof. M. J. Rutherford*

### **University of Denver, Denver, Colorado**

September 2011 – December 2012

*Teaching Assistant, Electrical & Computer Engineering Department*

## EDUCATION

### **University of Denver, Denver, Colorado**

*Ph.D., Electrical & Computer Engineering*

September 2011 – March 2016

### **University of Bath, Bath, United Kingdom**

*M.Sc., Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering*

October 2007 – September 2008

### **University of Patras, Patras, Greece**

*B.S., Physics*

February 2002 – July 2007

## PATENTS

**Kanistras, K.**, Saka, P. C., Valavanis, K. P., & Rutherford, M. J. (2018). Circulation control system for aerial vehicles. *Pub.No.:2018/0134372 A1, Pub.Date: May 17*, United States, Patent Pending.

## BOOKS & BOOK CHAPTERS

**Kanistras, K.**, Valavanis, K. P., & Rutherford, M. J. (2018). Foundations of circulation control based small-scale unmanned aircraft: A comprehensive methodology from concept to design and experimental testing. *Springer*, ISBN 978-3-319-67851-1.

**Kanistras, K.**, Martins, G., Rutherford, M. J., & Valavanis, K. P. (2014). A survey of unmanned aerial vehicles (uavs) for traffic monitoring. *Springer, Book Chapter in Handbook of Unmanned Aerial*

JOURNAL  
PUBLICATIONS

Vehicles, 2643-2666.

**Kanistras, K.**, Saka, P. C., Rutherford, M. J., & Valavanis, K. P. (2018). A circulation control system for enhanced aircraft performance. *Springer, Book Chapter in Encyclopedia of Robotics, Under Review.*

JOURNAL  
PUBLICATIONS IN  
PREPARATION

**Kanistras K.**, Saka, P. C., Valavanis, K. P., & Rutherford, M. J. (2018). Wind tunnel investigation of a circulation control wing with dual radius flaps. *Journal of Aircraft, AIAA, doi.org/10.2514/1.C034208.*

Rosen, C., **Kanistras K.**, Saka, P. C., Valavanis, K. P., & Rutherford, M. J. (2018). System identification and controller implementation of a centrifugal compressor for circulation control applications. *Journal of Intelligent and Robotic Systems, Springer, doi.org/10.1007/s10846-017-0756-6*, pp.1-22.

PEER-REVIEWED  
CONFERENCE  
PROCEEDINGS

Agha, M., **Kanistras, K.**, Rutherford, M. J., & Valavanis, K. P. (2018). Mathematical model derivation of an unmanned circulation control aerial vehicle  $uc^2av$ . *IEEE Transaction on Automatic.*

Michailidis, M. G., **Kanistras, K.**, Agha, M., Rutherford, M. J., & P., V. K. (2018). Nonlinear control of fixed-wing uavs with time-varying aerodynamic uncertainties via  $\mu$ -synthesis. *Decision and Control Conference, Accepted for Publication.*

Michailidis, M. G., **Kanistras, K.**, Agha, M., Rutherford, M. J., & Valavanis, K. V. (2017). Robust nonlinear control of the longitudinal flight dynamics of a circulation control fixed wing uav. *56th IEEE conference on Decision and Control, December 12-15, Melbourne Australia.*

Michailidis, M. G., Agha, M. t., Rutherford, M. J., & Valavanis, K. P. (2017). A controller design framework for a nextgen circulation control based uav. *IEEE CCTA Conference, Hawaii.*

Agha, M., **Kanistras, K.**, Saka, P. C., Valavanis, K. P., & Rutherford, M. J. (2017). System identification of circulation control uav using x-plane flight simulation software and flight data. *AIAA Aviation, Denver (Co), 5-9 June.*

Rosen, C., **Kanistras, K.**, Saka, P. C., Valavanis, K. P., & Rutherford, M. J. (2017). Design and development of a control scheme for uc2av: Unmanned circulation control aerial vehicle. *AIAA SciTech, Grapevine, Texas, 9-13 January.*

**Kanistras, K.**, Saka, P. C., Valavanis, K. P., & Rutherford, M. J. (2016).  $uc^2av$ : Unmanned circulation control aerial vehicle for short takeoff and enhanced payload. *AIAA Aviation, Washington (DC), 13-17 June.*

Saka, P. C., **Kanistras, K.**, Valavanis, K. P., & Rutherford, M. J. (2016). Development of a framework for a circulation control-based unmanned aerial vehicle. *IEEE Aerospace Conference, Montana, USA.*

**Kanistras, K.**, Saka, P. C., Valavanis, K. P., Vitzilaios, N., & Rutherford, M. J. (2015b). Low speed wind tunnel investigation of a circulation control wing for enhanced lift. *AIAA Aviation Dallas, Texas, 22-26 June.*

**Kanistras, K.**, Saka, P. C., Valavanis, K. P., Vitzilaios, N. I., & Rutherford, M. J. (2015a). Design and development of an air supply unit for circulation control wing-based uavs. *IEEE Aerospace Conference, Montana, USA.*

**Kanistras, K.**, Rutherford, M. J., Vitzilaios, N., & Valavanis, K. P. (2014). Experimental study of circulation control wings at low reynolds numbers. *32nd Applied Aerodynamics Conference, Aviation, Atlanta.*

**Kanistras, K.**, Rutherford, M. J., & Valavanis, K. P. (2014). Development of a circulation control wing for uavs. *IEEE Aerospace Conference, Montana, USA.*

**Kanistras, K.**, Martins, G., Rutherford, M. J., & Valavanis, K. P. (2013). A survey of unmanned aerial vehicles (uavs) for traffic monitoring. *International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (ICUAS), Atlanta, 221-234.*

Brune, C., Dityam, T., Girwar-Nath, J., **Kanistras, K.**, Martins, G., Moses, A., ... Valavanis, K. P. (2012). Enabling civilian applications of unmanned teams through collaboration, cooperation and sensing. *SPIE Defense, Security and Sensing*.

WORKSHOPS

**Kanistras, K.**, & Valavanis, K. P., *Circulation Control and active flow techniques on UAVs for enhanced performance* Tutorial in ICUAS 13-16 June 2017 Conference, Miami, USA.

Alvarenga, J., and **Kanistras, K.**, and Vitzilaios, N. I., Rutherford, M. J., & Valavanis K. P., *Unmanned Aircraft Systems Technology Overview Short Course*, University of Denver Unmanned Systems Research Institute, Front Range Airport, CO, USA. September 5, 2013.

CLASSES TAUGHT

- MAE 480/580 Aircraft Stability & Control
- MAE 343 Compressible Aerodynamics
- MAE 310 Fluid Mechanics
- ENMT 4010 Space Systems Design
- ENMT 3220/422- Mechatronics I & II
- ENGR 3721 Contrtols
- ENGR 3611 Engineering Analysis
- ENGR 3621 Advanced Engineering Mathematics

AWARDS

- Graduate Student Scholar of the Year (University of Denver, USA): 2015
- Graduate Studies Dissertation Fellowship (University of Denver, USA): 2014-2015
- Graduate Studies Doctoral Fellowship for Inclusive Engagement (University of Denver, USA): 2012-2013
- A. Mentzelopoulos Scholarship (University of Patras, Greece): 2011-2013

EDITORIAL DUTY

- Reviewer: **Journal of Intelligent & Robotic Systems**, Springer, 2013 – present
- Reviewer: **Journal of Aircraft**, AIAA, 2017 – present
- Reviewer: **International Conference on Robotics and Automation**, 2017 – present

PROFESSIONAL  
MEMBERSHIP

- The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) 2012 – present