



# Materials Science & Engineering



Dear MS&E and friends,

As I settle into my new role as MS&E department head, I'd like to thank everyone for their support and wish Pamir the very best as Director of the Innovation Partnership Building at the UConn Tech Park. Pamir's leadership has ensured that MS&E will continue to be a vital and vibrant place for faculty, staff, and students for a long time. I am honored to serve the department after him, and to carry on the tradition of excellence here established by so many before.

Enhancing that long record of excellence are exciting new opportunities. The MS&E department receives outstanding support from the School of Engineering and the IMS, and we benefit from strong partnerships with the Tech Park, and C2E2. Moreover, we have valuable relationships with industry sponsors and advisors. Our faculty members are recognized worldwide for their intellectual and service contributions. Our undergraduate and graduate programs continue to mature. Our students are increasingly successful, both at UConn and as alumni. Our research and publication records are excellent and continue to improve. We have superb and creative staff members, and a dedicated and diverse industrial advisory board. We are looking a few years ahead to a new home in the planned 'Science 1' building. And we presently have several searches for new faculty members to join us. It is an exciting time to be part of this great department.

Individually we are all researchers, instructors, advisers, consultants, and students. As a department, we are all these things and something more. Working together, we can leverage our efforts and talents to expand into promising new areas, and to grow our faculty, students, and partnerships in quantity and quality. In addition to those priorities, we will be assessing our curriculum for the BS, MS, MEng, and PhD programs. I look forward to leading the department in the service of these goals, calling on our ever-strengthening alumni-base for increased networking and support, and leveraging your dedication to UConn MS&E.

I note that my new office has two doors, and I now manage 2 emails, so there are many ways to share your views and suggestions with me. I welcome them.

I look forward to working with everyone, and wish you all a fine holiday break and an auspicious 2018.

Sincerely,

Bryan