



Envision the Unseen

Digitizing Construction Projects with Advanced Technologies

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Virtual Reality/ Augmented Reality (VR/AR)

VR Presentation of Student Design Projects



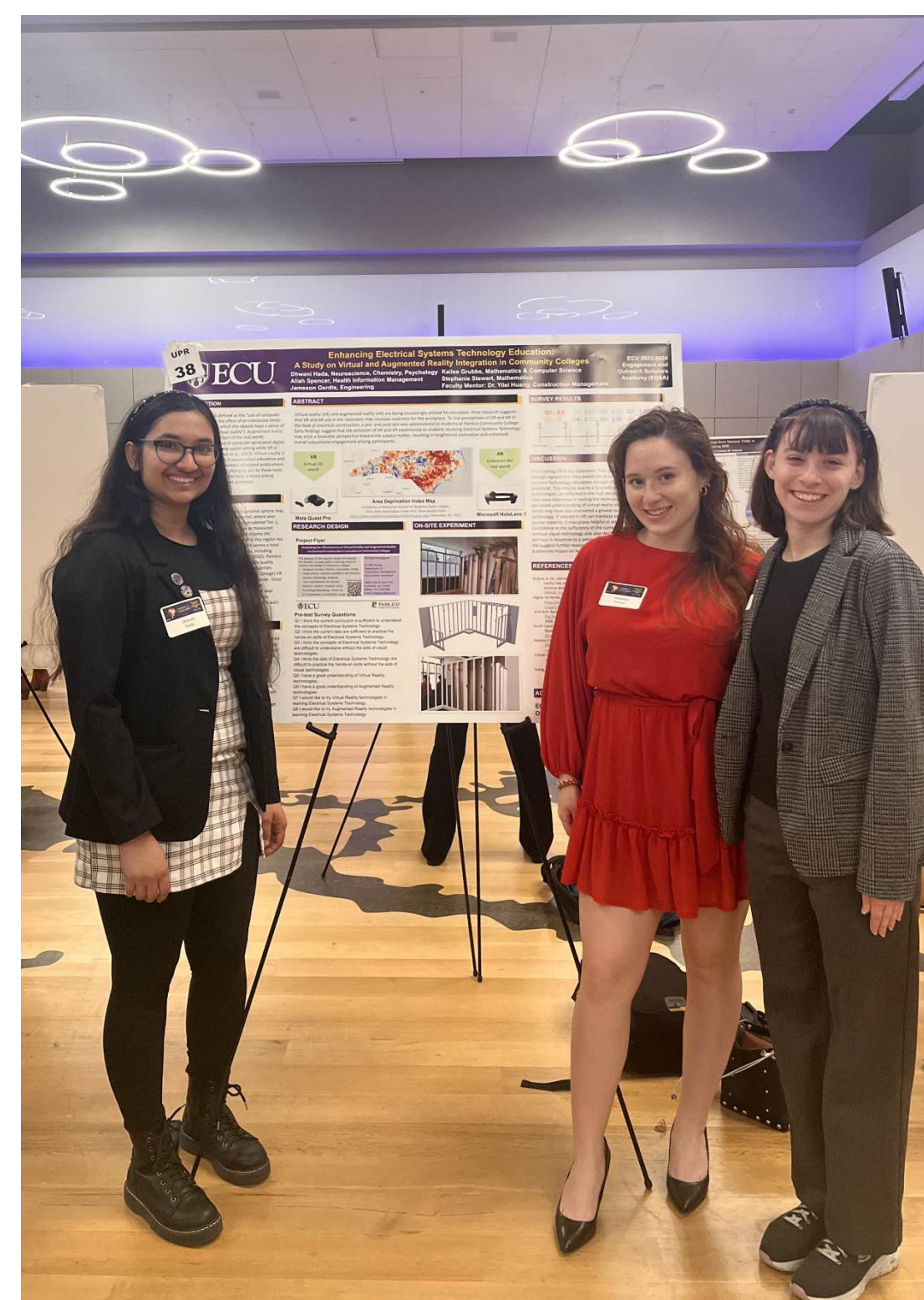
- CMGT 3010 Construction Modeling & Information Technology
- Semester projects of five student groups
- Five Quest 2 VR headsets
- IrisVR Prospect software
- Students' design of a BIM model based on required building specifications
- Design inspection in VR
- Final presentation demonstrating the design inside & outside of model

AR Visualization of Electrical Construction Lab

- Pamlico Community College (PCC) Electrical Systems Technology lab
- HoloLens 2 AR headsets
- Trimble Connect MR software for HoloLens 2
- ECU students created BIM model of lab space
- PCC students overlaid AR model in the lab
- Helps visualize the installation locations for electrical systems



VR/AR Effectiveness on Student Learning



- Five undergraduates
 - ✓ Engineering, Mathematics
 - ✓ Computer Science, Neuroscience
 - ✓ Health Information Management
- Developed BIM model for VR/AR visualization
- Oral & poster presentation
- 2024 RCAW Poster Award



Scholar-Teaching

Teaching

- CMGT 2950 Construction Surveying
 - ✓ 2023-2024 ECU Teaching Grant
- CMGT 3010 Construction Modeling & IT
 - ✓ 2022 ECU Course Innovation Grant
- CMGT 6630 Advanced Scheduling
 - ✓ 2024 ECU CourseFIT
- CMGT 6664 Advanced Cost Estimating
 - ✓ QM Online Course Certification
- CMGT 6664 Advanced Cost Estimating
 - ✓ 2024 Associated Schools of Construction Estimating Bootcamp

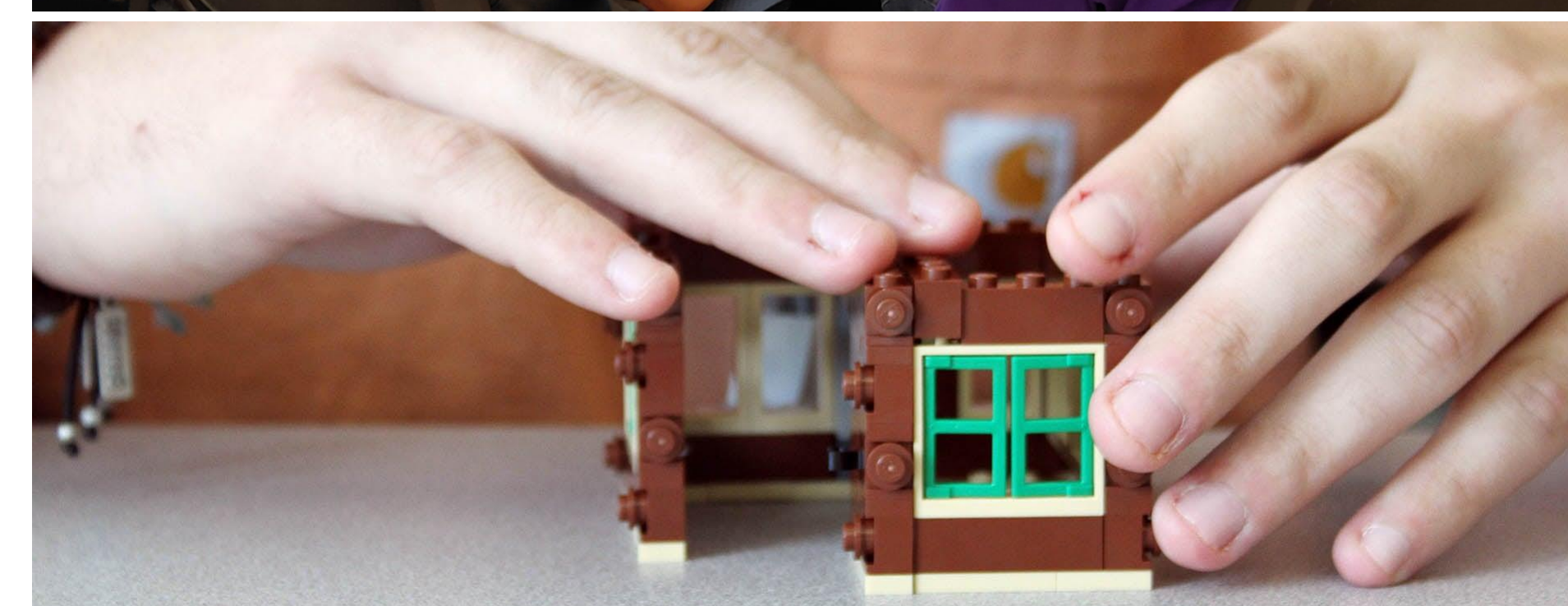
Research

- Building Information Modeling (BIM)
 - ✓ Building Predictive Maintenance, Phase I & II, CMI2, \$1.06M, co-PI
- Virtual Reality/ Augmented Reality
 - ✓ 2023 ECU EOSA Scholar
 - ✓ CET Digital Lounge VR/AR Lab
- Reality Capture Technologies
 - ✓ 2023 ECU SPARC Award
 - ✓ 2024 ECU I-Corps
 - ✓ 2024-2025 ECU Innovation Academy

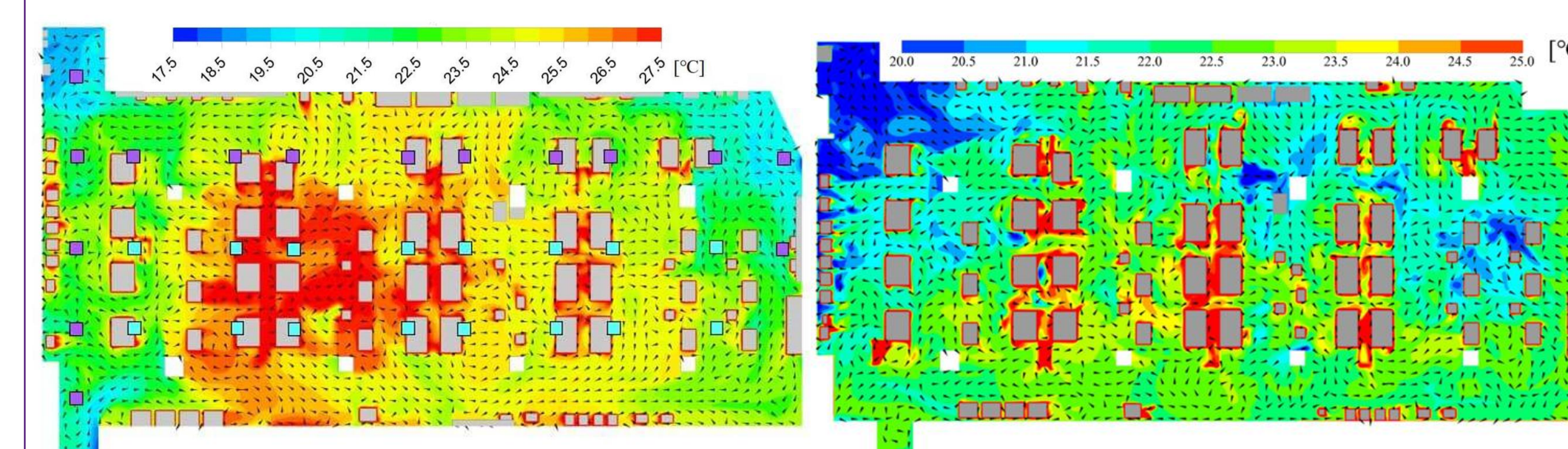
Building Information Modeling (BIM)

See, Build, Play: Build a Lego House with Building Information Modeling

- CMGT 3010 Construction Modeling & Information Technology
- Two-hour hands-on group activity
- Build a Lego house with BIM model
- Each student completes a building component like a subcontractor
- The group then coordinates to complete the entire building
- CET Engineering and Technology Symposium
- K-12 educators across Eastern NC
- Building components preassembled to allow easier assembly for school kids



HVAC Design, Logistics, and Installation with Building Information Modeling



- MSCM student Richard Liu
- Apply BIM in HVAC for
 - ✓ Design verification/ optimization
 - ✓ Material logistics system
 - ✓ Equip transportation/ installation
- One journal article
- Three conference proceedings
- Five oral and poster presentations
- Employed as BIM Coordinator
 - ✓ Bell, a leading MEP contractor

Reality Capture Technologies (Drone/ Lidar Scan)

Surveying Drone Classroom Demonstration



- CMGT 2950 Construction Surveying
- DJI Matrice 300 RTK enterprise-level drone
- P1 full-frame camera
- L1 aerial lidar sensor
- Drone & dual payload setup demonstration
- Photogrammetry and point cloud lab practice
- DJI Terra Pro software
- DroneDeploy Aerial cloud processing

Lidar Scan with Construction Robotics

- Pamlico Community College Electrical Systems Tech lab
- Unitree Go2 Pro Quadruped Robot Dog
- Insta360 ONE RS 360 Camera
- Realsee Galois 3D Lidar Camera



- Remote controlled to walk thru space
- Capture lidar scans and 360° photos
- Create point cloud & photogrammetry models for VR/AR



Drone for Construction Inspection and Verification

- MSCM student Andres Acero Molina
 - ✓ FAA Certified Remote Pilot
 - ✓ Aerial photogrammetric & lidar point cloud models
- Three publications, Six presentations
 - ✓ NCDOT Research Summit
 - ✓ Washington, NC Drone Show
- SICE, an infra tech corp.

