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Education:

Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

M.S., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA B.S., Mechanical Engineering, Iowa State University, Ames, IA

MIT Service

2000-2000, Lecturer, MIT

2001-2006, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, MIT 2006-Present, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, MIT

Other Related Experience

2006-Present, Assistand Director, MIT Laboratory for Manufacturing and Productivity

Consulting & Patents Consulting

- Teradyne, Inc.
- Rogers, Powers & Schwartz LLP
- Bandwidth9

Patents

- Debris Cleaner With Compound Auger, US Patent No. 5, 784, 756
- QKC for Use in Assembly and Manufacturing Processes, US Patent No. 6,193,430
- Quasi-Kinematic Couplings for Use in Automotive Assembly, World Patent No. WO0062971A1
- Accurate, Precise, and Adjustable Kinematic Coupling Device, US Patent No. 6, 746,172
- Multiple Degree— of— Freedom Flexure Stage, Patent Pending.
- Multiple Degree- of- Freedom Compliant Mechanism," Patent Pending
- RIM Slot Filler Module and Method of Manufacturing the Same," Patent Pending.

Professional Registration

None

Principal Publications (last five years)

- 1. Culpepper, M. L., Slocum, A. H., Shaikh, F. Z., and Vrsek, G., "Quasi–kinematic Couplings for Low–cost Precision Alignment of High–volume Assemblies," J. of Mech. Des., 126 (4), 456–63, 2004.
- 2. Culpepper, M. L., "Design of Quasi— Kinematic Couplings," Prec. Eng., 28 (3), 338—57, 2004.
- 3. Culpepper, M. L. and Anderson, G., "Design of a Low—cost Nano—manipulator Which Utilizes a Monolithic, Spatial Compliant Mechanism," Prec. Eng., 28 (4), 469—82, 2004.
- Culpepper, M. L., Varadajan, K. M., and Dibiaso, C. M., "Design of Integrated Eccentric Mechanisms and Exact Constraint Fixtures for Micron— level Repeatability and Accuracy," Prec. Eng., 29 (1), 65—80, 2005.
- 5. Culpepper, M. L. and Chen, S., "Design of a Compliant, Micro—scale, Six—axis Nanopositioner—The Micro—HexFlex," 30 (3), 314—24, 2006.
- Hubbard, N. B., Culpepper, M. L., and Howell, L. L., "Actuators for Micropositioners and Nanopositioners," Accepted for publication in Applied Mechanics Reviews.
- 7. Chen, S., and Culpepper, M. L., "Design of Contoured Micro-scale Thermomechanical Actuators," Accepted for publication in The Journal of Microelectromechanical Systems.
- 8. Mangudi K. V. and Culpepper, M. L, "Design of Hard Coated Hertzian Contacts for Precision Equipment," Accepted pending final revisions.
- 9. Mangudi K. V. and Culpepper, M. L, "A Dual-purpose Positioner-fixture for Precision Six-axis Positioning and Precision Fixturing Part I: Modeling and Design," Accepted pending final revisions.
- 10. Mangudi K. V. and Culpepper, M. L, "A A Dual-purpose Positioner-fixture for Precision Six-axis Positioning and Precision Fixturing Part II: Characterization and Calibration," Accepted pending final revisions.

Scientific & Professional Societies

American Society of Mechanical Engineers
American Society for Precision Engineering (Director at large, 2006-present)
European Society for Precision Engineering and Nanotechnology

Honors & Awards

3M Innovation Grant (2006)

Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, NSF Nanomanufacturing (2004)

TR100 award: One of the world's top young innovators (2004)

Ruth and Joel Spira Award for Distinguished Teaching (2004)

Rockwell International Career Development Chair (2004)

R&D 100 Award: One of the 100 best new technical products of the year: HexFlex (2003)

Institutional and Professional Service (Last Five Years) MIT (abridged)

Graduate Admissions Committee (Departmental)

de Florez Award Coordinator (Departmental)

Hastopolous Award Committee (Departmental)

Manufacturing Search Committee (Departmental)

Design Search Committee (Departmental)

SEED Academy Advisory Board (Institute)

Committee for MLK Memorial Activities (Institute)

Converge Advisory Committee (Institute)

External (abridged):

Co- chair, 4th International Symposium on Nanomanufacturing (2006)