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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Director, Space Systems Operations Research Laboratory
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CITIZENSHIP

USA

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Space Systems Aug. 2022 – Present
Department of Mechanical, Materials and Aerospace Engineering
West Virginia University

Herbert P. Dripps Faculty Fellow Jan. 2024 – Present
College of Engineering and Mineral Resources
West Virginia University

Affiliations:

- Faculty member, West Virginia Small Satellite Center of Excellence
- Faculty member, Center for Innovation in Space Exploration and Research, WVU

EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA
Ph.D., Aerospace Engineering, Aug. 2022
Minor in Mathematics
Advisor: Koki Ho

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL
M.S., Aerospace Engineering, Aug. 2018

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA
S.B., Aerospace Engineering, June 2015

AWARDS

NASA Early Career Faculty Award, 2023

John V. Breakwell Award, 2020

- Space Flight Mechanics Committee, American Astronautical Society
- Awarded for [C17], presented at the *2020 AAS/AIAA Astrodynamics Specialist Conference*

Molly K. Macauley Award, 2020

- American Astronautical Society
- Invited to give an award-winning talk at the *2020 AAS John Glenn Memorial Symposium*

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (NSF GRFP), 2018 – 2022

- Completed with Degree

Graduate College Conference Travel Award, 2017

- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Awarded for [C20], presented at the *9th International Workshop on Satellite Constellations and Formation Flying*

WORKING PAPERS [W1] & UNDER REVIEW

- [W1] **T. H. Clareson, M. Fox, D. Amato, and H. Lee**, “Embedded State Estimation for Optimization of Cislunar Space Domain Awareness Constellation Design,” *Journal of Spacecraft and Rockets*. (Under Review)
- [W2] **B. Pearl, L. Gold, and H. Lee**, “Comparing State-of-the-art Concepts of Earth Observation Satellite Operation for Disaster Response.”
- [W3] **D. Williams Rogers, M. Fox, and H. Lee**, “Envisioning an Optimal Network of Space-based Lasers Orbital Debris Remediation.”

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- [J1] **H. Lee, D. Williams Rogers, B. Pearl, H. Chen, and K. Ho**, “Deterministic Multi-stage Constellation Reconfiguration Using Integer Linear Programming and Sequential Decision-Making Methods,” *Journal of Spacecraft and Rockets*. (Forthcoming)
- [J2] **M. Patel, Y. Shimane, H. Lee, and K. Ho**, “Cislunar Satellite Constellation Design Via Integer Linear Programming,” *The Journal of the Astronautical Sciences*, vol. 71, no. 26, 2024, doi:10.1007/s40295-024-00445-8.
- [J3] **H. Lee and K. Ho**, “Regional Constellation Reconfiguration Problem: Integer Linear Programming Formulation and Lagrangian Heuristic Method,” *Journal of Spacecraft and Rockets*, vol. 60, no. 6, pp. 1828-1845, 2023, doi:10.2514/1.A35685.
- [J4] **H. Lee, S. Shimizu, S. Yoshikawa, and K. Ho**, “Satellite Pattern Constellation Optimization for Complex Regional Coverage,” *Journal of Spacecraft and Rockets*, vol. 57, no. 6, pp. 1309-1327, 2020, doi:10.2514/1.A34657.
- [J5] **H. Chen, H. Lee, and K. Ho**, “Space Transportation System and Mission Planning for Regular Interplanetary Missions,” *Journal of Spacecraft and Rockets*, vol. 56, no. 1, pp. 12-20, 2019, doi:10.2514/1.A34168.
- [J6] **H. Lee, P. Jakob, K. Ho, S. Shimizu, and S. Yoshikawa**, “Optimization of Satellite Constellation Deployment Strategy Considering Uncertain Areas of Interest,” *Acta Astronautica*, vol. 153, pp. 213-228, 2018, doi:10.1016/j.actaastro.2018.03.054.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- [C1] **B. Pearl, J. Miller, and H. Lee**, “Developing the Reconfigurable Earth Observation Satellite Scheduling Problem,” *AIAA SciTech*, Orlando, FL, Jan. 2025. (Submitted)
- [C2] **D. Williams Rogers and H. Lee**, “Designing a Minimum Latency Cislunar Delay-Tolerant Network Using Integer Linear Programming,” *AIAA SciTech*, Orlando, FL, Jan. 2025. (Submitted)
- [C3] **M. Fox, D. Williams Rogers, and H. Lee**, “Uncertainty Quantification and State Estimation of Pulsed Laser Ablation in Space-Based Orbital Debris Remediation,” *AIAA SciTech*, Orlando, FL, Jan. 2025. (Submitted)
- [C4] **M. Fox, E. Boggs, and H. Lee**, “Microgravity Linear Acceleration Effects on Lagrange Point Orbit Stability During Propellant Settling,” *AIAA SciTech*, Orlando, FL, Jan. 2025. (Submitted)
- [C5] **J. Bardaji, A. Abdul-Hamid, H. Lee, and H. Chen**, “Cost Analysis of Removing Small Debris Using Space-Based and Ground-Based Laser Systems,” *AIAA SciTech*, Orlando, FL, Jan. 2025. (Submitted)

- [C6] A. Abdul-Hamid, J. Bardaji, and **H. Lee**, and H. Chen, “Developing Commercialization Framework for Space Debris Removal,” *AIAA SciTech*, Orlando, FL, Jan. 2025. (Submitted)
- [C7] S. N. Paul and **H. Lee**, “Hypothesis Surface-Based Sensor Tasking for LEO Objects: Leveraging Space Sensor Data for Ground-Based Optical Observations,” *AIAA SciTech*, Orlando, FL, Jan. 2024.
- [C8] **D. Williams Rogers**, S. Kim, M. Lee, Y. Kim, and **H. Lee**, “Designing Optimal Satellite Constellation Patterns with Facility Location Problem Models and Mixed Integer Linear Programming,” *AIAA ASCEND*, Las Vegas, NV, Oct. 2023.
- [C9] **T. H. Clareson**, **M. Fox**, **D. Amato**, and **H. Lee**, “Optimization Framework for Multi-Sensor Systems in Cislunar Space Domain Awareness,” *2023 AAS/AIAA Astrodynamics Specialist Conference*, Big Sky, MT, Aug. 2023.
- [C10] **B. Pearl**, **L. Gold**, and **H. Lee**, “Comparing the Effectiveness of Agility and Reconfigurability in Earth Observation Satellite Systems for Disaster Response,” *2023 AAS/AIAA Astrodynamics Specialist Conference*, Big Sky, MT, Aug. 2023.
- [C11] M. Patel, Y. Shimane, **H. Lee**, and K. Ho, “Cislunar Satellite Constellation Design Via Integer Linear Programming,” *2023 AAS/AIAA Astrodynamics Specialist Conference*, Big Sky, MT, Aug. 2023.
- [C12] **H. Lee** and Z. Liu, “A Novel Formulation for the Multi-Stage Satellite Constellation Reconfiguration Problem: Initial Results,” *33rd AAS/AIAA Space Flight Mechanics Meeting*, Austin, TX, Jan. 2023.
- [C13] **H. Lee**, H. Chen, and K. Ho, “Maximizing Observation Throughput via Multi-Stage Satellite Constellation Reconfiguration,” *2022 AAS/AIAA Astrodynamics Specialist Conference*, Charlotte, NC, Aug. 2022.
- [C14] P. Clifton, **H. Lee**, A. Honda, S. Yoshikawa, and K. Ho, “Optimization Framework for Minimal Conjunction Satellite Constellation Design and Post Mission Disposal Trajectories,” *IEEE Aerospace Conference*, Big Sky, MT, Mar. 2022.
- [C15] H. Chen and **H. Lee**, “Distributed In-Situ Resource Utilization System Optimization for Multi-Mission Space Exploration,” *AIAA ASCEND*, Las Vegas, NV, Nov. 2021.
- [C16] **H. Lee** and K. Ho, “A Lagrangian Relaxation-Based Heuristic Approach to Regional Constellation Reconfiguration Problem,” *2021 AAS/AIAA Astrodynamics Specialist Conference*, Virtual, Aug. 2021.
- [C17] **H. Lee** and K. Ho, “Binary Integer Linear Programming Formulation for Optimal Satellite Constellation Reconfiguration,” *2020 AAS/AIAA Astrodynamics Specialist Conference*, Virtual, Aug. 2020.
- [C18] **H. Lee**, K. Ho, S. Shimizu, and S. Yoshikawa, “A Semi-Analytical Approach to Satellite Constellation Design for Regional Coverage,” *2018 AAS/AIAA Astrodynamics Specialist Conference*, Snowbird, UT, Aug. 2018.
- [C19] H. Chen, **H. Lee**, and K. Ho, “Space Transportation System and Infrastructure Design for Regular Interplanetary Cargo Missions,” *AIAA SPACE Conference and Exposition*, Orlando, FL, Sep. 2017.
- [C20] **H. Lee**, P. Jakob, K. Ho, S. Shimizu, and S. Yoshikawa, “Optimization of Satellite Constellation Deployment Strategy Considering Uncertain Areas of Interest,” *9th International Workshop on Satellite Constellations and Formation Flying*, Boulder, CO, Jun. 2017.

- [C21] M. Prinkey, D. Miller, P. Bauer, K. Cahoy, E. Wise, C. Pong, R. Kingsbury, A. Marinan, **H. Lee**, and E. Main, “CubeSat Attitude Control Testbed Design: Merritt 4-Coil per axis Helmholtz Cage and Spherical Air Bearing,” *AIAA Guidance, Navigation, and Control Conference*, Boston, MA, Aug. 2013.
- THESES **H. Lee**, “Design and Operations of Satellite Constellations for Complex Regional Coverage,” Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, Aug. 2022.
- H. Lee**, “Optimization of Satellite Constellation Deployment Strategy Considering Uncertain Areas of Interest,” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL, Aug. 2018.
- INVITED TALKS **H. Lee**, “Recent Progress in Space Systems Operations Research,” Center for KINETIC Plasma Physics, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, Nov. 2022.
- H. Lee**, “Regional constellations as alternative business strategy: Overcoming startups’ challenges in the space-based communications industry,” *AAS John Glenn Memorial Symposium*, Virtual, July 2020.
- MAGAZINE ARTICLES O. Gunasekara, **H. Lee**, and K. Ho, “Commercial human spaceflight leads year of firsts,” *Aerospace America*, Vol. 58, No. 11, pp. 68, Dec. 2020.
- H. Lee** and K. Ho, “Supplying the space station, preparing to put humans back on the moon,” *Aerospace America*, Vol. 57, No. 11, pp. 63, Dec. 2019.
- POSTER PRESENTATIONS **B. Pearl**, **L. Gold**, and **H. Lee**, “Comparing the Effectiveness of Agility and Reconfigurability in Earth Observation Satellite Systems for Disaster Response,” *2023 Statler College Research Week Annual Open House Poster Symposium*, Morgantown, WV, Mar. 2023.
- D. Williams Rogers**, S. Kim, M. Lee, Y. Kim, and **H. Lee**, “Facility Location Problem Formulations for Satellite Constellation Pattern Design,” *2023 Statler College Research Week Annual Open House Poster Symposium*, Morgantown, WV, Mar. 2023.
- T. H. Clareson**, **M. Fox**, **D. Amato**, and **H. Lee**, “Optimization of Multi-Sensor Systems for Cislunar Space Domain Awareness,” *2023 AAS/AIAA Astrodynamics Specialist Conference*, Morgantown, WV, Mar. 2023.
- GRANTS **Awarded**
- PI, “Rapid Response Debris Removal Using Reconfigurable Space-Based Laser Networks,” NASA Early Career Faculty (ECF) Award, \$599,792, Oct. 2023.
- Co-PI, “Space Logistics Analysis and Incentive Design for Commercialization of Orbital Debris Remediation,” NASA OSTP, \$105,916, Aug. 2023.
- Science-PI, “OrBNav - Orbiter-assisted Balloon Navigation for Venus Exploration,” NASA EPSCoR Rapid Response Research, \$99,967, Aug. 2023 to July 2024.
- PI, “Examining the Relationship between Orbital Stability and On-Orbit Servicing in Cislunar Space,” NASA WV EPSCoR Research Seed Grant, \$19,874 (NASA: \$14,999 and cost-share: \$4,875), June 2023 to May 2024.
- PI, “A Mathematical Optimization-Based Satellite Constellation Design and Operational Framework,” TelePIX, (undisclosed amount), Jan. 2023 to Jan. 2025.
- ADVISING AND MENTORING **Visiting Scholars**
- Dr. Jae-ik Park, Principal Researcher, Korea Aerospace Research Institute, 2023–

Ph.D. Students, Chair

- David Williams Rogers, Aerospace Engineering (Spring 2023; In progress)
- Brycen Pearl, Aerospace Engineering (Fall 2023; In progress)
- Trupti Gosavi, Aerospace Engineering (Spring 2024; In progress)
- Gavin Baker, Aerospace Engineering (Summer 2024; In progress)

M.S. Students, Chair

- Thomas (Henry) Clareson, Mechanical Engineering (Fall 2022; In progress)
- Matthew Fox, Aerospace Engineering (Summer 2023; In progress)
- Dominic Amato, Aerospace Engineering (Summer 2024; In progress)

Ph.D. Students, Committee Member

- Gerardo Rivera, Aerospace Engineering (Advisor: Dr. Piyush Mehta; In progress)
- Rafael Polanco, Aerospace Engineering (Advisor: Dr. Piyush Mehta; In progress)
- Alfredo Cruz, Aerospace Engineering (Advisor: Dr. Piyush Mehta; 2023)

M.S. Students, Committee Member

- Eamonn Payton, Aerospace Engineering (Advisor: Dr. Andrew Rhodes; In progress)
- Heath Cottrill, Aerospace Engineering (Advisor: Dr. Yu Gu; In progress)
- Joshua Daniell, Aerospace Engineering (Advisor: Dr. Piyush Mehta; Completed Fall 2023)

Undergraduate Students

- Logan Gold, Research Apprenticeship Program, 2022–
- Yimin Cai, Research Apprenticeship Program, 2022–
- Earle Boggs, 2023–
- Isaac McCormick, 2024–
- Joseph Miller, 2024–
- Jacob Swecker, 2024–
- Dominic Amato, 2023–2024; Advanced as an MS student.
- Matthew Fox, 2022–2023; Advanced as an M.S. student.
- Matthew Hwang, 2023
- Jack Simmons, 2023
- Natasha Dickerman, Research Apprenticeship Program, 2023

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

Instructor

- MAE 476 – Space Flight and Systems (Undergraduate level)
 - Spring 2023: SEI score of 4.9/5.0* (59 students)
 - Fall 2023: SEI score of 4.9/5.0* (19 students)
 - Spring 2024: SEI score of 4.9/5.0* (45 students)
- MAE 593 – Optimization Methods in Engineering (New course; Graduate level)
 - Fall 2024 (Scheduled)

* SEI: Student Evaluation of Instruction; on instructor's teaching effectiveness.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee Service: Journals

- *Journal of Spacecraft and Rockets* (2023, 2024)
- *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics* (2021, 2022)
- *Journal of Aerospace Engineering* (2019, 2022, 2023, 2024)
- *IEEE Transactions on Aerospace and Electronic Systems* (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)
- *IEEE Transactions on Wireless Communications* (2023)
- *IEEE Transactions on Geosciences and Remote Sensing* (2023)
- *The Journal of the Astronautical Sciences* (2022, 2023)
- *Advances in Space Research* (2023, 2024)

- *Acta Astronautica* (2021, 2023, 2024)
- *Defense Technology* (2022)
- *Systems Engineering* (2018)
- *CEAS Space Journal* (2024)

Referee Service: Conferences

- *AIAA ASCEND* (2024)
- *AAS/AIAA Space Flight Mechanics Meeting* (2023)

Referee Service: Grants and Awards

- *NASA* (2024)
- *NSF* (2023)
- *John V. Breakwell Award* (2023)
- *UTSA Preproposal Review* (2023)

Conference Service

- Session Co-chair, “TECH.EXPL-11” and “TECH.EXPL-17,” *AIAA ASCEND*, Las Vegas, NV, Oct. 2022.
- Session Chair, “Satellite Constellations” and “Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence Applied to Space Flight Problems 1,” *33rd AAS/AIAA Space Flight Mechanics Meeting*, Austin, TX, Jan. 2023.

PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

Planet, San Francisco, CA

Spacecraft Manufacturing Engineer, Special Projects Group Oct. 2015 – Apr. 2016

- Management of design for manufacturing, assembly, and testing of Dove satellites
- Solar panel and battery pack manufacturing development and testing fixtures
- Spacecraft PCBA and sub-assembly, quality, testing, and fixture management

Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (SpaceX), Hawthorne, CA

Mission and Launch Operations Intern June – Sept. 2015

- Crew Dragon preliminary procedures list and organization
- Universal numbering scheme for all Dragon procedures (CRS, Commercial Crew, CRS2, DragonLab)
- CRS-8 BEAM primary payload extraction procedure
- RF ground alarm background information and failure response guides
- Design of SpaceX mission control ground software Blue Alarm
- Dragon/ISS timeline constraint formulation between SpaceX and NASA mission control centers

Satrec Initiative, Daejeon, Korea

Systems Engineering Team and Mechanical Design & Integration Team Intern June – July 2012

- Manufacturing and testing of DubaiSat-2 flight model & Deimos-2 qualification model

PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS

Member, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)

Member, American Astronautical Society (AAS)

- Technical Member, 2024–

Member, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)

Member, American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE)

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