

# Anastassia Gharib, PhD

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## EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical and Computer Engineering** Feb. 2023  
Department of Systems & Computer Engineering, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, Canada
- Thesis Title: “[Cluster-Based Information-Centric Wireless Sensor Networks Management for Enhanced User Security Satisfaction in the Internet of Things](#)”
  - [Received Senate Medal for Outstanding Academic Achievements](#)
- Master of Applied Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering** June 2018  
Department of Systems & Computer Engineering, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, Canada
- Thesis Title: “[Distributed Learning-Based Cooperative Spectrum Sensing for Cognitive Internet of Things Systems](#)”
  - Nominated for the University Medal
- Bachelor’s in Electrical Engineering/Communications and Electronics** Apr. 2015  
Jordan University of Science and Technology, Irbid, Jordan
- Project Title: “Radio Frequency Energy Harvester for Low-Voltage Applications”
  - Ranked first with the GPA: 93.2/100, Distinguished

## PEDAGOGICAL EXPERIENCE

- Lecturer** Sept. 2023 – present  
Department of Communications Engineering/Internet of Things, PSUT, Amman, Jordan
- *Department of Computer Engineering / Networks and Information Security Courses:*
    - Network Security / Wireless Network Security
    - Microprocesses and Embedded Systems
  - *Supervising four senior projects* in the fields of security-by-design, blockchains, Internet of Things
  - Principal Co-Investigator for Research Project: “Towards a Sustainable PSUT: Semantic Data Integration of the IoT Devices”
- Part-Time Instructor** Winter Term 2023  
Department of Electrical Engineering, German Jordanian University, Madaba, Jordan
- *Courses:*
    - Random Variables and Stochastic Processes / Probabilistic Methods in Electrical and Communication Engineering
    - Communication System I / Analog Communication Systems
- Contract Instructor** Fall Terms 2019, 2020, 2021  
Optical Sensors and Systems, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, Canada
- *Course:* OSS/PLT 4008 Remote Sensing, *Lab:* OSS/PLT 4008A Remote Sensing Lab
  - Was the first person to design and offer this course and lab at Carleton University
  - Prepared the course syllabus, material, assessments, adapted the course to online learning during the Covid-19 pandemic
  - Prepared the labs, material, assessments, research project, adapted the lab to online learning during the Covid-19 pandemic
- Educational and Development Center (EDC) Teaching Assistant Mentor** Sept. 2018 – Apr. 2019  
Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, Canada
- Conducted research in Experiential Learning Education
  - Produced, facilitated, and gave workshops for graduate Teaching Assistants
  - Supported departmental Teaching Assistant Mentors
  - Was an Adjudication Committee Member for the EDC Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award

## Teaching Assistant

Faculty of Engineering & Design, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, Canada

Sept. 2016 – Apr. 2021

- *Courses:*
  - SYSC 3203 – Bioelectrical Systems
  - ECOR 1606 – Introduction to Programming with C++
  - ECOR 1051 – Introduction to Engineering with Python
  - SYSC 3501 – Communication Theory
  - SYSC 4502 – Communications Software
  - SYSC 4700 – Telecommunications Engineering
- Prepared and provided tutorials, supervised labs, mentored projects

## RESEARCH & INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

### Research Assistant

Sensor Systems & Internet of Things Lab, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, Canada

Sept. 2016 – Dec. 2022

### Data Analytics Intern

PricewaterCoopers (PwC) Middle East

July 2018

### Quality Assurance Engineer

Systems and Electronic Development FZCO (SEDCO)

June 2015 – Mar. 2016

### Communications Engineering Intern

ZAIN Jordan

Feb. – May 2015

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

### Organizing Committee Member and WICE/WIE Chair

IEEE WCNC 2024 - IEEE Wireless Communications and Networking Conference

2023 – 2024

### Program Committee Member

IEEE ICMI 2024 – IEEE International Conference on Computing and Machine Intelligence

2024

### Reviewer

IEEE, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

Apr. 2018 – present

- **Journals/Magazines/Letters:** IEEE Transactions on Artificial Intelligence, IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics, IEEE Systems Journal, IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology, IEEE Communications Magazine, IEEE Wireless Communications Letters, IEEE Wireless Communications Magazine, IEEE Transactions on Cognitive Communications and Networking, IEEE Open Journal of Communications Society, Jordanian Journal of Computers and Information Technology (JJCIT).
- **Conferences:** IEEE conference proceedings (IEEE International Conference on Computing and Machine Intelligence (ICMI) 2024, IEEE ICC 2024: SAC Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces and Smart Environments Track, IEEE GLOBECOM 2023: Cognitive Radio and AI-Enabled Networks Symposium, IEEE VTC2023-Fall: Emerging Technologies, 5G and Beyond Track, IEEE INFOCOM 2023 PerAI-6G: Pervasive Network Intelligence for 6G Networks, IEEE Canadian Conference on Electrical and Computer Engineering (CCECE), IEEE Conference on Communications and Network Security (CNS), IEEE International Conference on Communications (ICC), etc.)

### Technical Activities Board Representative

IEEE Women in Engineering

Jan. 2022 – Dec. 2023

- The IEEE Technical Activities Board representative on the IEEE Women In Engineering (WIE) Committee serves as a bridge between IEEE WIE and IEEE Societies and Councils, acting as an IEEE WIE Societies and Councils Subcommittee Chair

<b>Voting Committee Member (Global)</b> IEEE Women in Engineering	Jan. 2021 – Dec. 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Member of IEEE WIE International Leadership Summit Subcommittee (2021), IEEE WIE Awards and Nominations Subcommittee (2021), IEEE WIE Diversity &amp; Inclusion Subcommittee (2022), IEEE WIE Strategic Planning Committee (2022), and IEEE WIE 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Subcommittee (2021-2022)</li><li>• Chair, IEEE WIE Regional Coordinators Subcommittee (2021)</li><li>• Chair, IEEE WIE Societies and Councils Subcommittee (2022)</li><li>• Co-chair, IEEE WIE Technical Activities Subcommittee (2023)</li></ul>	
<b>Affinity Groups Representative</b> IEEE Women in Engineering	Jan. – Dec. 2021
<b>Panelist</b> Engineers of Tomorrow, Ottawa, ON, Canada	2021 – 2022
<b>Judge</b> Faculty of Engineering & Design, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON, Canada	2019 – 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2019 and 2020 Editions of the Engineering and Computer Science Graduate Poster Competition</li></ul>	
<b>Chair</b> IEEE Women in Engineering Ottawa Section	2019-2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Under my leadership, IEEE WIE Ottawa received the local (Ottawa), regional (R7 - Canada), and global Best IEEE WIE Affinity Group of the Year Awards for the first time in history all in 2020</li><li>• Led the team of 20+ volunteers; organized 50+ talks/seminars/webinars, three lunch &amp; learn events, and the first hackathon</li><li>• <a href="#">Recognized for work supporting WIE by Carleton University</a></li></ul>	
<b>Technical Program Committee (TPC) Member</b> IEEE International Conference on Communications (ICC) Workshops: 5G Ultra Dense Networks	Jan. 2018
<b>Workshop Lead &amp; Volunteer (Go Eng Girl &amp; Go Code Girl)</b> Carleton University Women in Science & Engineering	2017 – 2018

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Journal Papers*

- [J1] **A. Gharib** and M. Ibnkahla, "[User Security Oriented Information-Centric IoT Nodes Clustering With Graph Convolution Networks](#)," in *IEEE Internet of Things Journal*, Early Access, Sept. 2023.
- [J2] **A. Gharib** and M. Ibnkahla, "[Heterogeneous Cluster-Based Information-Centric Sensor Networks with User Security Satisfaction](#)," in *IEEE Internet of Things Journal*, vol. 10, no. 9, pp. 8123-8139, May 2023.
- [J3] **A. Gharib** and M. Ibnkahla, "[Node Embedding for Security-Aware Clustering of Mobile Information-Centric Sensor Networks](#)," *IEEE Internet of Things Journal*, vol. 9, no. 18, pp. 17249-17264, Sept. 2022.
- [J4] **A. Gharib**, W. Ejaz, and M. Ibnkahla, "[Distributed Spectrum Sensing for IoT Networks: Architecture, Challenges, and Learning](#)," *IEEE Internet of Things Magazine*, vol. 4, no. 2, pp. 66-73, June 2021.
- [J5] **A. Gharib**, W. Ejaz, and M. Ibnkahla, "[Scalable Learning-based Heterogeneous Multi-band Multi-user Cooperative Spectrum Sensing for Distributed IoT Systems](#)," *IEEE Open Journal of Communications Society*, vol. 1, pp. 1066-1083, July 2020.
- [J6] **A. Gharib**, W. Ejaz and M. Ibnkahla, "[Enhanced Multiband Multiuser Cooperative Spectrum Sensing for Distributed CRNs](#)," *IEEE Transactions on Cognitive Communications and Networking*, vol. 6, no. 1, pp. 256-270, Mar. 2020.

## Conference Papers

- [C1] **A. Gharib** and M. Ibnkahla, "[Security-Aware Cluster Head Selection in WSNs for IoT](#)," *IEEE ICC - IEEE International Conference on Communications*, Montreal, Canada, June 2021, pp. 1-6.
- [C2] **A. Gharib**, W. Ejaz, and M. Ibnkahla, "[Distributed Learning-based Multi-band Multi-user Cooperative Sensing in Cognitive Radio Networks](#)," *IEEE GLOBECOM - IEEE Global Communications Conference*, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, Dec. 2018, pp. 1-6.
- [C3] Z. Bouida, **A. Gharib**, and M. Ibnkahla, "[Secondary Systems Scheduling Using Precoding-Aided Space Shift Keying for Overlay Cognitive Radio](#)," *IEEE WCNC - IEEE Wireless Communications and Networking Conference*, Barcelona, Spain, Apr. 2018, pp. 1-5.

## Posters

- [P1] **A. Gharib**, W. Ejaz, and M. Ibnkahla, "Heterogeneous Multi-band Multi-user Cooperative Spectrum Sensing for Spectrum Analytics in IoT Systems," *Data Day 5.0*, Carleton University, June 5, 2018.
- [P2] **A. Gharib**, Z. Bouida, W. Ejaz, and M. Ibnkahla, "Cognitive Radio for the Internet of Things: Applications and Challenges," *the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) visit*, Jan. 26, 2017.

## Technical Reports

- [R1] A. Eldosouky, M. Abu Issa, A. Farhat, A. Jawad, **A. Gharib**, M. Ibnkahla, J. Jaskolka, and A. Matrawy, "Best Practices Guide for Secure E-health IoT Systems," technical report to *the System-level Security for IoT-enabled e-Health Systems CSSP Project*, pp. 1-20, Sept. 30, 2022.
- [R2] **A. Gharib**, A. Eldosouky, J. Jaskolka, A. Matrawy, and M. Ibnkahla, "End-to-End Security Policies for Heterogeneous Connected Medical Devices," technical report to *the System-level Security for IoT-enabled e-Health Systems CSSP Project*, pp. 1-142, Oct. 31, 2021.
- [R3] **A. Gharib**, J. Jaskolka, A. Matrawy, and M. Ibnkahla, "Establishing a Framework for Deployable Security-by-Design Features," technical report to *the System-level Security for IoT-enabled e-Health Systems CSSP Project*, pp. 1-31, Oct. 31, 2020.
- [R4] **A. Gharib**, F. Lagum, and M. Ibnkahla, "Collaborative System Architecture," technical report to *the Sentiment and Textual Analysis Project*, pp. 1-5, Jan. 2020.
- [R5] **A. Gharib**, A. Farhat, J. Samuel, J. Jaskolka, M. Ibnkahla, and A. Matrawy, "Report on Foundational Understanding of IoT-enabled e-Health Systems and Their Security Requirements," technical report to *the System-level Security for IoT-enabled e-Health Systems CSSP Project*, pp. 1-42, Oct. 15, 2019.
- [R6] **A. Gharib**, A. Farhat, M. Ibnkahla, J. Jaskolka, and A. Matrawy, "Report on OneM2M and Other Standards," technical report to *the System-level Security for IoT-enabled e-Health Systems CSSP Project*, pp. 1-53, Oct. 15, 2019.

## SELECTED ORAL PRESENTATIONS & TALKS

- [T1] **A. Gharib** (panelist), "[Panel Discussion: Women in AI, IoT, and Blockchain](#)," IEEE International Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain and Internet of Things (AIBThings) 2023, Sept. 17, 2023.
- [T2] **A. Gharib** and A. Matrawy, "Security Policies Framework for the Internet of Things Enabled E-health Systems," *Carleton University E-Health Security Workshop*, Sept. 29, 2022.
- [T3] **A. Gharib** (guest speaker and panelist), "[Meeting User Security Needs in the Internet of Things Era](#)," *Carleton University Breakthrough Breakfast*, Mar. 3, 2022.

- [T4] **A. Gharib** (invited speaker), “Cluster-Based Wireless Internet of Things Sensor Networks with Security Built-in by Design,” *EE@JUST Seminars*, Jan. 17, 2022.
- [T5] **A. Gharib** and A. Matrawy, “Selected Security Policies for Connected Medical Internet of Things Devices,” *Carleton University E-Health Security Workshop*, Dec. 2, 2021.
- [T6] **A. Gharib** (guest speaker), “Routing for Internet of Things Enabled Wireless Sensor Networks,” *SYSC5801: Advanced Network Routing Course, Carleton University*, Apr. 13, 2021.
- [T7] **A. Gharib** (invited speaker and IoT613 showcase panelist), “System-level Security for IoT-enabled e-Health Systems,” *Annual IoT613 Conference*, May 9, 2019.
- [T8] **A. Gharib** (invited speaker and IoT613 showcase panelist), “Scalable Learning-based Cooperative Spectrum Sensing for Distributed IoT Systems,” *Annual IoT613 Conference*, Apr. 20, 2018.

## SELECTED CERTIFICATES

### Selected Technical Certificates:

- **Deep Learning Specialization** – Coursera – May 2022 – Credential ID [4BSHUA8DFN4W](#)
  - [Neural Networks and Deep Learning](#), [Improving Deep Neural Networks](#), [Structuring Machine Learning Projects](#), [Convolutional Neural Networks](#), [Sequence Models](#)
- **Fundamentals of Reinforcement Learning** – Coursera – Feb. 2022 – Credential ID [K2Y8GMFUT9RS](#)
- **Cloud Computing Basics (Cloud 101)** – Coursera – Jan. 2021 – Credential ID [AS3A7NUDS76A](#)
- **Machine Learning with Python** – Centre of Excellence in Next Generation Networks (CENGN) – Aug. 2022
- **Docker and Kubernetes Level 1** – Centre of Excellence in Next Generation Networks (CENGN) – Aug. 2021
- **Python Essentials** – Cisco Networking Academy – May 2021
- **Introduction to Lidar** – NOAA, U.S. Department of Commerce – Sept. 2020
- **NGN Linux Unhatched** – Cisco Networking Academy – Oct. 2020
- **Cybersecurity Essentials** – Cisco Networking Academy – Aug. 2020
- **Introduction to Cybersecurity** – Cisco Networking Academy – Oct. 2019
- **CCNA 1** – Cisco Networking Academy – Nov. 2017
- **Introduction to Internet of Things** – Cisco Networking Academy – Nov. 2017

### Selected Pedagogical and Research Certificates:

- **Course Design Fundamentals Program** – Teaching & Learning Services, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, Canada – Nov. 2021
  - Completed 15 hours of workshops focused on essential course design strategies; completed a guided reflection article
- **Certificate in University Teaching** – EDC, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, Canada – Apr. 2020
  - Presented a 25-minute lecture entitled “[Introduction to Remote Sensing](#)” to non-technical audience
  - Completed a guided reflection article
- **Certificate in Teaching Assistants Skills** – EDC, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, Canada – Apr. 2018
  - Completed 12 hours of workshops and a guided reflection article
  - Completed 12 hours of workshops and a guided reflection article
- **Certificate of Completion for Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans Course on Research Ethics** – Government of Canada – May. 2021

## HONORS & AWARDS

### Grants

**Towards a Sustainable PSUT: Semantic Data Integration of the IoT Devices** November 2023  
Princess Sumaya University for Technology

- I serve as a Principal Co-Investigator for this project in collaboration with a Data Science Department faculty member.
- Research Grand of 7725JOD

### Pedagogical Awards

**Teaching Excellence Award Recipient** June 2018  
Issued by Carleton University Students' Association

### Selected Professional Services Awards

**Nominated for the Best Reviewer Award** Jan. 2023  
IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man and Cybernetics: Systems  
IEEE Transactions on Artificial Intelligence

**[Featured in an IEEE WIE Magazine Article](#)** June 2022  
Issued by IEEE Women in Engineering Magazine

**Featured in an SCEDI Newsletter** Feb. 2022  
Issued by Systems and Computer Engineering Department, Carleton University

**[IEEE WIE Committee Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award](#)** Dec. 2021  
Issued by IEEE Women in Engineering

**IEEE Volunteering Leadership Training Program Certificate** Dec. 2021  
Issued by IEEE Member and Geographic Activities

**[IEEE Canada Women in Engineering Prize](#)** May 2019  
Issued by IEEE Canadian Foundation

**IEEE Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Services and Contributions** Dec. 2019, 2020  
Issued by IEEE Ottawa Section

### Scholarships & Prizes

**Senate Medal for Outstanding Academic Achievements** June 2023  
Carleton University

**Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)** Sept. 2020 – Aug. 2022  
Issued by the Province of Ontario and Carleton University

**[1st Place in Data Day 5.0 Poster Competition](#)** June 2018  
Issued by Institute of Data Science - Carleton University

**Nominated for the University Medal**

Carleton University

Apr. 2018

**International Doctoral Bursary**

Issued by Carleton University

Sept. 2018 – Aug. 2023

**Departmental Scholarship**

Issued by Systems and Computer Engineering Department - Carleton University

Summer Terms 2017 – 2022

**SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIP**

IEEE, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers	Jan 2018 – present
IEEE Systems, Man, and Cybernetic Society	Jan 2022 – present
IEEE Computer Society	Jan 2020 – present
IEEE Internet of Things Community	Jan 2020 – present
IEEE Communications Society	Jan 2018 – present
IEEE Women in Engineering	Jan 2018 – present
IEEE Young Professionals	Jan 2018 – present
Jordan Engineers Association	Jan 2015 – present

**CITIZENSHIP**

Jordanian, Russian

**REFERENCES**

Will be furnished upon request.