***CURRICULUM VITAE***

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**EDUCATION:**

**PhD Mechanical Engineering-Engineering Mechanics** (January 1993)

PhD Thesis: “On The Theory of Stick-Slip Fracture”

**MS Engineering Mechanics** (November 1986)

**BS Mechanical Engineering** (May 1983)

Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI

**PROFESSIONAL HISTORY:**

**Faculty Fellow of Practice, Engineering and Computing Department, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH**

**August 2025 – present**

**Adjunct Professor, Engineering and Computing Department, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH**

**August 2024 – December 2024**

Developed and taught senior technical elective, Advanced Mechanics of Materials, with an introduction to finite element methods and SolidWorks Simulation.

**Principal Engineer and Manager, Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory, West Mifflin, PA**

**December 1999 – May 2025 (Retired)**

Nuclear fuel performance modeling for design, fracture mechanics testing of stainless steels and nickel-based alloys in high temperature, pressurized water environments, microstructure-sensitive material deformation and crack growth modeling for nuclear core and plant structural design and continued use assessments.

**Senior Metallurgical Engineer, Mobil Technology Company, Farmers Branch, TX**

**May 1997 – November 1999**

Fracture mechanics testing in simulated oil and gas downhole production environments for evaluation of stress corrosion cracking of carbon steels, stainless steels, and nickel-based alloys for downhole completion material selection and design.

**Materials Research Engineer, Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D.C.**

**February 1995 – May 1997**

Fracture mechanics testing of titanium, aluminum, and high strength steels in seawater for material selection and U. S. Navy fleet support.

**NSF Post-Doctoral Research Associate, Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D.C.**

**February 1993 – February 1995**

Fracture mechanics testing and mechanistic modeling of stress corrosion cracking for material selection and U. S. Navy fleet support.

**Visiting Research Scholar, Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D.C.**

**January 1987 – August 1987, June 1988 – August 1988**

Fracture mechanics testing of high strength steels in gaseous hydrogen environments, developed and applied the optical method of caustics as a high-resolution technique for early detection of hydrogen-assisted cracking.

**Graduate Teaching/Research Assistant, Michigan Technological Univ., Houghton, MI**

**September 1983 – November 1992**

Thesis research and instructor for Rigid Body Statics and Strength of Materials.

**Structural Analyst (Cooperative Student), Bechtel Power Corporation, Ann Arbor, MI**

**November 1979 – February 1980, June 1980 – August 1980, March 1982 – August 1982**

Performed finite element stress analyses for piping systems for the design of a co-generation nuclear power plant in Midland, MI.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

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**T. W. Webb**, X. H. Zhu and E. C. Aifantis, “A Simple Method for Calculating Shear Band Angles for Pressure Sensitive Plastic Materials,” Mechanics Research Communications, Vol. 24, No. 1, pp. 69-74, 1997.

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**T.W. Webb** and E.C. Aifantis, “Stick-Slip Instabilities in Fracture,” Computational Mechanics ’95, S.N. Atluri et al., Eds., Springer-Verlag, Berlin Heidelberg 1995, pp. 1353-1358.

**T.W. Webb**, T. Vandenbrink, E.I. Meletis, and E.C. Aifantis, “Specimen Thickness Effects on Caustics,” Scripta Metallurgica et Materiala, Vol. 26, pp. 591-596, 1992.

**T.W. Webb**, E.E. Gdoutos, and E.C. Aifantis, “Preliminary Report on 3D Effects on Caustics,” Engineering Fracture Mechanics, Vol. 35, No. 6, pp. 1121-1124, 1990.

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**PERSONAL:**

Born May 18, 1960, Catholic, married, two adult daughters, three grandchildren.

Interests: hunting, fishing, biking, gardening.