

Rico A.R. Picone

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Education

Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering

University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, 2014

Advisor (engineering): Joseph L. Garbini, Department of Mechanical Engineering

Advisor (physics): John A. Sidles, Department of Orthopædics

Dissertation: *Separative magnetization transport: theory, model, and experiment*

Candidate Analyst

The Lacanian School of Psychoanalysis, Berkeley, California (ongoing)

Advisor: Stephanie Swales, PhD

Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Robotics, Controls, and Mechatronics

University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, 2010

Thesis: *Investigating the Effects of Polarizing Diffusion in Magnetic Resonance Force Microscopy*

Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Mechanical Engineering

University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada, May 2008

Honors: Mechanical Engineering's Outstanding Graduate, Magna Cum Laude

Professional Appointments

Associate Professor

August 2014–present

Saint Martin's University, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Lacey, Washington.

Teach, research, and serve in support of the university's mission to develop the whole person of each student. Research topics include magnetic resonance imaging technologies and artificial intelligence. Promoted to tenured Associate Professor in 2020.

Affiliate Associate Professor

November 2014–present

University of Washington, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Seattle, Washington.

Research the enhancement of magnetic resonance technologies through separative magnetization transport.

Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer

2014–2021

Dialectica, LLC, Olympia, Washington.

Lead Dialectica, an artificial intelligence company focused on information architecture.

Co-Principle Investigator

January 2012–October 2017

Institute for Soldier Healing, Seattle, Washington.

Lead development, design, and validation of magnetic resonance technologies. Author patent applications. Research methods of enhancing magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy, and magnetic resonance force microscopy (MRFM).

Research Engineer/Research Assistant

March 2009–August 2014[†]

Quantum Systems Engineering group, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.

Investigate methods of enhancing magnetic resonance technologies. Design experimental methods (theory, protocols) and apparatus (instrumentation, RF system, etc.) for measuring magnetic resonance phenomena. Develop theoretical framework of separative magnetization transport.

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Academic Books (peer-reviewed)

Rico A.R. Picone, Joseph L. Garbini, Cameron N. Devine. In press (2024). *An Introduction to Real-Time Computing for Mechanical Engineers: A Lab-Based Approach*. MIT Press. ISBN 978-0-262-54876-2.

Publications (peer-reviewed)

Mathew Thomas, Frank Washko, Daniel Einstein, Rico Picone, Anna Thomas. 2021. *Knee Exoskeleton—Review of Knee Musculature and Exoskeleton Device Proposed Design*. 2021 IEEE 3rd Eurasia Conference on Biomedical Engineering, Healthcare and Sustainability (ECBIOS), Tainan, Taiwan, pp. 45–48. DOI [10.1109/ECBIOS51820.2021.9511031](https://doi.org/10.1109/ECBIOS51820.2021.9511031).

Rico A.R. Picone, Dane Webb, Finbarr Obierufu, Jotham Lentz. 2021. *New Methods for Metastimuli: Architecture, Embeddings, and Neural Network Optimization*. Springer International Publishing. HCII 2021. *Lecture Notes in Computer Science (Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence, Augmented Cognition)*, vol 12776, pp. 288–304. DOI [10.1007/978-3-030-78114-9_21](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-78114-9_21). Preprint available at [arXiv:2102.07090](https://arxiv.org/abs/2102.07090) [cs.AI].

Rico A.R. Picone, Dane Webb, Bryan Powell. 2020. *Metastimuli: an introduction to PIMS filtering*. In: Schmorow D., Fidopiastis C. (eds) *Augmented Cognition. Human Cognition and Behavior*. HCII 2020. *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, vol 12197. Springer, Cham. 10 July 2020. DOI [10.1007/978-3-030-50439-7_8](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-50439-7_8).

Cameron Devine, Joseph L. Garbini, Rico A.R. Picone. *StateMint: A Set of Tools for Determining Symbolic Dynamic System Models Using Linear Graph Methods*. The Journal of Open Source Education, 2(14), 44, April 2019. DOI [10.21105/jose.00044](https://doi.org/10.21105/jose.00044).

Rico A.R. Picone, Solomon Davis, Cameron Devine, Joseph L. Garbini, John A. Sidles. 2017. *Instrumentation and control of harmonic oscillators via a single-board microprocessor-FPGA device*. Review of Scientific Instruments, Volume 88, April 2017, Pages 045108. DOI [10.1063/1.4979971](https://doi.org/10.1063/1.4979971).

Rico A.R. Picone, Jotham Lentz, and Bryan Powell. 2017. *The fuzzification of an information architecture for information integration*. In: Yamamoto S. (eds) *Human Interface and the Management of Information: Information, Knowledge and Interaction Design*. HIMI 2017. *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, vol 10273. Springer, Cham. DOI [10.1007/978-3-319-58521-5_11](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-58521-5_11).

Paul E. Slaboch, Floraliza B. Bornasal, Rico A.R. Picone. 2016. *A Pilot Study of a Novel Set of Three Courses for Teaching Electrical System Analysis to Mechanical Engineering Students*. American Society for Engineering Education Conference Proceedings, June 2016. DOI [10.18260/p.26394](https://doi.org/10.18260/p.26394).

Rico A.R. Picone & Bryan Powell. 2015. *A New Information Architecture: A Synthesis of Structure, Flow, and Dialectic*. Human Interface and the Management of Information: Information and Knowledge Design, *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, Springer, Volume 9172, 2015, Pages 320–331. DOI [10.1007/978-3-319-20612-7_31](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-20612-7_31).

Rico A.R. Picone & Paul E. Slaboch. 2015. *A Novel Set of Courses for Teaching Electrical System Analysis to Mechanical Engineering Students*. American Society for Engineering Education Rocky Mountain Section 2015 Conference, April 2015.

Rico A.R. Picone, Joseph L. Garbini, John A. Sidles. 2015. *Modeling spin magnetization transport in a spatially varying magnetic field*. Journal of Magnetism and Magnetic Materials, Volume 374, 15 January 2015, pp. 440–450. (Open-access preprint: [arXiv:1310.7540](https://arxiv.org/abs/1310.7540) [cond-mat.mes-hall].)

Publications (other)

Rico A.R. Picone. 2014. *Separative magnetization transport: theory, model, and experiment*. PhD thesis, University of Washington.

Rico A.R. Picone. 2010. *Investigating the effects of polarizing diffusion in magnetic resonance force microscopy*. Master's thesis, University of Washington.

John A. Sidles, Joseph L. Garbini, Jonathan P. Jacky, Rico A.R. Picone, Scott A. Harsila. 2010. *Elements of naturality in dynamical simulation frameworks for Hamiltonian, thermostatic, and Lindbladian flows on classical and quantum state-spaces*. Preprint: [arXiv:1007.1958v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/1007.1958v1) [quant-ph].

Patents

Rico A.R. Picone, Bryan Powell, Jotham Lentz. 2017. *A Dialectical Information Architecture*. United States Patent (pending) No. 15672259. Filed 8 August 2017.

John A. Sidles, Joseph L. Garbini, Rico A.R. Picone, Jonathan P. Jacky. 2017. *Separative Magnetic Transport in a Magnetic Field Gradient*. US Patent US9810758B2. Granted 11 November 2017.

Conferences & Presentations

Rico A.R. Picone, Dane Webb, Finbarr Obierfu, Jotham Lentz. *New methods for metastimuli: architecture, embeddings, and neural network optimization* (see paper above). Human-Computer Interaction Conference, July 2021 (virtual). Invited speaker.

Rico A.R. Picone, Dane Webb, Bryan Powell. *Metastimuli: an introduction to PIMS filtering* (see paper above). Human-Computer Interaction Conference, July 2020 (virtual). Invited speaker.

Rico A.R. Picone. *Hyperpolarization via spin transport for nanoMRI*. North China Institute of Aerospace Engineering. 30 May 2018. Invited speaker.

Rico A.R. Picone, Jotham Lentz, Bryan Powell. *The fuzzification of an information architecture for information integration* (see paper above). [Human-Computer Interaction International 2017 Conference](#). Vancouver, Canada, July 2017. Invited speaker and session chair.

Rico A.R. Picone. *Introduction to Magnetic Resonance Force Microscopy*. Olympia Science Café. 13 June 2017. Invited speaker.

Paul E. Slaboch, Floraliza B. Bornasal, Rico A.R. Picone. *A Pilot Study of a Novel Set of Three Courses for Teaching Electrical System Analysis to Mechanical Engineering Students* (see paper above). Conference: American Society for Engineering Education. Presentation June 2016 by Bornasal.

Rico A.R. Picone & Bryan Powell. *A New Information Architecture: A Synthesis of Structure, Flow, and Dialectic* (see paper above). [Human-Computer Interaction International 2015 Conference](#). Los Angeles, USA, 23 January 2015. Invited speaker.

Rico A.R. Picone, Joseph L. Garbini, Solomon L. Davis, J.A. Sidles, Jonathan P. Jacky. *Separatory magnetic transport (SMT) in magnetic resonance force microscopy: macroscopic theory & experiment*. [NanoMRI Conference 2012](#), Ascona, Switzerland, 26 July 2012. Invited speaker.

Rico A.R. Picone. *Dynamic nuclear polarization, separative transport in magnetic resonance force microscopy: theory & experiment*. IBM Almaden Research, San Jose, CA, USA, September 2011. Invited speaker.

John A. Sidles, Joseph L. Garbini, Jonathan P. Jacky, Rico A.R. Picone, and Scott A. Harsila. *Transport mechanisms for inducing dynamic nuclear hyperpolarization in magnetic resonance microsystems: dynamical theory, design rules, and experimental protocols*. The Freiberg Institute for Advanced Studies (FRIAS), Conference: Magnetic Resonance at the Microscale, Freiberg, Germany, July 2011. Invited speaker and poster. Presented by Sidles.

Rico A.R. Picone. *Investigating the effects of polarizing diffusion in MRFM*. Kavli Institute at Cornell University for Nanoscale Science Conference, Ithaca, NY, USA, August 2009. Poster.

Grants Recieved

PI: John Marohn, Cornell University. co-PI: Rico A.R. Picone. <i>Nanoscale spin hyperpolarization and imaging</i> . U.S. Army Research Office. Total funded: \$485,000. SMU awarded: \$20,829.	2017–2019
PI: Rico A.R. Picone <i>UAV harvesting of strobili from Coniferae</i> . Washington State Department of Natural Resources. \$24,133.89.	2017–2018
PI: Rico A.R. Picone. <i>Energy Efficiency and Conservation</i> Independent Colleges of Washington, \$10,000	2015

Chairships, Memberships, and Honors

<i>Faculty Chair</i> Hal & Inge Marcus School of Engineering, Saint Martin’s University	2020–2021, 2022–2023, 2023–present
<i>Director</i> Master of Mechanical Engineering program, Saint Martin’s University	2016–present
<i>Director</i> Techne Design Institute, Saint Martin’s University	2018–present
<i>Committee Member</i> South Sound Robotics Advisory Committee	2017–present
<i>Member and Faculty Advisor for student chapter</i> American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)	2018–present
<i>Chair of “Information Architectures and Infrastructures” Session</i> Human-Computer Interaction International 2017 conference, Vancouver, Canada	14 July 2017
<i>Teaching Assistant of the Year</i> University of Washington, Department of Mechanical Engineering	2013–2014
<i>Steve and Lynn Pratt Mechanical Engineering Fellow</i> University of Washington	2013–2014
<i>Ford Motor Company Fellow</i> Ford Motor Company	2012–2013
<i>Gray Fellowship Endowment Fellow</i> University of Washington	2008–2009