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### ECE Ph.D. Student Wins Award in IEEE Graduate Student Technical Paper Contest

Akhilesh Shrestha, a Ph.D. student in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) came second in the IEEE Region 1 Graduate Student Technical Paper Contest. The paper was titled "Reliability Modeling and Analysis of Wireless Sensor Networks". ECE faculty Drs. Liudong Xing and Hong Liu were co-authors on this paper. The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) is the premier professional organization for electrical and computer engineers.

Mr. Shrestha obtained a MS in Computer Engineering in 2008. Since completing his MS, he has been working on research towards a Ph.D. degree in Electrical Engineering. In his research, he studies the reliability of wireless sensor networks. The field of wireless sensor networks is a fast-growing research area in electrical and computer engineering. His advisor, Dr. Liudong Xing is an Assistant Professor in the ECE department. Her research interests are in the areas of reliability engineering and fault tolerant computing. She is a member of the sensors and sensor networks research group which consists of ten faculty members from the ECE department and the Computer and Information Science (CIS) department.

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