



**Mark A. Lawrence, Ph.D., P.E.**  
Engineering Mechanics & Reliability

**Employment**

- 1995-present Principal, Unified Engineering
- 1992-1995 Director of Engineering Mechanics, Packer Engineering, Inc.
- 1990-1992 Manager of Engineering Mechanics, Packer Engineering, Inc.
- 1986-1989 Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Northwestern University
- 1985-1986 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering, Northwestern University

**Special courses taught**

- 1991 Prestressed Concrete, Illinois Institute of Technology
- 1988 Mechanics of Structures, Zenith Electric Corporation through arrangement with Northwestern University

**Education**

- 1986 Ph.D. in Civil Engineering; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Thesis: *A Basis Random Variable Approach to Stochastic Structural Mechanics*)
- 1982 M.S. in Civil Engineering; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 1981 B.S. in Civil Engineering; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Continuing education**

- 2020 Industrial Building Design & Non-Building Structures; AISC
- 2020 The Basics of Steel Bridge Design Workshop; AISC
- 2020 Are You Properly Specifying Materials?; AISC
- 2019 Engineering Practice for Wetting-Induced Collapse of Soils; ASCE
- 2019 Introduction to Unsaturated Soil Mechanics; ASCE
- 2019 Diagnosis, Repair, and Restoration of Building Facades; ASCE
- 2019 Practical Applications of Fiber Reinforced Polymer in Strengthening Existing Concrete and Masonry Structures; ASCE
- 2019 Deflection Calculation of Concrete Floors; ASCE
- 2019 Blast Protection of Buildings; ASCE
- 2019 Design of Wood Beams and Joists; ASCE
- 2019 Practical Nonlinear Modeling and Analysis of Buildings; ASCE
- 2018 Column Design: Past, Present, Future; AISC
- 2018 Steel Construction: Mill to Topping Out; AISC
- 2018 Tarrifs and Trade Issues; AISC

2017	Antiquated Structural Systems; ASCE
2017	How to Review a Lift Plan; ASCE
2017	Fundamentals of Stability; AISC
2016	The Concrete Repair Code; ACI
2016	Steel Design 2: Selected Topics; AISC
2016	History of AISC Specification for Structural Steel Buildings; AISC
2015	Steel Design After College; AISC
2015	Bolting and Welding Primer; AISC
2014	Classical Methods of Structural Analysis; AISC
2013	Metallurgy of Welding and Joining; ASM International
2011	Mechanical Testing of Metals; ASM International
2009	Corrosion; ASM International
2006	Advanced C++ Programming; College of DuPage
2004	C++ Programming Language; College of DuPage
1999	Fractography; ASM International
1998	Fracture & Fatigue Control in Structures; University of Kansas
1996	Wind Loads for Buildings and Other Structures; ASCE
1996	OSHA 10-Hour Course; Chicagoland Construction Safety Council
1994	Introduction to ANSYS; Swanson Service Corporation
1991	Application of Engineering Fracture Mechanics; Texas A & M University
1990	Cords, Strands, Cables, and Wire Rope: Recent Developments and Applications; University of Illinois

### **Professional licenses and registrations**

Professional Engineer, State of Illinois license number 062-048382

Professional Engineer, State of Ohio license number 79320

### **Professional societies**

American Society of Civil Engineers

American Society of Mechanical Engineers

American Statistical Association

American Institute of Steel Construction

American Welding Society

American Concrete Institute

### **Awards**

1988-1989 National Science Foundation Research Initiation Award

1987 Finalist, Apple Computer's Aerospace Software Competition

1982-1985 Exxon Fellowship in Civil Engineering

1981-1982 University of Illinois Fellowship

1981 University of Illinois Bronze Tablet, University Honors

**Selected publications**

- “A Finite Element Solution Technique for Plates of Random Thickness,” Chapter 9 in *Finite Element Methods for Plate and Shell Structures* (T.J.R. Hughes and E. Hinton, eds.), Pineridge Press, Ltd., Swansea, UK, 1986.
- “Basis Random Variables In Finite Element Analysis,” *International Journal of Numerical Methods in Engineering*, vol. 24, no. 10, October 1987, John Wiley & Sons
- “Probability-Based Tools for Interactive Computer-Aided Design,” *Computational Probabilistic Methods* (W.K. Liu, T. Belytschko, M.A. Lawrence, and T. Cruse, eds), ASME Publication AMD-Vol. 93, 1988, pp. 37-48
- “An Introduction to Reliability Methods,” Chapter 1 of *Computational Mechanics of Probabilistic and Reliability Analysis* (W.K. Liu and T. Belytschko, eds), Elmepress International, Lausanne, Switzerland, 1989, pp. 10-45
- “Brittle Fracture Reliability by Probabilistic Finite Elements,” (with G.H. Besterfield, W.K. Liu, and T.B. Belytschko) Chapter 15 of *Computational Mechanics of Probabilistic and Reliability Analysis* (W.K. Liu and T. Belytschko, eds), Elmepress International, Lausanne, Switzerland, 1989, pp. 326-342
- “Fatigue Crack Growth Reliability by Probabilistic Finite Elements,” (with G.H. Besterfield, W.K. Liu, and T.B. Belytschko) Chapter 16 of *Computational Mechanics of Probabilistic and Reliability Analysis* (W.K. Liu and T. Belytschko, eds), Elmepress International, Lausanne, Switzerland, 1989, pp. 344-369
- “Brittle Fracture Reliability by Probabilistic Finite Elements,” (with G.H. Besterfield, W.K. Liu, and T. Belytschko), *Journal of Engineering Mechanics*, vol. 116, no. 3, March 1990, ASCE, pp 642-659
- “Fatigue Crack Growth Reliability,” (with W.K. Liu, G.H. Besterfield, and T. Belytschko), *Journal of Engineering Mechanics*, vol. 116, no. 3, March 1990, ASCE, pp 698-708
- “Fatigue Crack Growth Reliability by Probabilistic Finite Elements,” (with G.H. Besterfield, W.K. Liu, and T. Belytschko), *Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering*, 1991, pp 297-320
- “Use and Abuse of Probabilistic Methods,” presented at SAE International Off-Highway & Powerplant Congress & Exposition, 1992