

**USF STUDENT POSTER SESSION PRESENTATIONS WIN PRIZES AT THE
NACE INTERNATIONAL CORROSION/2007 CONFERENCE AND EXPO,
Nashville, Tennessee, March 11-15, 2007**



CONGRATULATIONS!

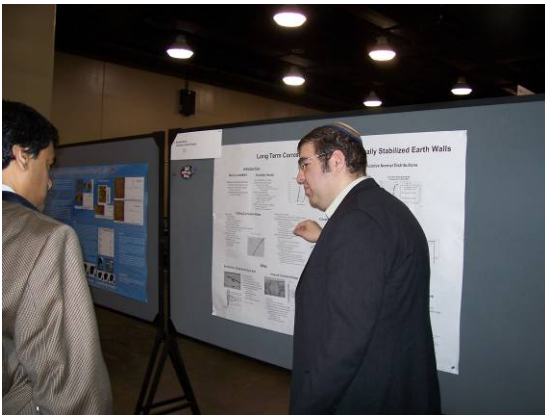
Mersedeh Akhoondan (R)

Civil and Environmental Engineering
Winner of 2nd Place in the *Harvey Herro Award* for the Best Poster in **Applied Corrosion Technology** for her poster "Corrosion of Mechanically Formed Aluminized Steel"

Margareth Dugarte (L)

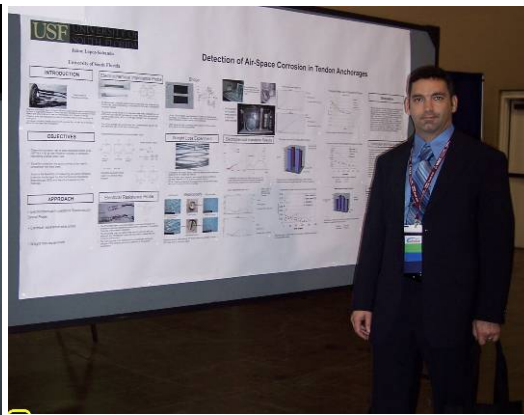
Civil and Environmental Engineering
Winner of 3rd Place in the *Mars Fontana Award* for the Best Poster in **Corrosion Engineering** for her poster "Modeling of Polarization by Point Anodes for Corrosion prevention of Reinforcing Steel in Concrete Repairs"

Also presenting:



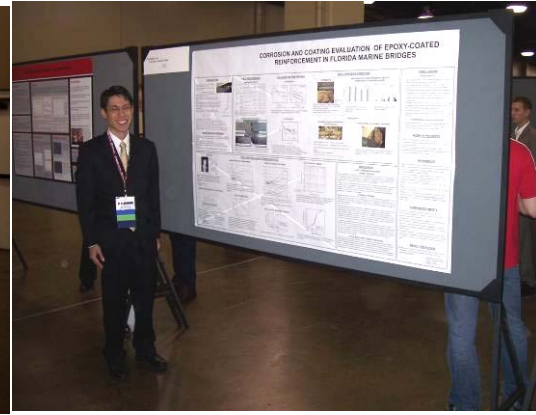
Brandon Berke
Civil and Environmental Engineering

"Long Term Corrosion Behavior in Mechanically Stabilized Earth Walls"



Jaime Lopez-Sabando
Mechanical Engineering

"Detection of Air-Space Corrosion in Tendon Anchorages"



Kingsley Lau
Civil and Environmental Engineering

"Corrosion and Coating Evaluation on Epoxy-Coated Reinforcement in Florida Marine Bridges"

Five USF students presented posters on their M.S. and Ph.D. research* at the prestigious 2007 annual conference of NACE International (The Corrosion Society). The USF team won two out of a total of nine awards, in a listing of 64 poster entries by students of the best corrosion research centers worldwide. Two of the students (M. Dugarte and K. Lau) also made oral paper presentations at the Symposium on Corrosion Health Assessment, Monitoring and Protection of Reinforced Concrete Infrastructures.

This year's awards continue a trend of frequent recognition of the research excellence of our USF students at previous NACE International annual conferences.

*Major Professor: Dr. Alberto Sagiés