# Eric Durant, Ph.D., MBA, P.E.

**Professor, Program Director at Milwaukee School of Engineering**Milwaukee, WI, US

Dr. Eric Durant's research focuses on real-time audio processing with a focus on hearing aids and artificial intelligence/deep learning.

## **Biography**

Dr. Eric Durant is a professor and master of science in machine learning program director in the Computer Science and Software Engineering Department. Durant's research includes using real-time audio processing with a focus on hearing aids and artificial intelligence/deep learning. He also has used genetic algorithms to efficiently fit audio processing parameters in hearing aids, robust perceptual rank inferencing, beamforming, convex optimization, deep learning, and spatialization. He is a senior DSP research engineer II for Starkey Hearing Technologies and was a visiting professor at NVIDIA.

### **Areas of Expertise**

Deep Learning, Audio Processing, Beamforming, Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering, Genetic Algorithms, Convex Optimization, Hearing Aids

#### **Affiliations**

American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE): Member, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE): Senior Member, ABET PEV: Computer and Electrical Engineering Program Evaluator

# **Education, Licensure and Certification**

Professional Engineer WI License 45011-6

Executive M.B.A.

Business University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Ph.D.

Electrical Engineering University of Michigan

M.S.E.

Electrical Engineering University of Michigan

B.S.

Computer Engineering Milwaukee School of Engineering

## **Accomplishments**

Order of the Engineer, MSOE inductee #500 2019

MSOE Alumni Achievement Award 2017

Oscar Werwath Distinguished Teacher Award, MSOE 2016

MSOE Inaugural Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) Faculty Recognition Award Awarded for contributions in MSOE sports photography, May, 2015

**STEM Forward Young Engineer of the Year** 2013

**EECS Department Fellowship** University of Michigan, 1998-2002

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