

Getting to Know [Dr. Michael Haji-Sheikh](#)

Dr. Haji-Sheikh joined NIU in July 2002. Prior to that, he was employed at Honeywell's Sensing and Control Division from 1992 to 2002. Previous to that, he was at Bell Helicopter in Materials Engineering from 1985 to 1987.

Educational Background:

B.S., Mechanical Engineering, Univ. of Texas at Arlington, 1983
M.S., Materials Science, Univ. of Texas at Arlington, 1987
Ph.D., Engineering, Univ. of Texas at Arlington, 1993

Why did you decide to go into Electrical Engineering?

I was fascinated with semiconductor manufacturing.

Current Research Interests: Thin film metallization, anisotropic magnetoresistive concepts, LSI, VLSI, integration and metallization, and chemical sensors.

Hobbies: Cycling for pleasure/exercise and time trials.

Favorite movie(s): Breaking Away and Running Man.

Favorite music: Blues, jazz and classical.

Favorite animal: Cats, especially the one at home, although he likes my wife better.

Favorite place to visit: Yellowstone and New Zealand.

Where were you born: Ann Arbor, MI.

Married/children: Married with two kids (one boy, one girl). I met my wife in third grade.

First Paper: "Heat Transfer Co-efficient Inducts with Constant Wall Temperature," by A. Haji-Sheikh, M. Mashena, and M. Haji-Sheikh. [ASME Journal of Heat Transfer](#). August 1, 1987. Volume 109, Issue 3, pages 551-556.

What is your favorite accomplishment since joining NIU? Helping graduate M.S. Students.

Anything else you'd like to share? Yes, your winning lottery ticket!

Now that you know a little bit about Dr. Haji-Sheikh, if you haven't already done so, feel free to drop by his office, EB 304, and say hello. He can also be reached at (815) 753-9942 or at mhsheikh@ceet.niu.edu

