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EMPLOYMENT

2020-Present	The Coordinator of Cybersecurity Concentration, Department of
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2011-2013	Lecturer, Department of Computer Science and Engineering,
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2007-2009	Teaching Assistant, Department of Computer Science and
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RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS Journal/Magazine Papers

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- 14. Y. Bi, L. Sun, J. Ma, <u>N. Li</u>, I. A. Khan, and C. Chen, "HUMS: an autonomous moving strategy for actuators in data-gathering networks," EURASIP Journal on

Wireless Communications and Networking, Special Issue on Novel Techniques for Analysis & Design of Cross-Layer Optimized wireless Sensor Networks, 2007.

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