# **Vuthtyra (Teera) Yong**

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### **EDUCATION**

Cornell University, College of Human Ecology, Ithaca, NY Master of Fiber Science, GPA: 3.97/4.3

August 2021

University of California, Davis, College of Engineering, Davis, CA Bachelor of Science in Materials Science and Engineering, GPA: 3.44/4.0 **August 2018** 

Relevant Coursework: Mechanics of Composite Structures • Properties of Solid Polymers • Mechanics of Fibrous Assembly • Structure and Characterization of Engineering Materials • Thermodynamic of Materials • Mechanical Behavior of Materials • Electrical, Optical, and Magnetic Properties of Materials • Materials in Engineering Design

### SPECIALIZED SKILLS

Equipment: Raman Spectroscopy, DSC, TGA, ATR-FTIR, NMR, UV-Vis, SEM, Optical Microscope, Rheometer, CLSM, Instron, Macbeth Color Check, XRD, Autoclave, Hydraulic Hot Press

Software and Programming Language: OriginLab, ThermoCalc, CES Edupack, ImageJ, Nanohub, Microsoft Office, Assembly Language, R Program, C++, MATLAB, Adobe Illustrator, CATIA, Fusion 360, AutoCAD, Ansys

Language: Khmer (native), English (professionally fluent)

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Green Materials Group**, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

September 2021 – Present

Research Assistant

- Fabricated rice straw/jute hybrid green composites using a hydraulic hot press
- Conducted full characterization: mechanical (tensile, flexural, lab shear, adhesion, and screw testing) and thermal (TGA, DSC)
- Designed a scalable green composite production line that offers low cost, easy, and fast processing
- Led two undergrad researchers to meet the weekly plan

**Green Materials Group**, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

**September 2019 – August 2021** 

- Graduate Researcher
- Synthesized green crosslinkers from soy flour and sugars and developed green thermoset resins from soy protein
- Spun epoxidized natural rubber microfibers via electrospinning for toughening green thermoset resins
- Synthesized and characterized high aspect ratio microcapsules for self-healing resins
- Characterized mechanical (tensile and fatigue crack growth testing) and thermal properties (TGA & DSC)

# Textile Research Group, UC Davis, CA

August 2018 - February 2019

Undergraduate Researcher

Characterized electrospun PAN/P4VP nanofiber membranes for fumigants detoxification applications

# Amorphous Research Group, UC Davis, CA

**August 2017 – June 2018** 

Undergraduate Researcher

- Collected DSC data for the Si-Se glass system
- Derived fictive temperature and fragility index of the glass system

# RELEVANT ACADEMIC PROJECTS

# Senior Design Project, UC Davis, CA

**September 2017 – June 2018** 

- Utilized a spark plasma sintering technique to bond a sapphire fiber on an alumina substrate for optical sensor applications
- Implemented optical testing to relate energy loss to the bonding integrity via Hughes HeNe laser
- Conducted cost-benefit analysis and market value of the project

# **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

Formula Racing Club, Composite Team, UC Davis, CA

**August 2016 – April 2017** 

Collaborated with a team of 3 to fabricate fiberglass composites for the body cover and nosecone of the E-vehicle