

USF STUDENT POSTER PRESENTATIONS WIN PRIZES AT THE NACE INTERNATIONAL CORROSION/2009 CONFERENCE AND EXPO

Atlanta, GA, March 22-26, 2009.

- **Adrienne Accardi¹**, 2nd Place, Harvey Herro Award "Exploring In-Crevice Zinc Passivation with External High pH Environment"
- **Mersedeh Akhoondan²**, 2nd Place, Mars Fontana Award "Corrosion Assessment of Mechanically Formed Aluminized Steel Type 2"

The USF team won two out of nine awards in a listing of 60 poster entries by students from the best corrosion research centers worldwide. The awards were featured in the pictures from the June, 2009 issue of NACE's Materials Performance magazine (Vol 40, p. 93-94) that circulates to a worldwide readership of 20,000 corrosion control engineers.



Left to right: Nick Birbilis; Harvey Herro Award winners Jin Huang, Adrienne Accardi, and Matthew J. Strom; and Marta A. Jakab.



Left to right: SPS Chair Nick Birbilis; Mars Fontana Award winners Hansika Parekh, Mersedeh Akhoondan, and Federico Gambina; and SPS Vice Chair Marta A. Jakab.

Also presenting Student Posters:

- **Margareth Dugarte²**, "Accounting for Temperature Effects in Electrochemical Measurements of Steel in Concrete"
- **Kingsley Lau²**, "Determination of Undercoating Corrosion of Epoxy Coated Rebar by Electrochemical Noise Technique"

1-M.S. Student (5-yr. program) Mechanical Engineering.

2-Ph.D. Student, Civil and Environmental Engineering.

1,2- Major Professor: Dr. Alberto Sagüés, Civil and Environmental Engineering.