



Shawn Chester and Siva Nadimpalli

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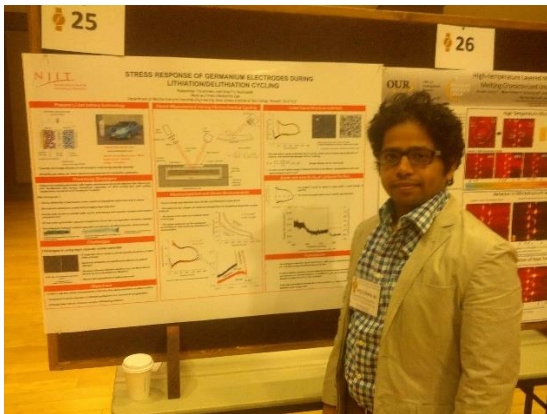
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Two faculty from Mechanical Engineering, **Shawn Chester** and **Siva Nadimpalli**, recently attended and presented their research at the conference. And two graduate students, **Rajasekhar Tripuraneni** (a PhD student working for Prof. Nadimpalli) and **Craig Hamel** (just graduated with a MS

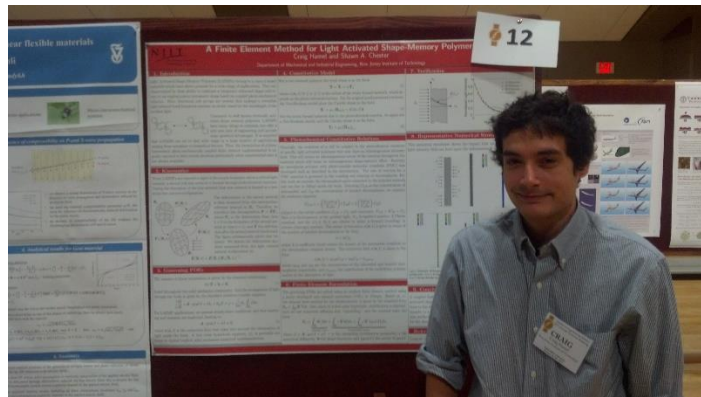
working with Prof. Chester) also came and presented posters of their recent work.

Craig (the MS student working with Prof. Chester) won 3rd place overall for his poster. The poster title was ``**A finite element method for light activated shape memory polymers.**

Also, Prof. Nadimpalli was an organizer for a highly attended symposium based on the mechanics of high energy density battery materials. A topic that stands to determine the future direction of next generation battery designs for electric vehicles, energy storage, and more.



Rajasekhar Tripuraneni



Craig Hamel



Craig Hamel received his award