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Assistant Professor of Computer Science Yan Wang and researchers from Binghamton University combined data from embedded sensors in wearable technologies, such as smartwatches and fitness trackers, along with a computer algorithm to crack private PINs and passwords with 80-percent accuracy on the first try and more than 90-percent accuracy after three tries. Their work was featured in USA Today, Forbes, Fortune, UPI, Nature World News, Popular Mechanics, PC Magazine, Tech Times, Science Daily, Phys Org, Inc.com, YahooNews! International Business Times, Daily Mail, Breitbart.com, NDTV.com and MSN.com. Total Circulation: Over 252 million.

Matthew Johnson, professor of psychology, was featured in The Huffington Post and CNN for his research on relationships and communication. Total Circulation: Over 226 million.

Wendy Wall, associate professor of 20th century American history, was featured in The Huffington Post, The Conversation, the New York Times, San Francisco Gate, Seattle.com and Radio Live for an article in which she compared the current state of the United States to its state toward the end of the Great Depression, and argued that calls for unity are not enough. Total Circulation: Over 107 million.

Leigh Ann Wheeler, professor of history, was featured in Time magazine and Yahoo News! for her research on how sex became a liberty. Total Circulation: Over 97 million.

Seokheun “Sean” Choi, assistant professor of computer and electrical engineering, and two of his students recently published a report on their invention of a microbial fuel cell that runs on nothing more than the bacteria found in just a few drops of dirty water. This research was featured in Popular Science, MSN.com and The Daily Dot. Total Circulation: Over 36.3 million.


Dinesh Sharma, associate research professor, wrote an article discussing Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama’s legacy of promoting women’s rights worldwide for The Conversation that was picked up by Salon, San Francisco Gate, Newsweek and UPI. Total Circulation: Over 27.8 million.

Karin Sauer, professor of biological sciences, was featured in The Boston Globe and Business Insider for her work on unraveling the ways bacteria living in biofilms communicate and coordinate, in order to use their own systems against them. Total Circulation: Over 26 million.

Donald Nieman, executive vice president and provost, authored an article in The Conversation, picked up by Time magazine, about how Lincoln believed that America’s commitment to equality and human dignity made it great. Total Circulation: 16.6 million.
Fa-ti Fan, associate professor of history, was featured in the *Los Angeles Times* for his research on earthquake predictability and how the Chinese felt that prediction was something they could eventually achieve. **Total Circulation: Over 15 million.**

Robert G. Parkinson, assistant professor of history and author of “*The Common Cause: Creating Race and Nation in the American Revolution*,” was featured in *The New York Times* for his editorial titled, “*Did a Fear of Slave Revolts Drive American Independence?*” **Total Circulation: Over 6 million.**

PhD candidate Salih Tutun and Professor and Chair of Systems Science and Industrial Engineering Mohammad Khasawneh were featured on *MSN.com* and *Science Daily* for their framework that calculates the relationship between select features of terrorist attacks, including attack time and weapon type. **Total Circulation: Over 5 million.**

Celia Klin, professor of psychology and associate dean for Harpur College, was featured in *The New York Times, The Daily Dot, Science Friday* and *Men’s Health* for her research on how hashtags, texts and tweets are influencing digital language. **Total Circulation: Over 3.3 million.**

Laura Bronstein, dean of the College of Community and Public Affairs, wrote an article for *The Conversation* which argues how community schools can help beat summer learning loss for low-income students. **Total Circulation: Over 2.6 million.**

PhD candidate Shuangfei Zhai and researchers from Binghamton University were featured in *Nature World News* for their study on why men are more aggressive and women are more self-conscious on dating sites. **Total Circulation: Over 112,000.**

Binghamton University was featured in *University Business* for unveiling a smart electronics manufacturing lab as part of its Integrated Electronics Engineering Center (IEEC). **Total Circulation: Over 75,000.**