

Dr. Habib Dagher



BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Dagher is Director of the AEW – Advanced Structures & Composites Center at the University of Maine. Established by the National Science Foundation in 1996, the Center employs 140 full and part-time personnel, and is housed in a 50,000 ft² integrated composites materials design, prototyping and testing laboratory. The Laboratory does work for the wind industry on blade and structure components.

Dr. Dagher has been involved in electrical transmission systems research since 1985, and is now leading research efforts to deploy wind farms in the Gulf of Maine. He recently testified to the US Senate on offshore Wind energy along with T. Boone Pickens. Dr. Dagher has been appointed to Governor Baldacci's Ocean Energy Task Force.

He currently serves on the Governor-appointed Maine Innovation Economy Advisory Board and served on Governor Baldacci's Transition Team. He has written over 120 technical papers, and chaired the American Society of Civil Engineers Committee on Reliability Based Design of Electrical Distribution Pole Structures. He has received numerous awards for his work including the Carnegie Foundation Maine Professor of the Year, the New England Board of Higher Education Excellence Award, and the UMaine Presidential Research and Creative Achievement Award.

Dr. Dagher is a Professor of Civil Engineering and is the BIW Professor of Structural Engineering.