How Sweet It Is...
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12:00 – 12:20 pm – Presentation with Live Stream
12:20 – 1:00 pm - Q&A

Abstract:
This talk will present the sensor-level challenges of detecting crop quality in the field. Unlike yield, which can often be quantified visually, the quality of a crop in terms of its harvest-readiness, ripeness, or sweetness, is difficult to “see.” Rather, most quality evaluation is done in the laboratory after the crop has been harvested. The goal of high-throughput in-field testing will be presented and the challenges facing two particularly challenging crop families discussed, those of underground crops as well as above ground crops having a thick-impenetrable skin. Proposed methods for in-field sensing of these crops’ quality will be presented while also discussing the challenges facing the field implementation of each.

Bio:
Amal El-Ghazaly is an assistant professor in ECE. She received her Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University, then completed a postdoc at the University of California Berkeley. Prior to that, she earned both her B.S. and M.S. degrees from Carnegie Mellon University. Her research broadly focuses on designing new magnetic, electric, and optical devices for versatile systems, in other words, devices that can adapt in real-time to meet the many complex needs facing technology both now and in the future.

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