

**Bio-sketch for Prof. Zach Agioutantis**  
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**Professional Preparation**

National Tech Univ of Athens	Athens Greece, Mining and Metallurgical Eng,	Eng. Dipl,	1982
Virginia Tech	Blacksburg VA, Mining Engineering	MS	1984
Virginia Tech	Blacksburg VA, Mining Engineering	PhD	1987

**Appointments**

7/2020-present	Chair, Department of Mining Engineering, University of Kentucky, USA
7/2016-12/2020	Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Mining Engineering, University of Kentucky, USA
10/2014-present	Mining Engineering Foundation Professor, Department of Mining Engineering, University of Kentucky, USA
5/2001-10/2014	Professor, Department of Mineral Resources Engineering, Technical University of Crete (TUC), Greece.
9/2012-7/2013	On sabbatical from TUC and Visiting Professor at the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, USA, participating in a number of funded research projects.
9/2011-8/2012	Head, Department of Mineral Resources Engineering, Technical University of Crete, Greece.
2005-2013	Director, Engineering Geology Lab, Department of Mineral Resources Engineering, Technical University of Crete, Greece.
9/2003-8/2007	Head, Department of Mineral Resources Engineering, Technical University of Crete, Greece.
3/1993-10/2014	Director, Rock Mechanics Laboratory, Department of Mineral Resources Engineering, Technical University of Crete, Greece.
9/1992-10/2014	Director, Computer Laboratory, Department of Mineral Resources Engineering, Technical University of Crete, Greece.
9/1989-10/2014	Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor, Department of Mineral Resources Engineering, Technical University of Crete, Greece.

**Related Journal Publications**

- Mark, C. and Z. Agioutantis, Analysis of Coal Pillar Stability (ACPS): A new generation of pillar design software, *International Journal of Mining Science and Technology*, 2018, <https://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ijmst.2018.11.007>
- Agioutantis, Z., S. Delmadorou, N. Steiakakis, C. Steiakakis and S. Papaterpos, A real-time event-driven database productivity and maintenance planning tool for continuous surface mining operations, *International Journal of Mining and Mineral Engineering*, 2019, Vol 10, No 2/3/4, pp. 177-188, <https://dx.doi.org/10.1504/IJMME.2019.104446>
- Steiakakis, C., G. Papavgeri, N. Steiakakis, Z. Agioutantis and P. Schilizzi, A cloud – based near real time slope movement monitoring system, *International Journal of Mining and Mineral Engineering*, 2019, Vol 10, No 2/3/4, pp. 233- 254, <https://dx.doi.org/10.1504/IJMME.2019.104455>
- Androulakis, V., J. Sottile, S. Schafrik, and Z. Agioutantis, Concepts for Development of Autonomous Coal Mine Shuttle Cars, *IEEE Transactions on Industry Applications*, available on IEEE Early Access area, February 10, 2020, Print ISSN: 0093-9994, Electronic ISSN: 1939-9367, <https://dx.doi.org/10.1109/TIA.2020.2972786>

- Kamenopoulos, S. and Z. Agioutantis, The importance of the Social License to Operate at the investment and operations stage of coal mining projects: Application using a Decision Support, *The Extractive Industries and Society*, <https://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.exis.2020.05.019>
- Hong S-Y, A. Bal, F Badurdeen, Z. Agioutantis, S. Hicks, Evaluation of Bunker Size for Continuous / Discrete Flow Systems by Applying Discrete Event Simulation: A Case Study in Mining. *Simulation Modeling Practice and Theory*, 105 (2020), December <https://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.simpat.2020.102155>
- Mark, C., R. Stephan, Z. Agioutantis, Analysis of Mine Roof Support (AMRS) for US Coal Mines, *Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration*, 37, (2020), 1899–1910, <https://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s42461-020-00301-x>

### **Active Sponsored Projects**

- Z. Agioutantis, PI, S. Schafrik co-PI, J. Sottile, co-PI, “Autonomous Underground Mining Systems to Improve Safety – Intelligent Coal Mining”, funded by the Alpha Foundation for the Improvement of Mine Safety and Health, December 2017 – November 2021, approx. budget \$2,195,000.
- S. Schafrik, PI, Z. Agioutantis co-PI, “Roof Bolting Module Automation for Enhancing Miner Safety”, funded by the Alpha Foundation for the Improvement of Mine Safety and Health, September 2019 – August 2022, approx. budget \$748,000.
- Z. Agioutantis, PI, S. Schafrik co-PI, "Comprehensive atmospheric monitoring in underground coal mines: long term critical trend analysis and tablet-based communication", funded by the Alpha Foundation for the Improvement of Mine Safety and Health, September 2020– August 2022, approx. budget \$382,000.
- J. Sottile, PI, S. Schafrik co-PI, Z. Agioutantis co-PI, "Autonomous Docking of Face Haulage Mining Machinery In GPS-Denied Environments", funded by NIOSH, September 2020 – August 2022, approx. budget \$650,000.
- J. Silva, PI, Z. Agioutantis co-PI, "Analysis of the Influence of Macro Fractures on Underground Coal Mine Ventilation Seals", funded by the Alpha Foundation for the Improvement of Mine Safety and Health, November 2020 – October 2022, approx. budget \$544,000.
- Z. Agioutantis, co-PI, “Wetbud Maintenance”, funded by RPG, January 2021 – December 2023, approx. budget \$101,000.