

# Gokul Bhusal

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## Education

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### Michigan State University

Doctoral candidate in Applied Mathematics

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Ekaterina Merkurjev

East Lansing, MI

August 2020 - May 2025 (Expected)

### The University of Southern Mississippi

B.S. Mathematics & Minor in Computer Science, Magna cum laude

Advisor: Dr. Zhifu Xie

Hattiesburg, MS

August 2016 - May 2020

## Research Interests

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Graph Machine learning, Semi-supervised learning, Image processing.

## Publications

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- Deep learning-based method for Hyperspectral Unmixing, with Ekaterina Merkurjev (MSU), Cristina Garcia-Cardona (Los Alamos), and Yifei Lou (UNC) (In preparation)
- Uncertainty Sampling for Graph-based Active Learning in Auction Dynamics algorithm, with Ekaterina Merkurjev (MSU), and Kevin Miller (UT Austin) (In preparation)
- **Gokul Bhusal**, Ekaterina Merkurjev, Guo-Wei Wei, Persistent Laplacian-enhanced Algorithm for Scarcely Labeled Data Classification. (Submitted)
- Zhifu Xie, **Gokul Bhusal**, Hamas Tahir, Central Configurations in the Planar 6-body Problem Forming Two Equilateral Triangles, *Journal of Geometry and Physics*.

## Honors and Awards

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| 2024 | TA Award for Excellence in Teaching - Department of Mathematics at MSU  |
| 2024 | Herbert T.Graham Scholarship - MSU-Math (\$2,125)   |
| 2023 | Outstanding Scholar Fellowship - College of Natural Science, MSU (\$7,500)  |
| 2020 | Early Start Fellowship - College of Natural Science, MSU. (\$6,000)   |
| 2018 | Placed 2nd in Louisiana/Mississippi region's Mathematical Association of American Competition for research paper competition. |
| 2018 | Received travel grant to present poster presentation in JMM 2018 (\$500)  |
| 2018 | Nominated for the College of Science and Technology's Outstanding Sophomore Award, USM  |

## Invited Talks/Conference Presentations/Posters

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- Student Applied Mathematics Seminar, Michigan State University, April 2024 (Oral Presentation)
- SIAM Great Lakes Meeting, Michigan State University, Oct 14, 2023 (Invited talk).
- LA/MS Mathematical Associations of America, Loyola University New Orleans, February 2020 (Oral Presentation)
- USA/USM/SELU Math and Physics Research Mini-Conference, Gulf Park, MS, April 2019 (Oral Presentation)
- Joint Mathematics Meeting San Diego, CA, January 2018 (Poster Presentation)

- Undergraduate Symposium on Research and Creative Activity, Hattiesburg, MS, March 2018 (Poster Presentation)

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### *Conference/Seminar Organization*

- Co-organizer (with Edem Boahen) of Student Applied Mathematics seminar, MSU, Fall 2023 - present.

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### *Teaching Experience*

- Spring 2024: Teaching Assistant for Numerical methods for ODE (Math 852), MSU
  - Qualifying exam course. Hosted weekly qual-prep recitations.
- Fall 2023: Teaching Assistant for Numerical Analysis I (Math 850), MSU
  - Qualifying exam course. Hosted weekly qual-prep recitations.
- Spring 2023: Teaching Assistant for Matrix Algebra with Computational Applications (Math 314), MSU
- Fall 2022: Recitation Instructor for Calculus II (Math 133), MSU
- Summer 2022: Instructor of record for Calculus I (Math 132), MSU
- Spring 2022: Recitation Instructor for Calculus II (Math 133), MSU
- Fall 2021: Recitation Instructor for Calculus II (Math 133), MSU
- Summer 2021: Recitation Instructor for Calculus II (Math 133), MSU

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### *Outreach*

- Volunteer at MSU Science Festival, April 2024.
- Volunteer at math outreach programs, Marble Elementary School Math Night, November 16, 2023.
- Served as an instructor in the TRIO SSS program (Summer 2023).
- Served as an instructor in the TRIO SSS program (Summer 2022).

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### *Summer school and Workshop attended*

- Winter School in Machine Learning 2024, UT-Austin January 15-19, 2024
  - Mathematics of adversarial machine learning
  - Tensor Methods in Data Science
- Research Experience for Undergraduate (REU) 2019 June 03 - July 19  
 School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS  
 Topic: Allee Effects in a Predator-prey Model with Holling type-IV functional Response.
- Research Experience for Undergraduate (REU) 2017 June 19 - August 4  
 School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS  
 Topic: Stacked Central Configuration for 6-body Problem.

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### *Relevant Skills*

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| Proficiency | MATLAB, HPCC Environments, C++, Python, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X. |
| Familiarity | Maple.   |

*Services and Professional Organization*

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- **Secretary**, American Math Society, MSU chapter, Fall 2023–Spring 2024
- **Treasurer**, Nepali student Association, Summer 2021–Fall 2022
- **Member**, AMS, Fall 2020 – Present.
- **Member**, SIAM, Fall 2016 – Present.
- **Treasurer** Kappa Mu Epsilon, Fall 2018– Spring 2020

*Selected Graduate Coursework*

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| • Measure theory                      | • Topological Data Analysis    | • Harmonic Analysis                      |
| • Complex analysis                    | • Machine Learning             | • Sublinear-Time Algorithms and SFTs     |
| • Numerical linear algebra            | • Graph Theory                 | • Parallel Computing (Spring 2024)       |
| • Numerical methods for ODE           | • Deep Learning                | • Hamilton–Jacobi Equation (Spring 2024) |
| • Introduction to PDE (two semesters) | • High Dimensional Probability |  |
| • Mathematics of Data Sci-            | • Computational Optimiza-      |  |