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## EDUCATION

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- **The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL** Aug. 2026 (expected)
  - *Ph.D. in Mathematics*
    - **Advisor:** Dr. Zheng Sun
- **The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL** April 2025
  - *MA. in Mathematics*
    - **Advisor:** Dr. Zheng Sun
- **African Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Ghana** June 2020
  - *Msc. in Mathematical Sciences*
    - **Advisor:** Dr. Mohamed Mbehou
- **The University of Ghana** June 2018
  - *Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Mathematics*
    - **Advisor:** Mr. Antwi Asare

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- **Numerical Analysis:** Discontinuous Galerkin Finite Element Methods (DG – FEM)
- **Fourier Analysis on DG Methods:** Accuracy and Stability
- **Time Integration Methods:** Strong Stability Preserving (SSP) Runge Kutta Methods, Local Time Marching, Total Variation Diminishing (TVD) Runge Kutta Methods
- **Energy Estimate and Analysis on DG Methods:** Error and Stability

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- **The University of Alabama**
  - *Graduate Research Assistant*
    - **Stability via Energy Method:** Summer 2025
    - **Local Time Marching on DG method:** Spring 2025
    - **Optimal CFL number for DG Methods with damped Polynomial Coefficients:** Fall 2024
    - **Error Analysis of Discontinuous Galerkin Methods with modal values:** Summer 2024
- **African Institute for Mathematical Sciences–Ghana**
  - *Masters Thesis*
    - **Dynamical Analysis of Strange Attractors in a Climate Related Model:** June 2019

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- **The University of Alabama**
  - *Instructor of Records* Aug. 2022 - Present
    - **Math 238, Applied Differential Equations I:** Spring 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025
    - **Math 126, Calculus 2:** Fall 2024
    - **Math 227, Calculus 3:** Fall 2023
    - **Math 125, Calculus 1:** Spring 2023
    - **Math 115, Algebra & Trig.:** Fall 2022
- **The University of Alabama**
  - *Tutor* Jan. 2022 - Present
    - **Math 125, 126, 227:** Summer 2022, 2023, 2024
- **University of Ghana**
  - *Teaching Assistant* Aug. 2018 - Jul. 2019
    - **Taught Math 123, Vectors and Geometry:** Fall 2018
    - **Tutor for Math 122, calculus 1:** Spring 2018

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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- **Third Joint Alabama–Florida Conference on Differential Equations, Dynamical Systems, and Applications, University of Alabama at Birmingham:** Poster presentation, May 20–22, 2025
- **2025 Southeast Applied and Computational Mathematics Student Workshop:** Oral presentation, April 5–6, 2025
- **SIAM-SEAS 2025, University of Tennessee, Knoxville:** Oral presentation, March 21–23, 2025
- **Winter School: Reduced-Order Modeling for Complex Engineering Problems – From Analysis to Practical Implementation:** Hosted by IMSI, University of Chicago, January 29–31, 2025
- **Mathematical Modeling of Biological Interfacial Phenomena:** Hosted by IMSI, University of Chicago (attended online), December 9–13, 2024

## RESEARCH OUTPUT

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- **Paper: On the Effects of Flux Filtering in Runge–Kutta Discontinuous Galerkin Methods: Fourier Analysis for the Second-Order Case:** manuscript in preparation
- **Paper: Stability of DG methods via Energy method:** current work

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Mathematics, The University of Alabama — Summer 2025
- Graduate Student Travel Funding, JAF DEDS Conference, University of Alabama at Birmingham — May 2025
- Travel Award, 2025 Southeast Applied and Computational Mathematics Student Workshop — April 2025
- Travel Award, 2025 SIAM SEAS Conference at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK) — March 2025
- Graduate Student Travel Award, Graduate School, The University of Alabama - 2025
- Graduate Student Travel Award, College of Arts and Sciences, The University of Alabama - 2025
- Full Scholarship, IMSI Winter School on Reduced Order Polynomial Modeling
- Edith & Richard Ainsworth Endowed Scholarship, The University of Alabama, summer 2022 & 2023
- Funding to attend Probability, Analysis, and Applications (PAA), AIMS Ghana, 2020
- AIMS Ghana Fellowship, \$ 25,000, 2019-2020

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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- **Judge, SIMODE (SCUDEM X 2025)**  
*Reviewed students submissions and provided feedback on modeling with differential equations.* 2025
- **SIAM, MathWorks Math Modeling (M3) triage judge**  
*Judged SIAM M3 Challenge, evaluating 20+ teams of students from the U.S., England, and Wales.* 2025
- **Research Judge, Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Conference** Tuscaloosa, AL  
*Served as a judge for undergraduate research presentations.* Aug. 2019 – Jul. 2020
- **Volunteer Grader, MathCounts Competition** Tuscaloosa, AL  
*Evaluated and scored student submissions during the middle school mathematics competition.* Feb. 2022-2024
- **Event Support, 1st SEC Geometry–Topology Workshop, University of Alabama** Tuscaloosa, AL  
*Served as an event support staff; assisted participants with registration and related activities.* May 2023
- **Mathematics Tutor, Korleman Educational Outreach** Korleman, Ghana  
*Tutored junior high school students in mathematics on weekends.* Aug. 2019 – Jul. 2020

## COMPUTER PROGRAMMING SKILLS

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- **Languages:** Python, Matlab, Mathematica, Firedrake

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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- American Mathematical Society (AMS), 2022-Present.
- Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM), 2022-Present.