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EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin) Ph.D. candidate, Mechanical Engineering (Acoustics concentration) University of Texas at Dallas (UT Dallas) B.S. Physics, Minor in Music, Collegium V Honors, Magna Cum Laude August 2021 – May 2021 GPA: 3.897

Experience

Graduate Program in Acoustics at UT Austin

Graduate Research Assistant

August 2021 - May 2026

- Studying acoustic radiation force, bianisotropic media, and vortex beam diffraction under the supervision of Profs. M. R. Haberman and M. F. Hamilton
- o Dissertation title: Scattering and diffraction of acoustic waves in three problems with broken symmetry
- o Austin Student Chapter of the ASA, Chair, 2024-2025 academic year
- o Texas Acoustics Seminar administrator, fall 2022

Acoustical Society of America (ASA)

Student Council

Fall 2023 – Spring 2026

- As Student Council Chair (2025-2026), promoted interests of students and organized student-related activities at meetings
- As Biomedical Acoustics Technical Committee Student Council Representative (2023-2025), reported on student activities at Technical Committee meetings and managed website

International Congress on Acoustics

Webmaster for 25th International Congress on Acoustics

2025

Department of Physics at UT Dallas

Teaching Assistant for Electromagnetism and Waves lab

Spring 2020

Advanced Research in Thermo Fluid Systems (ARTS) Lab, UT Dallas

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Summer 2019

 Assisted with rheometry experiments of milk for Diana Alatalo's dissertation (She is now an assistant professor at WPI)

UTD Cosmology, Relativity and Astrophysics Group

Undergraduate Research Assistant

2017-2018

- o Studied the perturbative effects of tertiary black holes on the gravitational waves radiated by inspiraling binary black holes under the guidance of Prof. M. H. Kesden
- o Cataloged data from the Gaia space observatory under the guidance of Prof. K. Penev

Honors & Awards

- Chester M. McKinney Graduate Fellowship in Acoustics: awarded by the Applied Research Laboratories at UT Austin for support in acoustics research, 2022-2026
- T. W. Whaley, Jr. Friends of Alec Endowed Scholarship: awarded by the Cockrell School of Engineering at UT Austin, 2021-2022
- Eugene McDermott Scholar: One of twenty-three undergraduates selected for flagship scholarship at UT Dallas, 2017-2021

Publications

- C. A. Gokani, M. R. Haberman, M. F. Hamilton, "Analytical solutions for acoustic vortex beam radiation from planar and spherically focused circular pistons," *JASA Express Lett.* 4, 124001, (2024). Editor's choice.
- C. A. Gokani, M. R. Haberman, M. F. Hamilton, "Paraxial and ray approximations of acoustic vortex beams," *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.* **155**, 2707-2723, (2024).

Conference proceedings

- C. A. Gokani and M. R. Haberman, "Acousto-electromagnetic media: Homogenization and constraints," 19th International Congress on Artificial Materials for Novel Wave Phenomena Metamaterials 2025, accepted.
- C. A. Gokani, T. S. Jerome, M. R. Haberman, M. F. Hamilton, "Born approximation of acoustic radiation force used for acoustofluidic separation," *Proc. Mtgs. Acoust.* **48**, 045002 (2022).

SEMINAR TALKS

• C. A. Gokani, M. R. Haberman, M. F. Hamilton, "Paraxial and ray approximations of acoustic vortex beams," Center for Nonlinear Dynamics, Department of Physics, UT Austin, September 25th, 2024.

Conference talks

- C. A. Gokani, M. R. Haberman, M. F. Hamilton, "Radiation force on inhomogeneous subwavelength scatterers due to progressive waves," *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.* **157**, A112–A113 (2025).
- C. A. Gokani and P. S. Wilson, "Timbral effects of the right-hand techniques of Wes Montgomery and Joe Pass," invited. *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.* **157**, A107 (2025).
- C. A. Gokani, M. R. Haberman, M. F. Hamilton, "Analytical solutions for acoustic vortex beam radiation from planar and spherically focused circular pistons," *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.* **157**, A363 (2025).
- C. A. Gokani, M. R. Haberman, M. F. Hamilton, "Effects of increasing orbital number on the field transformation in focused vortex beams," *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.* **155**, A346 (2024).
- C. A. Gokani, J. M. Cormack, M. F. Hamilton, "Growth rates of harmonics in nonlinear vortex beams," *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.* **154**, A328 (2023).
- C. A. Gokani, S. P. Wallen, M. R. Haberman, "Reciprocity, passivity, and causality in fully coupled acousto-electrodynamic media," *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.* **154**, A118 (2023).
- C. A. Gokani, S. P. Wallen, M. F. Hamilton, M. R. Haberman, "Source-driven homogenization theory for electro-momentum coupled scatterers," *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.* **153**, A120 (2023). Tied for first place for in the Structural Acoustics and Vibrations Student Competition at 183rd ASA in Chicago. See also: "Computational analysis of sub-wavelength scatterers exhibiting electro-momentum coupling."
- C. A. Gokani, Y. Meng, M. R. Haberman, M. F. Hamilton, "Analytical solution for a focused vortex beam radiated by a Gaussian source," *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.* **152**, A56 (2022).
- C. A. Gokani, T. S. Jerome, M. R. Haberman, M. F. Hamilton, "Born approximation of acoustic radiation force used for acoustofluidic separation," *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.* **151**, A90 (2022). (Also presented at the 22nd International Symposium on Nonlinear Acoustics, Oxford, UK)

Posters

- C. A. Gokani, M. R. Haberman, M. F. Hamilton, "Acoustic radiation force on subwavelength objects due to progressive waves," Walker Department of Mechanical Engineering Research Poster Competition, February 21st, 2025, tied for 1st place out of 30 posters. Also presented at the 188th ASA/25th ICA meeting in New Orleans on May 23rd, 2025 (tied for 2nd place out of 20 posters).
- C. A. Gokani, M. R. Haberman, M. F. Hamilton, "Paraxial and ray approximations of acoustic vortex beams," Walker Department of Mechanical Engineering Research Poster Competition, March 18th, 2024, 3rd place out of 30 posters.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Theory: acoustics, electrodynamics, continuum and classical mechanics
- Computation: MATLAB, Mathematica
- Writing: LATEX, HTML/CSS, Markdown, MS Office

Websites

- Acoustics PhD qualifying exam review site, summer 2023
- IntelliChoice SAT Math Course, free math course for high school students studying for the SAT, summer 2020
- Wave Phenomena, web-based class notes from ME 384N, taught by Prof. Mark F. Hamilton, spring 2024

Affiliations

- Acoustical Society of America, Student Member, 2021-present
- Texas Astronomical Society, Student Member, 2018-2021

Volunteering

- Women in STEM, volunteer, 2022 present
- IntelliChoice, math tutor and branch manager, 2018 2022
- Society of Physics Students at UTD, star party coordinator, 2017 2021
- Helbing Jazz Initiative, jam session coordinator, 2019-2020
- Richardson Public Library, volunteer, 2017 2020

Extracurricular activities

- Wind chimes: I have been handcrafting wind chimes since my sophomore year at UTD.
- Music: I have had a lifelong love for music.