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EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin)

Ph.D. candidate, Mechanical Engineering (Acoustics research area)

August 2021 – May 2026 GPA: 4.0

University of Texas at Dallas (UT Dallas)

August 2017 – May 2021

B.S. Physics, Minor in Music, Collegium V Honors, Magna Cum Laude

GPA: 3.897

EXPERIENCE

Graduate Program in Acoustics at UT Austin and the Applied Research Laboratories

Graduate Research Assistant

August 2021 – May 2026

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

Acoustical Society of America (ASA)

Biomedical Acoustics Technical Committee (BATC) Student Council Representative

Fall 2023 - Spring 2025

- Promoted the interests of students in the ASA and organized student-related activities within the Society
- Served as a conduit for information for students within BATC
- Attended Technical Committee meetings to report on student activities
- Served as acting Chair at 186th meeting in Ottawa, Canada

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 rheology 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

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

Honors & Awards

- Chester M. McKinney Graduate Fellowship in Acoustics: awarded by the Applied Research Laboratories (ARL:UT) for support in acoustics research, 2022-2025
- 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, 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).

Conference talks

- 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.
- S. P. Wallen, B. M. Goldsberry, C. A. Gokani, M. R. Haberman, "Computational analysis of sub-wavelength scatterers exhibiting electro-momentum coupling," *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.* **153**, A120 (2023).
- 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, M. R. Haberman, M. F. Hamilton, "Physical acoustics homework problems written by students: undisciplined, irreverent, and original," *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.* **152**, A168 (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)

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.

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.
- 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, review of physical acoustics, ultrasonics, nonlinear acoustics, and math for the PhD qualifying exam in acoustics at UT Austin, *summer* 2023
- ICA 2025 New Orleans: meeting website for the 25th International Congress on Acoustics and 188th Meeting of the ASA, 2025
- 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.