

**Forty-Seventh Annual  
Mathematics Conference  
“Differential Equations and Dynamical  
Systems and their Applications”  
September 20-21, 2019**

All activities are held in Bachelor Hall, Miami University

**Friday, September 20**

1:00 pm  
Room 101

**Welcome and Introductions**  
**Opening Remarks**  
Renate Crawford, Miami University.

1:15 pm  
Room 101

**Invited Address**  
  
Björn Sandstede, Brown University,  
*Dynamics of nonlinear waves and patterns.*

2:15 pm

**Break**

2:30 pm  
Room 101

**Invited Address**  
  
Todd Young, Ohio University,  
*Temporal clusters prefer to be equally  
distributed - an example from the yeast cell  
cycle.*

3:30 pm

**Break**

3:45 pm

## Parallel Sessions

### Room 110

3:45 pm - 4:15 pm Julia Arciero, Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis, *Maximizing the potential of Treg-based therapies for transplant rejection via mathematical modeling: effect of dose, timing, and distribution.*

4:20 pm - 4:35 pm Erin Ellefsen, University of Colorado Boulder, *Efficiently finding steady states of nonlocal territorial models in Ecology.*

### Room 112

3:45 pm - 4:15 pm Darryl Nester, Bluffton University, *Compartmental Analysis, SIR models, and the Zombie Apocalypse.*

4:20 pm - 4:35 pm Roshini Gallage, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, *Approximation of continuously distributed delay differential equations.*

### Room 114

3:45 pm - 4:15 pm Steve Harnish, Bluffton University, *Analyzing MD simulations and iterated function systems via 'Feasts and Famines' of image processing.*

4:20 pm - 4:35 pm Stephane Lafortune, College of Charleston, *Stability of traveling waves in a model for a thin liquid film flow.*

4:45 pm

## Invited Address

### Room 101

Nancy Rodríguez,  
University of Colorado Boulder,  
*A story on the ideal free distribution, the Allee effect, and competition through the lens reaction-advection-diffusion equations.*

5:45 pm                    **Courtyard Pizza Party**  
(Reservations Required)

7:00 pm                    **Pi Mu Epsilon Student Talks**

**Room 110**

7:00 pm - 7:15 pm Margaret McGuire, The College of Wooster, *Reaction-diffusion models of 2D surfaces embedded in 3D space and a model of geographic tongue.*

7:20 pm - 7:35 pm Sylvia Yu, The College of Wooster, *Reaction-diffusion wavefronts with concave, spiral, fractals and soft obstacles.*

7:40 pm - 7:55 pm Phuong Ho, Miami University, *Quantum generalized Weyl algebra.*

8:00 pm - 8:15 pm Melita Wiles, The College of Wooster, *Energy stability of gravitationally interacting rods and dumbbells.*

8:20 pm - 8:50 pm Chloe Makdad, Butler University, *An extension theorem for bicomplex functions.*

8:55 pm - 9:10 pm Sara Helwig, Ohio Northern University, *Statistical consulting for the DoD: The Importance of Effective and Efficient Experimental Designs.*

**Room 112**

7:00 pm - 7:15 pm Benjamin Rempfer, Butler University, *Geometric limits of Julia sets for a non-hyperbolic Siegel disk map.*

7:20 pm - 7:35 pm Kendra Herweck, Northern Kentucky University, *Star formation: modeling the loss of magnetic support for dense core.*

7:40 pm - 7:55 pm Chase Fuller, The College of Wooster,  
*Chemical diode behavior in the Belousov-Zhabotinsky reaction  
due to inhomogeneous diffusion.*

8:00 pm - 8:15 pm Alex Hwang, The College of Wooster,  
*Dynamic market equilibrium: price behind the scenes.*

8:20 pm - 8:50 pm Troy Wiegand, Butler University,  
*Discerning complex Hadamard submatrices of the Fourier  
matrices via primitive sets.*

8:55 pm - 9:10 pm Steven Collar, Miami University, *Fronts in a  
model for competitive exothermic combustion.*

#### Room 114

7:00 pm - 7:15 pm Jonathan Ford, Northern Kentucky  
University, *Exploring neural networks with Mathematica.*

7:20 pm - 7:35 pm Michael Pavelites, Fairmont State  
University, *Discrete Analogues of Chebyshev Polynomials.*

7:40 pm - 7:55 pm Dejuan Winters, Butler University,  
*Geometric limits of Julia sets with a parabolic implosion.*

8:00 pm - 8:15 pm Marzieh Bakhshi, Miami University,  
*A chain rule for a generalized derivative.*

8:20 pm - 8:50 pm Yangxinyu Xie, University of Texas at  
Austin, *On tropical commuting matrices.*

8:55 pm - 9:10 pm Thong Ngo, Centre College, *The Jones  
polynomial of Montesinos link.*

#### Room 102

7:00 pm - 7:15 pm Ryan Oostland, Bluffton University,  
*Mathematics and algorithms to detect crystalline defects in  
Molecular Dynamics (MD) simulations.*

7:20 pm - 7:35 pm Jacob Fryman, Northern Kentucky University, *Exploring neural networks with Mathematica*.

7:40 pm - 7:55 pm Corey Thrush, Ohio Northern University, *Zero sum two player games*.

8:00 pm - 8:15 pm Andrew Loewe, Ohio Northern University, *Sabermetrics - what, why, and is it good for the game?*

8:20 pm - 8:35 pm Jacob Charboneau, Butler University, *Finding small sizes of Modulo Difference Covers*.

8:55 pm - 9:10 pm David Gregory, Butler University, *Finding small sizes of Modulo Difference Covers*.

# Saturday, September 21

8:30 am                      **Coffee and Doughnuts**  
Room 115A

9:00 am                      **Invited Address**  
Room 101

Arnd Scheel, University of Minnesota,  
*Patterning and self-organization beyond  
Turing: from myxobacteria to flatworms.*

10:00 am - 10:15 am **Break**

## Parallel Sessions

Room 110

10:15 am - 10:45 am Chunhua Shan, University of Toledo,  
*Periodic phenomena and driven mechanisms in transmission of  
West Nile virus with maturation time.*

10:50 am - 11:20 am Scott Kaschner, Butler University,  
*Superstable nanifolds and the Ising model on hierarchical  
lattices.*

11:25 am - 11:55 am Kyle Claassen, Rose-Hulman Institute of  
Technology, *Numerical bifurcation and spectral stability of  
wavetrains in bidirectional Whitham models.*

Room 112

10:15 am - 10:45 am Ivan Sudakov, University of Dayton,  
*Bifurcation analysis of species extinction in large competitive  
populations.*

10:50 am - 11:20 am Son Van, Carnegie Mellon University,  
*Optimal heat transfer in a box.*

11:25 am - 11:55 am Quiliang Wu, Ohio University,

*The effect of impurities on stripes in multi-dimensional extended domains.*

#### **Room 114**

10:15 am - 10:45 am Niklas Manz, The College of Wooster,  
*Visualizing dynamical systems with fire fronts.*

10:50 am - 11:20 am Veronica Ciocanel, The Ohio State University, *Insights for cellular transport from partial differential equations models.*

11:25 am - 11:55 am Peter Gordon, Kent State University,  
*Gelfand-type problem for turbulent jets.*

12:00 pm           **Picnic Lunch**  
Bachelor Hall    (Reservations Required)  
Courtyard

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#### **Room 110**

1:30 pm - 1:45 pm Naum Gershenzon, Wright State University,  
*Application of Sine-Gordon modulation equations for investigation of instability of frictional sliding.*

1:50 pm - 2:20 pm Andrei Prokhorov, University of Michigan,  
*Connection problem for Painlevé tau functions.*

2:25 pm - 2:55 Ben Akers, Air Force Institute of Technology,  
*Dimension breaking in models for interfacial waves.*

3:00 pm - 3:15 pm King-Yeung Lam, The Ohio State University, *Monotonicity and global dynamics of a nonlocal two-species phytoplankton model.*

#### **Room 112**

1:30 pm - 1:45 pm Phillip Korman, University of Cincinnati,

*Numerical computation of global solution curves using global parameters.*

1:50 pm - 2:20 pm Peter Thomas, Case Western Reserve University, *Two approaches to phase reduction for stochastic oscillators.*

2:25 pm - 2:55 pm Shusen Pu, Case Western Reserve University, *Stochastic shielding for stochastic conductance-based neural models under current clamp.*

3:00 pm - 3:15 pm Thomas Hill, University of Cincinnati, *New method for dispersive estimates of second order Schrodinger equation.*

3:20 pm - 3:50 pm Chanaka Kottegoda, University of Toledo, *Bifurcation analysis of predator-prey system with Holling Type IV functional response and Allee effect.*

Room 114

1:30 pm - 1:45 pm Laurence Robinson, Ohio Northern University, *How important is a course in differential equations for statisticians?*

1:50 pm - 2:20 pm Tom Cuchta, Fairmont State University, *Introduction to calculus on time scales with some applications.*

2:25 pm - 2:55 pm Qingbo Huang, Wright State University, *Regularity theory for fully nonlinear elliptic equations with asymptotical approximate convexity.*

3:00 pm - 3:15 pm Shuang Liu, Renmin University of China, *On principal eigenvalues of second order elliptic operators with drift.*

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