

# Matt Reichenbach

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## Research Interests

- **General:** Combining mathematical and computational tools to solve challenging, real-world problems.
- **Scientific:** Machine learning, remote sensing, ecological modeling, and data science.
- **Mathematical:** Applied functional analysis, mathematical modeling, numerical analysis, optimization, and dynamical systems.

## Education

- **University of Nebraska-Lincoln** Lincoln, NE  
*Ph.D. in Mathematics (GPA: 3.8)* Dec. 2020
  - Dissertation: *Spectral Properties of a Non-compact Operator in Ecology*
  - Advised by Dr. Richard Rebarber and Dr. Brigitte Tenhumberg
- **University of Nebraska-Lincoln** Lincoln, NE  
*M.S. in Mathematics* May 2017
- **University of Colorado Boulder** Boulder, CO  
*Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Licensure in Secondary Mathematics* Dec. 2013
- **University of Colorado Boulder** Boulder, CO  
*B.A. in Mathematics (GPA: 3.86)* May 2012

## Skills

**Python:** Implemented convolutional neural networks using **Keras** and the **Tensorflow** backend; generated training datasets with the **GDAL**, **NumPy**, and **OpenCV**, libraries; trained various classifiers using **scikit-learn**, and processed tabular data with **pandas**. Proficient user of the **Anaconda** and **Miniconda** distributions.

**R:** Processed fish telemetry data using the **tidyverse** libraries; fit hidden Markov models for fish behavior using **momentuHMM**, **moveHMM**, and **crawl**; interpolated spatial data using **automap**.

**Additional Languages:** MATLAB, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

**Applications:** Git, QGIS, ArcGIS, the Microsoft Office suite, Google Docs.

**Operating Systems:** Windows, Linux.

## Selected Employment

- **US Army Corps of Engineers - Geospatial Research Laboratory** Alexandria, VA  
*Research Mathematician* Feb. 2021 to Current
  - **Enhanced Terrain Processing:** Lead developer of deep-learning models which perform land-cover classification of high-resolution imagery; combined satellite and UAV imagery with publicly available land-cover data to create new datasets; trained models on a multi-GPU NVIDIA DGX machine; developed a Python library to simplify dataset-creation; incorporated the trained models into user-friendly ArcGIS toolbox.
  - **Acoustic Deterrence of Invasive Carp:** Lead developer of movement models to determine the effects of acoustic deterrents on carp behavior; incorporated sound intensity values in a pond as a novel covariate in hidden Markov models; generated a suite of data-processing tools for fish telemetry. This project is a collaboration with with scientists at USGS and USACE's Environmental Laboratory.

- **US Army Corps of Engineers - Geospatial Research Laboratory** Alexandria, VA  
*NSF Mathematical Sciences Graduate Intern* Jun. 2020 – Aug. 2020
  - **Enhanced Terrain Processing:** Developed deep-learning models to remove noise from synthetic-aperture radar (SAR) imagery; created synthetic datasets from publicly available imagery; acted as technical lead with minimal oversight from mentors.
- **University of Nebraska-Lincoln** Lincoln, NE  
*Graduate Teaching Assistant* Aug. 2015 – Dec. 2020
  - Taught courses as the instructor-of-record, directed recitation sessions, and tutored in the Mathematics Resource Center
- **Center for Science, Mathematics & Computer Education** Lincoln, NE  
*Instructor for MATH 806T: Number Theory and Cryptography* Jul. 2019
  - Co-taught this Master’s-level course for in-service secondary teachers
- **Daewoo Elementary School** Geoje-si, Republic of Korea  
*Head Elementary English Teacher* Feb. 2014 – Feb. 2015
  - Taught four English lessons daily to 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>-grade students
  - Organized English-language initiatives and acted as the liaison between English teachers and school administrators
- **Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics** Boulder, CO  
*Student Procurement Assistant VI* Mar. 2010 – May 2013
  - Maintained parts lists for NASA-funded projects, including instruments on the GOES-R, MAVEN, and TSIS satellites

## Publications

- [2] M. Reichenbach, R. Rebarber, and B. Tenhumberg, “Spectral properties of a non-compact operator in ecology,” *Journal of Mathematical Biology*, no. 50, 82 2021.
- [1] M. Reichenbach, K. Lasko, and E. Sava, “Denoising SAR using synthetic data and deep learning,” *GRL White Paper*, 2020, prepared.

## Awards

- **ERDC Award for Outstanding Team Effort** Engineer Research Development Center  
*Awarded to the Enhanced Terrain Processing team* April, 2022
- **Linda Bors Fellowship** UNL Math Dept.  
*Awarded to three graduate students annually for excellence in research* Fall 2018
- **Steven Hataaja Award** UNL Math Dept.  
*Awarded for excellent exposition by a graduate student* Spring 2018
- **Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship** CU Boulder Dept. of Education  
*NSF-funded merit scholarship* Spring 2013 & Fall 2013
- **Dean’s List** CU Boulder  
*Awarded to students with semester GPA greater than 3.75* Spring 2010, Sp. 2013, & Fall 2013

## Presentations

- 6. **American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting** Spokane, WA  
*Modeling the Effects of Acoustic Signals on Invasive Carp Behavior (20 min.)* Aug. 2022
- 5. **ERDC RD22 Conference** Remote  
*Modeling the Effects of Deterrents on Carp Behavior (20 min.)* Apr. 2022
- 4. **Math Club, University of Nebraska-Kearney** Remote  
*“Modeling Ecological Populations” (50 min.)* Oct. 2020

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| 3. | <b>Math Department Colloquium, Creighton University</b><br><i>“Integral Projection Models in Mathematical Biology” (50 min.)</i>                         | Omaha, NE<br>Dec. 2019       |
| 2. | <b>Augustana University Math Club</b><br><i>“Population Models in Mathematical Biology” (50 min.)</i>  | Sioux Falls, SD<br>Nov. 2018 |
| 1. | <b>Colorado Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Conference</b><br><i>“The Impact of Inquiry-Based Teaching in Two High School Math Classrooms”</i> | Denver, CO<br>Oct. 2013      |

## Service and Involvement

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| • <b>High school tutor</b><br><i>Northstar Tutors</i>  | Apr. 2022 to Aug. 2022<br>Washington, DC |
| • <b>Chapter President</b><br><i>UNL Graduate Chapter of the American Mathematical Society</i>                 | Sep. 2019 to Sep. 2020<br>Lincoln, NE    |
| • <b>Tutor for Native American high-school students</b><br><i>Lincoln Public Schools</i>                       | Aug. 2019 to Mar. 2020<br>Lincoln, NE    |
| • <b>Project mentor</b><br><i>UNL Math Dep. Directed Reading Program</i>                                       | Aug. 2019 to May 2020<br>Lincoln, NE     |
| • <b>STAAR Seminar Co-organizer</b><br><i>University of Nebraska-Lincoln Math Dept.</i>                        | Aug. 2019 to Aug. 2020<br>Lincoln, NE    |
| • <b>Volunteer</b><br><i>National Conference for Undergraduate Women in Mathematics</i>                        | Jan. 2017 to Jan. 2020<br>Lincoln, NE    |
| • <b>Mentor to First-Year Graduate Students</b><br><i>University of Nebraska-Lincoln Math Dept.</i>            | Aug. 2018 to May 2020<br>Lincoln, NE     |
| • <b>Representative to Graduate Student Advisory Board</b><br><i>University of Nebraska-Lincoln Math Dept.</i> | May 2016 to May 2018<br>Lincoln, NE      |
| • <b>UNL Math Day Volunteer</b><br><i>University of Nebraska-Lincoln Math Dept.</i>                            | Nov. 2015 to Dec. 2020<br>Lincoln, NE    |