# Nolan J. Coble

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#### **EDUCATION**

#### University of Maryland, College Park

Applied Mathematics PhD Student, GPA: 3.89

- Application Area: Quantum Information

SUNY Brockport

B.S. in Mathematics and Physics, GPA: 4.00

- Thesis: "Spectral properties of quaternionic unit gain cycles."

College Park, MD

2020-Current

Brockport, NY

2016-2020

## EXPERIENCE

#### Los Alamos National Laboratory

Quantum Computing Summer School Fellowship

Advisor: Dr. Yigit Subasi

Los Alamos, NM Summer 2021

#### University of Maryland

Training and Research Experiences in Nonlinear Dynamics (TREND) REU

Advisors: Dr. Michelle Girvan, Dr. Ed Ott, Dr. Thomas Antonsen

College Park, MD Summer 2019

- Project title: Predicting Network Dynamics with a Parallel Machine Learning Approach
- Developed a parallel reservoir computing method to predict the dynamics of Kuramoto oscillator systems, which are novel network-coupled systems that exhibit complex dynamics even at relatively low dimensions.
- Wrote the object-oriented code in MATLAB which ran the prediction method
- Analyzed the performance of the predictions and made improvements to our proposed method to further increase prediction accuracy.

#### University of Rochester

Rochester, NY Summer 2018

Photonics REU

Advisor: Dr. Benjamin Miller

- Project title: Finite-Element Modeling of Waveguide Structures Using COMSOL® Multiphysics
- Used the RF Module within COMSOL to model electric field strength of different waveguide structures/materials in order to optimize the electric field strength at the surface of the waveguide. This was part of a larger project for utilizing photonic ring resonators in single-molecule/virus biological sensing applications.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- [1] N. J. Coble\* and M. Coudron\*, "Quasi-polynomial time approximation of output probabilities of geometrically-local, shallow quantum circuits.", 2021. arXiv: 2012.05460.
- [2] F. Belardo, M. Brunetti, N. J. Coble, N. Reff, and H. Skogman, "Spectra of quaternion unit gain graphs.", In Preparation, 2020.
- [3] N. J. Coble\* and N. Yu, "A reservoir computing scheme for multi-class classification.", in *Proceedings of the 2020 ACM Southeast Conference*, ser. ACM SE '20, Tampa, FL, USA: Association for Computing Machinery, 2020, pp. 87–93, ISBN: 9781450371056.

<sup>\*-</sup>main contributor

#### Graduate Coursework

- Computer Science: Intro to Quantum Information Processing, Quantum Algorithms, Quantum Error Correction and Fault-Tolerance\*, The Foundation of End-to-End Quantum Applications\*
- Mathematics: Algebra I and II, Analysis I, Complex Analysis, Scientific Computing I\*

#### LANGUAGES

- Intermediate: MATLAB, Python, Java
- Beginner: Bash, LabView, COMSOL RF Module

### TEACHING

- Graduate Teaching Assistant for *Precalculus* at University of Maryland
- Math Tutor at SUNY Brockport

## Independent Projects

• Title: Developing a novel classifier using reservoir computing methods

Using the method for recurrent neural networks known as reservoir computing (RC), I developed a simple multi-class classification technique which was comparable in performance to other novel approaches such as decision tree, naïve Bayesian, and a 3 layer neural network. Before this work, literature only existed for binary classification using RC. This project developed an altered method which increased performance while also expanding to multi-class problems. I developed the object-oriented method in Python. See [3] on first page for conference publication.

# SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

• Aziz Osborn Gold Medal in Teaching Excellence	2021
• University of Maryland Dean's Fellowship	2020
• SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence	2020
• School of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Undergraduate Award	2020
• Brockport Honors College Scholar Award	2020
• Robert E. Hall Memorial Scholarship for Mathematics	2020
• Department of Computer Science Undergraduate Research Award	2020
• Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship	2019, 2016
• Interdisciplinary Award in Mathematics	2018
• Harvard House Award	2018
• Brockport Physics, Mathematics, and Computer Science Award	2018, 2017
• Dean's Citation for Diversity, University of Rochester	2018

<sup>\*—</sup>to be completed through Fall 2021