

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Carnegie Mellon University

- NSF RTG Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Mathematical Sciences August 2025 – Present

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

- Ph.D. in Mathematics Sep 2020 - June 2025
Cumulative GPA: 3.99/4.00
- Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics Sep 2016 - June 2020

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Partial Differential Equations, Stochastic Analysis, Variational Methods, Optimal Transport, Numerical Analysis

PUBLICATIONS

- 1 **R. Chu**, Jacobs M. *Guaranteeing Higher Order Convergence Rates for Accelerated Wasserstein Gradient Flow Schemes*. In Preparation.
- 2 **R. Chu**, I. Kim, Y. Kim, K. Nam. *The Nonlocal Stefan Problem via a Martingale Transport*. *Probability Theory and Related Fields* (2025).
- 3 **R. Chu**. *A Hele-Shaw Limit with a Variable Upper Bound and Drift*. *SIAM Journal on Mathematical Analysis* (2023).
- 4 S. Christensen, **R. Chu**, C. Anderson, M. Roper. *Fast Asymptotic-Numerical Method for Coarse Mesh Particle Simulation in Channels of Arbitrary Cross Section*. *Journal of Computational Physics* (2022).

HONORS & AWARDS

- Pacific Journal of Mathematics Dissertation Award*, Pacific Journal of Mathematics 2025
 - Recognized by the Pacific Journal of Mathematics for research conducted during doctoral studies.
- Dissertation Year Fellowship*, UCLA 2024
 - UCLA Graduate Division fellowship providing \$20,000 and tuition support.
- Liggett Teaching Fellow*, UCLA 2023
 - Recognized for teaching contributions as Instructor and TA in UCLA's Mathematics Department.
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention*, NSF 2022
 - Honorable Mention for the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program for Mathematical Analysis.
- Horn-Moez Prize*, UCLA 2021
 - Awarded for first-year academic performance in UCLA's Mathematics Ph.D. program.
- Summer Mentored Research Fellowship*, UCLA 2021
 - Awarded from UCLA based on merit to support my research.
- Undergraduate Research Fellowship*, UCLA 2020
 - Undergraduate research scholarship awarded by UCLA's Physical Science Division.

RESEARCH TALKS

- Stochastic Optimal Transport and the Stefan Problems*, UMichigan's Financial/Actuarial Mathematics Seminar 2024
- The Fractional Stefan Problem*, UCLA's Participating Analysis Seminar 2024
- The Stefan Problem via Stochastic Variational Methods*, AMS 2023 Fall Southeastern Sectional Meeting 2023

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

- Quantitative Research Intern, Morgan Stanley Summer 2024
- Implemented a local volatility model from an academic paper to price zero-coupon bonds in C++.
 - Integrated the zero-coupon bonds model to make a hybrid equities model with stochastic interest rates.

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

- Graduate Student Instructor
- Masters Real Analysis (Graduate Course, Math 204) Winter 2023 & Winter 2024
- Teaching Assistant
- Advanced Topics in Financial Mathematics (Math 179) Spring 2024
 - Introduction to Statistics (Math 170S) Fall 2023
 - Introduction to Data-Driven Mathematical Modeling (Math 42) Spring 2023
 - Mathematical Finance (Math 174E) Fall 2022
 - Mathematical Modeling (Math 142) Spring 2022 & Winter 2021
 - Applied Partial Differential Equations (Graduate Course, Math 266B) Winter 2022
 - Applied Ordinary Differential Equations (Graduate Course, Math 266A) Fall 2021
 - Math 131B: Real Analysis Spring 2021
 - Math 31A: Differential and Integral Calculus Fall 2020

UNDERGRADUATE MENTORING

- Departmental Reading Program Co-Organizer Fall 2021 - Present
- Paired ~ 45 undergraduate students annually with a graduate student mentor for a one on one reading course on advanced mathematical topics.
- Departmental Reading Program Mentor Fall 2021 - Present
- Mentored undergraduates in a quarter-long reading program, focusing on subjects including:
 - Mathematical Statistics
 - Optimization and Linear Algebra
 - Stochastic Calculus (×3)
 - Fourier Analysis
 - Measure Theory