

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Los Angeles, CA

- Ph.D. in Mathematics

Sep 2020 – Jun 2025

Cumulative GPA: 3.99/4.00

Honors & Awards:

- Pacific Journal of Mathematics Dissertation Award (2025)
- Dissertation Year Fellowship (2024, ~\$20,000 + Tuition)
- Liggett Teaching Fellowship (2023)
- Honorable Mention for NSF GRFP (2022)
- Horn-Moez Prize for First Year Academic Excellence (2021)

• Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics

Sep 2016 – Jun 2020

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Carnegie Mellon University (CMU)

Pittsburgh, PA

NSF RTG Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Mathematical Sciences

August 2025 – Present

PUBLICATIONS

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

RESEARCH TALKS

Guaranteeing Higher Order Convergence for Minimizing Movement Schemes in Optimal Transport, SIAM Conference on Analysis of Partial Differential Equations (PD25) 2025

Stochastic Optimal Transport and the Stefan Problems, University of Michigan Financial/Actuarial Mathematics Seminar 2024

The Fractional Stefan Problem, UCLA Participating Analysis Seminar 2024

The Stefan Problem via Stochastic Variational Methods, AMS Fall Southeastern Sectional Meeting 2023

The Stiffness Limits of Porous Medium Type Equations, Auburn University Applied and Computational Mathematics Seminar 2022

The Stiffness Limits of Porous Medium Type Equations, UCLA Participating Analysis Seminar 2022

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, Carnegie Mellon University

– Matrices and Linear Transformations (Math 21-241)

Fall 2024

Instructor of Record, University of California, Los Angeles

– Masters Real Analysis (Graduate Course, Math 204)

Winter 2023 & Winter 2024

Teaching Assistant, University of California, Los Angeles

– 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*
- Real Analysis (Math 131B) *Spring 2021*
- Differential and Integral Calculus (Math 31A) *Fall 2020*

UNDERGRADUATE MENTORING

Departmental Reading Program Co-Organizer, UCLA *Fall 2021 – Present*

- Co-organized the UCLA Mathematics Department Reading Program, pairing approximately 45 undergraduates annually with graduate student mentors for one-on-one reading courses on advanced mathematical topics.

Departmental Reading Program Mentor, UCLA *Fall 2021 – Present*

- Mentored undergraduates in quarter-long reading projects on advanced topics including:
 - Mathematical Statistics
 - Optimization and Linear Algebra
 - Stochastic Calculus (3 iterations)
 - Fourier Analysis
 - Measure Theory

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

Morgan Stanley *New York City, NY*

Quantitative Strategist Intern, Equity Derivatives Team *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.