

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).

RESEARCH TALKS

- Stochastic Optimal Transport and the Stefan Problems*, UMichigan's Financial/Acturial 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
- The Stiffness Limits of Porous Medium Type Equations*, University of Auburn Applied and Computational Mathematics Seminar 2022
- The Stiffness Limits of Porous Medium Type Equations*, UCLA's Participating Analysis Seminar 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.

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