# Rebecca Elizabeth Morrison

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#### Position

Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, University of Colorado Boulder, August 2018 - present

#### **EDUCATION**

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Postdoc in Aeronautics and Astronautics, Advisor: Dr. Youssef Marzouk, 02/16 - 07/18

The University of Texas at Austin, Ph.D. in Computational Science, Engineering, and Mathematics, Advisor: Dr. Robert Moser, Dissertation: On the representation of model inadequacy: A stochastic operator approach, 01/16

The University of Texas at Austin, M.S. in Computational and Applied Mathematics, 05/12

Scripps College, B.A. in Physics, Advisor: Dr. Adam Landsberg, 05/08

## Grants & Awards

NASA Space Weather with Quantified Uncertainties: Ensemble Learning for Accurate and Reliable Uncertainty Quantification (Co-PI), with Dr. Enrico Camporeale (PI), and Drs. Curt de Koning, Eric Adamson, and Thomas Berger (Co-PIs) \$2,891,954, 10/20 – 09/23

Johnson & Johnson Women in STEM2D Award: Discovering Dynamic Structure from Data (PI), \$150,000, 08/19 - 07/22

Association for Women in Mathematics/NSF Travel Grant, \$600, 2017

Best Student Paper Award of the World Congress on Engineering and Computer Science 2011

Computational and Applied Mathematics Fellowship, UT Austin, 09/09 – 08/13

## Publications

- R. E. Morrison, R. Baptista, E. Basor. Diagonal nonlinear transformations preserve structure in covariance and precision matrices. arxiv.org/abs/2107.04136
- R. Baptista, R. E. Morrison, O. Zahm, Y. Marzouk. Learning non-Gaussian graphical models via Hessian scores and triangular transport. arxiv.org/abs/2101.03093
- 8. R. E. Morrison. Exact reduction of the generalized Lotka-Volterra equations via integral and algebraic substitutions. Computation 2021 (9)5, 49.
- 7. R. E. Morrison. Data-driven corrections of partial Lotka-Volterra models. Entropy 2020 (22)11, 1313.
- 6. R. E. Morrison, A. Cunha. *Embedded discrepancy operators: A case study of Zika modeling*. Chaos: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Nonlinear Science, 30(5):051103 (2020).

- 5. R. E. Morrison, T. A. Oliver, R. D. Moser. Representing model inadequacy: A stochastic operator approach. ASA/SIAM Journal on Uncertainty Quantification 6 (2), 457-496 (2018).
- 4. R. E. Morrison, R. Baptista, Y. Marzouk. Beyond normality: Learning sparse probabilistic models in the non-Gaussian setting. Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 30 (NIPS 2017), 11 pages. (Acceptance rate: 21%)
- 3. R. E. Morrison, C. M. Bryant, G. Terejanu, S. Prudhomme, K. Miki. *Data partition methodology for validation of predictive models*. Computers and Mathematics with Applications, 66 (10), 2114-2125 (2013).
- 2. R. E. Morrison, C. M. Bryant, G. Terejanu, K. Miki, S. Prudhomme. *Optimal data split methodology for model validation*. Proceedings of the World Congress on Engineering and Computer Science 2011, p1038-1043. (Acceptance rate: 53%)
- 1. R. E. Morrison, A. S. Landsberg, E. J. Friedman. Combinatorial games with a pass: A geometric approach. Chaos 21, 043108 (2011).

#### SELECTED TALKS

Caltech CMX (Computational Mathematics + X) Seminar, 12/9/20

Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Workshop on Uncertainties in Data Analysis (Keynote), 10/1/20

Computing Research Association 2020 Virtual Conference Lightning Talk

Argonne National Laboratory LANS (Laboratory for Applied Mathematics, Numerical Software, and Statistics) Seminar, 05/20/20

SAMSI Workshop on Statistical Perspectives on Uncertainty Quantification, 05/17/19

Stanford, Institute for Computational Mathematics and Engineering, \*Talks Seminar, 05/1/17

## Courses Taught

CSCI 7000: Validation and Uncertainty Quantification for Computational Models (Fall 2018, Spring 2020)

CSCI 5822: Probabilistic Models of Human and Machine Intelligence (Spring 2021)

CSCI 4802/5802: Data Science Team (Fall 2020, Spring 2021)

CSCI 2820: Linear Algebra with Computer Science Applications (Spring 2019, Fall 2019)

Faculty Sponsor for UPSCALE (Uncertainty, Probability, Scientific Computing And LEearning) Reading Group (Fall 2019 – present)

## Professional Service

Secretary for SIAM UQ Activity Group, 1/21 – 12/22

Reviewed articles for:

Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), Chaos, Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering, Discrete Applied Mathematics, Entropy, Games of No Chance, IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking, International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), Nature Computational Science, Nonlinear Dynamics, Pattern Recognition Letters, Physica D, SIAM/ASA Journal on Uncertainty Quantification

Organizer for the Workshop Celebrating Diversity (SIAM), 03/19 and 07/20

Reviewer for NCWIT 2020, 2021 Aspirations in Computing awards

Mentor at Rocky Mountain Celebration of Women in Computing, 11/18

Volunteer Tutor for 8th grade math, with Austin Partners in Education (APIE), 11/13 - 12/14

## University Service

Representative for the CS Junior Faculty Assembly, 10/21 – present

Faculty Mentor for the BOLD Center RedShirt S-STEM Program, 10/19 – present

ECEE Faculty Search Committee member, AY20-21

CS Graduate Curriculum Committee member, 01/20 - 10/21

CS Undergraduate Curriculum Committee member, 08/18 - 12/19

Reviewer for Johnson&Johnson WiSTEM2D 2020 and 2021 awards (internal CU Boulder review)

School of Computing Task Force member, Spring 2019

## Membership

Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM)

Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM)

United States Association for Computational Mechanics (USACM)