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EDUCATION

University of Delaware, Newark, DE, United States

Ph.D., Applied Mathematics, Aug 2016

- Thesis Topic: Plane Wave Discontinuous Galerkin Methods for Acoustic Scattering
- Advisor: Peter B. Monk

M.S., Applied Mathematics, Aug 2012

Lafayette College, Easton, PA, United States

- B.S. in Mathematics, A.B. in Physics, May 2010
 - Cum Laude, Honors in Mathematics
 - Minor in Philosophy

EMPLOYMENT Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, United States

• Department of Mathematics Instructional Assistant Professor, Aug 2023 - current

University of Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe

• Department of Mathematics & Computational Sciences Lecturer, May 2022 - Aug 2023

University of Georgia, Athens, GA, United States

• Limited Term Assistant Professor, Aug 2017 - May 2020

Institute for Mathematics and Its Applications, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, United States

• Postdoctoral Fellow, Mathematics and Optics, Aug 2016 - Aug 2017.

University of Delaware, Newark, DE, United States

• Research and Teaching Assistant, Aug 2010 - Aug 2016

Teaching

Texas A&M University - College Station Instructor:

- MATH 308 (Differential Equations): Spring 2025, Summer 2024, Spring 2024
- MATH 140 (Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences): Fall 2023, Fall 2024
- MATH 147 (Calculus I for Biological Sciences): Fall 2024
- MATH 417 (Numerical Methods): Fall 2023

University of Zimbabwe

Lecturer:

- MTSCS515 (Numerical Linear Algebra and Optimization): Block C, Semester 2 2023
- MTSCS546 (Numerical Methods for Partial Differential Equations): Block C, Semester 1 2022
- HMTH407, HFM307 (Partial Differential Equations): Block B, Semester 2 2022
- MTE201 (Engineering Mathematics 2): Block A, Semester 2 2022
- HMTHCS212, HFM213 (Numerical Methods, 2 sections): Block D, Semester 1 2022

University of Georgia

Instructor:

- MATH 4500/6500 (Numerical Analysis 1): Spring 2019
- MATH 2700 (Elementary Differential Equations): Spring 2019
- MATH 2250 (Calculus I for Science and Engineering): Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Spring 2018, Fall 2017
- MATH 1113 (PreCalculus): Fall 2017

University of Delaware

Instructor:

- MATH 243 (Analytic Geometry and Calculus C): Winter 2015
- MATH 221 (Calculus I for Business and Economics): Winter 2012, Winter 2013, Winter 2014

Teaching Assistant:

- MATH 243 (Analytic Geometry and Calculus C Lab): Spring 2015, Fall 2012
- MATH 241 (Analytic Geometry and Calculus A): Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011
- MATH 242 (Analytic Geometry and Calculus B): Spring 2012

Undergraduate Thesis Supervision

University of Zimbabwe

- Gerald Munetsi '23, BSc Hons in Applied Mathematics and Economics
- Talent Maramba '23, BSc Hons in Applied Mathematics and Economics
- Cosmas T. Nyazika '23, BSc Hons in Applied Mathematics and Economics
- Clemeo Gwezere '23, BSc Hons in Applied Mathematics and Economics

Computer Languages

• Scientific programming: MATLAB, R, Python

SERVICE

- Spring 2025: Week in Review Instructor for Math 308 (Differential Equations)-TAMU
- Fall 2024: Week in Review Instructor for Math 140 (Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences)-TAMU
- Spring 2024 Week in Review Instructor for Math 308 (Differential Equations)-TAMU
- 2023 TAMU High School Math Contest, referee
- Level 2 (sophomore) course coordinator, Mathematics Department, University of Zimbabwe
- Computer Laboratory and Library Committee, Mathematics Department, University of Zimbabwe

PUBLICATIONS

- 1. **Kapita, S.**, Monk, P., Selgas, V. 'A Trefftz Discontinuous Galerkin Method for Time Harmonic Waves with Generalized Impedance Boundary Conditions.
 ✓ Applicable Analysis, 2018.
- 2. Kapita, S., Monk, P., A Plane Wave Discontinuous Galerkin Method with a Dirichlet-to-Neumann Boundary Condition for a Scattering Problem in Acoustics.

 ✓ Journal of Computational and Applied Mathematics, 327, 208–225, 2018.
- 3. **Kapita**, **S.**, Plane Wave Discontinuous Galerkin Methods for Acoustic Scattering, *Ph.D. Thesis*, *University of Delaware*, 2016.
- 4. **Kapita, S.**, Monk, P., Warburton, T., Residual based Adaptivity and PWDG Methods for the Helmholtz Equation.
 ✓ SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing, 37(3): A1525–A1553, 2015.
- 5. Abedin, F., Corvino, J., **Kapita, S.**, and Wu, H., On Isoperimetric Surfaces in General Relativity II. **Z** Journal of Geometry and Physics, 59(11):1453–1460, 2009.

Presentations

- Seminar (online): A Finite Element Method for Solving the Elliptic Obstacle Problem, Applied Mathematics & Statistics Seminar, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD. Jan 31, 2023.
- Seminar: A Bivariate Spline PML Approximation of the Exterior Helmholtz Equation, Applied Math Seminar, Auburn University, Auburn, AL. Feb 8, 2019.
- Seminar: A Bivariate Spline PML Approximation of the Exterior Helmholtz Equation, Applied Math Seminar, University of Georgia, Athens, GA. Feb 6, 2019.
- Seminar: An Adaptive PML Technique for Time Harmonic Scattering, Applied Math Seminar, University of Georgia, Athens, GA. April 30, 2018
- Mini-symposium: A Trefftz Discontinuous Galerkin Method for Time-Harmonic Waves with Generalized Impedance Boundary Conditions, SIAM Conference on Analysis of Partial Differential Equations, Hyatt Regency Baltimore Inner Harbor, Baltimore, MD. Dec 9-12, 2017.

- Mini-symposium: A Trefftz Discontinuous Galerkin Method for Time-Harmonic Waves with Generalized Impedance Boundary Conditions, SIAM Central States Section, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO. Sept 30, 2017.
- Seminar: A Trefftz Discontinuous Galerkin Method for Time-Harmonic Waves with Generalized Impedance Boundary Conditions, Applied Math Seminar, University of Georgia, Athens, GA. Sept 5, 2017.
- Seminar: Plane Wave Discontinuous Galerkin Methods for Acoustic Scattering, CCMA PDE's and Numerical Methods Seminar, Pennsylvania State University, PA. Jan 19, 2017.
- Seminar: Plane Wave Approximation of Homogeneous Helmholtz Solutions, Cockburn's Seminar, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN. Dec 2016
- Seminar: Plane Wave Discontinuous Galerkin Methods for Acoustic Scattering, IMA Postdoc Seminar, University of Minnesota, Nov 22, 2016.
- Workshop: Plane Wave Discontinuous Galerkin Methods for Acoustic Scattering, NSF Mathematics Institutes' Modern Math Workshop at SACNAS, Long Beach CA. Oct 12-13, 2016.
- Conference: Plane Wave Discontinuous Galerkin Methods for Acoustic Scattering, International Conference on Computational Mathematics and Inverse Problems, On the occasion of the 60th birthday of Prof. Peter Monk, Michigan Technological University. Aug 19, 2016.
- Workshop: A Plane Wave Discontinuous Galerkin Method with Dirichlet-to-Neumann Boundary Conditions, DelMar Numerics Day, George Mason University, Fairfax VA. May 2016.
- Symposium: Residual based Adaptivity and PWDG Methods for the Helmholtz Equation, Joint Mathematics Meetings, Seattle WA. Jan 2016.
- Poster: Adaptive Plane Wave Discontinuous Galerkin Methods for the Helmholtz Equation, Franco-German Summer School, Inverse Problems for Waves, École Polytechnique, Palaiseau France. August 2015.
- Symposium: Residual based Adaptivity and PWDG Methods for the Helmholtz Equation, Winter Research Symposium, University of Delaware. February 2015.
- Workshop: Plane Wave Discontinuous Galerkin Methods for the Helmholtz Equation, DelMar Numerics Day, University of Maryland, Baltimore County. May 2014.
- Seminar: Convergence of an Interior Penalty Adaptive Discontinuous Galerkin Method, Hallenbeck Graduate Student Seminar, University of Delaware. April 2013.

Professional Activities and Workshops

- TAMU 101 New Faculty Professional Development and Networking, Sept 20 2023, Oct 11 2023
- Georgia Scientific Computing Symposium, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA. Feb 16, 2019.
- SIAM Conference on Analysis of Partial Differential Equations, Baltimore, MD. Dec 9-12, 2017.
- SIAM Central States Conference, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO. Sept 29-Oct 1, 2017.

- International Conference on Computational Mathematics and Inverse Problems, On occasion of the 60th birthday of Prof. Peter Monk, Michigan Technological University, Houghton MI. Aug 15-19, 2016.
- IMA PI Graduate Student Conference on Finite Element Methods for Eigenvalue Problems, Michigan Technological University, Houghton MI. Aug 10-14, 2016.
- DelMar Numerics Day, George Mason University, Fairfax VA. May 14 2016.
- Finite Element Circus, University of Maryland, College Park MD. Apr 15-16, 2016.
- Joint Mathematics Meetings, Seattle WA. Jan 4-7, 2016.
- Finite Element Circus, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth MA. Oct 16-17, 2015.
- Franco-German Summer School, Inverse Problems for Waves, École Polytechnique, Palaiseau France. Aug 24-28, 2015.
- Mathematical Problems in Industry Workshop (MPI), University of Delaware, Newark DE.
 June 22-26 2015.
- Finite Element Circus, George Mason University, Fairfax VA. Mar 27-28, 2015.
- DelMar Numerics Day, University of Maryland Baltimore County, Baltimore MD. May 10, 2014.
- Finite Element Circus, Wayne State University, Detroit MI. Mar 28-29, 2014.
- Finite Element Circus, University of Delaware, Newark DE. Oct 18-19, 2013.
- International Conference on Novel Directions in Inverse Scattering, Honoring David Colton, University of Delaware, Newark DE. July 29-Aug 2, 2013.
- DelMar Numerics Day, University of Maryland, College Park MD. May 4, 2013.
- Mathematical General Relativity, Summer Course, MSRI Berkeley CA. July 9-20, 2012.
- NSF-CBMS Conference on Finite Element Exterior Calculus, Institute for Computational and Experimental Research in Mathematics (ICERM), Brown University. Jun 11-15, 2012.
- Joint Mathematics Meetings, San Francisco CA. Jan 13-16, 2010.