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Education

PhD, Applied Mathematics

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Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Status: All but dissertation

Research focus: Complex Social Systems

Advised by: Daniel M. Abrams

Master of Science, Applied Mathematics

2014

Northwestern University

Bachelor of Science, Mathematical Sciences

Bachelor of Science, Physics

2013

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), Worcester, MA

With high distinction

Awards and Fellowships

- The Red Sock Award for Best Poster Presentation, SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems 2017
- SIAM Student Chapter Certificate of Recognition 2017
- Terminal Year Fellowship, Northwestern University 2017
- Travel Award, SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems 2017
- Integrated Data Science (IDEAS) Traineeship, Northwestern University 2016
- Travel Award, Dynamics Days Conference 2015
- Walter Murphy Fellowship, Northwestern University 2013
- First Place, Student Paper Competition at Annual Microwave Power Symposium held by International Microwave Power Institute 2013
- Second Place, IEEE Student Paper Competition 2013
- Stephen Salisbury Prize for Outstanding Seniors, WPI 2013
- Provost's Major Qualifying Project Award, WPI 2013
- WPI's Putnam Competition Top Scorer 2013
- WPI Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship 2011
- WPI Presidential Scholarship 2009

Publications in Journals

- **V.C. Yang**, A.V. Papachristos, D.M. Abrams, "The origin of urban productivity scaling laws: mathematical model and new empirical evidence," passed editor review, under referee review at *Nature Human Behavior*.
- **V.C. Yang**, D.M. Abrams, G. Kernell, A.E. Motter, "Why do political parties polarize? A bounded rationality model for political elections with empirical evidence," to submit to *Science*.

- L. Lee¹, S. Zhang¹, **V.C. Yang**, “Do two parties represent the US? Clustering analysis of US public ideology survey”, submitted to *SIAM Undergraduate Research Online*.
- B.S. Tilley, **V.C. Yang**, J.C. Baiense, and S. Evans, “Frequency-dependent thermal resistance of vertical U-tube geothermal heat exchangers”, *Journal of Engineering Mathematics* 102 131-150 (2017)
- E.M. Moon, **C. Yang**, and V.V. Yakovlev, “Microwave-induced temperature fields in cylindrical samples of graphite powder — experimental and modeling studies,” *International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer*, vol. 87, No 8, pp. 359-368 (2015).
- **C. Yang** and V.V. Yakovlev, “An efficient empirical model for microwave-induced average temperature of liquid cylindrical reactants,” *Journal of Microwave Power and Electromagnetic Energy*, 47 (3), pp. 177-185 (2013).

Publications in Conference Proceedings

- A.O. Holmes, **C. Yang**, M. Patel, K. Savaram, H. He, V.V. Yakovlev, and A.A. Zozulya, “Microwave-enabled production of solution- processable graphene: principles and techniques of macroscopic modeling,” In: 14th Intern. AMPERE Conf. on Microwave and High Frequency Heating, Nottingham, UK, 2013.
- A.O. Holmes, **C. Yang**, and V.V. Yakovlev, “Temperature modeling for process control in microwave-assisted chemistry,” In: IEEE MTT-S Intern. Microwave Symp. Dig., Seattle, WA, 2013.
- **C. Yang** and V.V. Yakovlev, “Computation of microwave-induced temperature in liquid cylindrical reactants,” In: 47th IMPI’s Microwave Power Symp., Providence, RI, 2013.
- **C. Yang** and V.V. Yakovlev, “A simple model of microwave-induced heat transfer in cylindrical reactants with strong convection,” In: Intern. Conf. on Heating by Electromagnetic Sources, Padua, Italy, 2013.

Talks and Poster Presentations

- *Dynamics of political elections: a “satisficing” model and empirical data*
Poster presentation at SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems, Snowbird UT, May 2017 (Winner of the Red Sock Award for Best Poster Presentation)
Talk at Chicago Area SIAM Student Conference, Northwestern University, IL, April 2017
- *Seven Minutes of Science Symposium*. [Video: <https://youtu.be/Xs5ewFzNSYI>]
Northwestern University, April 2017
- *The origin of scaling laws in urban outputs*
Poster presentation at Northwestern University Computational Research Day, Evanston IL, April 2017
Dynamics Days US, Durham NC, Jan 2016
International Conference on Computational Social Science, Evanston IL, June 2016
- *Why bigger cities generate more inventions, crimes, and disease: a simple mathematical model*
Talk at Chicago Area SIAM Student Conference, Chicago IL, April 2015
- *Microwave-induced temperature fields in graphite powder heated in a waveguide reactor*
Talk at IEEE MTT-S International Microwave Symposium, Tampa FL, June 2014
- *Computation of microwave-induced temperature in liquid cylindrical reactants’*
Talk at 47th IMPI’s Microwave Power Symposium, Providence RI, June 2013
(Winner of First Place, MPI Student Paper Competition)

¹Undergraduate students advised

- *Microwave-induced heat transfer in cylindrical reactants with strong convection: a simple mathematical model*
Talk at IEEE Region 1 Student Conference, Cambridge MA, April 2013
(Winner of Second Place, IEEE Student Paper Competition)
- *A simple heat transfer model for reactors in microwave-assisted chemistry*
Talk at American Math. Society Student Conference, Boston MA, April 2013
- *Thermal and fluid dynamics modeling of wire-coil insert*
Talk at New York State Regional Grad. Math. Conference, Syracuse NY, April, 2013
Talk at Argonne National Laboratory and Fermilab, Lemont and Batavia IL, Aug 2012.
- *Does having a foreign accent affect men and women differently? Effect of foreign accent and gender on employment decision and negotiations*
Poster presentation at New England Psychological Association Annual Conference, Worcester MA, Oct 2012

Work Experiences

- Data Scientist**, Airbnb, San Francisco, CA 2017
- Developed behavioral metric for impact of customer support on user retention
 - Make data-driven business recommendations for changes in customer support
- Lee Teng Internship in Accelerator Physics**, Argonne National Laboratory, IL 2012
- Developed numerical model for a cooling mechanism in the Advanced Photon Source
 - Used spectral methods to solve for fluid dynamics and heat transfer problems
- Research Assistant in Social Psychology Inquiry Lab**, WPI 2011 - 2012
- Designed and conducted experiments to study how international accents affect hiring decisions

Leadership

- President** 2016 - 2017
Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM), Northwestern Chapter
- Head Organizer** 2017
Chicago Area SIAM Student Conference
- Co-founder and President** 2015 - 2017
NuTango: Northwestern University Argentine Tango Club
- Executive Board** 2016 - 2017
Graduate Leadership and Advocacy Council, Northwestern University
- President** 2012 - 2013
Pi Mu Epsilon, US Honorary National Mathematics Society, WPI Chapter

Mentoring

- Louisa Lee and Siyu Zhang (Northwestern undergraduate students) 2016
“Do the two parties represent the US? Clustering political ideology of the US public”. Publication submitted to *SIAM Undergraduate Research Online*.

Teaching

- Training in Teaching Certificate Program, Northwestern University, 2016 - 2017
- Teaching Assistant**, Dept. of Mathematics, Northwestern University 2014 - 2015, 2016 - present
- Argentine Tango Instructor**, NuTango, Northwestern University 2016
- Teaching Assistant**, Dept. of Mathematics, WPI 2011 - 2013

Science Outreach

- Judge, Northwestern University High School Project Showcase 2017
- Speaker, Seven Minute of Science Symposium 2017
- Volunteer, Grand Prix Challenges, Evanston 5th Ward Middle School 2016

Workshops attended

- Ready Set Go Science Communication Course, Northwestern University 2017
- Focus Summer School in Data Visualization, Northwestern University 2016
- ComSciCon-Chicago, Science Communication Workshop 2016
- Mathematical Problem in Industry Workshop, Newark DE 2015
- Graduate Students Mathematical Modeling Camp, Troy NY 2015
- US Particle Accelerator School, Grand Rapids MI 2012

Computer and Programing Skills

Matlab, Python, Maple, Latex, SQL, d3, Mathematica, C, SPSS, bash, NEK5000, QuickWave 3D