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## EDUCATION

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9/2014 – Present

### **The University of Washington**

- Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics – Expected June 2020 – Advisor: Bernard Deconinck
- M.S. in Applied Mathematics – Awarded January 2016 – Advisor: Bernard Deconinck
- Courses completed
  - Amath 584/585/586 (Numerical analysis sequence)
  - Amath 573 (Nonlinear waves)
  - Amath 575 (Dynamical systems)
  - Amath 570 (Spectral Methods and Approximation Theory)
  - Amath 568 (Advanced ODEs and perturbation)
  - Amath 505 (Fluid Dynamics)
- Reading courses
  - With Gunther Uhlmann on the Calderon Inverse problem on Riemannian Manifolds.
  - With Bernard Deconinck and research group on spectral and dynamical stability of nonlinear waves.
  - With Bernard Deconinck and research group on the Fokas Unified Transform Method.
  - With Bernard Deconinck and research group on Riemann Surfaces and differential equations.
- Amath 500 (Methods of Applied Mathematics Journal Club)
- Math 554/555 (Linear analysis sequence)
- Math 556 (Operator Theory and Distributions, joint with Math 526)
- Amath 572 (Intro to applied stochastic analysis)
- AA 580 (Geometric Methods in Nonlinear Control)
- With Bernard Deconinck and research group on normal form theory for ODEs.
- With Bernard Deconinck and research group on perturbation theory for linear operators (Kato).
- With Bernard Deconinck and research group on inverse spectral theory.
- With UW Amath graduate students on a variety of pedagogy research.

8/2011 – 5/2014

### **University of Colorado at Boulder, College of Engineering**

- BS in Applied Mathematics, Minor in Physics
- Magna Cum Laude

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## PUBLICATIONS

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- *On the nonintegrability of equations for long- and short-wave interactions*, Physics Letters A, Volume 38, Issue 29: 1916-1921. With B. Deconinck. (2018) <https://arxiv.org/abs/1710.09427>
- *The orbital stability of elliptic solutions of the Focusing Nonlinear Schrödinger Equation*, Submitted. With B. Deconinck. (2019) <https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.08702>.

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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9/2014 – Current

### **University of Washington Department of Applied Mathematics**

- My thesis work focuses on studying the stability of solutions to integrable PDEs.
- I have worked on a project involving computation of Riemann Surfaces for finite-genus solutions to PDEs.

- I have worked on examining the connection between the Schottky-Prime function on Riemann Surfaces built through Schottky Uniformization and the Riemann Theta Function on Riemann Surfaces built from an algebraic curve.
- I have worked on studying integrability of various Hamiltonian PDEs using Hamiltonian normal form theory, classical perturbation theory, and the method of Zakharov and Schulmann.

4/2014 – 8/2014

**University of Colorado at Boulder Applied Math Department**

- Worked towards analytically describing all regions of stability in the four-wave mixing equations with explosive instability.
- Advisor Professor Harvey Segur.
- Funded under NSF Award Number 1107354.

5/2012 – 8/2014

**University of Michigan undergraduate research assistant**

- NSF REU with advisors Professor Brian Arbic and Dr. David Trossman on a physical oceanography project.

PRESENTATIONS

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3/18/2019

**Real Lax spectrum implies stability**

- Talk at The Eleventh IMACS International Conference on Nonlinear Equations and Wave Phenomena
- In this talk, I present work on determining the stability of solutions of integrable equations through a description of the Lax spectrum.

4/13/2019

**Aligning exams to learning goals and Bloom's taxonomy in a scientific computing course**

- Talk at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Northwest Section of the Mathematical Association of America
- In this talk, I present work on aligning course learning goals and Bloom's taxonomy level with assessment.

10/27/2017,  
11/9/2017, &  
6/12/2018

**On the orbital stability of elliptic solutions to focusing NLS**

- Talk at the SIAM Pacific Northwest Regional Conference in Corvallis, OR., for the UW Applied Math seminar, and at the SIAM Nonlinear Waves and Coherent Structures conference in Orange, CA.
- In this talk, I present work on stability properties of a special class of solutions to the focusing Nonlinear Schrödinger equation.

7/31/2017 &  
6/2018

**On the orbital stability of elliptic solutions to focusing NLS**

- Poster presented at the Recent Advances in Nonlinear Waves conference in honor of Harvey Segur's 75th Birthday. Seattle, WA. and at the NSF-CBMS conference on Solving Problems in Multiply-Connected Domains, Irvine, CA.
- This poster presents work on stability properties of a special class of solutions to the focusing Nonlinear Schrödinger equation.

3/30/2017 &  
4/18/2017

**On the integrability of long and short wave interaction models**

- Poster presented at The Tenth IMACS International Conference on Nonlinear Equations and Wave Phenomena and at the Water Waves Session at ICERM.
- This poster focuses on the integrability of two different coupled long and short wave interaction models.

10/8/2016 &  
1/24/2017

**Methods in Applied Mathematics Journal Club Presentation**

- On the integrability of Hamiltonian PDEs via the method of Zakharov and Schulmann, parts 1 and 2 respectively.

- 12/9/2015      **Spectral methods final project**
- Graduate class at the University of Washington
  - Titled “Fun with Spherefun”
- 6/6/2015      **Dynamical systems final project**
- Graduate class at the University of Washington
  - Titled “Krein signature calculations for small amplitude periodic traveling wave solutions of dispersive Hamiltonian PDEs”
- 1/26/2015      **Methods in Applied Mathematics Journal Club Presentation**
- On undergraduate research titled “The explosive instability due to 4-wave mixing without dissipation or spatial variability”
- 12/4/2014      **Nonlinear waves final project**
- Graduate class at the University of Washington
  - Titled “The AFM formulation of the water-wave problem”
- 5/3/2014      **Dynamical systems final project**
- Graduate class at the University of Colorado
  - Titled “Bifurcating small-amplitude limit cycles from fine-focus origins of Polynomial Liénard systems”
- 12/8/2013      **Nonlinear waves final project**
- Graduate class at the University of Colorado
  - Titled “The explosive instability due to 3-wave or 4-wave mixing without dissipation or spatial variability”

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 6/2017 – current      **Instructor, University of Washington (with adjusted median evaluation score/5.0)**
- **Spring 2019, AMATH 383.** Partial Differential Equations and Waves.
  - **Autumn 2018, AMATH 383.** Introduction to Continuous Mathematical Modeling.
  - **Spring 2018, AMATH 353.** Partial Differential Equations and Waves (4.5/5.0).
  - **Summer 2017, AMATH 353.** Partial Differential Equations and Waves (4.4/5.0).
- 7/2018 – 9/2018      **Instructor, The University of Washington Math Science Upward Bound program**
- The Math Science Upward Bound program is a federally funded program college-opportunity program that motivates and supports high school students from disadvantaged backgrounds in their pursuit of a college degree. <https://uwmsub.org>.
  - **Summer 2018, Math 5.** Math 5 is the highest level of math class offered, it is a statistics course. The course is co-taught with Jake Price.
  - **Summer 2018, Machine Learning.** The machine learning course is an elective course co-taught with Jake Price.
- 9/2014 – 12/2016      **Teaching assistant, University of Washington (with adjusted median evaluation score/5.0)**
- **Winter 2019, AMATH 402.** Introduction to Dynamical Systems and Chaos.
  - **Autumn 2016, AMATH 383.** Introduction to Continuous Mathematical Modeling.
  - **Summer 2016, AMATH 353.** Partial Differential Equations and Waves.
  - **Summer 2016, AMATH 352.** Applied Linear Algebra and Numerical Analysis.
  - **Spring 2016, AMATH 351.** Differential Equations.
  - **Winter 2016, MATH 124.** First quarter in calculus sequence, Adjusted median instructor evaluation scores were (4.7/5.0) and (4.4/5.0) for my two sections.

- **Spring 2015, MATH 126.** Third quarter in calculus sequence. Adjusted median instructor evaluation scores were (4.4/5.0) and (4.3/5.0) for my two sections.
- **Winter 2015, MATH 125.** Second quarter in calculus sequence. Adjusted median instructor evaluation scores were (4.3/5.0) and (3.6/5.0) for my two sections.
- **Autumn 2014, MATH 125.** Second quarter in calculus sequence. Adjusted median instructor evaluation scores were (4.0/5.0) and (4.0/5.0) for my two sections.

- 8/2013 – 5/2014     **Applied Mathematics Learning Assistant (LA), University of Colorado at Boulder**
- **Fall 2013, APPM 4440.** Undergraduate Applied Analysis 1.
  - **Spring 2014, APPM 3310.** “Matrix Methods,” (undergraduate Linear Algebra).
- 9/2011 – 5/2014     **Math Tutor with The University of Colorado Student Academic Success Center**

## MENTORING

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- 7/2018 – 2/2019     **Mentor to undergraduate Math student Ryan Bushling**  
I continued advising Ryan as he continued his WXML project (below) by computing the stability spectrum for the constant solutions of the Benjamin-Ono equation.
- 1/2018 – 6/2018     **University of Washington WXML (Washington Experimental MathLab) graduate mentor**  
I was a graduate mentor for two undergraduate students at the University of Washington. Together we computed the stability spectrum of the mKdV equation using Hill’s method.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- 12/2016 – current     **University of Washington DRS (Disability Resources for Students) Exam Proctor**  
I proctor exams for students with special considerations for test taking.
- 9/2016 – current     **Tutor at Jeremy Upsal Consulting**  
I have been a tutor for a variety of undergraduate and high-school students both in the Seattle area and in other cities via online chat.
- 6/2013 – 12/2013     **Student Assistant at University of Colorado Boulder**  
Working with Professor Harvey Segur and lab technicians, I redesigned old and designed new projects for the undergraduate PDE/Fourier Series class at the University of Colorado.
- 1/2012 – 5/2013     **IT/Systems Engineer at Colorado Space Grant Consortium**

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, SERVICES/LEADERSHIP, AND AWARDS

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- 9/2018 – current     **Member of The University of Washington Applied Mathematics Diversity Committee**
- 6/2018                 **Boeing Service Award to the UW Department of Applied Mathematics**
- 9/2017 – 8/2018     **UW Applied Math Graduate Student Representative**
- 1/2016 – Current     **UW Applied PDEs Seminar Co-organizer**
- 9/2015 – 9/2017     **SIAM UW treasurer**

- 4/12/2019 –  
4/13/2019      **The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Pacific Northwest Section of the Mathematical Association of America**
- Organized a session titled “Aligning practice and assessment with course learning goals” with Craig Gin and Kelsey Marcinko.
  - Presented a talk on aligning examination content with course goals and Bloom’s taxonomy in a beginning scientific computing course.
  - <https://college.up.edu/math/pnw-maa.html>
- 4/17/2019 –  
4/19/2019      **The Eleventh IMAC International Conference on Nonlinear Equations and Wave Phenomena**
- Organized a session titled “Stability and traveling waves” with Bernard Deconinck, Anna Ghazaryan, Mat Johnson, Stephane Lafortune, Yuri Latushkin, and Samuel Walsh.
  - Presented a talk on determining the stability of solutions to integrable equations by understanding the Lax spectrum.
  - <http://waves2019.uga.edu/index.shtml>
- 6/18/2018 –  
6/22/2018      **NSF-CBMS Conference on Solving Problems in Multiply-Connected Domains**
- 6/11/2018 –  
6/14/2018      **2018 SIAM Conference on Nonlinear Waves and Coherent Structures**
- Presented a talk on stability of elliptic solutions to the Nonlinear Schrödinger equation
  - <http://www.siam.org/meetings/nwcs18/>
- 4/15/2017 –  
4/29/2017      **2017 SIAM Pacific Northwest Regional Conference**
- Organized a session titled “Recent Advances in Nonlinear Waves” with Xin Yang
  - Presented a talk on stability of elliptic solutions to the Nonlinear Schrödinger equation
  - <https://sites.google.com/view/siampnw17/>
- 4/15/2017 –  
4/29/2017      **Institute for Computational and Experimental Research in Mathematics (ICERM), Providence RI.**
- Long term visitor for the semester program entitled “Singularities and Waves in Incompressible Fluids”
  - Presented a poster at the poster session
  - <https://icerm.brown.edu/programs/sp-s17/>
- 3/29/2017 –  
4/1/2017      **The Tenth IMACS International Conference on Nonlinear Evolution Equations and Wave Phenomena: Computation and Theory, Athens GA.**
- Presented a poster at the poster session
  - <http://waves2017.uga.edu/index.shtml>
- 10/31/2016 –  
11/4/2016      **Workshop on Theoretical and Computational Aspects of Nonlinear Surface Waves at BIRS, Banff, Alberta CA**
- <https://www.birs.ca/events/2016/5-day-workshops/16w5112>
- 9/6/2016 –  
12/6/2016      **College Mathematics Instructor Development Source (CoMInDS) (online)**
- <http://www.maa.org/programs/faculty-and-departments/cominds>
- 8/8/2016 –  
8/11/2016      **2016 SIAM Conference on Nonlinear Waves and Coherent Structures, Philadelphia PA**
- <http://www.siam.org/meetings/nwcs16/>
- 7/25/2016 –  
8/5/2016      **Gene Golub SIAM Summer School 2016, Drexel University, Philadelphia PA**
- This two week course focuses on stochastic processes in Nonlinear Waves.
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<http://www.math.drexel.edu/song/Gene%20Golub%20Summer%20School/homepage1.html>

- 6/13/2016 –  
6/24/2016      **University of Chicago Third Summer School in Analysis, Chicago IL**
- This two week course focused on partial differential equations.
  - <http://math.uchicago.edu/chicagoanalysis/>
- 1/6/2016 –  
1/9/2016      **Joint Math Meetings, Seattle WA**
- Attended sessions on water waves and nonlinear waves and coherent structures
- 7/7/2014 –  
7/18/2014      **Train Tracks, Diffeomorphisms of Surfaces and Automorphisms of Free Groups RTG, University of Utah**
- Instructor: Mladen Bestvina
  - <http://www.math.utah.edu/agtrtg/traintracks/>
- 5/20/2013 –  
5/23/2013      **Layered Ocean Model Workshop**
- A description of the workshop can be found at: <http://coaps.fsu.edu/LOM/>
- 5/20/2012 –  
5/25/2012      **Duke University Mathematical Biology Workshop**
- A description of the workshop can be found at:  
<http://www.math.duke.edu/mathbio/undergrad.html>

## PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

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- 1/2015 – Current      **American Mathematical Society (AMS)**
- 10/2014 – Current      **Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM)**
- 8/2014 – Current      **Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM)**

## OUTREACH

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- 9/2018 – current      **Member of the University of Washington Department of Applied Mathematics Diversity Committee**
- 3/14/2019      **Volunteer for the SIAM Pi Day Math Fair event at Northshore Middle School, Bothell WA**
- 4/28/2018      **Volunteer for the Girl Scouts Math Fair at the University of Washington**
- 3/19/2018      **Volunteer for The University of Washington Math Fair**
- 9/2017-8/2018      **Graduate Student Representative for the University of Washington Department of Applied Mathematics**
- 3/2/2019,  
11/17/2018,  
3/10/2018,  
2/25/2017      **Volunteer for the Math For Love Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival, Seattle WA**
- 3/5/2016      **Volunteer for the SIAM Math Fair at the Pacific Science Center, Seattle WA**
- 12/11/2017,  
12/16/2016,  
12/8/2014      **Volunteer for the SIAM Math Fair at Lockwood Elementary, Bothell WA**
- 1/2014 – 5/2014      **Volunteer AVID tutor at Boulder High School, Boulder CO**

## COMPUTER SKILLS/OTHER

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- Operating systems: Proficient in Windows OS, Linux/Unix systems, and OSX.
- Programming/Scripting: Working knowledge of FORTRAN, C++, Python, Java, Bash, Mathematica, MATLAB, Sage, as well as a limited knowledge of PowerShell and Maple.
- Other software: MySQL, MS Office Suite, and L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.