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Contact Information

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Education

Iowa State University, Ames, IA 2015-2020

Ph.D. in Mathematics

- ◇ Dissertation Title: *Analysis of nonlocal equations: One-sided weighted fractional Sobolev spaces and Harnack inequality for fractional nondivergence form elliptic equations*
- ◇ Advisor: Pablo Raúl Stinga

University of Wisconsin–La Crosse, La Crosse, WI 2011-2015

B.S. in Mathematics, minor in chemistry

Current Employment

Assistant Professor Aug 2025-present

Texas State University, Department of Mathematics, San Marcos, TX

Previous Employment

Research Associate Aug 2023-July 2025

The University of Western Australia, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Perth, WA, Australia

- ◇ Supervisors: Serena Dipierro and Enrico Valdinoci

RTG Postdoctoral Researcher Aug 2020-May 2023

The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Mathematics, Austin, TX

- ◇ Supervisors: Luis Caffarelli and Stefania Patrizi

Graduate Teaching Assistant Aug 2015-Aug 2020

Iowa State University, Department of Mathematics, Ames, IA

Research Interests

Analysis and Partial Differential Equations
Nonlocal equations, fractional derivatives, fractional Laplacians, nonlinear equations, regularity theory, Harnack inequalities, fractional Allen–Cahn, phase transitions, Gamma convergence, continuous Steiner symmetrizations, materials modeling, peridynamics, viscoelasticity, fractals, electrical networks, Dirichlet forms, Kaczmarz algorithm

Publications

[1] S. Dipierro, E. Valdinoci, and M. Vaughan, A threshold for higher-order asymptotic development of genuinely nonlocal phase transition energies, to appear in *Proc. Amer. Math. Soc.*, 15 pp.

[2] S. Patrizi and M. Vaughan, The discrete dislocation dynamics of multiple dislocation loops, *Arch. Ration. Mech. Anal.*, **249** (2025), 63 pp.

[3] P. R. Stinga and M. Vaughan, Interior Schauder estimates for fractional elliptic equations in nondivergence form, *SIAM J. Math. Anal.*, **57** (2025), 47 pp.

[4] M. G. Delgadino and M. Vaughan, Continuous symmetrizations and uniqueness of solutions to nonlocal equations, to appear in *Analysis & PDE*, 38 pp.

[5] S. Patrizi and M. Vaughan, A convergence result for the derivation of front propagation in nonlocal phase field models, to appear in *Interfaces Free Bound*, 46 pp.

[6] P. R. Stinga and M. Vaughan, Fractional elliptic equations in nondivergence form: definition, applications and Harnack inequality, *J. Math. Pures Appl.* **156** (2021), 245–306.

[7] P. R. Stinga and M. Vaughan, Fractional derivatives, fractional Laplacians, and weighted Sobolev spaces, *Nonlinear Anal.* **193** (2020), 29 pp.

[8] A. Aboud, E. Curl, S. N. Harding, M. Vaughan, and E. S. Weber, The dual Kaczmarz algorithm, *Acta Appl Math* **165** (2020), 133–148.

Preprints

[9] A. Aboud, P. Alonso Ruiz, and M. Vaughan, A new graph-directed construction of nonlocal energies on the unit interval, arXiv:2503.10948, *submitted preprint*, 47 pp.

[10] S. Dipierro, S. Patrizi, E. Valdinoci, and M. Vaughan, Asymptotic expansion of a nonlocal phase transition energy, arXiv:2409.06215, *submitted preprint*, 56 pp.

[11] S. Dipierro, S. Patrizi, E. Valdinoci, and M. Vaughan, Weighted nonlocal area functionals without the triangle inequality, arXiv:2506.19048, *submitted preprint*, 32 pp.

Papers in Preparation

[12] P. Seleson, P. R. Stinga, and M. Vaughan, Bond-breaking criteria in peridynamics: Critical stretch vs. critical energy density.

Fellowships and Internships

Robert J. Lambert Graduate Assistantship Spring 2020

Iowa State University, Department of Mathematics
Teaching release awarded to one graduate student to improve the quantity and quality of research

Brown Graduate Fellowship, $10,000 Fall 2019-Spring 2020

Iowa State University, Office of the Vice President for Research
One of twelve graduate students across campus to receive this award

NSF-MSGI Summer Internship Summer 2018

Fractional PDEs for materials modeling under the direction of Pablo Seleson at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. One of twenty students selected

Grants and Funding

Structured Quartet Research Ensembles (SQuaREs) 2021-2026

American Institute of Mathematics, Pasadena, CA
Proposal title: Fractional Laplacians on Fractal Domains

Inclusion Initiatives Grant (Co-PI), $1,580 May 2018

Iowa State University, Office of the Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion
Purpose: Host the Midwest Mathematics Inclusion and Diversity Workshop for Undergraduates, October 2018

Women's and Diversity Grant Award (Co-PI), $5,000 May 2017

Iowa State University, Office of the Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion

Purpose: Host the first Joint EDGE-MOCA Speaker Series, 2018-19

Conference travel grants

◇ WIMSIG Conference 2024 Travel Award October 2024
Purpose: attend WIMSIG Conference 2024 in Sydney, Australia

◇ MATRIX-Simons Travel Grant March 2024
Purpose: attend MATRIX-RIMS Tandem Workshop: Evolutionary Partial Differential Equations and Applications in Creswick, Australia

◇ MATRIX-Simons Travel Grant January 2024
Purpose: attend MATRIX workshop Elliptic Partial Differential Equations, Geometry, and the Calculus of Variations in Creswick, Australia

◇ AWM Graduate Poster Session January 2020
Purpose: participate in AWM workshop at JMM in Denver, CO

◇ AWM Graduate Poster Session February 2019
Purpose: participate in AWM workshop at SIAM CSE in Spokane, WA

◇ AMS Graduate Student Travel Grant October 2018
Purpose: attend AMS Sectional Meeting in Ann Arbor, MI

Honors and Awards

Honorable Mention in the Elevating Mathematics Video Competition March 2019
National Academies' Board on Mathematical Science and Analytics
Video found at `https://youtu.be/tSylHPE6WKk`

Robert J. Lambert Research Award, $1,000 Fall 2018
Iowa State University, Department of Mathematics
Awarded to one graduate student for research excellence

Graduate College Teaching Excellence Award, $250 Fall 2017
Iowa State University, Graduate College
Awarded to the top 10% of the graduate students involved in teaching

Minicourses

[1] at Texas State Winter School, San Marcos, TX, USA. - upcoming

Invited Conference Talks

[1] at GeoVar Winter School on PDEs, Rome, Italy. February 2026 - upcoming

[2] at AMS Sectional Meeting, Special Session on Recent Trends in Nonlocal and Local PDEs, St. Louis, MO, USA. October 2025 - upcoming

[3] *Continuous symmetrizations and uniqueness of solutions to nonlocal equations* at the MATRIX event Gradient Flows in Geometry and PDE, Creswick, VIC, Australia. January 2025

[4] *Asymptotic expansion of a nonlocal phase transition energy* at the WIMSIG conference, Sydney Mathematical Research Institute, Sydney, VIC, Australia. October 2024

[5] *Asymptotic expansion of a nonlocal phase transition energy* at the Geometry of Measures and Free Boundaries 2024, a Conference in Honor of Tatiana Toro, Seattle, WA, USA. July 2024

[6] *Interior regularity theory for fractional elliptic equations in nondivergence form*, at the MATRIX event Elliptic Partial Differential Equations, Geometry, and the Calculus of Variations, Creswick, VIC, Australia. January 2024

[7] *Multiple interphases for fractional Allen–Cahn equations* at AMS Sectional Meeting, Special Session on Geometric and Analytic methods in PDE, Cincinnati, OH, USA. April 2023

[8] *Multiple interphases for fractional Allen–Cahn equations* (**plenary talk**) at the Midwest Geometry Conference, Manhattan, Kansas. March 2023

[9] *Dynamics for loop dislocations in crystals* at the MATRIX event Minimal Surfaces and Geometric Flows: Interaction Between the Local and the Nonlocal Worlds, Creswick, VIC, Australia. January 2023

[10] *Dynamics for loop dislocations in crystals* at Joint Mathematics Meetings, Special Session on Advances in Nonlinear Boundary Value Problems, Boston, MA, USA. January 2023

[11] *Fractional energies, symmetrizations, and applications* at Joint Mathematics Meetings, Special Session on Nonlocal Frameworks in Analysis and Mathematical Modeling, Boston, MA, USA. January 2023

[12] *Fractional powers of nondivergence form elliptic operators* at Advances in Operator Theory with Applications to Mathematical physics, Chapman University, Orange, CA, USA. November 2022

[13] *Recent progress on crystal dislocation dynamics in higher dimensions* at the Banff International Research Station, Theoretical and Applied Aspects for Nonlocal Models workshop, Banff, Alberta, CA. July 2022

[14] *Crystal dislocation dynamics in higher dimensions* (**plenary talk**) at Nonlocal School on Fractional Equations 2022, Ames, IA. June 2022

[15] *Fractional derivatives and characterizations of one-sided weighted Sobolev spaces* at Joint Mathematics Meetings, AMS Special Session on Recent Developments in Nonlocal Modeling and Analysis, Seattle, WA, USA. April 2022

[16] *Internships and fractional derivatives at Oak Ridge National Laboratory* at Joint Mathematics Meetings, SIAM Special Session on Graduate Research in Industry and National Laboratory Internships, Seattle, WA, USA. April 2022

[17] *Harnack inequality for fractional elliptic equations in nondivergence form* at 16th U.S. National Congress on Computational Mechanics, Chicago, IL, USA. July 2021

[18] *Fractional derivatives and characterizations of one-sided weighted Sobolev spaces* at Young Researchers Minisymposium, Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology, Okinawa, Japan. February 2020

[19] *Fractional derivatives in one-sided weighted Sobolev spaces* at SIAM Central States Section, Ames, IA, USA. October 2019

[20] *Fractional derivatives in one-sided weighted Sobolev spaces* at AMS Sectional Meeting, Special Session on Recent Trends on Local, Nonlocal and Fractional Partial Differential Equations, Ann Arbor, MI, USA. October 2018

Invited Seminars and Colloquium

[1] *Evolution of dislocations in crystalline structures* at Colloquia, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, NE, USA. April 2023.

[2] *Application of continuous Steiner symmetrizations to fractional equations* at Continuum Mechanics Seminar, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, NE, USA. April 2023.

[3] *Regularity theory for fractional elliptic equations in nondivergence form* at Geometry and Analysis Seminar, Columbia University, NY, USA. March 2023

[4] *Application of continuous Steiner symmetrizations to fractional equations* at Nonlinear Partial Differential Equations Seminar, Wayne State University, MI, USA. February 2023

[5] *Regularity theory for fractional elliptic equations in nondivergence form* at Nonlinear Partial Differential Equations Seminar, Texas A&M University, TX, USA. November 2022

[6] *What is a fractional derivative?* at Colloquia, Westmont College, CA, USA. November 2022

[7] *Harnack inequality for fractional elliptic equations in nondivergence form* at AIMS-Cameroon Research Center Colloquium Series, African Institute for Mathematical Science, Cameroon. December 2021.

[8] *Harnack inequality for fractional elliptic equations in nondivergence form* at Analysis Seminar, The University of Texas at Austin, TX, USA. December 2021.

[9] *Harnack inequality for fractional elliptic equations in nondivergence form* at Continuum Mechanics Seminar, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, NE, USA. March 2021

[10] *An introduction to the nonlocal Peierls-Nabarro model in 1D* at SIAM Student Chapter, Iowa State University, IA, USA. March 2021

[11] A priori *estimates for fractional powers of nondivergence form elliptic operators* at PDE & Analysis Seminar, University of Pittsburgh, PA, USA. February 2020

[12] *What is a fractional derivative?* at Colloquia, Carleton College, MN, USA. November 2019

[13] *Viscoelasticity and Fractional Derivatives* at Continuum Mechanics Seminar, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, NE, USA. April 2019

[14] *How to define fractional Laplacians and fractional derivatives* at Continuum Mechanics Seminar, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, NE, USA. April 2018

[15] *A brief history and comparison of fractional derivatives* at UWL Math Club, University of Wisconsin–La Crosse, WI, USA. November 2018

[16] *Two talks: the truth about graduate school and what is a fractional derivative?* at UWL Math Club, University of Wisconsin–La Crosse, WI, USA. November 2017

Other Talks

Conference talks

[1] *Evolution of interfaces in the limit of a nonlocal phase field model* at Texas Differential Equations Conference, College Station, TX, USA. October 2022

[2] *Harnack inequality for fractional elliptic equations in nondivergence form* at AMS Sectional Meeting, Special Session on Theoretical and Applied Aspects of Nonlocal Equations, Omaha, NE, USA. October 2021.

[3] *A priori estimates for fractional powers of nondivergence form elliptic operators* at Texas Differential Equations Conference, Austin, TX, USA. March 2020

[4] *One-sided fractional derivatives and weighted Sobolev spaces* at Joint Mathematics Meeting, Denver, CO, USA. January 2020

[5] *Fractional derivatives and one-sided weighted Sobolev spaces* at 7th Midwest Women in Mathematics Symposium, Iowa City, IA, USA. April 2019

[6] *Investigating the dependence of transmission rate to water temperature in a host-parasite system* at Wisconsin MAA Section Meeting, Ripon College, WI, USA. April 2015

[7] *Investigating the dependence of transmission rate to water temperature in a host-parasite system* at Joint Mathematics Meeting, San Antonio, TX, USA. January 2015

Seminars

[1] *Fractional powers of nondivergence form elliptic operators* at Junior Analysis Seminar, Iowa State University, IA, USA. January 2020

[2] *Viscosity solutions of elliptic equations (2 Days)* at Junior Analysis Seminar, Iowa State University, IA, USA. October & November 2019

[3] *Fractional derivatives in one-sided weighted Sobolev spaces* at SIAM Seminar, Iowa State University, IA, USA. November 2018

[4] *What are fractional derivatives?* at Graduate Student Seminar, Iowa State University, IA, USA. September 2018.

[5] *Fractional PDEs for materials modeling* at Computational and Applied Mathematics Seminar, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, TN, USA. August 2018

[6] *How to define fractional Laplacians and fractional derivatives* at Analysis Seminar, Iowa State University, IA, USA. April 2018

[7] *Investigating the dependence of transmission rate to water temperature in a host-parasite system* at Mathematics Department Colloquium, University of Wisconsin–La Crosse, WI, USA. October 2014

[8] *Investigating the dependence of transmission rate to water temperature in a host-parasite system* at Mathematics-Biology Working Group, University of Wisconsin–La Crosse, WI, USA. October 2014

[9] *Investigating the dependence of transmission rate to water temperature in a host-parasite system* at Dean's Distinguished Fellowship Meeting, University of Wisconsin–La Crosse, WI, USA. July 2014

Poster Presentations

[1] *Viscoelasticity and fractional derivatives* at Workshop on Experimental and Computational Fracture Mechanics, Baton Rouge, LA, USA. February 2020

[2] *Fractional derivatives and Laplacians in one and two-sided weighted Sobolev spaces* at the 2020 Joint Mathematics Meeting, Denver, CO, USA. January 2020

[3] *Fractional derivatives and Laplacians in one and two-sided weighted Sobolev spaces* at Local and Nonlocal Trends in Analysis and Geometry, Pittsburgh, PA, USA. October 2019

[4] *Fractional derivatives and Laplacians in one and two-sided weighted Sobolev spaces* at SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering, Spokane, WA, USA. February 2019

[5] *Fractional PDEs for materials modeling* at ORPA Research Symposium, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, TN, USA. August 2018

[6] *Investigating the dependence of transmission rate to water temperature in a host-parasite system* at Midwest Mathematical Biology Conference, University of Wisconsin–La Crosse, WI, USA. May 2015

[7] *Investigating the dependence of transmission rate to water temperature in a host-parasite system* at Joint Mathematics Meeting, San Antonio, TX, USA. January 2015

[8] *Investigating the dependence of transmission rate to water temperature in a host-parasite system* at Summer Research Expo, University of Wisconsin–La Crosse, WI, USA. August 2014

Teaching Experience

Texas State University

Math 4315: Analysis II	11 students	Fall 2025

The University of Texas at Austin

M 427L: Adv. Calculus for Applications II	120 students	Spring 2023
M 361K: Introduction to Real Analysis	25 students	Fall 2022
M 427J: Differential Equations with Linear Alg.	100 students	Spring 2022
M 427J: Differential Equations with Linear Alg.	100 students	Fall 2021
M 427L: Adv. Calculus for Applications II	120 students	Spring 2021
M 408L: Integral Calculus (flipped classroom)	32 students	Fall 2020

Iowa State University

Sole Instructor

Math 266/7: Elementary Differential Equations	18 students	Summer 2019
Math 166: Calculus II	35 students	Spring 2018
Math 166: Calculus II	35 students	Summer 2017

Teaching Assistant

Math 165: Calculus I (flipped classroom)	Team–Based Learning	Fall 2017
Math 160: Survey of Calculus		Fall 2016
Math 265: Calculus III		Spring 2016
Math 166: Calculus II		Fall 2015

Grader

Math 554: Stochastic Processes	Fall 2019
Math 519: Applied of Math I	Fall 2019
Math 365: Complex Variables	Spring 2017
Math 105: Intro to Math Ideas	Spring 2017
Math 265: Calculus III	Summer 2016
Math 143: Pre-Calculus	Summer 2016

Teaching Development

Participant in active learning workshop, University of Texas (3 hours) August 2021

Team Based Learning Curriculum Assistant Fall 2018–Spring 2019

Funded through the Howard Hughes Medical Institute grant
Goal: Develop Team Based Learning material for non-TBL instructors to implement active learning in non-TBL classes

Teaching Seminar on the Book *Make It Stick - The Science of Successful Learning* by Peter C. Brown

Co-leader of seminar Spring 2019
Participant of seminar Spring 2017

Professional Service

Conference organization

- Organizer of the **Special Session on Theoretical and Applied Aspects of Nonlocal Equations** at AMS Sectional Meeting, Omaha, NE.
  (joint with Animesh Biswas and Petronela Radu) October 2021

- Organizer of the **Midwest Mathematics Inclusion and Diversity Workshop for Undergraduates** at Iowa State University, Ames IA.
  (joint with a team of ISU mathematics graduate students and faculty)
  website: `https://sites.google.com/iastate.edu/mmidwu18/` October 2018

Seminar organization

- Co-founder and organizer of **Junior Analysis Seminar** at Iowa State University
  (joint with Animesh Biswas) 2019-2020
  website: `https://sites.google.com/view/junior-analysis-seminar/home`

- Co-founder and chair of organizing committee of **Joint EDGE/AWM-MOCA Speaker Series Organization Committee**
  (joint with a team of ISU mathematics graduate students and faculty) 2017-2019
  website: `https://sites.google.com/view/isu-jamss/`

Conference assistance

- Assisted with preparations of **Texas Women in Math Symposium 2023** at the University of Texas March 2023

- Assisted with registration and organization of **Midwest Geometry Conference 2019** at Iowa State September 2019

- Assisted with student activities and organization of **Sonia Kovalevsky Mathematics Day** at Iowa State March 2019

- Great Plains Math League Competition volunteer February 2016, 2017

Referee for peer-reviewed journals

- Journal of Evolution Equations
- Nonlinear Analysis
- Rocky Mountain Journal of Mathematics
- The Royal Society of Edinburgh: Proceedings A

Center for Minorities in the Mathematical Sciences

- Research assistantship under the supervision of Michael Young to develop content for the CMMS website: `minoritymath.org` Summer 2020

Mentoring

- Mentored a female undergraduate math major as part of the **SAGES at UT**

mentorship program 2022

◇ First-year graduate peer mentor, Iowa State 2016–2020

Committees

◇ Elected Member of **Math Graduate Student Organization** at Iowa State

- Treasurer 2016-2017
- Graduate Student Liaison 2017-2018

◇ **Association for Women in Mathematics Student Chapter** at Iowa State

- Co-founder and member November 2017-August 2020
- Interim Secretary November 2017-February 2018
- Member of Program and Events Committee November 2017-August 2018

MEMBERSHIPS Australian Mathematical Society (AustMS)
AustMS Women in Mathematics Special Interest Group