

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	Mathematics	Ph.D. 2017
University of North Florida	Mathematics & Art History	B.A. 2012

## Appointments and Employment

Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Pennsylvania	Summer 2017 - present
Graduate Assistant, Advisor: Prof. K. Mischaikow, Rutgers University	Spring 2017
NSF EAPSI Fellow, Advisor: Prof. T. Ishihara, Nagoya University	Summer 2016
Graduate Assistant, Advisor: Prof. K. Mischaikow, Rutgers University	Fall 2015 – Spring 2016
Graduate Student Coordinator, DIMACS REU	Summer 2014
Statistical Data Analyst Intern, Fidelity National Financial	Summer 2012
Business Systems Analyst, Fidelity National Financial	2005 - 2011
Business Systems Analyst, Wells Fargo Services Company	2001 - 2005

## Awards & Fellowships

TA Teaching Excellence Award <i>Rutgers University, Department of Mathematics</i>	Fall 2016
University Diversity Fellowship <i>Rutgers University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences</i>	2012 - 2014
Janice Pattwell Annual Mathematics Fellowship <i>Rutgers University, Department of Mathematics</i>	2012 - 2013
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Mathematics <i>University of North Florida Mathematics &amp; Statistics Department</i>	Apr. 2012
Student Speaker Award <i>Pi Mu Epsilon National Meeting at MathFest 2011, Lexington, KY.</i>	Aug. 2011
Undergraduate Scholarships for Analysis & Probability <i>University of North Florida Mathematics &amp; Statistics Department</i>	May 2011
UNF College of Arts & Sciences, Willard O. Ash Award <i>Award recognizing a senior who embodies Dean Ash's philosophy of a broad-based education in the liberal arts and sciences.</i>	Nov. 2010

## Publications

An adaptive subsample approximation for large Vietoris-Rips Filtrations (with S. Harker, M. Kramar, and K. Mischaikow) *in preparation*.

A Comparison Framework for Interleaved Persistence Modules (with S. Harker, M. Kramar, and K. Mischaikow) *in preparation*.

Analysis of Kolmogorov Flow and Rayleigh-Bénard Convection using Persistent Homology (with M. Kramar, J. Tithof, B. Suri, M. Xu, M. Paul, M. Schatz, and K. Mischaikow), *Physica D: Nonlinear Phenomena*, 334, 82-98 (2016)

On singular value inequalities for matrix means (with R. Dumitru and B. Visinescu), *Linear Algebra and its Applications*, 439(8), 2405-2410 (2013)

### **Selected Talks**

- An Introduction to Topological Data Analysis for the Digital Humanities. Apr. 28, 2017  
*Group for Experimental Methods in the Humanities, Columbia University.*
- Studying fluid dynamics with persistent homology. Feb. 23, 2017  
*Applied Topology Seminar, Brown University.*
- Studying fluid dynamics with persistent homology. Feb. 2, 2017  
*Applied Mathematics Seminar, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY.*
- A Comparison Framework for Interleaved Persistence Modules. Jan. 4, 2017  
*Joint Mathematics Meeting, Atlanta, GA.*
- Studying fluid dynamics with persistent homology. Dec. 15, 2016  
*Computational Math and Applications Workshop, Rutgers University.*
- Rigorous error tracking for topological data analysis. Dec. 8, 2016  
*Thomas J. Watson Research Center, IBM Research.*
- A Comparison Framework for Interleaved Persistence Modules. Dec. 3, 2016  
*Union College Mathematics Conference, Union College.*
- New applications of persistent homology to image and time series analysis. Nov. 15, 2016  
*Applied Topology Seminar, University of Pennsylvania*
- Exploring high dimensional data with persistent homology. Oct. 11, 2016  
*Guest lecturer, Senior capstone class, New Jersey Institute of Technology*
- Tracking Errors in the space of Persistence Diagrams. Aug. 1-5, 2016  
*Patterns and Waves 2016, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan*
- Using persistent homology and diffusion map embeddings to study turbulent combustion dynamics. July 20, 2016  
*Seminar, Nagoya University, Nagoya, Japan*
- Recent Developments in Topological Data Analysis. May 25-27, 2016  
*High-Dimensional Data Analysis (HDDA VI), Fields Institute, Toronto*
- A Comparison Framework for Interleaved Persistence Modules. Apr. 11, 2016  
*Applied topology seminar, University of Pennsylvania.*
- Auslander-Reiten Quivers of finite-dimensional algebras. Mar. 23, 2016  
*Algebra seminar, Rutgers University.*
- Generalizations of the induced matching and algebraic stability theorems. Mar. 10, 2016  
*MacPherson seminar, Institute for Advanced Study.*
- Dynamics of 2D fluid simulations through persistent homology. Oct. 23, 2015  
*Applied topology seminar, Columbia Medical University.*
- Using Persistent Homology to study dynamics in the space of persistence diagrams, Parts I & II. Aug. 17-28, 2015  
*Algebraic Topology & High-Dimensional Data Analysis (HDDA V), University of Victoria, Victoria, BC*
- Bent out of Shape: Taking a look at Perturbed Eigenvalues Feb. 18, 2012  
*Florida MAA Conference Student Speaker, University of North Florida*
- Imagining the Banach-Tarski Paradox Aug. 4, 2011  
*Student Speaker, Pi Mu Epsilon National Meeting at MathFest 2011*

## Service

Co-organizer for New York Applied Topology seminar, <i>Columbia University Medical Center</i>	Fall 2015 – Spring 2016
Co-organizer for AMS Special Session on Topological Data Analysis: Computations, Statistics and Applications, <i>Rutgers University</i>	Nov. 2015
Directed Reading Program, <i>Rutgers University</i>	Fall 2014 – Spring 2016
Pi Mu Epsilon Florida Eta Chapter, <i>President</i>	2011 - 2012
Pi Mu Epsilon Florida Eta Chapter, <i>Vice President</i>	2011

## Teaching

TA for Calculus III, Rutgers University	Fall 2016
TA for Computational Topology, Rutgers University	Spring 2016
Instructor for Graph Algorithms, RYSP, Rutgers University	Summer 2015
Undergraduate research mentor, DIMACS REU	Summer 2015
TA for Calculus II for Math/Science Majors, Rutgers University	Fall 2014

## Programming and Technical Experience

Programming: Python, shell scripting, MATLAB, Mathematica, Maple, R, JavaScript, D3, SQL, and C++.  
Data modeling experience with relational databases and domain models (UML).

OS and other: Mac OS X, and Linux environments. Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, Word, Access, Visio).  
Experience running distributed computations in HPC environments.

## References

Konstantin Mischaikow, Rutgers University	<a href="mailto:mischaik@math.rutgers.edu">mischaik@math.rutgers.edu</a>
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