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## EDUCATION

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**Brown University**, Providence, RI *September 2019 - May 2024*

Ph.D in Applied Mathematics

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Björn Sandstede, Division of Applied Mathematics

Thesis: Patterns in Network Dynamics

MS, Applied Mathematics

*May 2021*

**Dickinson College**, Carlisle, PA *September 2015 - May 2019*

B.S. in Mathematics & Physics

Phi Beta Kappa Honors, Honors in Mathematics, *Summa Cum Laude*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**University of Colorado Boulder**, Boulder, CO *2024 - Present*

*Postdoctoral Associate*

PI: Nancy Rodriguez (co-PI: David Bortz)

Learning Dynamics and Detecting Causal Pathways in Coupled Online-Offline Systems

**Brown University**, Providence, RI *2019 - 2024*

*Doctoral Candidate*

Advised by Dr. Björn Sandstede, Division of Applied Mathematics

Analyzing localized patterns arising in graph dynamical systems using numerical and analytical techniques

**Los Alamos National Laboratory**, Los Alamos, NM *September 2023 - November 2023*

*Applied Mathematics Graduate Student*

Supervised by Dr. Andrey Lokhov, Applied Mathematics and Plasma Physics group

Investigating sample-optimal learning algorithm for temporal networks using graphical model techniques

**AMS Mathematics Research Communities** *June 2023*

*Topic on Complex Social Systems*

Collaborative group project led by Dr. Heather Z. Brooks and Dr. Philip S. Chodrow

Developing likelihood-based methods to infer interaction structure in opinion dynamics

**Oak Ridge National Laboratory**, Oak Ridge, TN *June 2022 - August 2022*

*NSF Mathematical Sciences Graduate Internship*

Supervised by Dr. Pablo Moriano, Computer Science and Mathematics Division

Studied the robustness of network community structure under addition of edges using data science

**Dickinson College**, Carlisle, PA *September 2018 - May 2019*

*Honors project in mathematics*

Advised by Dr. David Richeson, Department of Mathematics & Computer Science

Used various algebraic descriptions of the annular braid group to analyze maypole dancing

*Physics senior research*

Advised by Dr. Lars Q. English, Department of Physics & Astronomy

Investigated symmetry breaking in coupled logistic maps through experimental realization on electronic circuit

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Published Articles

2023    **M Tian** and P Moriano, *Robustness of community structure under edge addition*, Phys. Rev. E **108** (2023), 054302

- 2021 **M Tian**, JJ Bramburger, and B Sandstede, *Snaking Bifurcations of Localized Patterns on Ring Lattices*, IMA Journal of Applied Mathematics (2021), hxab023
- 2019 H Mhiri, **M Tian**, E Wynne, S Jones, A Mareno, and LQ English, *An Experimental Survey of Chaos and Symmetry Breaking in Coupled and Driven Logistic Maps*, European Journal of Physics **40** (2019), no. 6, 065802

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## INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

**SAS Institute, Inc**, Remote *May 2023 - August 2023 (full-time)*  
*Machine Learning Graduate Intern* *& January 2024 - May 2024 (part-time)*  
 Investigated Functional Principal Component Analysis (FPCA) methods and its applications

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## SELECTED AWARDS, HONORS AND MEMBERSHIPS

### Awards

- 2024 **SIAM Student Chapter Certificate of Recognition**, Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics  
 In recognition of outstanding efforts and accomplishments on behalf of the SIAM Chapter at Brown University
- 2023 **SIAM Student Travel Awards**, Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics  
 Support students to attend and present at SIAM conferences
- 2019 **James Fowler Rusling Prize**, Dickinson College  
 Presented to a member of the senior class whose scholarly achievements have been judged most superior by the All-College Committee on Academic Program and Standards
- The Lance E. Kohlhaas Memorial Prize in Mathematics**, Dickinson College  
 Awarded to a graduating mathematics major who has demonstrated excellence in that field and shows promise in an actuarial or mathematics career
- 2018 **The Caroline Hatton Clark Mathematics Scholarship**, Dickinson College  
 Awarded for outstanding achievement in mathematics
- 2017 **The Henry P. Cannon Memorial Prize**, Dickinson College  
 Awarded to a member of the sophomore class who excels in mathematics
- The Junior Class Sophister Prize**, Dickinson College  
 Awarded to the junior with the highest academic ranking at the start of the academic year
- 2016 **The John Patton Memorial Prize**, Dickinson College  
 Awarded to a rising sophomore for high scholastic standing

### Honors

Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society  
 Pi Mu Epsilon National Honorary Mathematics Society  
 Sigma Pi Sigma National Physics Honor Society  
 Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society

### Memberships

- 2019 - Present American Mathematical Society
- 2019 - Present Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Talks

- 2024 **2024 Joint Mathematics Meetings (JMM 2024)**  
*Inferring Interaction Kernels for Stochastic Agent-Based Opinion Dynamics*, San Francisco, CA, January, 2024
- 2023 **SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems (DS23)**  
*Localized Patterns on Graphs*, Portland, OR, May, 2023
- 2022 **SIAM Workshop on Network Science (NS22)** (virtual) - Lightning Talk  
*How Robust are Communities in Temporal Networks? A Comparative Analysis Using Community Detection Algorithms*, September, 2022
- 2022 **Jane Street's Symposium** (virtual)  
*Localized Patterns on Ring Lattices*, January, 2022
- 2021 **Graduate Seminar**  
*Localized Patterns on Symmetric Coupled Rings - The Influence of Interaction Length on Pattern Formation*, Brown University, Providence, RI, December, 2021
- 2021 **Brown / BU / UMass Dynamics & PDE Seminar**  
*Snaking Bifurcations of Localized Patterns*, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA, November, 2021
- 2019 **Mathematics Honors Presentation**  
*Maypole Braids: An Analysis Using the Annular Braid Group*, Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, April, 2019
- 2019 **Physics Senior Research Talks**  
*Bifurcation, Symmetry Breaking, and Synchronization in a Coupled-Logistic Map Circuit*, Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, April, 2019

### Posters

- 2024 **AWM Workshop at SIAM Annual Meeting 2024**  
*Efficiently Learning Models of Networks*, Spokane, WA, July, 2024
- 2024 **2024 Dynamics Days US**  
*Efficient Learning of Models for Temporal Networks*, Davis, CA, January, 2024
- 2023 **Mathematical Opportunities in Digital Twins (MATH-DT) Workshop**  
*Community Robustness under Edge Addition in Synthetic and Empirical Temporal Networks*, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, January, 2023
- 2023 **Dynamics Days US 2023** (virtual)  
*Community Robustness in Temporal Networks under Edge Addition*, January, 2023
- 2021 **SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems (DS21)** (virtual)  
*Snaking Bifurcations of Localized Patterns on Ring Lattices*, May, 2021
- 2019 **34th Annual All Science Symposium**  
  - Maypole Braids: An Analysis Using the Annular Braid Group*
  - Using LabView to Explore Symmetry Breaking in a Coupled Logistic Map Circuit*, Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, April, 2019
- 2019 **American Physical Society March Meeting 2019**  
*Using an Arduino in a Coupled Logistic Map Circuit to Explore Basins of Attraction for Symmetry-broken States*, Boston, MA, March, 2019

## WORKSHOPS AND SUMMER SCHOOLS ATTENDED

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- 2023 American Mathematical Society Mathematics Research Communities 2023 on Complex Social Systems, Java Center, NY, June 18 - June 24, 2023
- 2023 Women in Network Science Collabathon, group project on topic modeling, Northeastern University, May 1 - May 5, 2023
- 2022 Fall 2022 Data Science Boot Camp, group project on English language proficiency evaluation model, the Erdős Institute, September - December, 2022 (virtual)
- 2022 OLCF Summer Hands-On High Performance Computing Course, Certificate of Completion, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, July 2022 (virtual)
- 2022 May 2022 Data Science Boot Camp, group project on predicting chocolate ratings with feature engineering, the Erdős Institute, May 9 - June 4, 2022 (virtual)
- 2021 ICERM Workshop: Geometric and Topological Methods in Data Science, Brown University, December 16 - 17, 2021
- 2020 IMSD Module: Introduction to Statistical Analysis of Data 2020, Brown University, November 5, 12 and 19, 2020 (virtual)
- 2020 IMSD Module: Scientific Presentations, Brown University, June 4, 5 and 11, 2020 (virtual)
- 2018 Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program, completed with honors, Budapest, Hungary, Summer 2018

## LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

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### Leadership

- Fall 2021 **Brown Division of Applied Mathematics - Directed Reading Program**, Brown University  
Mentored an undergraduate student on mathematical optimal control theory and applications
- Summer 2020 **5-week Undergraduate Program in Experimental Math**, Brown University  
Supervised a team of 3 undergraduate students on studying the dynamics and patterns of graphing fleas
- 2019 - 2020 **Brown Applied Math Undergraduate/Graduate Mentoring Program**  
Mentored an undergraduate student with regards to study plans and academic/career goals

### Service

- 2021 - 2023 **APMA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee**, Brown University  
Attended bi-weekly meetings and developed plans and projects to improve climate and increase diversity and inclusion in the Division of Applied Mathematics
- 2021 - 2023 **Brown SIAM Student Chapter Executive Board**, Brown University  
Kept record for organizational plans and helped facilitate on-campus events
- 2021 - 2023 **Sheridan Center Departmental Graduate Student Liaison**, Brown University  
Maintained communications and forwarded events information between the Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning and the Division of Applied Mathematics
- 2016 - 2019 **Math & CS Major's Committee**, Dickinson College  
Gave feedback on personnel reviews and provided a student voice in departmental issues

## TEACHING

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### Experience

- Spring 2021    **Applied Ordinary Differential Equations**, Teaching Assistant, Brown University
- Fall 2020    **Operations Research: Deterministic Models**, Teaching Assistant, Brown University
- Fall 2018    **Single Variable Calculus**, Teaching Assistant, Dickinson College
- Fall 2017    **Introduction to Calculus**, Teaching Assistant, Dickinson College
- Fall 2016    **Single Variable Calculus**, Teaching Assistant, Dickinson College

### Pedagogical Training

- Fall 2020    **Sheridan Center Certificate I: Reflective Teaching**, Brown University  
Introductory seminar in a cross-disciplinary setting that helps develop and refine fundamental, evidence-based teaching skills and strategies

### Tutoring

- 2017 - 2019    **Quantitative Reasoning Center**, Dickinson College  
Tutored college entry-level math, physics and economics students/classes
- 2016 - 2019    **Math Help Room**, Dickinson College  
Tutored walk-in students from college entry-level mathematics classes