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## Employment

- 2016–present **Assistant Professor**,  
*Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Utah State University,*  
Logan, UT, USA.
- 9/2015–  
11/2015 **Research Member**, *Mathematical Sciences Research Institute,*  
Berkeley, CA, USA.
- 2013–2016 **Visiting Assistant Professor**,  
*Department of Mathematics, University of Rochester,*  
Rochester, NY, USA.
- 2012–2013 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, *Institute for Mathematics and its Applications,*  
Minneapolis, MN, USA.

## Education

- 2007–2012 **Ph. D.**, *University of Toronto*, Toronto, ON, Canada.  
Mathematics
- 2006–2007 **M. Sc.**, *University of Toronto*, Toronto, ON, Canada.  
Mathematics
- 2001–2005 **Hon. B. Sc.**, *University of Toronto*, Toronto, ON, Canada.  
Mathematics specialist - *with high distinction*

## Doctoral Thesis

- Title *Maximal-in-time behaviour of deterministic and stochastic dispersive PDEs*  
Advisors James Colliander (University of British Columbia) and Tadahiro Oh (Edinburgh University)

## Research Interests

Nonlinear PDEs, stochastic analysis, fluid mechanics, astrodynamics, data assimilation, uncertainty quantification, harmonic analysis, probability theory, dynamical systems.

## Publications

### Published Articles

- [1] J. Földes, S. Friedlander, N.E. Glatt-Holtz, and G. Richards. “Asymptotic analysis for randomly forced MHD.” *Accepted for publication in the SIAM Journal on Mathematical Analysis* pp. 1–25 (2017). Available at <https://arxiv.org/abs/1604.06352>.
- [2] N.E. Glatt-Holtz, J.C. Mattingly, and G. Richards. “On unique ergodicity in nonlinear stochastic partial differential equations.” *Journal of Statistical Physics* **166**, 1–24 (2017). Available at <http://arxiv.org/abs/1512.04126>.
- [3] J. Földes, N.E. Glatt-Holtz, G. Richards, and J. Whitehead. “Ergodicity in randomly forced Rayleigh-Bénard convection.” *Nonlinearity* **29** (2016). Available at <http://arxiv.org/abs/1511.01247>.

- [4] T. Oh, G. Richards, and L. Thomann. “On invariant Gibbs measures for the generalized KdV equations.” *Dynamics of Partial Differential Equations* **13**, 133–153 (2016). Available at <http://arxiv.org/abs/1509.06873>.
- [5] G. Richards. “Invariance of the Gibbs measure for the periodic quartic gKdV.” *Annales de l’Institut Henri Poincaré (C) Analyse non linéaire* **33**, 699–766 (2016). Available at <http://arxiv.org/abs/1209.4337>.
- [6] J. Földes, N.E. Glatt-Holtz, G. Richards, and E. Thomann. “Ergodic and mixing properties of the Boussinesq equations with a degenerate random forcing.” *Journal of Functional Analysis* **269**, 2427–2504 (2015). Available at <http://arxiv.org/abs/1311.3620>.
- [7] G. Richards. “Well-posedness of the stochastic KdV-Burgers equation.” *Stochastic Processes and their Applications* **124**, 1627–1647 (2014). Available at <http://arxiv.org/abs/1109.4926>.
- [8] G. Richards. “Mass Concentration for the Davey-Stewartson System.” *Differential and Integral Equations* **24**, 261–280 (2011). Available at <http://arxiv.org/abs/0909.0492>.

#### Submitted Articles

- [9] Z. Pan, J. Whitehead, G. Richards, T. Truscott, and B. Smith. “Error propagation dynamics of PIV-based pressure calculation (3): length scale effects.” Submitted.
- [10] J. Földes, N.E. Glatt-Holtz, G. Richards, and J. Whitehead. “Hydrodynamic stability in the presence of a stochastic forcing: a case study in convection.” pp. 1–30 (2017). Available at <https://arxiv.org/abs/1704.03840>.
- [11] J. Földes, N.E. Glatt-Holtz, and G. Richards. “Large Prandtl number asymptotics in randomly forced turbulent convection.” pp. 1–30 (2015). Available at <http://arxiv.org/abs/1504.02904>.

#### Expository Articles

- [12] C. Mueller and G. Richards. “Can solutions of the wave equation with nonlinear multiplicative noise blow-up?” *Open Problems in Mathematics* **2**, 1–4 (2014). Available at <http://opmath.org/index.php/opm/article/view/9>.

#### Ph.D. Thesis

- [13] G. Richards. “Maximal-in-time behavior of solutions to deterministic and stochastic dispersive PDEs.” 2012, University of Toronto, Available at <https://tspace.library.utoronto.ca/handle/1807/32973>.

## Research Funding

### Current

- 2017 **Utah NASA Space Consortium Grant (value: \$15,000)**, *Skewed Kalman Filtering for Orbit Determination from Sparse and Noisy Observations*, **PI** with graduate student Louis Tonc (USU, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering), June, 2017 - May, 2018.
- 2017 **Office of Research and Graduate Studies, Seed Program to Advance Research Collaboration (SPARC) grant (value: \$35,000)**, *Mathematical modeling of gut microbial interactions and trimethylamine production*, **Co-PI** with PI Clara Cho (USU, Nutrition, Dietetics, & Food Sciences) and Co-PI Guifang Fu (USU, Mathematics & Statistics), May, 2017 - April, 2019.

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## Research Honors and Awards

- 2016 **NSF Conference Grant (value: \$17,875)**, *Rocky Mountain Partial Differential Equations*, 1 week conference in Provo, UT, May 2017, **Co-PI** with PI Jared Whitehead, and Co-PIs Mark Allen and Blake Barker.
- 2016 **Research in Groups grant**, *Banff International Research Station, Canada*, 1 week research visit, with Nathan Glatt-Holtz, Juraj Földes and Jared Whitehead.
- 2015 **MSRI Research Membership**, *Program on New Challenges in PDE: Deterministic Dynamics and Randomness in High and Infinite Dimensional Systems*, September 1, 2015 - November 1, 2015.
- 2015 **Research in Peace grant**, *Mathematical Research Institute of Oberwolfach, Germany*, 3 week research visit, with Nathan Glatt-Holtz, Juraj Földes and Susan Friedlander.
- 2014 **Research in Pairs grant**, *Mittag-Leffler Institute, Sweden*, 3 week research visit, with Nathan Glatt-Holtz, Juraj Földes and Enrique Thomann.
- 2012 **IMA Postdoctoral Fellowship**, *Program on Infinite Dimensional and Stochastic Dynamical Systems*, September 1, 2012 - August 1, 2013.
- 2007-2010 **Ontario Graduate Scholarship.**
- 2006 **Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council Graduate Scholarship.**
- 2005 **Samuel Beatty Scholarship.**
- 2004,2005 **Innis College Academic Excellence Award.**

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## Presentations

### Invited Conference Presentations

- May 2018 Drexel Waves Workshop, Drexel University,  
*Ergodic theory for stochastic Boussinesq equations*
- September 2017 SIAM Central States Section, Colorado State University,  
*Ergodicity results for stochastic partial differential equations*
- April 2016 Spring Central Sectional AMS Meeting, University of Utah,  
*On invariant Gibbs measures for the generalized KdV equations*
- April 2016 Spring Central Sectional AMS Meeting, University of Utah,  
*On unique ergodicity for nonlinear stochastic PDEs*
- December 2015 SIAM Conference on Analysis of Partial Differential Equations, Scottsdale, AZ  
*On invariant Gibbs measures for the generalized KdV equations*
- December 2015 SIAM Conference on Analysis of Partial Differential Equations, Scottsdale, AZ  
*Ergodicity results for stochastic Boussinesq equations*
- August 2015 Conference on "Harmonic Analysis and Partial Differential Equations", International Center for Mathematical Sciences (ICMS), Edinburgh, UK,  
*Ergodicity results for stochastic Boussinesq equations*
- March 2015 Spring Central Sectional AMS Meeting, Georgetown University,  
*Ergodicity results for stochastic Boussinesq equations*
- January 2015 Informal Analysis Workshop, Texas A&M University,  
*Statistical mechanics for gKdV*

- July 2014 Australian Statistical Conference in conjunction with the Institute for Mathematical Statistics Annual Meeting, Australian Technology Park, Sydney, Australia  
*Ergodic and mixing properties of the Boussinesq Equations with a degenerate random forcing*
- April 2014 Spring Central Sectional AMS Meeting, Texas Tech University  
*Ergodic and mixing properties of the Boussinesq equations with a degenerate random forcing*
- May 2013 Conference on "Probability and PDEs" held at Centro de Giorgi, Pisa, Italy  
*Statistical mechanics for gKdV*
- March 2012 Spring Eastern Sectional AMS Meeting, George Washington University  
*Invariance of the Gibbs measure for the periodic quartic gKdV*

#### Invited Seminar Presentations

- November 2018 Applied Math Seminar, Utah State University  
*Invariant measures for Hamiltonian PDEs*
- March 2017 Probability Seminar, University of Utah  
*Invariant measures for Hamiltonian PDEs*
- August 2016 Colloquium, Tulane University,  
*Invariant measures for Hamiltonian PDEs*
- September 2016 Applied Math Seminar, Brigham Young University,  
*Convergence of invariant states in singular parameter limits for systems of stochastic PDEs*
- August 2016 Analysis Seminar, University of Edinburgh,  
*Convergence of invariant states in singular parameter limits for systems of stochastic PDEs*
- April 2016 Analysis Seminar, University of Toronto,  
*Ergodicity results for stochastic Boussinesq equations*
- November 2015 Analysis Seminar, Cornell University,  
*On invariant Gibbs measures for the generalized KdV equations*
- October 2015 Center for Applied Mathematical Sciences Colloquium, University of Southern California,  
*Ergodicity results for stochastic Boussinesq equations*
- July 2015 MAE Departmental Colloquium, Utah State University,  
*Invariant measures for nonlinear evolution equations*
- April 2015 Applied Math Seminar, Virginia Tech,  
*Ergodicity Results for stochastic Boussinesq Equations*
- April 2015 Probability and Financial Math Seminar, Penn State University,  
*Ergodicity Results for stochastic Boussinesq Equations*
- February 2014 Applied Math Seminar, Virginia Tech  
*Statistical Mechanics for gKdV*
- November 2013 Probability Seminar, University of Rochester  
*Ergodic and Mixing Properties of the Boussinesq Equations with a Degenerate Random Forcing*
- November 2013 Colloquium, Georgia Southern University  
*Statistical Mechanics for gKdV*
- October 2013 Analysis Seminar, University of Rochester  
*Statistical Mechanics for gKdV*

- April 2013 Analysis Seminar, Princeton University  
*Statistical Mechanics for gKdV*
- April 2013 Dynamics Seminar, Boston University  
*Invariance of the Gibbs measure for the periodic quartic gKdV*
- March 2013 Analysis and Applied Math Seminar, Duke University  
*Invariance of the Gibbs measure for the periodic quartic gKdV*
- January 2013 Stochastics Seminar, Georgia Tech  
*Invariance of the Gibbs measure for the periodic quartic gKdV*
- December 2012 IMA Postdoc Seminar, Institute for Mathematics and its Applications  
*Invariance of the Gibbs measure for the periodic quartic gKdV*
- September 2012 PDE Seminar, University of Minnesota  
*Invariance of the Gibbs measure for the periodic quartic gKdV*
- January 2012 Analysis Seminar, University of Rochester  
*Invariant measures for Hamiltonian PDEs*
- [Expository Presentations](#)
- April 2017 SIAM Student Chapter, Utah State University  
*Introduction to stochastic partial differential equations*
- April 2016 Graduate PDE Seminar, University of Toronto  
*On Unique Ergodicity for Stochastic PDEs*
- February 2013 Dispersive PDEs Seminar, University of Toronto  
*Statistical Mechanics for Hamiltonian PDEs*
- September 2011 Graduate Student Seminar, University of Toronto  
*Probabilistic Cauchy theory and invariant measures for Hamiltonian PDEs*
- June 2011 Dispersive PDEs seminar, University of Toronto  
*Function spaces for critical well-posedness theory*
- October 2010 Dispersive PDEs seminar, University of Toronto  
*Invariant Gibbs measures for periodic nonlinear Schrödinger equations (Part II)*
- September 2010 Fields Analysis Working Group, Fields Institute, Toronto, Canada  
*Invariant Gibbs measures for periodic nonlinear Schrödinger equations (Part I)*
- June 2010 Dispersive PDEs seminar, University of Toronto  
*Invariant measures for Hamiltonian PDEs*
- April 2010 Fields Analysis Working Group, Fields Institute, Toronto, Canada  
*Local well-posedness of the stochastic KdV-Burgers equation*
- February 2009 Dispersive PDEs seminar, University of Toronto  
*Critical local well-posedness and perturbation theory*
- July 2009 Dispersive PDEs Seminar, University of Toronto  
*The classical limit of mean field quantum systems*
- December 2008 Fields Analysis Working Group, Fields Institute, Toronto, Canada  
*The Tomas-Stein restriction Theorem*
- October 2008 Dispersive PDEs Seminar, University of Toronto  
*Log-log blowup solutions to  $L^2$ -critical NLS*
- November 2006 Fields Analysis Working Group, Fields Institute, Toronto, Canada  
*Classification of minimal mass blow-up solutions to the  $L^2$ -critical NLS*

## Teaching Experience

### Research Mentor

- 2016-present **Major Advisor**, 1 *Ph.D. student (Louis Tonc)*, 1 *Masters student (Joseph James)*.
- Summer 2013 **MAXIMA REU project (NSF funded): Recognizing and segmenting barcodes in images**, *Institute for Mathematics and its Applications*, Joint with T. Hoft (University of St. Thomas) guided a research project involving four undergraduate students, Students: Mikaela Cashman (Coe College '14, UNL CompSci Ph.D.), Keenan Hawekotte (Nebraska Wesleyan '15), Elizabeth Newman (Haverford '14, Tufts Ph.D.), Dung Nguyen (Bard '15).
- Presentations by students:
1. "Bar code localization in images using neural network and linear discriminant analysis frameworks"
    - D. Nguyen, Joint Mathematics Meetings, Baltimore (MD), Jan. 2014.
    - M. Cashman, SE Conference for Undergrad Women in Math, Clemson University (SC), Oct. 2013.
  2. "Bar code localization using machine learning" (poster)
    - M. Cashman, K. Hawekotte, E. Newman, D. Nguyen, JMM, Baltimore (MD), Jan. 2014.
    - E. Newman, Undergraduate Science Research Symposium, Haverford College (PA), Sep. 2013

### Course Instructor

- Spring 2018 **MAE 3210 (Engineering Numerical Methods)**, *Utah State University*.
- Spring 2017 **MAE 6490 (Turbulence)**, *Utah State University*, graduate course.
- 2016–2017 **MAE 6500 (Potential Flow)**, *Utah State University*, graduate course.
- Spring 2016 **MTH 282 (Complex Variables)**, *University of Rochester*.
- Spring 2015, 2016 **MTH 201 (Probability Theory)**, *University of Rochester*.
- Fall 2014 **MTH 210H (Mathematics of Finance: Honors)**, *University of Rochester*.
- Spring 2014, Summer 2015 **MTH 235 (Linear Algebra)**, *University of Rochester*.
- Spring 2014, 2015, 2016 **MTH 130 (Excursions in Mathematics)**, *University of Rochester*.
- Fall 2013 **MTH 263 (Qualitative Theory of ODEs)**, *University of Rochester*.
- Fall 2013, 2014 **MTH 162 (Calculus I)**, *University of Rochester*.
- Summer 2012 **MAT 334H (Complex Variables)**, *University of Toronto*.
- Summer 2012 **MAT 235Y (Calculus II)**, *University of Toronto*.
- Spring 2012 **MAT 336S (Elements of Analysis)**, *University of Toronto*.
- Fall 2011 **APM 384F (PDEs for Engineering Science)**, *University of Toronto*.
- Fall 2011 **MAT 291F (Calculus III)**, *University of Toronto*.
- 2010–2011 **MAT 235Y (Calculus II)**, *University of Toronto*.
- Summer 2010 **MAT 137Y (Calculus!)**, *University of Toronto*.
- Summer 2009 **MAT 137Y (Calculus!)**, *University of Toronto*.

### Teaching Assistant

- Spring 2012 **APM 462S (Nonlinear Optimization)**, *University of Toronto*.
- Summer 2006, 2011 **MAT 235Y (Calculus II)**, *University of Toronto*.

- Fall 2006, **MAT 1060F (Graduate PDEs I)**, *University of Toronto*.  
 Fall 2010  
 Spring 2010 **MAT 1700S (General Relativity)**, *University of Toronto*.  
 Fall 2009 **APM 384F (PDEs for Engineering Science)**, *University of Toronto*.  
 Spring 2009 **MAT 244S (Introduction to ODEs)**, *University of Toronto*.  
 2008–2009 **MAT 237Y (Multivariable Calculus)**, *University of Toronto*.  
 Fall 2008 **APM 421F (Quantum Mechanics)**, *University of Toronto*.  
 2006–2008 **MAT 137Y (Calculus!)**, *University of Toronto*.  
 Spring 2006 **MAT 223S (Linear Algebra I)**, *University of Toronto*.  
 2004–2006 **MAT 135Y (Calculus I)**, *University of Toronto*.

### Training

- Spring 2008 **MAT 1499 (Teaching Large Mathematics Classes)**, *University of Toronto*.

### Teaching Awards

- 2015 **Professor of the Year Award nominee**, *University of Rochester*.  
 2011 **Engineering faculty TA award finalist**, *University of Toronto*.  
 2009 **Daniel B. Delury teaching award**, *Used to recognize the best TAs in the University of Toronto Mathematics department.*

### Service

- 2017 MAE hiring committee, Utah State University  
 2016-present Committee member on 7 Ph.D. and 6 M.S. committees in MAE department  
 2016-present MAE undergraduate curriculum committee, Utah State University  
 July 2017 Mathematical Congress of the Americas, Montreal, Canada  
*Organizer of special session on "Nonlinear and Stochastic Partial Differential Equations"*  
 June 2017 Probabilistic Perspectives in Nonlinear PDEs, Edinburgh, UK  
*Co-organizer of NSF funded conference (\$30,000, DMS-1700124) held at the International Centre for Mathematical Sciences, with Susan Friedlander, Nathan Glatt-Holtz, Oana Pocovnicu, and Tadahiro Oh*  
 May 2017 Rocky Mountain Partial Differential Equations, Provo, UT  
*Co-organizer of NSF funded conference (\$17,875, DMS-1700560) with Mark Allen, Blake Barker and Jared Whitehead*  
 May 2017 Spring Eastern Sectional AMS Meeting, Hunter College  
*Organizer for special session on "Nonlinear and Stochastic Partial Differential Equations: Theory and Applications in Turbulence and Geophysical Flows"*  
 October 2016 Fall Western Sectional AMS Meeting, University of Denver  
*Organizer for special session on "Nonlinear and stochastic partial differential equations"*  
 October 2014 Fall Western Sectional AMS Meeting, San Francisco State University  
*Organizer for special session on "Nonlinear PDEs"*  
 April 2014 Spring Western Sectional AMS Meeting, University of New Mexico  
*Organizer for special session on "Stochastics and PDEs"*

### Referee for

- SIAM Journal on Mathematical Analysis



- Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications
- Proceedings of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, Section A
- Canadian Mathematical Bulletin
- Communications in Pure and Applied Analysis
- Discrete and Continuous Dynamical Systems, Series A
- Journal of Mathematical Physics
- Nonlinear Analysis Series A: Theory, Methods and Applications

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## References

### Research

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### Teaching

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