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## Education

Ph.D. Computer Science, Purdue University, 2000 (Advisor: Prof. Ahmed H. Sameh).  
M.S. Computer Science, University of Minnesota, 1996 (Advisor: Prof. Shang-Hua Teng).  
B.S. Mathematical Physics, *summa cum laude*, Case Western Reserve University, 1994 (Advisor: Prof. Cyrus C. Taylor).

## Professional Experience

**Professor**, Computer Science and Engineering, University at Buffalo, 2025–*Present*  
**Associate Professor**, Computer Science and Engineering, University at Buffalo, 2017–2024  
**Visiting Researcher**, Department of Earth Science and Engineering, Imperial College London, 2018–2020  
**Adjunct Professor**, Computational and Applied Mathematics, Rice University, 2018–2022  
**Assistant Professor**, Computational and Applied Mathematics, Rice University, 2015–2018  
**Assistant Professor**, Computer Science, Rice University, 2017–2018  
**Affiliated Faculty**, Systems, Synthetic and Physical Biology Graduate Program, Rice University, 2017–2018  
**Director**, Intel Parallel Computing Center, Rice University, 2016–2022  
**Senior Research Associate**, Computation Institute, University of Chicago, 2009–2015  
**Fellow**, Computation Institute, University of Chicago, 2008–2015  
**Visiting Assistant Professor**, Molecular Biophysics and Physiology, Rush Univ. Medical Center, 2006–2014  
**Adjunct Senior Research Fellow**, School of Mathematical Sciences, Monash University, 2010–2013  
**Assistant Computational Mathematician**, Mathematics and Computer Science, Argonne National Laboratory, 2005–2009  
**Postdoctoral Researcher**, Mathematics and Computer Science, Argonne National Laboratory, 2001–2004  
**Research Scientist**, Distributed Data Collection, Akamai Technologies Inc., 2000–2001  
**Research Assistant**, Purdue University 1997–2000  
**Teaching Assistant**, University of Chicago 1994–1995, University of Minnesota 1995–1996

## Academic Awards and Honors

SIAM/ACM Prize in Computational Science and Engineering (as part of PETSc team) (2015)  
Lindbergh Lecture, Department of Mechanical Engineering, UW Madison, (2011)  
R&D 100 Award (as part of the PETSc team) (2009)  
J. T. Oden Faculty Research Fellow, ICES, UT Austin (2008)  
Elected to Upsilon Pi Epsilon (2000)  
Elected to Golden Key (1994)  
Elected to Phi Beta Kappa (1994)  
Elected to Sigma Xi (1993)  
Tuition scholarship, Case Western Reserve University (1990–1994)

## Grants and Contracts

Funding Category	Total Direct	Candidate's Share
External Sources	\$23,506,744	\$5,759,993
Internal Sources	\$80,000	\$20,000
Total Funded Research	\$23,586,744	\$5,779,993

Understanding the grant information below:

The total amount to PI Knepley is given.

### *Current Funding*

#### *Computational Infrastructure for Geodynamics*

Sponsor: NSF, Subcontract through UC Davis (2022–2027)  
Subcontract PI: Matthew Knepley  
Award Amount: \$125,000

#### *Scalable algorithms for the Vlasov-Poisson-Landau system*

Sponsor: DOE, Subcontract through Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (2022–2023)  
Subcontract PI: Matthew Knepley  
Award Amount: \$150,000

#### *Capturing Dynamic Compound Flooding Events in E3SM*

Sponsor: DOE Basic Energy Research (2022–2027)  
UB PI: Matthew Knepley  
Award Amount: \$746,870

#### *Multiscale acceleration: Powering future discoveries in High Energy Physics*

Sponsor: DOE High Energy Physics (2022–2027)  
UB PI: Matthew Knepley  
Award Amount: \$750,000

#### *Extending PETSc's Composable Solvers*

Sponsor: DOE Applied Math Research (2022–2025)  
UB PI: Matthew Knepley  
Award Amount: \$327,000

#### *PSAAP III CHREST Center*

Sponsor: DOE (2020–2025)

UB co-PI: Matthew Knepley (UB PIs: DesJardin, Salac, Chen, Chandola, Swihart)  
Award Amount: \$1,176,579 (UB Total: \$8,530,000)

*Multiphase Fluid-Structure Interaction Software Infrastructure to Enable Applications in Medicine, Biology, and Engineering*

Sponsor: NSF, SI2 Framework (2020–2025)

UB PI: Matthew Knepley

Award Amount: \$504,431

*Previous Funding*

*Development of Terrestrial Dynamical Cores for the ACME to Simulate Water Cycle*

Sponsor: DOE Basic Energy Research (2021–2022)

UB PI: Matthew Knepley

Award Amount: \$100,000

*Explaining Mass Loss in the Antarctic Ice Sheet through Integrated Systems Modeling*

Sponsor: UB Blue Sky Fund (2022)

UB co-PI: Matthew Knepley (UB PIs: Jadamec, Csatho, Lowry)

Award Amount: \$10,000 (UB Total: \$30,000)

*CHREST: Grant in aid of research*

Sponsor: SUNY (2019)

UB co-PI: Matthew Knepley (UB PIs: DesJardin, Salac, Chen, Chandola, Swihart)

Award Amount: \$10,000 (UB Total: \$50,000)

*ECP-WDMApp*

Sponsor: DOE, Subcontract through Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (2020–2022)

Subcontract PI: Matthew Knepley

Award Amount: \$112,333

*Scalable Infrastructure for Enabling Multiscale and Multiphysics Applications in Fluid Dynamics, Solid Mechanics, and Fluid-Structure Interaction*

Sponsor: NSF, SI2-SSI (2015–2020)

UB PI: Matthew Knepley

Award Amount: \$262,655

*Computational Infrastructure for Geodynamics*

Sponsor: NSF, Subcontract through UC Davis (2016–2021)

Subcontract PI: Matthew Knepley

Award Amount: \$585,000

*Development of Terrestrial Dynamical Cores for the ACME to Simulate Water Cycle*

Sponsor: DOE Basic Energy Research (2018–2021)

UB PI: Matthew Knepley

Award Amount: \$160,000

*Extending PETSc's Composable Hierarchically Nested Linear Solvers*

Sponsor: DOE Applied Math Research (2018–2021)

UB PI: Matthew Knepley

Award Amount: \$247,000

*Support for SCREAM and EPSI*

Sponsor: DOE Fusion Energy Sciences SciDAC, Subcontract through Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (2018–2020)

Subcontract PI: Matthew Knepley

Award Amount: \$100,000

*Extending the Practicality and Scalability of LibMesh-Based Unstructured, Adaptive Finite Element Computations*

Sponsor: NSF SI2-SSE (2017–2020)

UB PI: Matthew Knepley

Award Amount: \$350,065

*Extending PETSc with Adaptive Mesh Refinement and Optimal Solvers, Applied to PFLOTRAN, and Optimized for Modern Intel Processors*

Sponsor: Intel, Parallel Computing Center (2015–2017)

Rice PI: Matthew Knepley

Award Amount: \$400,000

*Extending PETSc's Composable Hierarchically Nested Linear Solvers*

Sponsor: DOE Applied Math Research (2015–2018)

Rice PI: Matthew Knepley

Award Amount: \$240,000

*SPIKE — An Implementation of a Recursive Divide-and-Conquer Parallel Strategy for Solving Large Systems of Linear Equations*

Sponsor: NSF, SI2-SSE (2012–2015)

UC PI: Matthew Knepley

Award Amount: \$117,710

*Extending PETSc's Composable Hierarchically Nested Linear Solvers*

Sponsor: DOE Applied Math Research (2012–2015)

UB PI: Matthew Knepley

Award Amount: \$240,000

*Nonlinear Algorithms to Circumvent the Memory Bandwidth Limitations of Implicit PDE Simulations*

Sponsor: DOE, Math-CS Institute (2009–2014)

UC PI: Matthew Knepley

Award Amount: \$550,000

*Mechanical Transformation of Knowledge to Libraries*

Sponsor: NSF STCI (2009–2011)

UC PI: Matthew Knepley

Award Amount: \$90,000

*Towards Optimal Petascale Simulations*

Sponsor: DOE Advanced Scientific Computing Research, Subcontract through Argonne National Laboratory (2001–2011)

Subcontract PI: Matthew Knepley

Award Amount: \$1,200,000

*Computational Infrastructure for Geodynamics*

Sponsor: NSF, Subcontract through UC Davis (2010–2015)

Subcontract PI: Matthew Knepley

Award Amount: \$650,000

*Computational Infrastructure for Geodynamics*

Sponsor: NSF, Subcontract through UC Davis (2005–2010)

Subcontract PI: Matthew Knepley

Award Amount: \$650,000

*Classical Density Functional Theory of Fluids: Ions at a Dielectric Interface*

Sponsor: Army Research Office, W911NF-09-1-0488, Subcontract through Rush University Medical Center (2010–2012)

Subcontract PI: Matthew Knepley  
Award Amount: \$45,000

*Unstructured Mesh Management for Fluid Simulation*

Sponsor: DOE Reactor Core Modeling, Subcontract through Idaho National Laboratory (2005–2007)  
Subcontract PI: Matthew Knepley  
Award Amount: \$210,000

## Research Areas

- Scalable linear and nonlinear solvers for multiphysics problems
- Finite element and boundary element discretizations for nonlinear problems
- Scientific library development for high performance computing
- Geophysical modeling in crustal deformation, subsurface flow, and mantle convection
- Modeling of combustion in hybrid rocket engines
- Efficient solvers and preconditioners for GPUs and accelerators
- Bioelectrostatics and molecular modeling for ion channels
- Classical density functional theory, theory and numerics

## Research Achievements

Matthew Knepley has made substantial and innovative contributions to the scalable solution of PDE and BIE problems. He is a principal author of the [PETSc libraries](#), one of the most widely used scientific libraries in the world. Through PETSc, his work has been used to model complex phenomena in a wide array of science and engineering research, including bioelectrostatics and molecular modeling, climate science, geodynamics, both fission and fusion, nanosimulations, subsurface flow, oil-reservoir modeling and optimization, combustion, fracture mechanics, real-time surgery, and micromagnetics. He has produced lasting software artifacts which form a solid foundation for the development of leading scientific applications and industrial simulators. Both Cray and Microsoft distribute versions of PETSc tuned to their platforms, and several commercial simulation packages, including Ansys Fluent, FIDAP 8.5, and RF3P, use PETSc for their algebraic solvers. PETSc has been used by Boeing and CFD Research for computational fluid dynamics simulations, by Shell for solving inverse problems for oil reservoir management, and by the South Florida Water Management District modeling the Everglades. He has published almost 100 journal and proceedings articles, ranging from Molecular Based Mathematical Biology to the Journal of Geophysical Research to Journal of Chemical Physics to Transactions on Mathematical Software. His work has received more than 14,500 citations according to Google Scholar with an H-index of 41, and more than 48,000 reads on ResearchGate.

Four of his most noteworthy contributions are highlighted here. **1** Development of the unstructured mesh component of PETSc. This reformulation allows physics routines to be formulated independently of the mesh dimension and cell shape, so that simulator code is written once, but multiple meshes even of different dimension may be compared dynamically. This component has been used in quantum chromodynamics, bioelectrostatic calculations, crustal deformation, fracture mechanics, rocket engine combustion, and airfoil simulation. **2** Development of a scalable preconditioning strategy based upon patch solves. This block, multilevel preconditioner has been used for quasi-static crustal deformation problems with complex fault rheologies on large parallel machines, and also to produce a Reynolds number-independent preconditioner for incompressible flow. It is generally applicable to the saddle-point problems. **3** Development, with Jaydeep Bardhan, of a theory for approximation of the boundary integral operators describing molecular electrostatics which is used to precondition the high-fidelity system, but also to provide accurate thermodynamics of these molecular mixtures. This strategy has recently been employed to model protein-ligand binding, and

favorably compared with experimental results. **4** Creation of the first 3D classical density functional theory simulation for ion channels using a new scalable, efficient algorithm for hard sphere interaction and electrostatic correlations. The electrostatic formulation of Gillespie allowed for much more accurate determination of channel fields than the standard bulk theory, but all previous implementations scaled as  $\mathcal{O}(N^3)$ . We developed a comprehensive  $\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$ , for the entire simulation, and applied the code to ryanodine receptor transport.

## Publications

My Advisees are **bold**, Student Collaborators are underlined

### Book Chapters

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- [6] Satish Balay, Jed Brown, Matthew G. Knepley, Lois McInnes, and Barry Smith. Providing mixed language and legacy support within a library. In J. Carver, editor, *Software Engineering for Science*. Taylor & Francis, 2015.
- [5] Shijie Zhong, David A. Yuen, Louis N. Moresi, and Matthew G. Knepley. Numerical methods for mantle convection. In Gerald Schubert, editor, *Treatise on Geophysics*, volume 7. Elsevier, second edition, 2015.
- [4] Matthew G. Knepley. Programming languages for scientific computing. In Björn Engquist, editor, *Encyclopedia of Applied and Computational Mathematics*. Springer, 2012.
- [3] **Andy R. Terrel**, Robert C. Kirby, Matthew G. Knepley, L. Ridgway Scott, and Garth N. Wells. Finite elements for incompressible fluids. In *Automated solutions of differential equations by the finite element method*, volume 84 of *Lecture Notes in Computational Science and Engineering*, pages 163–169. Springer-Verlag, 2012.
- [2] Robert C. Kirby, Matthew G. Knepley, Anders Logg, L. Ridgway Scott, and **Andy R. Terrel**. Discrete optimization of finite element matrix evaluation. In *Automated solutions of differential equations by the finite element method*, volume 84 of *Lecture Notes in Computational Science and Engineering*, pages 385–397. Springer-Verlag, 2012.
- [1] Matthew G. Knepley, Richard F. Katz, and Barry Smith. Developing a geodynamics simulator with PETSc. In Are Magnus Bruaset and Aslak Tveito, editors, *Numerical Solution of Partial Differential Equations on Parallel Computers*, volume 51 of *Lecture Notes in Computational Science and Engineering*, pages 413–438. Springer Berlin Heidelberg, 2006.

### Journal Articles

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- [61] Kolos Retfalvi, Russell Whitesides, Matthew McGurn, Matthew G. Knepley, and Paul E. DesJardin. Direct numerical simulations for hybrid rocket boundary layers: Performance modeling and scaling. *International Journal of High Performance Computing Applications*, 2025.
- [60] Mark F. Adams, **Daniel S. Finn**, Matthew G. Knepley, and **Joseph V. Puszta**. A projection method for particle resampling. *Computer Physics Communications*, 2025. Submitted.
- [59] Abhishek Mishra, David Salac, and Matthew G. Knepley. Stencil composition for finite difference approximations of partial differential equations. *SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing*, 47(2), 2025.

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[54] **Darsh K. Nathawani** and Matthew G. Knepley. A one-dimensional mathematical model for shear-induced droplet formation in co-flowing fluids. *Theoretical and Computational Fluid Dynamics*, 2024.

[53] **Daniel S. Finn**, Matthew G. Knepley, **Joseph V. Pusztay**, and Mark F. Adams. A numerical study of Landau damping with PETSc-PIC. *Communications in Applied Mathematics and Computational Science*, 18(1):135–152, 2023.

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 Designer and developer of the parallel unstructured grid component

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Keynote Address, Southern Ontario Numerical Analysis Day, Waterloo, CA May 2023  
Keynote Address, Domain Decomposition, Newfoundland, CA Jul 2018  
Keynote Address, Computational and Data-Enabled Science and Engineering Days, Univ. at Buffalo, Buffalo NY, April 2017  
High Performance Python Libraries, Keynote for PyHPC Workshop, SC 14, New Orleans, LA Nov 2014  
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Lindbergh Lecture, Department of Mechanical Engineering, UW Madison, April 2011  
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Plenary, Parallel and Accelerated Computing, Széchenyi István University, Györ, Hungary, October 2010  
International Workshop on Modern Computational Geoscience Frontiers, GUCAS, Beijing, July 2009  
AuScope Inaugural Conference, Monash University, Victoria, Australia, February 2008  
Special Semester on Biological Computing, University of Linz, Linz, Austria, October 2007

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SIAM CSE, Fort Worth, March 2025  
Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering Seminar, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, April 2023  
SIAM CSE, Amsterdam, February 2023  
Finger Lakes Regional HPC Symposium, Rochester, NY, October 2022  
ICCFD 2022, Maui, HI, July 2022  
Parallel CFD 2022, Alba, Italy, Online, May 2022  
Appel Group Seminar, Princeton University, Online, March 2022  
ETHZ Institut für Geophysik Seminar, Online, June 2021  
SIAM CSE, Online, February 2021  
Applied and Computational Mathematics Virtual Seminar, Univ. of Edinburgh, Edinburgh UK, November 2020  
SIAM PP, Seattle, WA, February 2020  
Firedrake 2020, Seattle, WA, February 2020  
Firedrake 2019, Durham UK, September 2019  
Seminar, Department of Engineering Science, University of Auckland, Auckland NZ, July 2019  
AMS Sectional Meeting, Honolulu, HI, March 2019  
SIAM CSE, Spokane, WA, February 2019  
AGU Fall Meeting, Washington D.C., December 2018  
AGU: Data Science, Machine Learning, and Jupyter, Washington D.C., December 2018  
MCS Seminar, ANL, Chicago, IL, September 2018  
SIAM Life Sciences, Minneapolis, MN, July 2018

SIAM PP, Tokyo, JP, March 2018  
DOE Scientific Machine Learning, Bethesda, MD January 2018  
Scientific and Statistical Computing Seminar, Department of Statistics, Univ. of Chicago, Chicago IL, May 2017  
Scientific Computing Seminar, Department of Mathematics, Univ. of Houston, Houston TX, April 2017  
ICL Earth Sciences Seminar, London UK, March 2017  
SIAM CS&E, Minisymposium, Atlanta GA, March 2017  
Rice Laboratory for Space and Astrophysical Plasmas Seminar, Houston TX, October 2016  
ICL Earth Sciences Seminar, London UK, October 2016  
UNC Mathematics Seminar, Chapel Hill NC, September 2016  
MIT AeroAstro Seminar, Boston MA, May 2016  
SIAM PP, Paris, FR April 2016  
Ken Kennedy Institute Seminar, Houston, TX March 2016  
Melt in the Mantle 2016, Cambridge UK February 2016  
SPPEXA 2016, Munich DE January 2016  
ASME IMECE 2015, Houston TX November 2015  
Composing Nonlinear Solvers, ICERM, Providence RI September 2015  
ME & IE Seminar, Northeastern University, Boston, MA March 2015  
SIAM CS&E, Salt Lake City, UT March 2015  
CAAM Seminar, Rice University, Houston, TX February 2015  
Numerical Analysis Seminar, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX January 2015  
Numerical Analysis Seminar, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX December 2014  
Nonlinear Preconditioning in PETSc, ICERM, Providence RI July 2014  
Scalable Nonlinear Solvers for Geophysical Problems, SIAM Annual Meeting, Chicago IL July 2014  
Nonlinear Preconditioning in PETSc, PMAA 14, Lugano CH July 2014  
PETSc Solvers for Crustal Deformation, Stanford University, Palo Alto CA June 2014  
Composable Solvers in PETSc, CACDS Seminar, University of Houston, Houston TX June 2014  
Nonlinear Preconditioning in PETSc, Oxford University, Oxford UK March 2014  
Nonlinear Preconditioning in PETSc, Imperial College, London UK March 2014  
Runtime Configurability in PETSc, SIAM PP, Portland OR February 2014  
Algorithms for Exascale Computational Mesoscience, ExaMath13 Workshop, Wash. D.C. August 2013  
Finite Element Integration using CUDA and OpenCL, GPU-SMP 13, Changchun, China July 2013  
The Process of Computational Science, Maison de la Simulation, Orsay, France June 2013  
Nested and Hierarchical Solvers in PETSc, SIAM CS&E, Boston, February 2013  
APAM Colloquium, Columbia University, New York February 2013  
Mathematics Colloquium, Széchenyi István University, Győr, Hungary November 2012  
School of Mathematical Sciences Colloquium, Monash University, VIC Australia October 2012

Bridging the Gap Between the Geosciences and Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science, Princeton, NJ October 2012

ACTS Workshop, Berkeley, CA August 2012

SIAM Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN July 2012

CIG Crustal Deformation Modeling workshop, Golden, CO June 2012

Specialized Topics Workshop, Center for Biomedical Computing, Simula Research, Norway, August 2011

Conference on Simulation and Optimization, Győr, Hungary, June 2011

HPC<sup>3</sup> Workshop, KAUST, March 2011

Advanced Algorithms on GPUs, SIAM CS&E, Reno, March 2011

IMA Workshop on High Performance Computing and Emerging Architectures, January 2011

AGU: Large-Scale Geosciences Applications using GPU and Multicore Architectures, December 2010

Conference in Honor of Prof. Ahmed Sameh, Purdue University, October 2010

39th SPEEDUP Workshop on High Performance Computing, ETH Zurich, September 2010

Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Seminar, Department of Earth Sciences, ETH Zurich, September 2010

Automated and Distributed Computing Seminar, Simula Res. Lab., Oslo Norway, August 2010

Int. Workshop of GPU Solutions to Multiscale Problems in Sci. and Eng., Harbin China, July 2010

ESCO 2nd European Seminar on Coupled Problems, Pilsen Czech Republic, July 2010

KAUST Applied Math & Computer Science Seminar, Saudi Arabia, March 2010

Tufts Mathematics Department Seminar, Medford, MA, February 2010

AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 2009

Sharing Data and Code in Computational Science, New Haven, CT, November 2009

NSF-NAIS Intelligent Software Workshop, Edinburgh, Scotland, October 2009

Department of Mathematics Colloquium, LSU, Baton Rouge, September 2009

International Workshop on Geodynamical Phenomena, Suzdal, Russia, August 2009

HPC Group, SSC, Shanghai, July 2009

Path to Petascale (GPU Meeting), UIUC, IL, March 2009

SIAM CS&E, Miami, FL, March 2009

ICES Seminar, Austin, TX, August 2008

SIAM Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, July 2008

Advancing Num. Mod. of Mantle Convection and Lithospheric Dynamics, UC Davis, CA, July 2008

Num. Mod. of Crustal Deformation and Earthquake Faulting, Colorado School of Mines, CO, June 2008

Sandia CSRI Workshop on Next-Generation Scalable Applications, Albuquerque, NM, June 2008

Workshop on Automating the Development of Sci. Comp. Software, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA, March 2008

Role of Symbolic, Numeric and Algebraic Comp. in CDI, NSF, Washington D.C., October 2007

Adaptive Mesh Refinement Workshop, UC Boulder, Boulder, CO, October 2007

Seminar, University of Duisberg-Essen, Essen, Germany, October 2007

VLAB Seminar, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, August 2007

Biomedical Flows Workshop, Simula Research, Oslo, Norway, June 2007  
Seminar, Supercomputing Institute, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, December 2006  
Seminar, Simula Research, Oslo, Norway, November 2006  
FEniCS 06, TU Delft, Delft, Netherlands, November 2006  
Multiphysics Simulation, INL, Idaho Falls, ID, September 2006  
Magma Dynamics Workshop, Columbia University, New York, NY, August 2006  
SIAM Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, July 2006  
Fault Systems Workshop, Colorado School of Mines, Golden, CO, June 2006  
Compressible Convection Workshop, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, March 2006  
CIG Science Steering Committee Meeting, Pasadena, CA, November 2005  
FEniCS 05, TTI, Chicago, IL, October 2005  
CIG Meeting, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, October 2005  
Seminar, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, September 2005  
Short-Term Crustal Dynamics Workshop, LANL, Los Alamos, NM, July 2005  
Mantle Convection Workshop, UC Boulder, Boulder, CO, June 2005  
CIG Executive Committee Meeting, Berkeley, CA, May 2005  
Parallel Computing Workshop, University of Houston, Houston, TX, April 2005  
CIG Meeting, Caltech, Pasadena, CA, March 2005  
SIAM CS&E, Orlando, FL, February 2005  
MCS Seminar, ANL, Lemont, IL, October 2004  
CIG Meeting, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, October 2004  
CRI Seminar, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, October 2004  
Domain Specific Languages for PDE Constrained Optimization, ANL, Lemont, IL, August 2004  
Seminar, CMU, Pittsburgh, PA, July 2004  
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Parallel CFD 2004, Gran Canaria, May 2004  
Lecture, Columbia University, New York, NY, February 2004  
CIG Kickoff Meeting, LAX, Los Angeles, CA, January 2004  
CRI Seminar, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, February 2003  
Seminar, LBL, Berkeley, CA, August 1999  
Parallel CFD, Williamsburg, VA, May 1999  
Seminar, Lucent, Murray Hill, NJ, May 1999  
SIAM Workshop on OO Meth. for InterOp. Sci. & Eng. Comp., IBM T.J. Watson, NY October 1998  
Conference on Capability Computing, NCSA, Urbana-Champaign, IL, September 1998  
Solving Irregularly Structured Problems in Parallel, LBL, Berkeley, CA August 1998  
Seminar, CERFACS, Toulouse, France, June, 1996

*Tutorial Presentations*

PyLith Tutorial, Crustal Deformation Conference, Golden, CO, June 2022

Linear and Nonlinear Solvers, PETSc Users Meeting, Atlanta, GA, June 2019

Using LaTex, Git, and Make, CDSE Days 2019, Buffalo, NY, April 2019

PDEs, optimization, and eigenproblems with PETSc/TAO and SLEPc, ECP Annual Meeting, Houston, TX, January 2019

Introductory PETSc, PETSc Users Meeting, London, UK, June 2018

Using LaTex, Git, and Make, CDSE Days, Buffalo, NY, April 2018

PETSc Tutorial, CDSE Days, SUNY Buffalo, NY, April 2017

PETSc Tutorial, CEMRACS, CIRM, Luminy, France, July 2016

PyLith Tutorial, CIG All-Hands Meeting, UC Davis, CA, June 2016

PETSc Tutorial, Rice Oil & Gas HPC, Houston, TX, March 2016

SC 14 PyHPC Tutorial, New Orleans, LA, November 2014

PETSc Tutorial, Imperial College, London, March 2014

PETSc Tutorial, Minnesota Supercomputing Institute, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis MN, September 2013

Crustal Deformation Modeling Tutorial Week, June 2013

Advanced PETSc Tutorial, Maison de la Simulation, Orsay, France June 2013

PETSc Tutorial, ACTS Workshop, University of California, Berkeley, August 2012

PETSc Tutorial, ICES, University of Texas at Austin, September 2011

PETSc Tutorial, UW Madison, April 2011

NSF PASI Institute, Scientific Computing in the Americas, Valparaíso, Chile, January 2011

Széchenyi István University, Györ, Hungary, October 2010

ACTS Toolkit Workshop, LBL, Berkeley, CA, August 2010

Short Course on Sci. Comp., Graduate Univ., Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China, July 2010

PETSc Tutorial, T.J. Watson Research Center, NY, October 2009

Short Course on Sci. Comp., Graduate Univ., Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China, July 2009

PETSc Tutorial, TACC, Austin, TX, May 2009

Short Course on Foundations of Finite Element Computing, Simula Research, Oslo, Norway, August 2008

PETSc Tutorial, TACC, Austin, TX, August 2008

ACTS Toolkit Workshop, LBL, Berkeley, CA, August 2007

PETSc short course, Parallel CFD 07, Antalya, Turkey, May 2007

Summer school, SCAT 2007, UTFSM, Valparaíso, Chile, January 2007

PETSc Tutorial, AMCS 4302, Columbia University, New York, NY, October 2006

ACTS Toolkit Workshop, LBL, Berkeley, CA, August 2006

PETSc Tutorial, SIAM PP, San Francisco, CA, February 2006

ACTS Toolkit Workshop, LBL, Berkeley, CA, August 2005

Parallel Computing Workshop, University of Houston, Houston, TX, April 2005  
Week long PETSc short course, INL, Idaho Falls, ID, March 2005  
PETSc Tutorial, DD16, Courant Institute, New York, NY, January 2005  
ACTS Toolkit Workshop, LBL, Berkeley, CA, August 2004  
Week long PETSc short course, Parallel CFD 2004, Gran Canaria, May 2004

#### *Contributed Presentations*

Rice Oil & Gas HPC, Houston, TX, March 2018  
Rice Oil & Gas HPC, Houston, TX, March 2017  
Rice Oil & Gas HPC, Houston, TX, March 2016  
Biophysical Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, March 2009  
Parallel CFD 08, Lyon, France, May 2008  
SIAM PP, Atlanta, GA, March 2008  
USNCCM 10, San Francisco, CA, July 2007  
Workshop on Scientific Computing, UT Austin, Austin, TX, October 2006  
SIAM PP, San Francisco, CA, February 2006  
SciPy 2005, Caltech, Pasadena, CA, September 2005  
USNCCM 8, Austin, TX, July 2005  
SciPy 2004, Caltech, Pasadena, CA, September 2004  
Parallel CFD, Gran Canaria, Spain, May 2004  
SIAM PP, San Francisco, CA, February 2004  
Geoframeworks Workshop, Caltech, Pasadena, CA, October 2003  
SciPy 2003, Caltech, Pasadena, CA, September 2003

#### Postdoctoral Research Associates

Joseph Pusztay, University at Buffalo, 2023–*present*  
Robert Walker, University at Buffalo, 2019–*present*  
Justin Chang, University at Buffalo, 2018–2019  
Justin Chang, Rice University, 2017  
Tobin Isaac, University of Chicago and Rice University, 2015–2017

#### Graduate Students

##### *Phd Students Advised*

Vivek Bhavsar, Geology, University at Buffalo Ph.D., co-supervisor since 9/19  
Albert Cowie, University at Buffalo Ph.D., supervisor since 9/17  
Daniel Finn, University at Buffalo Ph.D., 2023  
Thesis: *Structure-Preserving Particle-In-Cell Methods for the Vlasov-Poisson-Landau System.*

Darsh Kiritbhai Nathawani, University at Buffalo Ph.D., 2023

Thesis: *Droplet Formation: One-dimensional Mathematical Model and Computations*

Abhishek Mishra, University at Buffalo Ph.D., 2022, with Prof. David Salac

Thesis: *Enabling computational methods for discretization of partial differential equation models using stencil composition.* Engineer at AMD.

Brandon Denton, University at Buffalo Ph.D. 2022,

Thesis: *Geometry Aware Mesh Topologies.* Principal Propulsion Engineer at Rubicon Space Systems.

Joseph Pusztay, University at Buffalo Ph.D. 2022,

Thesis: *A Particle Basis Vlasov-Poisson-Landau Solver for Plasma Simulation in PETSc.* Postdoc at University at Buffalo.

Maurice Fabien, Rice University Ph.D. 2019, with Prof. Beatrice Riviere

Thesis: *Hybridizable Discontinuous Galerkin Methods for Flow and Transport: Applications, Solvers, and High Performance Computing.* Asst. Prof. at University of Wisconsin.

Thomas Klotz, Rice University Ph.D. 2019,

Thesis: *Numerical Analysis of Nonlinear Boundary Integral Equations Arising in Molecular Biology.* Research Scientist at Smiths Detection.

Andy Terrel, University of Chicago Ph.D. 2010, with Prof. L. Ridgway Scott

Thesis: *Finite Element Method Automation for Non-Newtonian Fluid Models.* CTO of Fashion Metric, Chairman of the Board of the NumFOCUS foundation.

Peter Brune, University of Chicago Ph.D. 2011, with Prof. L. Ridgway Scott

Thesis: *Fast Numerical Methods and Biological Problems.* Software Engineer at Google.

#### *Masters Students Advised*

Jonas Actor, Rice University MA, 2018

*Computation for the Kolmogorov Superposition Theorem*

Thomas Klotz, Rice University MA, 2017

*Optimal Integration for Boundary Integral Models*

Jeremy Tillay, Rice University MA, 2017

*Analysis of Segmental Refinement Multigrid,* Chevron

Hannah Morgan, University of Chicago MA 2015, with Prof. Ridgway Scott

*Numerical solutions to the KdV equation.* Phd student at University of Chicago.

Eric Buras, Rice University MA 2016,

*A Multigrid Solver for Graph Laplacian Linear Systems on Power-Law Graphs.* Associate Research Engineer at Aptima, Inc.

#### *Summer Graduate Students Advised*

Hannah Morgan, University of Chicago 2014, with Prof. Ridgway Scott

Sean Laguna, University of Chicago 2014, with Prof. Ridgway Scott

Peter Brune, ANL Givens Fellow 2009

Samuel Daitch, ANL Givens Fellow 2007

Emma Rainey, Krell Institute Computational Science Graduate Fellow 2005

Richard Katz, Krell Institute Computational Science Graduate Fellow 2004

Dmitry Leykekhman, ANL Givens Fellow 2003

Nessy Tania, ANL Givens Fellow 2003

*Undergraduate Students Advised*

Andrew Gmerek, University at Buffalo 2022, *Temporal Convergence of Crustal Deformation Solvers*  
Aman Timalsina, University at Buffalo 2022, *Automated Mesh Transformations*  
Rachel Bakowski, University at Buffalo 2022, *Data Assimilation for Subduction Dynamics*  
Thomas Kowalski, University at Buffalo 2022, *Immersive Visualization for Earth Science*  
Alexander Stone, University at Buffalo 2019, *Kolmogorov Superposition Theorem*  
Evan Walley, University at Buffalo 2017, *Kolmogorov Superposition Theorem*  
David Clark, Rice University 2017, *Plasma Dynamics*  
David Clark, Rice University 2016, *Magma Dynamics*  
Victor Gonzalez, Rice University 2016, *Magma Dynamics*  
Ian Alevy, University of Chicago 2012, *Probabilistic Performance Modeling*  
Seth Davidovitz, Rush University Medical Center 2010, *Ion Channel Modeling*

*Phd Committees*

Feng-Mao Tsai, Phd, Computer Science, University at Buffalo 2026  
Isys Johnson, Phd, Computer Science, University at Buffalo 2026  
Darshana Balakrishnan, Phd, Computer Science, University at Buffalo 2023  
Amol Salunkhe, Phd, Computation and Data-Enabled Science and Engineering, University at Buffalo 2023  
Boris Boutkov, Phd, Computation and Data-Enabled Science and Engineering, University at Buffalo 2019  
Hannah Morgan, Phd, Computer Science, University of Chicago 2019  
Kirstie Haynie, Phd, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, University of Houston 2019  
Boris Brimkov, Phd, Computational and Applied Mathematics, Rice University 2017  
Xiaodi Deng, Phd, Computational and Applied Mathematics, Rice University 2017  
Justin Chang, Phd, Civil Engineering, University of Houston 2017  
Caleb Magruder, Phd, Computational and Applied Mathematics, Rice University 2017  
Arturo Vargas, Phd, Computational and Applied Mathematics, Rice University 2017  
John Riehl, Phd, Computer Science, University of Chicago 2008

*MS Committees*

Bailey Valint, MS, Geology, University at Buffalo 2023  
Yabin Zhang, MS, Computational and Applied Mathematics, Rice University 2017  
John Gomez, MS, Applied Physics, Rice University 2017  
Bryan Doyle, MS, Computational and Applied Mathematics, Rice University 2017  
Chen Liu, MS, Computational and Applied Mathematics, Rice University 2016

Rujeko Chinomona, MS, Computational and Applied Mathematics, Rice University 2016  
Frankie Camacho, MS, Computational and Applied Mathematics, Rice University 2016  
Sri Raj Paul, MS, Computer Science, Rice University 2015

## Professional Activities

### *Editorial Positions*

Associate Editor, SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing, SIAM (2020–2022)  
Associate Editor, Cogent Geoscience, Taylor & Francis (2015–2019)

### *International Committees and Visiting positions*

Member, [Committee on Gene Golub SIAM Summer School](#), (2023–2026)  
Member Executive Committee, NSF [Computational Infrastructure for Geodynamics](#), (2011–2014)  
Chair, Computational Science Working Group, NSF [Computational Infrastructure for Geodynamics](#), (2013–2016)  
Guest Researcher, Imperial College London, London, UK (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)  
Guest Researcher, Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, Princeton, NJ (2017)  
Newton Institute Guest, Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK (2016)  
CEMRACS Summer School Instructor, SMAI, Luminy, France (2016)  
Guest Researcher, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia (2015)  
Guest Researcher, Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics, MIT, Boston, MA (2015)  
Guest Researcher, Oxford University, Oxford, UK (2014)  
Guest Researcher, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY (2014)  
Guest Researcher, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI (2013, 2014)  
Guest Researcher, Texas Advanced Supercomputing Center, Austin, TX (2013)  
Guest Researcher, Université Paris Sud, Orsay, France (2013)  
Guest Researcher, Maison de Simulation, Orsay, France (2013)  
Guest Researcher, KAUST, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (2010, 2011, 2013)  
Guest Researcher, UTFSM, Valpariso, Chile (2011)  
Guest Researcher, Széchenyi István University, Györ, Hungary (2010, 2011, 2012)  
Guest Researcher, ETHZ, Zurich, Switzerland (2010)  
Guest Researcher, Tufts University, Medford, MA (2010)  
Guest Researcher, VPAC, Melbourne, Australia (2010)  
Guest Researcher, GUCAS, Beijing, China (2009, 2010)  
Guest Researcher, Caltech, Pasadena, CA (2009, 2010)  
Guest Researcher, IBM T.J. Watson Research Center, White Plains, NY (2009)  
Guest Researcher, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN (2008, 2012, 2014)  
Guest Researcher, Boston University, Boston, MA (2008, 2009, 2010)

Guest Researcher, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA (2008, 2009, 2014)  
Guest Researcher, Monash University, Clayton, Australia (2008, 2010, 2015)  
Guest Researcher, University of Texas Austin, Austin, TX (2008, 2011)  
Guest Researcher, Center for Biomedical Computing, Simula Research, Oslo Norway (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011)  
Guest Researcher, USGS, Menlo Park, CA (2007, 2009)  
Guest Researcher, TU Delft, Delft, Netherlands (2006)  
Guest Researcher, INL, Idaho Falls, ID (2006)  
Guest Researcher, Columbia University, New York, NY (2006)  
Guest Researcher, RPI, Troy, NY (2006)  
Advisory Computational Scientist, CIG (2004–2010)  
Guest Researcher, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN (1997, 1998, 2009)

#### *Paper Reviews*

Reviewer, ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software  
Reviewer, AMS Mathematics of Computation  
Reviewer, Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering  
Reviewer, Concurrency: Practice and Experience  
Reviewer, Journal of Scientific Computing  
Reviewer, Journal of Chemical Physics  
Reviewer, Journal of Computational Physics  
Reviewer, IEEE Transaction on Parallel and Distributed Systems  
Reviewer, IEEE International Parallel & Distributed Processing Symposium (IPDPS)  
Reviewer, International Journal on Computational Science and Engineering  
Reviewer, International Journal on Numerical Methods in Engineering  
Reviewer, Operations Research  
Reviewer, Parallel Computing  
Reviewer, Physics of Earth and Planetary Interiors  
Reviewer, SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing  
Reviewer, SIAM Journal on Numerical Analysis  
Reviewer, Springer-Verlag

#### *Meetings Organized*

Program Committee, PETSc 2023, Chicago, IL, [website](#) (June 2023)  
Program Committee, PyLith Hackathon 2023, Golden, CO, (June 2023)  
Program Committee, CDM 2022, Golden, CO, [website](#) (June 2022)  
Co-Chair for Algorithms Track, IPCC 2022, Chicago, IL, [website](#) (August 2021)  
Program Committee, CDM 2019, Golden, CO, [website](#) (June 2019)

Program Committee, PETSc 2019, Atlanta, GA, <http://www.mcs.anl.gov/petsc/meetings/2019> (June 2019)

Co-Chair, SIAM [Gene Golub Summer School](#), Aussois, France (July 2019)

Program Committee, SIAM CS&E 2019, Spokane, WA, [website](#) (Mar 2019)

Program Committee, PETSc 2018, London, UK, <http://www.mcs.anl.gov/petsc/meetings/2018> (June 2018)

Program Committee, PETSc 2017, Boulder, CO, <http://www.mcs.anl.gov/petsc/meetings/2017> (June 2017)

Technical Papers Committee for [Supercomputing 2017](#)

Program Committee, CDM 2017, Golden, CO (June 2017)

Program Committee, Scientific Software Days, Austin, TX, <http://scisoftdays.org> (Mar 2017)

Program Committee, IPDPS, Orlando, FL (June 2017)

Program Committee, HPC, Virginia Beach, VA (April 2017)

Program Committee, NSF SI2 PI Meeting, Arlington, VA (February 2017)

Program Chair, PETSc 2016, Vienna, Austria, <http://www.mcs.anl.gov/petsc/meetings/2016> (June 2016)

Program Committee, Scientific Software Days, Austin, TX, <http://scisoftdays.org> (Feb 2016)

Program Committee, PETSc 20, Chicago, IL, <http://www.mcs.anl.gov/petsc/petsc-20.html> (June 2015)

Program Committee, PMAA 14, Lugano, Switzerland, <http://pmaa14.ics.usi.ch> (July 2014)

Technical Papers Committee for [Supercomputing 2014](#)

Technical Papers Committee for [Supercomputing 2013](#)

Program Committee, CIG [Implementing Solvers in CitcomCU and CitcomS Workshop](#) (September 2013)

Program Committee, GPU-SMP Conference, Changchun, China, <http://gpu-smp2013.csp.escience.cn/dct/page/1> (June 2013)

Program Committee, ICERM Workshop, Brown University, <http://icerm.brown.edu/tw12-1-exascale> (January 2012)

Program Committee, GPU-SMP Conference, Shenzhen, China, <http://gpu-smp2012.csp.escience.cn/dct/page/1> (June 2012)

Program Committee, NSF Pan-American Advanced Studies Institute, [Scientific Computing in the Americas: the challenge of massive parallelism](#), Valparaiso, Chile, (2011)

Program Committee, HPC<sup>3</sup> Workshop, KAUST, <https://sites.google.com/site/hpc3atkaust/> (February 2011)

Program Committee, FEniCS Workshop, University of Chicago (March 2005)

#### *Minisymposia Organized*

*Library Development for Manycore Computing*, PETSc 2016, Vienna, Austria 2016

*To Thread or Not To Thread*, SIAM PP, Paris, France 2016

*The Outer Loop*, PETSc 20, Chicago, IL, 2015

## University Service

### *Executive Positions*

UB CSE Director of Graduate Studies (2024–Present)

## Teaching

Graduate Course *High Performance Computing II* CSE 548 Spring 2022–2023

Graduate Course *High Performance Computing I* CSE 547 Fall 2020, Fall 2021

Undergraduate/Graduate Course *Linear Algebra and Quantum Algorithms* CSE 410 Fall 2018, CSE 410/510 Fall 2019, CSE 439 Fall 2020, CSE 499 Fall 2021, CSE 439 Fall 2022

Undergraduate Course *Discrete Structures* CSE 191 Spring 2018, CSE 191 Spring 2019–2023

Undergraduate/Graduate Course *Computational Science II* CAAM 520 Spring 2016 (1.70, Rice Mean 1.71), CAAM 520 Spring 2017

Undergraduate/Graduate Course *Computational Science I* CAAM 519 Fall 2015 (2.32, Rice Mean 1.77), CAAM 519 Fall 2016 (1.96, Rice Mean 1.73)

Undergraduate Course *Numerical Analysis*, with Prof. Ahmed H. Sameh, Purdue University (1999)

Guest Lecturer, AMCS 4302, *Parallel Scientific Computing*, Columbia University (2006)

2 Week Short Course on Scientific Computing

Graduate University, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China, (2010)

Graduate University, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China, (2009)

1 Week Crustal Deformation Modeling Tutorial

NSF CIG [CIG All Hands Conference](#) (2016)

NSF CIG [Crustal Deformation Modeling Conference](#) (2015)

NSF CIG [Crustal Deformation Modeling Conference](#) (2013)

NSF CIG [Crustal Deformation Modeling Conference](#) (2011)

1 Week PETSc Short Course

Maison de la Simulation, Orsay, France (2013)

EuropeAid [Scientific Computing Advanced Training](#), Valparaiso, Chile (2007)

Idaho National Laboratory, Idaho Falls, ID (2005)

Parallel CFD 2004, Gran Canaria (2004)

1 Week GPU Computing Course

NSF Pan-American Advanced Studies Institute, [Scientific Computing in the Americas: the challenge of massive parallelism](#), Valparaiso, Chile, (2011)

8 single day PETSc tutorials, and 9 half day tutorials

1 single day Python HPC tutorial

### *Departmental Committees*

Member, UB CSE Graduate Program Assessment Committee (2021–2022)

Member, UB CSE Ad Hoc Tenure Committee (2022)

Member, UB CSE Distinguished Lecturer Committee (2019-2021)  
Member, UB CSE Faculty Search Committee (2019–2022)  
Member, UB CSE Graduate Admissions Committee (2017–2022)  
Member, UB CSE Graduate Curriculum Committee (2017–2018)  
Chair, Rice CAAM Faculty Search Committee (2016–2017)  
Chair, Rice CAAM Data Science Faculty Search Committee (2016–2017)  
Chair, Rice CAAM Computing Committee (2015–2017)  
Member, Rice CAAM Graduate Curriculum Committee (2015–2017)  
Member, Rice CAAM Graduate Committee (2015–2017)  
Member, Rice CAAM Faculty Search Committee (2015–2016)  
Member, Rice CAAM Numerical Analysis Examination Committee (2015–2017)

*Other Departmental Service*

Host for CSE Colloquium speaker: James Brannick (2018)  
Host for CSE Colloquium speaker: Stefan Rosenberger (2017)  
Host for CSE Colloquium speaker: Jack Poulson (2017)  
Host for CAAM Colloquium speaker: Jaydeep P. Bardhan (2017)  
Host for CAAM Colloquium speaker: Blaise Bourdin (2016)  
Host for CAAM Colloquium speaker: Tobin Isaac (2016)  
Host for CAAM Colloquium speaker: Wolfgang Bangerth (2015)  
Host for CAAM Colloquium speaker: Xiao-Chuan Cai (2015)  
Host for CAAM visitor: Florian Potra (2017)  
Host for CAAM visitor: Andy R. Terrel (2016)  
Host for CAAM visitor: Mark Adams (2016)  
Host for CI visitor: Paul Constantine (2014)  
Host for CI visitor: Mark Adams (2014)  
Host for CI visitor: Patrick Farrell (2014)  
Host for CI visitor: Karl Rupp (2014)  
Host for CI visitor: Aron Ahmadia (2010)  
Host for CI visitor: Rio Yokota (2010)  
Host for CI visitor: Liang Zheng (2010)  
Host for CI visitor: Deszo Boda (2008)  
Host for CI visitor: Lorena Barba (2008)  
Host for CI visitor: Blaise Bourdin (2008)  
Host for CI visitor: Felipe Cruz (2007, 2009)  
Host for ANL visitor: Andrei Dragomirescu (2006)  
Host for ANL visitor: Richard Martineau (2006)

*College Service*

PHYS Faculty Search Committee (2023)

Graduation Marshall (2023)

SEAS IAD Director Search Committee (2019)

CDSE Days Committee (2018, 2019)

CDSE Admissions Committee (2018, 2019, 2022)

MATH Faculty Search Committee (2018)

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