

# Curriculum vitae of Tom Cuchta

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## EDUCATION

*Ph.D.* Mathematics  
Missouri University of Science and Technology  
Rolla, MO (2015)  
Advisor: Dr. Martin Bohner

*M.A.* Mathematics  
Marshall University  
Huntington, WV (2011)  
Advisor: Dr. Bonita Lawrence

*B.S.* Mathematics; *B.S.* Applied Mathematics  
Marshall University  
Huntington, WV (2009)

## PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Samer Assaf, Tom Cuchta, and Matt Insall. Binary metrics. *Topol. Appl.*, 274:107116, 2020.
- [2] Tom Cuchta, Michael Pavelites, and Randi Tinney. The Chebyshev Difference Equation. *Mathematics*, 8(1), 74, 2020.
- [3] Tom Cuchta and Sabrina Streipert. Dynamic Gompertz Model. *Appl. Math. Info. Sci.*, 14(1):19, 2020.
- [4] Tom Cuchta, David Grow, and Nick Wintz. A dynamic matrix exponential via a matrix cylinder transformation. *J. Math. Anal. Appl.*, 479(1):733–751, 2019.
- [5] Tom Cuchta, et al. Human risk factors in cybersecurity. In *Proceedings of the 20th Annual SIG Conference on Information Technology Education, SIGITE 19*, pages 8792, New York, NY, USA, 2019. ACM.
- [6] Martin Bohner and Tom Cuchta. The generalized hypergeometric difference equation. *Demonstr. Math.*, 51:62–75, 2018.
- [7] Martin Bohner and Tom Cuchta. The Bessel difference equation. *Proc. Am. Math. Soc.*, 145(4):1567–1580, 2017.
- [8] Tom Cuchta. Discrete analogues of some classical special functions. PhD thesis, Missouri University of Science and Technology, 2015.
- [9] Tom Cuchta. Infinitesimal time scale calculus. Master’s thesis, Marshall University, 2011.
- [10] Mike Axtell, et al. Zero-divisor ideals and realizable zero-divisor graphs. *Involve* 2, No. 1, 17–27, 2009.
- [11] Abigail Bishop, Tom Cuchta, Kathryn Lokken, and Oliver Pechenik. The nil-radical and non-nilradical graphs of commutative rings. *Int. J. Algebra*, 2(17-20):981–994, 2008.
- [12] Tom Cuchta, Kathryn Lokken, and William Young. Zero-divisor graphs of localizations and modular rings. *Rose-Hulman Undergraduate Math Journal*, 9(2), 2008.

## GRANTS

1. (2019 Apr) Fairmont State University Foundation Grant Award (\$1000)
2. (2018 Nov–Present) (*Principal Investigator*) NASA SARP Grant in cybersecurity, NSSC Grant number 80NSSC19K0178 (\$26,300) (with BRIAN BLACKWOOD, TOM DEVINE, and ROBERT J. NIICHEL)
3. (2017 Nov) Grant from NVIDIA Corporation for a Titan XP graphics processing unit (~\$1,000) (with BRIAN BLACKWOOD and ROBERT J. NIICHEL)

4. (2017 Aug–2018 Jul) Grant from TMC Technologies of West Virginia Corp. sub-contract number TMC-2017-002-10 NASA Technical Expertise Support Services (TESS) Issued Under Prime Contract: NNG4SA05Z (\$23, 750) (with BRIAN BLACKWOOD and ROBERT J. NICHEL)

**STUDENT GRANTS MENTORED**

1. (2019 Oct–2020 Apr) Brooke Fincham: WV NASA Space Grant Consortium project: “*Discrete Fractional Population Models*” (\$1400)

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Assistant Professor of Mathematics* (2016 Fall-present)  
Fairmont State University (Fairmont, WV)

Course	Number of sections taught through Spring 2020
Undergraduate Research	6
Real Analysis	2
Complex Variables	1
Differential Equations	1
Linear Algebra	2
Calculus 3	1
Calculus 2	4
Mathematical Logic	4
Calculus 1	2
Applied Calculus 2	1
Intro to Programming	2
Trigonometry	7
Applied Statistics	3
College Algebra	1
Applied Tech Math I	1
Pre-College Algebra	1

*Instructor* (2016 Spring-2016 Summer)  
Missouri University of Science and Technology (Rolla, MO)

Course	Number of sections taught
Calculus 3	1
“Hit the Ground Running”	1

*Teaching Assistant* (2011 Fall-2016 Spring)  
Missouri University of Science and Technology (Rolla, MO)

Course	Number of sections taught
Linear Algebra	4
Differential Equations	1
Calculus 3	7
Calculus 1	2
“Problem Solving Workshop”	2
“Hit the Ground Running”	2

Teaching Assistant  
Marshall University (Huntington, WV)

(2009 Fall-2011 Summer)

Course	Number of sections taught
Trigonometry	3
College Algebra	2
Finite Math	1
Concepts and Applications of Mathematics	1

### Project NExT workshops attended

(2019 Sep)	mastery based grading	Slippery Rock, PA
(2018 Sep)	student issues and concerns & using the instructional practices guide	California, PA
(2017 Sep)	engagement and grading	Grove City, PA
(2017 Apr)	expository writing	Pittsburgh, PA
(2016 Oct)	teaching statistics	Wooster, OH
(2016 Sep)	teaching math to liberal arts majors	Indiana, PA

### SERVICE

#### To profession

##### Peer Review

1. (2020) 7 papers
2. (2019) 27 papers
3. (2018) 5 papers
4. (2017) 6 papers
5. (2016) 2 papers

(2019–Present) Writer for *Mathematical Reviews*

- (2020) 1 review
- (2019) 6 reviews

##### Reviewer for

1. Axioms
2. International Journal of Dynamical Systems and Differential Equations
3. Journal of Classical Analysis
4. Journal of Difference Equations and Applications
5. Journal of Fixed Point Theory and Applications
6. Journal of Inequalities and Special Functions
7. Journal of Mathematics and Computer Science
8. Journal of Mathematics and Statistics

9. Journal of Nonlinear Sciences and Applications
10. Journal of the Egyptian Mathematical Society
11. Mathematics
12. Symmetry

### **To the Mathematical Association of America**

1. (2019 Fall) Nominating Committee
2. (2018 Apr–Present) Allegheny Mountain Section Director of E-Communications
3. (2018 Spring) Allegheny Mountain Section 2018 Teaching Award Committee

### **To Fairmont State University**

1. Undergraduate research
  - a. (2019 Summer–Present) Brooke Fincham (discrete fractional population models)
  - b. (2019 Spring, 2019 Fall) Michael Pavelites (discrete Chebyshev polynomials)
  - c. (2019 Spring, 2019 Fall) Kristina Daniels, Caleb Lutjens, Sydney Maibach, and Ryan Stephenson (NASA IV&V SARP grant)
  - d. (2018 Fall–2019 Summer) Matthias Baur (`timescalecalculus` package)
  - e. (2018 Fall) Randi Tinney (discrete Chebyshev polynomials)
  - f. (2017 Fall, 2018 Spring) Mattison Johnson, Dawn Sargent, Carl Wahler, and Anna Westfall (TMC<sup>2</sup> Technologies grant)
  - g. (2017 Fall, 2018 Spring) Zack Linger (zeta functions on time scales)
  - h. (2017 Fall) Treston Brown (discrete sine integral)
  - i. (2016 Fall) Antonietta Bonanno (educational methods in geometry)
2. Wrote letters of recommendation for internships, graduate school applications, tenure & promotion, and job applications
  - a. (2020) 4 letters across 4 individuals
  - b. (2019) 35 letters across 9 individuals
  - c. (2018) 4 letters across 3 individuals
  - d. (2017) 1 letter
3. Organized student trips
  - a. (2020) *Pi Mu Epsilon conference, Youngstown, OH*
  - b. (2019) Marshall University differential analyzer, Huntington, WV (5 students); Pi Mu Epsilon conference, Youngstown, OH (3 students); Miami University of Ohio Annual Conference, Oxford, OH (1 student)
  - c. (2018) Allegheny Mountain MAA conference, Erie, PA (4 students); Pi Mu Epsilon conference, Youngstown, OH (7 students)
  - d. (2017) Ohio MAA conference, St. Clairsville, OH (1 student); Marshall University differential analyzer, Huntington, WV (4 students); Pi Mu Epsilon conference, Youngstown, OH (4 students)
4. Organized visiting lecturers for department seminars

- a. (2019) 1 visitor
  - b. (2018) 4 visitors
  - c. (2017) 3 visitors
  - d. (2016) 2 visitors
5. Committee/etc work
- a. (2019 Spring–Present) Creative Sustainability Council
  - b. (2018 Fall–Present) Coordinator of Calculus assessment
  - c. (2018 Fall–Present) Institutional Review Board
  - d. (2018 Fall–Present) Technology Committee
  - e. (2017 Fall–Present) Member of Student Publications Board
  - f. (2017 Spring) Mathematics program advisory board committee
6. Faculty Senate
- a. (2019 Fall–Present) Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Webmaster)
  - b. (2019 Spring, 2018 Spring) Faculty Senate Committee on Committees
  - c. (2018 Fall–2019 Spring) Faculty Senate Executive Committee (at large member)
  - d. (2017 Spring–Present) Senator for the Department of Computer Science and Math to Faculty Senate

## CONFERENCES

1. (2020 Jul) *ICDEA2020, 26th International Conference on Difference Equations and Applications, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina*
2. (2020 Jul) *ICMA<sup>2</sup>SC'20, International Conference on Mathematical Analysis and Applications in Science and Engineering, Porto, Portugal.*
3. (2020 May) *Dynamical equations on time scales workshop, Będlewo, Poland.*
4. (2020 Apr) *Allegheny Mountain MAA Meeting, Grove City College, Grove City, PA*
5. (2020 Mar) *95th Annual WV Academy of Sciences Meeting, Fairmont, WV (plenary speaker)*
6. (2019 Sep) *Miami University 47th Annual Math Conference: Differential Equations and Dynamical Systems and their Applications, Oxford, OH.*
7. (2019 Jul) *International Conference on Differential & Difference Equations and Applications, Lisbon, Portugal.*
8. (2019 Jun) *Dynamical equations on time scales workshop, Mathematical conference centre, Będlewo, Poland. (plenary speaker)*
9. (2019 Apr) *Allegheny Mountain MAA Meeting, Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, WV.*
10. (2019 Jan) *Joint Math Meetings, Baltimore, MD.*
11. (2018 Aug) *International Workshop on Nonlinear Dynamical Systems and Functional Analysis, University of Brasília, Brasília, Brazil.*
12. (2018 Apr) *Allegheny Mountain MAA Meeting, Penn State Behrend, Erie, PA.*
13. (2017 Oct) *Ohio MAA Meeting, Ohio University Eastern, St. Clairsville, OH.*
14. (2017 Jul) *International Conference on Difference Equations and Applications, West University of Timișoara, Timișoara, Romania.*
15. (2017 Apr) *Allegheny Mountain MAA Spring Meeting, Duquesne University Pittsburgh, PA.*

16. (2016 Oct) Ohio MAA Fall Meeting, Wooster College, Wooster, OH.
17. (2015 Mar) Missouri MAA Spring Meeting, Missouri University of Science & Technology, Rolla, MO.
18. (2014 May) Conference of Partial Differential Equations, Abbazia di Novacella, Novacella, Italy.

**OTHER  
ACADEMIC  
ACTIVITIES**

- (2019 Sep-present) Member of West Virginia Academy of Sciences  
 (2019 Sep-present) Member of American Mathematical Society  
 (2019 Apr) Exam writer and grader for WV Math Field Day (Fairmont, WV)  
 (2018 Apr) Volunteer scorer at WV Math Field Day (Huntington, WV)  
 (2017-present) Member of Mathematical Association of America  
 (2014-present) Member of International Society of Difference Equations  
 (2011-2014) Chancellor's Fellow at Missouri S&T

**Miscellaneous**

1. Maintainer of an open source Python project on GitHub for time scale calculus:  
<https://github.com/tomcuchta/timescalecalculus>
2. Owner and operator of...
  - Time Scale wiki (<http://timescalewiki.org>)
  - Special Functions wiki (<http://specialfunctionswiki.org>)
  - Hyperspace wiki (<http://hyperspacewiki.org>)
3. Maintainer of a solutions manual to Rainville's *Special Functions*  
<https://github.com/tomcuchta/rainvillesfsolutions>.