



## Research Interests

- Applied Mathematics and Scientific Computation
- Theoretical and Computational Fluid Dynamics: Vortex Dynamics, Interfacial Fluid Dynamics, Singularity Formation, Crystal Growth
- Moving Boundary Problems in Materials Science
- Biomechanics

## Grants

1. National Science Foundation  
“Focused Research Group: Singularity formation for the three-dimensional Euler equations and related problems,”  
July 1, 2004-June 30, 2007, \$253,522 (Total award, \$889,722),  
(Collaborative Grant with Russ Caflisch, Tom Hou and Dale Pullin),  
PI/Project Director
2. National Science Foundation  
“Major Research Instrumentation: Acquisition of a computer cluster for the Center of Applied Mathematics and Statistics at NJIT, ”  
Sept. 1, 2004-Aug. 30, 2007, \$270,870,  
co-PI (with Daljit Ahluwalia, Qun Ma), lead author of proposal.
3. National Science Foundation  
“Analysis and numerical computations of moving boundaries in fluid dynamics and materials science,”  
July 23, 2001-July 31, 2005, \$88,000,  
PI
4. NJ-I-Tower  
“Course development proposal: Mathematics computation laboratory,”  
November 2002 \$5,000
5. National Science Foundation  
“Surfactant effects in viscous fingering,”  
July 1997 to June 2000, \$75,000,  
PI
6. National Science Foundation  
“Scientific computing resources and environments in the mathematical sciences (SCREMS),” (joint with Dawn Lott-Crumpler, Jonathon Luke, Eliza Michalopoulou and Demetrius Papageorgiou),  
November 1998 to November 2000, \$61,297
7. National Science Foundation  
Mathematical Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowship,  
October 1991 to August 1994, \$66,000

## Publications

1. A localized approximation method for vortical flows, (with R. E. Caflisch and O. Orellana), *SIAM J. Appl. Math.*, **50**, pp. 1517–1532, 1990.
2. Singularity formation on vortex sheets, in *Topological Aspects of the Dynamics of Fluids and Plasmas*, eds. H. Moffatt, G. Zaslavsky, P. Comte and M. Tabor, Kluwer Academic, pp. 337–349, 1992.
3. Singularity formation during Rayleigh-Taylor instability, (with G. Baker and R. E. Caflisch), *J. Fluid Mech.*, **252**, pp. 51–78, 1993.
4. A study of singularity formation in the Kelvin-Helmholtz instability with surface tension, *SIAM J. Appl. Math.*, **55**, pp. 865–891, 1995.
5. A well-posed numerical method to track isolated conformal map singularities in Hele-Shaw flow, (with G. Baker and S. Tanveer), *J. Comput. Phys.*, **120**, p. 348–364, 1995.
6. Singular perturbation of smoothly evolving Hele-Shaw solutions, (with S. Tanveer), *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, **76**, 419, 1996.
7. Singular effects of surface tension in evolving Hele-Shaw flows, (with S. Tanveer and W-S. Dai), *J. Fluid Mech.*, **323**, pp. 201–236, 1996.
8. Singularities and interfacial patterns in Hele-Shaw flow, (with G. Baker and S. Tanveer), *Proceedings of the Fifth International Conference on Hyperbolic Problems: Theory, Numerics and Applications*, ed. J. Glimm, World Scientific, pp. 339–351, 1996.
9. Optimal patterns for suturing wounds, (with H. R. Chaudhry, B. Bukiet, T. Findley, A. B. Ritter, N. Guzelsu), *Journal of Biomechanics*, **31**, pp. 653–662, 1998.
10. Adaptation of passive rat left ventricle in diastolic dysfunction (with H. R. Chaudhry, B. Bukiet, T. Findley, A. B. Ritter and N. Guzelsu), *J. Theor. Biol.*, **201**, pp. 37–46, 1999.
11. Influence of surfactant on rounded and pointed bubbles in two-dimensional Stokes flow, *SIAM J. Appl. Math.*, **59**, pp. 1998–2027, 1999.
12. Cusp formation for time-evolving bubbles in two-dimensional Stokes flow, *J. Fluid Mech.*, **412**, pp. 227–257, 2000.
13. Cusp formation and tip-streaming instabilities for time-evolving interfaces in two-dimensional Stokes flow, *Proceedings of the IUTAM Symposium on Nonlinear waves in Multi-Phase Flow*, ed. H.-C. Chang, Kluwer, pp. 139–148, 2000.

14. Effects of small surface tension in Hele-Shaw multifinger dynamics: an analytical and numerical study (with E. Paune and J. Casademunt), *Phys. Rev. E*, **66** 046205, pp.1–13, 2002.
15. Persistence of Memory in Drop Breakup: The Breakdown of Universality (with P. Doshi, I. Cohen, W. W. Zhang, P. Howell, O. A. Basaran, and S. R. Nagel), *Science*, **302**, pp. 1185–1188, 2003.
16. Evolution of material voids for highly anisotropic surface tension, (with M. Miksis and P. Voorhees), *J. Mech. Phys. Solids*, **52**(6), pp. 1319-1353 (2004).
17. Global existence, singular solutions and ill-posedness for the Muskat problem (with R. E. Caflisch and S. D. Howison), *Comm. Pure Appl. Math.*, **57**, pp. 1374–1411, 2004.
18. A mathematical model of core annular flow with surfactant (with S. Kas-Danouche and D. Papageorgiou), *Divulgaciones Matematicas*, **12**(2), pp. 117-138, 2004.
19. The evolution of a slender non-axisymmetric drop in an extensional flow (with P. D. Howell), *J. Fluid Mech.*, **521**, pp. 155-180, 2004.
20. Exact solutions for the evolution of a bubble in Stokes flow, a Cauchy transform approach (with D. Crowdy), *SIAM J. Appl. Math.*, to appear (accepted), 2005.
21. A semi-analytic approach to Euler singularities (with R. Caflisch), *Methods and Applications of Analysis*, to appear (accepted), 2005.
22. Steady deformation and tip-streaming of a slender bubble with surfactant in an extensional flow (with M. Booty), *J. Fluid Mech.*, to appear (accepted) 2005.
23. Surface tension driven breakup of an air bubble in a viscous liquid (with P. D. Howell and W. W. Zhang), *Phys. Fluids*, submitted 2005.
24. On long wave equations for the evolution of axisymmetric fluid jets (with D. Papageorgiou and M. Booty), *in preparation* 2004.
25. Nonlinear stability of core annular film flows in the presence of surfactant (with Said Kas-Danouche and D. Papageorgiou), *in preparation*, 2004.
26. Influence of surfactant on the break-up of a fluid jet in a viscous surrounding (with Muhammed Hameed, Charles Maldarelli, and D. Papageorgiou), *in preparation*, 2004.

## **Ph.D. Student Supervision**

- Thesis advisor for Xinli Wang, Ph.D. (expected, 2008).
- Thesis advisor for Muhammed Hameed, Ph.D. (2005). Thesis title: Influence of surfactant on the pinch-off of nearly inviscid fluid jets.
- Thesis co-advisor for Said Kas-Danouche, Ph.D. (2002). Thesis title: Interfacial Hydrodynamics of Annular Films.
- External advisor and member of defense committee for Eduard Paune, University of Barcelona Ph.D. (2002). Thesis title: Interfacial dynamics in two-dimensional viscous flows.

## **Conferences/Symposia Organized**

1. Workshop on “Analysis, Computations, and Experiments on Pinch-off in Liquid Jets,” (with Huaxiong Huang, York University; Robert Miura, New Jersey Institute of Technology; Demetrius Papageorgiou, New Jersey Institute of Technology),  
Banff International Research Station for Mathematical Innovation and Discovery (BIRS),  
Banff, Canada, March 12 to March 26, 2005.
2. First Annual SIAM Conference on Partial Differential Equations  
Minisymposium on “Rigorous Results for Partial Differential Equations from Interfacial Fluid Dynamics,”  
Houston, TX, December 6-8, 2004

## **Invited Conference Talks**

1. Minisymposium on Multiscale, Multiphase, Multiphysics CFD  
Third M.I.T. Conference on Computational Fluid and Solid Mechanics  
Boston, MA June 2005.
2. Frontiers in Applied and Computational Mathematics 2005  
New Jersey Institute of Technology  
Boston, MA May 2005.
3. Minisymposium on Rigorous Results for Partial Differential Equations from Interfacial Fluid Dynamics  
First Annual SIAM Conference on Partial Differential Equations  
Houston, TX December 2004.
4. NIRT Annual Meeting: Formation and Self Assembly of Quantum Dots  
Northwestern University  
Chicago, IL August 2002.

5. Minisymposium on Modeling, Analysis and Computations in Materials Science  
SIAM Annual Meeting  
Philadelphia, PA July 2002.
6. Minisymposium on Hele-Shaw Flow, SIAM Dynamical Systems Meeting  
Snowbird, Utah May 2001.
7. Analysis and Modeling of Industrial Jetting Processes  
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN January 2001.
8. IUTAM Symposium on Free Surface Flows  
University of Birmingham, Birmingham, United Kingdom July 2000.
9. IUTAM Symposium on Nonlinear Waves in Multi-Phase Flow  
University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana July 1999.
10. Hele-Shaw Flow Centennial Meeting  
Oxford University, Oxford, United Kingdom August 1998.
11. Mini-Symposium on High Resolution and Robust Interface Methods and Applications, SIAM Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada July 1998.
12. Mini-Symposium on Blood Flow in Arteries, Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Canadian Applied Mathematics Society, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada May 1998.
13. Session on Fundamental Research in Fluid Mechanics:  
Stability and Nonlinear hydrodynamics  
American Institute of Chemical Engineers Annual Meeting  
Los Angeles, CA November 1997.
14. Conference on Singularities in Euler and Navier-Stokes Equations  
Ohio State University April 1997.
15. Meeting on Vortices, Dislocations and Line Singularities  
in Partial Differential Equations  
Ciba Foundation and Royal Society, London October, 1996.
16. Workshop on Partial Differential Equations:  
Theory, Computations and Applications  
Instituto de Matematica Pura e Aplicada, Rio de Janeiro July, 1995.
17. Mini-Symposium on Dynamics of Complex Singularities,  
SIAM Dynamical Systems Conference  
Snowbird, Utah May 1995.

18. Special Session in Fluid Mechanics,  
AMS Regional Meeting  
Stillwater, Oklahoma July, 1993.
19. Mini-Symposium on Viscoelastic Fluids:  
Complex Flows, Instabilities, and Bifurcations,  
SIAM Annual Meeting  
Philadelphia, PA July, 1993.
20. Conference on Singularities in Physical Systems,  
Utah State University Logan, UT June, 1993.
21. NATO Workshop on Topological Aspects  
of the Dynamics of Fluids and Plasmas,  
Institute for Theoretical Physics, UC Santa Barbara Santa Barbara, CA  
November, 1991.

### **Invited Departmental Seminars**

1. Department of Mathematical Sciences  
University of Delaware March 2005.
2. Department of Mathematical Sciences  
New Jersey Institute of Technology February 2003.
3. Department of Mathematics  
UCLA, Los Angeles, CA January 2003.
4. Department of Physics  
University of Barcelona, Spain November 2002.
5. Department of Mathematics  
University of Nottingham, Nottingham, United Kingdom February 2002.
6. Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics  
Cambridge University, Cambridge, United Kingdom February 2002.
7. Department of Mathematics  
Imperial College, London January 2002.
8. Department of Mathematics  
University of Manchester, Manchester, United Kingdom December 2001.
9. Center for Industrial and Applied Mathematics  
Oxford University, Oxford, United Kingdom November 2001.
10. Engineering Sciences and Applied Mathematics  
Northwestern University July 2001.

11. Department of Mathematics  
University of Minnesota    September 2000.
12. Department of Mathematics  
University of California, Irvine    September 2000.
13. Department of Mathematics  
University of Delaware    February 2000.
14. Department of Mathematics  
Ohio State University    March 1999.
15. Department of Applied Mathematics and Statistics  
SUNY Stony Brook    February 1999.
16. Department of Mechanical Engineering  
New Jersey Institute of Technology    December 1997.
17. Center for Industrial and Applied Mathematics  
Oxford University, Oxford, United Kingdom    October 1996.
18. Department of Mathematics  
Courant Institute, NYU    April 1996.
19. Fluid Mechanics Seminar  
Levich Institute, City University of New York    February 1996.
20. Department of Mathematics  
New Jersey Institute of Technology    March 1995.
21. Department of Mathematics  
Illinois Institute of Technology    February 1995.
22. Department of Mathematics  
University of Manchester, Manchester, United Kingdom    January 1995.
23. Department of Mathematics  
Wichita State University    March 1993.
24. Department of Mathematics  
University of California, Santa Barbara    February 1993.
25. Department of Mathematics  
University of Michigan    December 1992.
26. Department of Mathematics  
Iowa State University    February 1991.
27. Department of Mathematics  
University of California, Los Angeles    November 1990.



28. Department of Applied Mathematics  
California Institute of Technology   November 1990 and April 1989.
29. Department of Mathematics  
Stanford University   November 1989.
30. Department of Mathematics  
Ohio State University   March 1989.
31. Department of Applied Mathematics  
University of Colorado, Boulder   March 1989.

### **Contributed Conference Presentations (last three years)**

1. American Physical Society, Division of Fluid Dynamics  
Annual Meeting  
Seattle, WA   November 2004.
2. Frontiers of Applied Mathematics (FACM '04)  
(with Muhummed Hameed)  
NJIT, Newark, NJ   May 2004.
3. American Physical Society, Division of Fluid Dynamics  
Annual Meeting (4 contributed talks)  
Secaucus, NJ   November 2003.
4. American Physical Society, Division of Fluid Dynamics  
Annual Meeting (3 contributed talks)  
Dallas, TX   November 2002.
5. American Physical Society, Division of Fluid Dynamics  
Annual Meeting  
San Diego, CA   November 2001.

### **Departmental Service**

- Associate Director of the Center for Applied Mathematics and Statistics (CAMS), NJIT, Sept. 2003–present  
*Co-direct activities of the center, including coordination and assistance with grant submissions, seminars and colloquia, CAMS Reports and other publications, and attend funding agency meetings*
- Coordinator, Calculus III, Sept. 2002–Jan. 2004  
*Direct 10 common sections of Calculus III (~ 350 students). Introduced online homework system for Calculus III.*
- Lead author of three departmental proposals for computing equipment.

- Proposed and implemented new course, *Math 240: Mathematics Computation Laboratory* (joint with Lou Kondic and Jonathan Luke).
- Designed and implemented several experiments (including a Hele-Shaw cell) for the CAPSTONE undergraduate laboratory, 1999-2001.
- Colloquium coordinator, 1995-1998.

## Committees

- Fall 1995 and Spring 1996  
Seminar Committee  
Committee on Computation
- Fall 1996 and Spring 1997  
Seminar Committee  
Curriculum and Advising Committee
- Fall 1997 and Spring 1998  
Seminar Committee (Chairperson)
- Fall 1998 and Spring 1999  
Graduate Advising Committee  
Graduate Recruitment Committee
- Fall 1999 and Spring 2000  
Seminar Committee (Chairperson)  
Graduate Recruitment Committee
- Fall 2000 and Spring 2001  
Graduate Advising Committee  
Graduate Recruitment Committee
- Fall 2001 and Spring 2002  
On Sabbatical
- Fall 2002 and Spring 2003  
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Chair)  
Calculus III Coordinator
- Fall 2003 and Spring 2004  
Calculus III Coordinator (Fall)  
Associate Director of the Center of Applied Mathematics and Statistics
- Fall 2004 and Spring 2005  
Associate Director of the Center for Applied Mathematics and Statistics

## Miscellaneous Scientific Activities and Honors

- Reviewer for NSF, DOE and for various journals including *Journal of Fluid Mechanics*, *European Journal of Applied Mathematics*, *SIAM Journal of Scientific and Statistical Computing*, *SIAM Journal of Applied Mathematics*, *Europhysics Letters*, *Physics of Fluids*, *Physical Reviews Letters*, *Physical Review E* and *SIAM Journal of Mathematical Analysis*
- Featured Review for *Mathematical Reviews*
- Reviewer of Papers submitted to XXI International Congress of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics
- Invited participant, Workshop on Thin Films, IMA (University of Minnesota), 1995
- Invited participant, “Hot Topics” Workshop on Analysis and Modeling of Industrial Jetting Processes, IMA (University of Minnesota), 2001
- Invited as long term senior participant in program “Bridging Time and Length Scales in Materials Science and Biophysics,” Fall 2005, Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics, UCLA
- External member of Ph.D. defense committee for Shaojie Tang, CCNY (1999), H. H. Wei, CCNY (2000) and Eduard Paune, University of Barcelona (2002).