Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION

# Ph.D. Mathematics, August 2002

- Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, USA
- M.S. Statistics, May 2000
  - Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, USA
- M.S. Mathematics, August 1988 Academia Sinica, Beijing, P.R. China
- **B.S. Mathematics**, July 1984 Shandong University, Jinan, P.R. China

## EXPERIENCE

(A) Assistant Professor and Graduate Faculty Member, 2004 - present

Department of Mathematics, Jackson State University, USA

- (B) Post-doctoral Fellow, 2002 2004 Department of Mathematics, University of Connecticut, USA
- (C) Teaching and Research Assistant, 1997 2002 Department of Mathematics, Tulane University, USA
- (D) Teaching Assistant, 1996 1997 Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Utah State University, USA
- (E) Teaching Assistant, 1995 1996 Department of Mathematics, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, USA
- (F) Lecturer, 1988 1995 Department of Mathematics, Qingdao University, P.R.China

## **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

#### **Research:**

- Nonlinear Elliptic and Parabolic Equations;
- Phase Transitions;
- Long time behavior of Solutions for Nonlinear Reaction-Diffusion Systems;
- Nonlinear Dynamics of Polymer Flows;
- Biomathematics;
- Probability and Statistics;
- Population genetics.

#### Teaching:

Calculus; Algebra; Differential Equations(ODE & PDE); Applied Mathematics; Analysis; Probability and Statistics; Mathematical Modeling; Dynamical Systems; Financial Mathematics.

### PAPERS

- (with Jiang Lishang) Blow-up of solutions of a class of nonlinear parabolic equations, J. Partial Differential Equations Vol. 4, No. 3 (1991), 35-50.
- The extinction behavior of a class of nonlinear parabolic equations with strong absorption, J. Qingdao Univ. Nat. Sci. Ed. Vol. 5, No. 3 & 4 (1992), 28-34.
- Estimates for the solution and its blow-up time of a class of nonlinear parabolic equations, J. Qingdao Univ. Nat. Sci. Ed. Vol. 7, No. 1 (1994), 49-54.
- (with Dongming Wei) Decay estimates of heat transfer to molten polymer flow in pipes with viscous dissipation, Electron. J. Differential Equations Vol. 2001, No. 39 (2001), 1-14.
- 5. Generation and metastability of patterns for nonlinear evolution equations, **UMC Dissertation Services**, **ProQuest Information and Learning**, 2002.
- Generation and metastability of patterns for a class of local and nonlocal evolution equations , Differential Integral Equations, Vol. 16, No. 12 (2003), 1473 - 1504.
- Coexistence and stability of solutions for a class of reaction-diffusion systems, Electron. J. Differential Equations, Vol. 2005, No. 137 (2005), pp. 1-16.
- (with Changfeng Gui) Spike solutions to a nonlocal differential equation, Communications on Pure and Applied Analysis, Vol. 5, No. 1 (2006), pp 85-95.

- Existence of global solution and nontrivial steady states for a system modeling chemotaxis, Abstract and Applied Analysis, Vol. 2006(2006), 1-23.
- 10. Qualitative analysis for a prey-predator model, International Journal of Mathematical Analysis, Vol. 1, No. 15 (2007), 727-744.

## PRESENTATIONS

- Applied and Computational Mathematics Seminar, *Pattern formation for some nonlinear evolution equations*, Tulane University, Oct. 18, 2001.
- Southeastern Conference on Applied Mathematics, North Carolina State University, *Generation and metastability of patterns for a non-local evolution equation*, Nov. 09 11, 2001.
- AMS and MAA Joint Mathematics Meeting, *Generation and metastability of patterns for a class of local and nonlocal evolution equations*, San Diego, Jan. 06 - 09, 2002.
- Mathematics Colloquium, University of Connecticut, Pattern formation and its stability for some nonlinear evolution equations, Sept. 19, 2002.
- AMS and MAA Joint Mathematics Meeting, Coexistence and stability of solutions for a class of reaction-diffusion systems, Atlanta, Jan. 05
  - 08, 2005 (Invited special session speaker).
- Sixth Mississippi State UAB Conference on Differential Equations and Computational Simulations, *Spike solutions and their stability of a nonlocal differential equation*, Starkville, MS, May 13 - 14, 2005.
- 1011th AMS Meeting, *Global behavior of a system modeling chemotaxis*, Lincoln, University of Nebraska, Oct. 21 - 23, 2005 (Invited special session speaker).
- University Scholars Symposium, Existence of global solution and nontrivial steady states for a system modeling chemotaxis, Jackson State University, Nov. 03, 2005.

## WORKSHOPS

- The 49th Midwest Partial Differential Equations Seminar, University of Kentucky, March 15 -17, 2002.
- Write Winning Grants Workshop, Jackson State University, September 22 -23, 2004.
- All for Ph.D.'s in Mathematica Workshop, Jackson State University, December 19 -20, 2004, December 21, 2005, December 19, 2006.
- Microbial Ecology, Mathematical Biosciences Institute, The Ohio State University, Columbus, May 15 May 19, 2006.

• Quality Education for Minorities Network Workshop for the National Science Foundation's Faculty Early Career Development Program, Las Vegas, February 9 -10, 2007.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- (a) 2007 ETS Visiting Summer Scholar, Educational Testing Service;
- (b) 2007 Summer Faculty Scholar, Jackson State University;
- (c) Selected for inclusion in the AcademicKeys Who's Who in Sciences Higher Education (WWSHE), 2006.
- (d) 2005 Summer Faculty Scholar, Jackson State University;
- (e) Post-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Connecticut, 2002 2004;
- (f) Fellowship and Teaching Assistantship, Tulane University, 1997-2002;
- (g) Teaching Assistantship, Utah State University, 1996 1997;
- (i) The USA National Dean's List, 1996-1997;
- (j) Teaching Assistantship, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 1995 -1996;
- (j) Excellent Paper First Prize, Qingdao Mathematical Society, 1993;
- (k) Excellent Paper Second Prize, Qingdao Science and Technology Association, 1993;
- (1) Excellent Teaching Achievement Award, Qingdao University, 1993.

## GRANTS

1) Jackson State University, The Summer Scholar Program grant, Summer 2005, Amount: \$8,000.

2) (with Dr. Hyun Jung Cho (Biology Department), Dr. Raphael D. Isokpehi (Biology Department), Dr. Tor A. Kwembe (Mathematics Department), Dr. Dmitri Sobolev(Biology Department))

NSF: Interdisciplinary Training of Undergraduates in Biological and Mathematical Sciences with Emphasis on Fisheries Stock Assessment, 2005-2008, Amount: \$300,000.00. Grant # DMS-0531927.

3) Jackson State University, The Summer Scholar Program grant, Summer 2007, Amount: \$9,000.