

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Born January 20, 1957

Education:

B.S./M.S. Yale University, 1977
M.S. Princeton University, 1981
Ph.D. Princeton University, 1982

Honors, Awards:

- (1) 7th highest score on Putnam Mathematics Competition (open to all US and Canadian undergraduates), Fall 1995.
- (2) Award for highest ranking Yale senior in sciences, 1977.
- (3) National Science Foundation graduate fellowship awarded 1977.
- (4) National Science Foundation postdoctoral fellowship 1981-1983.
- (5) Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship, 1985-86.
- (6) Presidential Young Investigator Award, 1986-91.
- (7) Bing Teaching Award, 1993
- (8) National Science Foundation support continuously since 1983
- (9) Guggenheim Fellowship (awarded Spring 1999)
- (10) Invited speaker at the 2002 International Congress of Mathematicians in Beijing
- (11) Invited AMS-MAA speaker (one of three) at the 2010 annual joint meeting of the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America

Professional Record:

1981-1983 NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Courant Institute
1983-1985 Assistant Professor, Stanford University
1985-1992 Associate Professor, Stanford University
1992- Professor, Stanford University

Visiting positions: Centre for Mathematical Analysis (Canberra, Australia), U.C. San Diego, Sonderforschungsbereich (Bonn), University of Trento (Italy), Mathematical Sci-

ences Research Centre (Warwick, England), Institut des Hautes Etudes Scientifiques (France), Texas A & M University, University of Paris VII.

Addresses (selected):

- 1982 Felix Klein Colloquium in Dusseldorf. (One of three featured speakers.)
- Hour-long address at the 90th summer meeting of the American Mathematical Society.
- Texas A & M Frontiers of Mathematics lecture series (Spring 1993)
- Lecture Series in Special Postgraduate Summer School in Calculus of Variations in Trento, Italy (August 1993)
- Second annual Bernard Society Lecture at Davidson College (December 1993)
- Plenary address at the 1995 summer meeting of the American Mathematical Society
- Plenary address at the 2000 annual meeting of the Australian Mathematical Society
- Rutgers University Annual D'Atri Memorial Lectures (January, 2001)
- Three invited lectures in Math. Sciences Research Institute Symposium on minimal surfaces (June, 2001)
- Invited lecture at the Gilbarg Memorial Conference at Stanford (April, 2002)
- Invited address at the quadrennial International Congress of Mathematicians in Beijing (August, 2002)
- Invited address at the first annual Yamabe Memorial Symposium at the University of Minnesota (September, 2002)
- Two invited lectures at the March 2003 Hokkaido conference of Variational Problems and Geometric Measure Theory.
- Invited lecture at the Tromba celebration conference in Santa Cruz, May 2-3, 2003.
- Invited lecture at the August 2003 Conference on Geometric Evolution Equations in Hamilton Island, Australia.
- Invited lecture at the December 2003 Workshop on Geometric Analysis (Mathematical Sciences Research Institute in Berkeley)
- Invited lecture at the Pacific Northwest Geometry Seminar (Salt Lake City, Utah), April 2004.
- Invited lecture at the July 2004 workshop on Geometric Evolution Equations (Banff International Research Station)
- Invited lecture at the Texas Geometry and Topology Conference (Texas A & M), October 2004.
- Invited lecture at the 12th Annual Southern California Geometric Analysis Seminar (USCD), February 2005.
- Invited lecture at the International Conference on Calculus of Variations and Non-linear Partial Differential Equations in Hangzhou, China (June, 2005)
- Invited lecture at the Workshop on Recent Results in Nonlinear Elliptic Equations and Their Interactions with Geometry, Math Sciences Research Institute, Berkeley, CA (November, 2005)
- Invited lecture at the Workshop on Geometric Flows, Harvard University (March 5-6, 2006)

- Plenary address at the IX Southeast Geometry Seminar, Birmingham, Alabama (March, 2006)
- Invited lecture at the Geometric Flows Workshop, Zurich (June, 2006)
- Invited lecture at the Third Symposium of Analysis and Partial Differential Equations, Purdue (May 29, 2007)
- Invited lecture at the International Congress on Minimal Constant Mean Curvature Surfaces, Buzios, Brazil (August 20-24, 2007)
- Invited lecture at the Joint Berkeley-Santa Cruz-Stanford Geometry Seminar (December 6, 2008)
- Invited lecture at Johns Hopkins University (February 13, 2009)
- Invited lecture at the University of Granada, Spain (April, 2009)
- Invited address at the Opening Colloquium for the “Geometric Partial Differential Equations” SFB, Freiburg, Germany (April 24-25, 2009)
- Invited lecture at the joint Harvard-MIT-Brandeis Mathematics Colloquium (May 7, 2009)
- Invited AMS-MAA address (one of three) at the annual meeting of the American Mathematical Society (January 15, 2010)
- Invited lecture at the International Congress on Algebraic, geometric and analytic aspects of surface theory, Buzios, Brazil (April 5–10, 2010)
- Invited lecture at Columbia University (May 5, 2010)
- Lecture at the Calculus of Variations conference in Oberwolfach, Germany (July 18-24, 2010).
- Invited lecture at the Pacific Northwest Geometry Seminar in Eugene, Oregon (October 16-18, 2010).
- Invited lecture at the International Conference on Surface Theory in Seville, Spain (April 5-8, 2011).
- Invited lecture at the Herbert Federer Memorial Conference at Brown University (April 16, 2011).
- Invited lecture at the International Centre for Mathematical Sciences Geometric Analysis conference at Edinburgh (June 20-24, 2011).
- Invited lecture at the 2011 Taiwan International Conference on Geometry in Taipei (July 4-8, 2011).
- Invited lecture at the 2011 Workshop in Partial Differential Equations in Oberwolfach, Germany (August 7-13, 2011).
- Invited lecture at Workshop on Geometric Analysis, Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt (March 27-30, 2012).
- Invited lecture at the Stanford Conference in Memory of Robert Osserman (April 21, 2012).
- Invited lecture at the Geometric Measure Theory Conference in Potsdam (July 2-4(2), 2012).
- Invited lecture at the XVII Escola de Geometria Diferencial in Manaus, Brazil (July 11-20(17), 2012).
- Invited lecture at the 2013 Geomfest/Calabifest (April 12, 2013).

- Two invited lectures at the 2013 Jim Simons Conference at CUNY (May 29/30, 2013).
- Invited lecture at the Variational Problems and Geometric PDE conference, Granada, Spain (June 18, 2013). My lecture was part of a minicourse of three lectures about the recent work of David Hoffman, Martin Traizet, and me about genus g helicoids.
- Invited 4-lecture minicourse at the Park City Math Institute Summer Session, July 1–5, 2013.
- Invited lecture at the Minimal Submanifolds and Related Topics conference in Hannover, Germany (August, 2013).

Graduate students:

- Gary Lawlor. Thesis: “A Sufficient Condition for a Cone to be Area Minimizing” (1988).
- Martin Ross. Thesis: “Stability Properties of Complete Two-Dimensional Minimal Surfaces in Euclidean Space” (1989).
- Jordan Drachman. Thesis: “Soap films bounded by non-closed curves” (1994).
- Claire Chan. Thesis: “The structure of the singular set in energy-minimizing partitions and area-minimizing surfaces in \mathbf{R}^n ” (1995)
- Tarn Adams. Thesis: “Flat chains in Banach Spaces” (2005).

Supervision of undergraduate honors theses:

- Pouria Dehghanpour (1993).
- Garret Vargas (1993).
- Nathan Reading (1995).
- Keith Chen (1998).
- Xuanming Su (2000).
- Arjun Talwar (2006).

Supervision of postdocs:

- Sisto Baldo
- Karsten Grosse-Braukman
- Claudio Arrezzo
- Daniel Weinholz
- Jose Escobar
- Felix Schultze

PUBLICATIONS

1. **The structure of minimizing hypersurfaces mod 4.** *Invent. Math.* **53** (1979), 45–58.
2. **Regularity of area-minimizing hypersurfaces at boundaries with multiplicity.** *Ann. of Math. Studies* **103** (1983), 293–301.
3. **Tangent cones to 2-dimensional area-minimizing integral currents are unique.** *Duke Math. Journal* **50** (1983), 143–160.
4. **Existence of least-area mappings of N -dimensional domains.** *Ann. of Math.* **118** (1983), 179–185.
5. **The least area bounded by multiples of a curve.** *Proc. Amer. Math. Soc.* **90** (1984), 230–232.
6. **Mappings that minimize area in their homotopy classes.** *J. Diff. Geometry* **20** (1984), 433–446.
7. **Generic regularity of unoriented two-dimensional area minimizing surfaces.** *Ann. of Math.* **121** (1985), 595–603. **Correction:** *Ann. of Math.* **124** (1986), 403.
8. **Regularity of singular sets in immiscible fluid interfaces and in solutions to other plateau-type problems.** *Proc. Centre for Math. Analysis* (1985), 244–249.
9. **Homotopy classes in sobolev spaces and energy minimizing maps.** *Bull. Amer. Math. Soc.* **13** (1985), 166–168.
10. **Infima of energy functionals in homotopy classes of mappings.** *J. Diff. Geometry* **23** (1986), 127–142.
11. **A regularity theorem for minimizing hypersurfaces modulo p .** *Proc. A. M. S. Symposia in Pure Math.* **44** (1986), 413–427.
12. **The space of m -dimensional surfaces that are stationary for a parametric elliptic integrand.** *Indiana Univ. Math. J.* **36** (1987), 567–602.
13. **Complete surfaces of finite total curvature.** *J. Diff. Geometry* **26** (1987), 315–216. **Correction:** *JDG* **28** (1988), 359–360.
14. **Curvature estimates and compactness theorems in 3-manifolds for surfaces that are stationary for parametric elliptic functionals.** *Invent. Math.* **88** (1987), 243–256.
15. **Homotopy classes in sobolev spaces and the existence of energy minimizing maps.** *Acta Math.* **160** (1988), 1–17.

- 16. A strong maximum principle for varifolds that are stationary with respect to even parametric elliptic functionals.** (with Bruce Solomon) *Indiana Univ. Math. J.* **38** (1989), 683–691.
- 17. New applications of mapping degrees to minimal surface theory.** *J. Differential Geometry* **29** (1989), 143–162.
- 18. A new proof of the compactness theorem for integral currents.** *Comm. Math. Helv.* **64** (1989), 207–220.
- 19. Every three-sphere of positive ricci curvature contains a minimal embedded torus.** *Bull. Amer. Math. Soc.* **21** (1989), 71–75.
- 20. The rate of convergence of a harmonic map at a singular point.** (with R. Gulliver) *Math. Ann.* **283** (1989), 539–549.
- 21. Some Recent Developments in Differential Geometry.** *Math. Intelligencer* **11** (Autumn, 1989), 41–47.
- 22. A rigidity theorem for properly embedded minimal surfaces in R^3 .** (with H. Choi and W. H. Meeks, III) *J. Diff. Geometry* **32** (1990), 65–76.
- 23. Minimal Surfaces Bounded by Convex Curves in Parallel Planes.** (with W. H. Meeks, III.) *Comment. Math. Helv.* **66** (1991), 263–278.
- 24. Existence of smooth embedded surfaces of prescribed topological type that minimize parametric even elliptic functionals on three-manifolds.** *J. Differential Geometry* **33** (1991), 413–443.
- 25. The space of minimal submanifolds for varying riemannian metrics.** *Indiana U. Math. J.* **40** (1991), 161–200.
- 26. On the topological type of minimal submanifolds.** *Topology* **31** (1992), 445–448.
- 27. Nonunique tangent maps at isolated singularities of harmonic maps.** *Bulletin Amer. Math. Soc.* **26** (1992), 125–129.
- 28. The Space of Minimal Annuli Bounded by an Extremal Pair of Planar Curves.** (with W. H. Meeks, III) *Comm. in Analysis and Geometry* **1**, 415–437 (1993).
- 29. The structure of branch points in area minimizing surfaces and in pseudo-holomorphic curves.** (with Mario Micalef) *Annals of Math.* **139** (1994), 35–85.

30. **A strong minimax property of nondegenerate minimal submanifolds.** J. Reine Angew. Math. **457** (1994), 203–218.
31. **The bridge principle for stable minimal surfaces.** Calculus of Variations and P. D. E. **2** (1994), 405–425.
32. **The bridge principle for unstable and for singular minimal surfaces,** Comm. Analysis and Geom. **2** (1994), 513–532.
33. **Partial regularity of mean-convex hypersurfaces flowing by mean curvature,** International Math. Res. Notices **4** (1994), 185–192.
34. **Some questions of De Giorgi about mean curvature flow of triply periodic surfaces,** pp. 210–213 in *Motion by Mean Curvature*, ed. by B. Buttazzo and A. Visintin (de Gruyter 1994).
35. **The topology of hypersurfaces moving by mean curvature,** Communications in analysis and geometry **3** (1995), 317–333.
36. **Existence of least-energy configurations of immiscible fluids,** J. Geom. Analysis. **6** (1996), 151–161.
37. **Half of enneper’s surface minimizes area** pp. 361–368 in “Geometric analysis and the calculus of variations for Stefan Hildebrandt”, (ed. J. Jost, International Press 1996)
38. **Stratification of minimal surfaces, mean curvature flows, and harmonic maps** J. Reine Ang. Math. **488** (1997), 1–35.
39. **Classical area minimizing surfaces with real analytic boundaries.** Acta Math. **179** (1997), 295–305.
40. **The mathematics of F. J. Almgren, Jr..** J. Geom. Anal. **8** (1998), 681–702. Shorter version in: Notices of the Amer. Math. Soc. **44(10)** (December, 1997), 1451–1456.
41. **Soap-films bounded by non-closed curves.** (with J. Drachman) J. Geom. Anal. **8** (1998), 239–250.
42. **A new proof of Federer’s structure theorem for k -dimensional sets in \mathbf{R}^n .** J. Amer Math. Soc. **11** (1998), 693–701.
43. **The deformation theorem for flat chains,** Acta Math. **183** (1999), 255–271.
44. **Rectifiability of flat chains,** Ann. of Math. **150** (1999), 165–184.

45. **The size of the singular set in mean curvature flow of mean-convex surfaces**, J. Amer. Math. Soc. **13** (2000), 665–695.
46. **Embeddedness of minimal surfaces with total boundary curvature at most 4π** , Ann. of Math. **155** (2002), 209–234.
47. **Evolution of curves and surfaces by mean curvature**, Proceedings of the International Congress of Mathematicians, Vol. I (Beijing, 2002), 525–538, Higher Ed. Press, Beijing, 2002.
48. **The nature of singularities in mean curvature flow of mean-convex sets**, J. Amer. Math. Soc. **16** (2003), 123–138.
49. **A local regularity theorem for mean curvature flow**, Ann. of Math. **161** (2005), 1487–1519.
50. **Genus-one helicoids from a variational point of view** (with D. Hoffman), Comm. Math. Helv. **83** (2008), 67–813.
51. **On the number of minimal surfaces with a given boundary** (with D. Hoffman), Astérisque No. **322** (2008), 207–224.
52. **Currents and flat chains associated to varifolds, with an application to mean curvature flow**, Duke Math. J. **148** (2009), no. 1, 41–62.
53. **The geometry of genus-one helicoids** (with D. Hoffman), Comment. Math. Helv. **84** (2009), 547–569.
54. **Which ambient spaces admit isoperimetric inequalities for submanifolds?**, J. Differential Geom. **83** (2009), 213–228.
55. **The Maximum Principle for Minimal Varieties of Arbitrary Codimension**, Communications in Analysis and Geom. **18** (2010), no. 3, 421432.
56. **Axial minimal surfaces in $S^2 \times \mathbf{R}$ are helicoidal** (with D. Hoffman), J. Differential Geometry **87** (2011), 515–523.
57. **Sequences of embedded minimal disks whose curvatures blow up on a prescribed subset of a line** (with D. Hoffman), Communications in Analysis and Geometry **19** (2011), no. 3, 487502.
58. **Topological change in mean convex mean curvature flow**, Invent. Math. **191** (2013), no. 3, 501–525.

59. The round sphere minimizes entropy among closed self-shrinkers (with T. Colding, T. Ilmanen, and W. Minicozzi), *J. Differential Geom.* **95** (2013).

60. Subsequent Singularities in Mean-Convex Mean Curvature Flow, preprint on ArXiv.

61. Sharp Lower Bounds on Density of Area-Minimizing Cones (with T. Ilmanen), preprint on ArXiv.

62. Curvatures of embedded minimal disks blow up on subsets of C^1 curves, preprint on ArXiv.

63. Helicoidal minimal surfaces of prescribed genus, I (with D. Hoffman and M. Traizet), preprint on ArXiv.

64. Helicoidal minimal surfaces of prescribed genus, II (with D. Hoffman and M. Traizet), preprint on ArXiv.

2012/13 Activities**1. Current publications and preprints**

- (1) *Topological change in mean convex mean curvature flow*, *Invent. Math.* **191** (2013), no. 3, 501–525.
- (2) *The round sphere minimizes entropy among closed self-shrinkers* (with T. Colding, T. Ilmanen, and W. Minicozzi), *J. Differential Geom.* **95** (2013).
- (3) *Subsequent Singularities in Mean-Convex Mean Curvature Flow*, accepted for publication in *Calc. of Variations and PDE* (preprint on ArXiv).
- (4) *Curvatures of embedded minimal disks blow up on subsets of C^1 curves*, preprint on ArXiv.
- (5) *Sharp Lower Bounds on Density of Area-Minimizing Cones* (with T. Ilmanen), preprint on ArXiv.
- (6) *Helicoidal minimal surfaces of prescribed genus, I* (with D. Hoffman and M. Traizet), preprint on ArXiv.
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2. Invited lectures (2012/13 academic year)

- Invited lecture at the Geometric Measure Theory Conference in Potsdam (July 2-4(2), 2012).
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3. Teaching

Fall 2012/13: Math 196: enrollment 9. Math 205a: enrollment 37.
 Winter 2012/13: Math 196: enrollment 12.
 Spring 2012/13: Math 196: enrollment 9. Math 258: enrollment 8.

Other activities:

- (1) Since spring 2005, I have been the director of undergraduate studies. In particular, this means that I am in charge of scheduling all math courses: I decide which courses will be taught, who will teach them, and when they will meet.
- (2) Math and Computational Sciences advisory board
- (3) Member of the scientific committee for the “Variational Problems and Geometric

PDE Conference”, Granada, Spain (June 18, 2013).