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EDUCATION

- 2000 Ph.D. in Mathematics, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, New York University.  
Thesis advisor: Professor Robert V. Kohn.
- 1998 M.S. in Mathematics, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, New York University.
- 1996 Sc.B. in Mathematics, Brown University. Magna cum laude, with honors in mathematics.

EMPLOYMENT

- 09/2012- Professor. Department of Mathematics. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- 2008-2012 Associate Professor. Department of Mathematics. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- 2005-2008 Assistant Professor. Department of Mathematics. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- 2002-2005 CAM Assistant Professor. Mathematics Department. University of California Los Angeles.  
Mentors: Professors Tony F. Chan and Stanley J. Osher.
- 2000-2002 Postdoctoral Associate. Institute for Mathematics and its Applications, University of Minnesota.  
Mentor: Professor Fadil Santosa.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Image processing, computer vision, materials science; partial differential equations, calculus of variations; convergence of numerical approximations.

HONORS

- 08/2018 Invited Speaker  
*International Congress of Mathematicians 2018, Rio de Janeiro*
- 01-07/2016 Aisenstadt Chair  
*Centre de Recherches Mathematiques, Montreal*
- 05/2010 Plenary Speaker  
*SIAM Conference on Mathematical Aspects of Materials Science*
- 02/2008 NSF CAREER Award  
*Division of Mathematical Sciences, NSF*
- 02/2007 Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Fellowship  
*Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. New York, NY*
- 04/2001 Kurt O. Friedrichs Prize for an Outstanding Dissertation  
*Courant Institute, New York University*
- 05/1996 David Howell Prize for Excellence in Mathematics  
*Brown University*
- 1992-1996 Granoff International National Scholarship  
*Brown University*

## PUBLICATIONS

1. M. Jacobs, E. Merkurjev, S. Esedoglu. Auction dynamics: A volume constrained MBO scheme. *UCLA CAM Report 17-23*. Submitted.
2. S. Esedoglu, M. Jacobs, and P. Zhang. Kernels with prescribed surface tension & mobility for threshold dynamics schemes. *To appear in Journal of Computational Physics*.
3. S. Esedoglu, M. Jacobs. Convolution kernels and stability of threshold dynamics schemes. *To appear in SIAM Journal on Numerical Analysis*.
4. M. Elsey, S. Esedoglu. Threshold dynamics for anisotropic surface energies. *To appear in AMS Mathematics of Computation*.
5. B. Farmer, S. Esedoglu, P. Smereka. Crystallization for a Brenner-like potential. *Communications in Mathematical Physics*. **349**:3 (2017), pp. 1029 – 1061.
6. S. Esedoglu. Grain size distribution under simultaneous grain boundary migration and grain rotation. *Computational Materials Science*. **121** (2016), pp. 209 – 2016.
7. J. Calder, S. Esedoglu, A. Hero. A PDE-based approach to non-dominated sorting. *SIAM Journal on Numerical Analysis*. **53**:1 (2015), pp. 82 – 104.
8. J. Calder, S. Esedoglu, A. Hero. A Hamilton-Jacobi equation for the continuum limit of non-dominated sorting. *SIAM Journal on Mathematical Analysis*. **46**:1 (2014), pp. 603 – 638.
9. S. Esedoglu, F. Otto. Threshold dynamics for networks with arbitrary surface tensions. *Communications on Pure and Applied Mathematics*. **68**:5 (2015), pp. 808–864.
10. S. Esedoglu, A. Rätz, M. Röger. Colliding interfaces in old and new diffuse interface approximations of Willmore flow. *Communications in Mathematical Sciences*. **12**:1 (2014), pp. 125 – 147.
11. M. Elsey, S. Esedoglu, P. Smereka. Simulations of anisotropic grain growth: Efficient algorithms and misorientation distributions. *Acta Materialia*. **61** (2013), pp. 2033 – 2043.
12. M. Elsey, S. Esedoglu. Fast and accurate redistancing via directional optimization. *SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing*. **36**:1 (2014), pp. 219 – 231.
13. J. Calder, S. Esedoglu. On the circular area signature for graphs. *SIAM Journal on Imaging Sciences*. **5**:4 (2012), pp. 1355 – 1379.
14. S. Esedoglu, F. Santosa. Error estimates for a bar code reconstruction model. *Discrete and Continuous Dynamical Systems Series B (Special issue in honor of Avner Friedman)*. **17**:6 (2012), pp. 1889 – 1902.
15. C. Kublik, S. Esedoglu, J. Fessler. Algorithms for area preserving flows. *SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing*. **33**:5 (2011), pp. 2382 – 2401.
16. B. Farmer, C. Hall, S. Esedoglu. Source identification from line integral measurements and simple atmospheric models. *Inverse Problems and Imaging*. **7** (2013), pp. 471 – 490.
17. M. Elsey, S. Esedoglu, P. Smereka. Large scale simulation and parameter study for a simple recrystallization model. *Philosophical Magazine*. **91**:11 (2011), pp. 1607 – 1642.
18. M. Elsey, S. Esedoglu, P. Smereka. Large scale simulation of grain growth via diffusion generated motion. *Proceedings of the Royal Society A: Mathematical, Physical & Engineering Sciences*. **467**:2126 (2011), pp. 381 – 401.
19. S. Esedoglu. Large scale simulation of grain boundary motion in polycrystals. *SIAM News*. **43**:8 (2010).
20. S. Esedoglu, S. Ruuth, Y.-H. Tsai. Diffusion generated motion using signed distance functions. *Journal of Computational Physics*. **229** (2010), pp. 1017 – 1042.

21. M. Elsey, S. Esedoglu. Analogue of the total variation denoising model in the context of geometry processing. *SIAM Journal on Multiscale Modeling and Simulation*. **7**:4 (2009), pp. 1549 – 1573.
22. S. Esedoglu, J. Greer. Upper bounds on the coarsening rate of discrete, ill-posed, nonlinear diffusion equations. *Communications on Pure and Applied Mathematics* **62**:1 (2009), pp. 57 – 81.
23. M. Elsey, S. Esedoglu, P. Smereka. Diffusion generated motion for grain growth in two and three dimensions. *Journal of Computational Physics*. **228** (2009), pp. 8015 – 8033.
24. K. Ni, X. Bresson, T. F. Chan, S. Esedoglu. Local histogram based segmentation using the Wasserstein distance. *International Journal of Computer Vision*. **84**:1 (2009), pp. 97 – 111.
25. E. Bollt, R. Chartrand, S. Esedoglu, P. Schultz, K. Vixie. Graduated adaptive denoising: Local compromise between total variation and isotropic diffusion. *Advances in Computational Mathematics*. **31** (2009), pp. 61 – 85.
26. D. Ruan, S. Esedoglu, J. Fessler. Discriminative sliding preserving regularization in medical image restoration. *Proceedings of the IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging* (2009).
27. S. Esedoglu, D. Slepcev. Refined upper bounds on the coarsening rate of ill-posed diffusion equations. *Nonlinearity*. **21**:12 (2008), pp. 2759 – 2776.
28. S. Esedoglu and P. Smereka. A variational formulation for a level set representation of multiphase flow and area preserving curvature flow. *Communications in Mathematical Sciences* **6**:1 (2008), pp. 125 – 148.
29. S. Esedoglu, S. Ruuth, Y.-H. Tsai. Threshold dynamics for high order geometric motions. *Interfaces and Free Boundaries*. **10** (2008), pp. 263 – 282.
30. D. Ruan, J. Fessler, S. Esedoglu. Discontinuity preserving regularization for modeling sliding effects in medical image registration. *Proceedings of the IEEE Nuclear Science Symposium and Medical Imaging Conference* (2008).
31. K. Kolev, M. Klodt, M. Brox, S. Esedoglu, D. Cremers. Continuous global optimization in multiview 3D reconstruction. *Proceedings of the International Conference on Energy Minimization Methods in Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (EMMCVPR)* (2007).
32. T. F. Chan, S. Esedoglu, K. Ni. Histogram based segmentation using Wasserstein distances. *Proceedings of the International Conference on Scale Space and Variational Methods in Computer Vision (SSVM)* (2007).
33. A. Bertozzi, S. Esedoglu, A. Gillette. Analysis of a two-scale Cahn-Hilliard model for image inpainting. *SIAM Journal on Multiscale Modeling and Simulation*. **6**:3 (2007), pp. 913 – 936.
34. A. Bertozzi, S. Esedoglu, A. Gillette. Inpainting by the Cahn-Hilliard equation. *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing*. **16**:1 (2007), pp. 285 – 291.
35. T. F. Chan, S. Esedoglu, F. Park. Image decomposition combining staircase reduction and texture extraction. *Journal of Visual Communication and Image Representation*. **18**:6 (2007), pp. 464 – 486.
36. X. Bresson, S. Esedoglu, P. Vanderghenst, J. P. Thiran, S. J. Osher. Fast global minimization of the active contours/snake model. *Journal of Mathematical Imaging and Vision*. **28**:2 (2007), pp. 151 – 167.
37. S. Esedoglu, Y.-H. Tsai. Threshold dynamics for the piecewise constant Mumford - Shah functional. *Journal of Computational Physics*. **211**:1 (2006), pp. 367 – 384.
38. T. F. Chan, S. Esedoglu, M. Nikolova. Algorithms for finding global minimizers of image segmentation and denoising models. *SIAM Journal on Applied Mathematics*. **66** (2006), pp. 1632 – 1648.

39. W. Zhu, T. F. Chan, and S. Esedoglu. Segmentation with depth: A level set approach. *SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing*. **28**:5 (2006), pp. 1957 – 1973.
40. S. Esedoglu. Stability properties of the Perona-Malik scheme. *SIAM Journal on Numerical Analysis*. **44** (2006), pp. 1297 – 1313.
41. T. F. Chan, S. Esedoglu, M. Nikolova. Finding the global minimum for binary image restoration. *Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP)* (2005).
42. S. Esedoglu, S. Ruuth, R. Tsai. Threshold dynamics for shape reconstruction and disocclusion. *Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP)* (2005).
43. T. F. Chan, S. Esedoglu, F. Park, M. H. Yip. Recent developments in total variation image restoration. *In Handbook of Mathematical Models in Computer Vision*. N. Paragios, Y. Chen, O. Faugeras eds. Springer 2005.
44. T. F. Chan, S. Esedoglu. Aspects of total variation regularized  $L^1$  function approximation. *SIAM Journal on Applied Mathematics*. **65**:5 (2005), pp. 1817 – 1837.
45. S. Esedoglu, S. J. Osher. Decomposition of images by the anisotropic Rudin - Osher - Fatemi model. *Communications on Pure and Applied Mathematics*. **57** (2004), pp. 1609 – 1626.
46. S. Esedoglu. Blind deconvolution of bar code signals. *Inverse Problems*. **20** (2004), pp. 121 – 135.
47. S. Esedoglu, R. March. Segmentation with depth but without detecting junctions. *Journal of Mathematical Imaging and Vision*. **18** (2003), pp. 7 – 15.
48. S. Esedoglu, J. Shen. Digital inpainting by the Mumford - Shah - Euler image model. *European Journal of Applied Mathematics*. **13** (2002), pp. 353 – 370.
49. S. Esedoglu. An analysis of the Perona-Malik scheme. *Communications on Pure and Applied Mathematics* **54** (2001), pp. 1442 – 1487.

## EXTERNAL FUNDING

- Principal Investigator: *Computational tools for polycrystalline materials*. Source: NSF DMS. Duration: 2017 – 2020. Amount: \$201,890.
- Principal Investigator: *Algorithms for multiphase motion*. Source: NSF DMS. Duration: 2013 – 2017. Amount: \$301,943.
- Co-Principal Investigator: *SCREMS (for computing equipment purchase)*. Source: NSF DMS. PI: Divakar Viswanath, with 4 Co-PIs. Duration: 2010 – 2013. Amount: \$234,270.
- Principal Investigator: *Collaborative Research: ATD (Algorithms for Threat Detection): Inverse Problems Methods in Chemical Threat Detection*. Source: NSF DMS. Duration: 2009 – 2012. Amount: \$234,270.
- Principal Investigator: *CAREER: Analysis and Modeling for Image Processing*. Source: NSF DMS. Duration: 2009 – 2013. Amount: \$402,874.
- Principal Investigator: *Sloan Foundation Fellowship*. Source: Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. Duration: 2007 – 2011. Amount: \$45,000.
- Principal Investigator: *Segmenting hyperspectral scenes with occlusions*. Source: National Geospatial Intelligence Agency. Duration: 2007 – 2008. Amount: \$301,289, with \$108,494 allocated to UM.
- Principal Investigator: *New models and algorithms in image processing with partial differential equations*. Source: NSF DMS. Duration: 2007 – 2011. Amount: \$257,360.

- Principal Investigator: *Advanced methods for the analysis of image and image-like data*. Source: Los Alamos National Laboratory. Duration: 2006 – 2008. Amount: \$150,000.
- Principal Investigator: *Geometric and multiscale aspects of image denoising models*. Source: NSF DMS. Transferred from UCLA to UM. Duration: 2005 – 2007. Amount: \$72,651 at UM.

## RESEARCH SUPERVISED

### **Ph.D. Students:**

1. Alexander Zaitzeff. 3rd year AIM Ph.D. student.
2. Matt Jacobs. Thesis: *Algorithms for multiphase partitioning*. Completed May 2017. First job: 3 year postdoctoral position at the Department of Mathematics, UCLA.
3. Brittan Farmer. Thesis: *Modeling and simulation of carbon nanotube growth*. Completed April 2015. First job: 3 year postdoctoral position at School of Mathematics, University of Minnesota.
4. Jeff Calder. Thesis: *Hamilton-Jacobi equations for sorting and percolation problems*. Completed April 2014. First job: Charles B. Morrey Assistant Professorship, UC Berkeley.
5. Matt Elsey. Thesis: *Algorithms for multiphase motion with applications to materials science*. Completed April 2011. First job: Postdoctoral researcher at the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences (NYU), and at the Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in the Sciences (Leipzig).
6. Catherine Kublik. Thesis: *Topics in PDE based image processing*. Completed August 2010. First job: Bing Instructor at Department of Mathematics, UT Austin.

### **M.S. Students:**

1. Louis Ly. MLB Scholar (Enhanced AIM Masters program). Currently a Ph.D. student at UT Austin.

### **Undergraduate Research:**

- Faculty mentor in the *Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Program*, University of Michigan. Summers of 2006, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2015 & 2016.
- Faculty mentor for the summer internship of Benedicte Dupuis (ENSPS) at the University of Michigan. Summer 2008.
- Faculty mentor for the summer internship of Michael Goldman (ENS Lyon) at the University of Michigan. Summer 2007.
- Faculty mentor in the *Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Program*, UCLA. Summer 2004.
- Faculty mentor in the *Research in Industrial Problems for Undergraduates Program*, UCLA. Summers of 2003 & 2004.

## LECTURE SERIES & MINICOURSES

- *Aisenstadt Lectures*  
Centre de Recherches Mathematiques, Montreal. April 2016.
- 4 hour short course. *Algorithms for models involving interfaces in image processing and vision*. Fields Institute, University of Toronto. May 2012.
- 3 hour tutorial. *Computing and Image Processing with Data Related to Human Activities Workshop*. Institute for Mathematics and its Applications, University of Minnesota. March 2011.

- 5 lectures. *New Vistas in Image Processing and PDEs Workshop*. Center for Nonlinear Analysis, Carnegie Mellon University. June 2010.
- 5 lectures. *Summer School on Imaging Sciences and Medical Imaging*. University of Coimbra (Portugal). June 2010.

### SOME RECENT SEMINARS

- Applied and Computational Mathematics Colloquium. School of Mathematics, University of Minnesota. October 2016.
- Conference on Calculus of Variations, Geometric Measure Theory, Optimal Transportation. Universite Lyon 1. July 2016.
- Minisymposium on Computational Techniques for Multiscale Materials Modeling. SIAM Conference on Mathematical Aspects of Materials Science. May 2016.
- Minisymposium on Analysis, Modeling, and Simulation in Materials Science. (in memory of Peter Smereka). SIAM Conference on Mathematical Aspects of Materials Science. May 2016.
- Applied Mathematics Seminar. Department of Mathematics, McGill University. February 2016.
- Computational / Applied Mathematics and PDE Seminar. Department of Mathematics, University of Chicago. February 2016.
- Minisymposium on Numerical Methods for PDEs in Data Science. SIAM Conference on Analysis of PDE. December 2015.
- Analysis – Probability Seminar. Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in the Sciences. November 2015.
- PIRE Workshop: From Grain Boundaries to Stochastic Homogenization. Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in the Sciences. Leipzig, Germany. July 2015.
- Mathematics Colloquium. University of Tennessee. Knoxville, TN. March 2015.
- Applied Mathematics and Analysis Seminar. Duke Univeristy. February 2015.

### DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

AIM Director (2014–2015), Personnel Committee (2014–2015), Undergraduate advising (2007–2012), Executive Committee (2006–2007, 2012–2014), REU Committee (2006–2012, W2014), Computer Committee (2005–2006, 2010–2012, W2014, W2017), and AIM QR Committee (2009–2012).

### EXTERNAL SERVICE

- Associate editor: EMS Interfaces and Free Boundaries (01/2017–Present).
- Co-organizer: Minisymposium on Recent Developments in Mathematical Modeling of Recrystallization and Grain Growth at the SIAM Materials Science Conference (May 2016). 22 speakers.
- SIAM Germund Dahlquist Prize Committee Member (2014).
- Co-organizer: IMA Hot Topics Workshop on Mathematics at the Interface of Partial Differential Equations, the Calculus of Variations, and Materials Science (June 2014).

- Associate editor in chief: Journal of Mathematical Imaging and Vision (08/2011–12/2016).
- Associate editor: Inverse Problems and Imaging (09/2008–12/2015).
- Vice chair: SIAM Activity Group on Imaging Science (01/2010–01/2011).
- Chair: Best paper award committee. SIAM Activity Group on Imaging Science (2011).
- Organizer: Symposium on Modeling and Simulation of Grain Boundary Motion. 48th Annual Technical Conference of Society of Engineering Sciences. Evanston, IL. October 2011.
- Co-organizer (with P. Smereka): Minisymposium on Grain Boundary Motion. SIAM Conference on Mathematical Aspects of Materials Science. Philadelphia, PA. May 2010.
- Co-organizer (with P. Smereka and W. Zheng): SIAM Great Lakes Section 2008 Spring Meeting: “Snapshots of Applied Mathematics”. Ann Arbor, MI. April 2008.
- Co-organizer (with T. F. Chan and H. Zhou) of “Recent Developments in Total Variation Based Models” Minisymposium at the SIAM Conference on Imaging Science (May 2006).
- Co-organizer (with M. Pugh, S. Kang, and J. Shen) of “Mathematical Image Processing and Analysis” Workshop at the Banff International Research Station (October 2004).
- Co-organizer (with T. F. Chan and J. Shen) of “Geometric Regularization in Image Analysis and Processing” Minisymposium at the SIAM Conference on Imaging Science (May 2004).
- Co-organizer (with L. Vese and A. Yuille) of the Image Processing Seminar at the UCLA Mathematics Department (2003 – 2004).
- Referee work: Inventiones, CPAM, SIAP, SIMA, SISC, SINUM, SIMS, JCP, M2AN, IEEE TIP, IEEE PAMI, IJCV, JMIV, Bioinformatics, Calc. Var. PDE, Interfaces and Free Boundaries, Comm. Math. Sci., Physics Letters A, etc.
- NSF Panels: June 2004, March 2006, March 2008, July 2009, March 2010, March 2012, March 2013, and August 2016.

## OTHER

- US Patent #7,840,086: *Method for inpainting of images* with A. Bertozzi and A. Gillette.
- Consultant for iCRco, Inc. (Torrence, CA) on image processing for computed radiography (2005–2012).