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## Current Position

**University of South Florida**      **Department of Mathematics and Statistics**  
**Assistant Professor** (Tenure Track) (2019-present)

## Employment/Education

### Education/Training

Vanderbilt University	Electrical Engineering and Computer Science The Verification and Validation for Intelligent and Trustworthy Autonomy Laboratory (VeriVital) Postdoctoral Researcher (2017-2018)
University of Florida	Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Nonlinear Controls and Robotics (NCR) Laboratory Postdoctoral Researcher (2013-2017)
University of Florida	Mathematics Ph.D. (2013)
University of Florida	M.S. (2010), B.S. (2008)

### Previous Employment

Vanderbilt University	Senior Research Scientist Engineer (EECS)	2018-2019
Vanderbilt University	Postdoctoral Researcher (EECS)	2017-2018
University of Florida	Postdoctoral Researcher (MAE)	2013-2017
University of Florida	Adjunct Lecturer (Mathematics)	Summer 2013
University of Florida	Graduate Teaching Assistant (Mathematics)	2008-2013
Gregory Consulting	Database and Web Programming	2007-2008
The Athena Group, Inc.	Graphic Designer for Ed. Tech. Company	2003-2008

## Dissertation

Title:      *Classes of densely defined multiplication and  
toeplitz operators with applications to extensions of RKHS's*

Adviser:    Dr. Michael T. Jury

Awarded:   May 2013

## Research Interests

Machine Learning, Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Spaces, Approximation Theory, Cyber-physical Systems Verification, Fractional Order Partial and Ordinary Differential Equations, Operator Theory and Functional Analysis, Optimal Control Theory, Adaptive Dynamic Programming, Densely Defined Operators, and The History of Mathematics.

## Grant Writing Activities

### *Awarded*

- ONR, US \$406,879, “Mine Counter Measure Path Planning and Optimal Control in Uncertain and Dynamic Maritime Environments.” Wrote one of three aims in the ‘Project Description’ section.  
PI: Warren E. Dixon. Co-PI: Rushikesh Kamalapurkar.  
Duration: 2016 - 2019
- NSF ECCS Award #: 1509516, US \$325,543, “Adaptive Dynamic Programming for Uncertain Nonlinear Systems Through Coupling of Nonlinear Analysis & Data-based Learning.” Wrote one out of three aims in the ‘Project Description’ section.  
PI: Warren E. Dixon.  
Duration: 2015 - 2018

## Publications

### *Books*

1. R. Kamalapurkar, P. Walters, **J. A. Rosenfeld**, W. E. Dixon, “Reinforcement learning for optimal feedback control: A Lyapunov-based Approach,” Springer, 2018.

### *Published/Accepted Journal Publications*

1. **J. A. Rosenfeld**, S. A. Rosenfeld, W. E. Dixon, “A Mesh-free Pseudospectral Approach for Estimating the Fractional Laplacian via Radial Basis Functions,” *Journal of Computational Physics*, *Accepted*.
2. **J. A. Rosenfeld**, R. Kamalapurkar, W. E. Dixon, “The State Following (StaF) Approximation Method,” *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems*, *Accepted*. (arXiv:1503.04854)
3. R. Kamalapurkar, **J. A. Rosenfeld**, A. Parikh, A. R. Teel, W. E. Dixon, “Invariance-like Results for Nonautonomous Switched Systems,” *IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control*, Vol. 64, No. 2, pp. 614-627 (2019).
4. **J. A. Rosenfeld**, B. Russo, W. E. Dixon, “Mittag-Leffler Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Spaces of Entire and Analytic Functions,” *Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications*, Vol. 463, No. 2, pp. 576-592 (2018).
5. P. Deptula, **J. A. Rosenfeld**, R. Kamalapurkar, W. E. Dixon, “Approximate Dynamic Programming: Combining Regional and Local State Following Approximations,” *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems*, Vol. 29, No. 6, pp. 2154-2166 (2018).

6. **J. A. Rosenfeld**, W. E. Dixon, “Approximating the Caputo Fractional Derivative through the Mittag-Leffler Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space and the Kernelized Adams-Bashforth-Moulton Method,” *SIAM Journal on Numerical Analysis*, Vol. 53, No. 3, pp. 1201-1217 (2017).
7. R. Kamalapurkar, **J. A. Rosenfeld**, and W. E. Dixon, “Efficient model-based reinforcement learning for approximate online optimal control,” *Automatica*, Vol. 74, pp. 247-258 (2016). (arXiv:1502.02609)
8. **J. A. Rosenfeld**, “The Sarason Sub-Symbol and the Recovery of the Symbol of Densely Defined Toeplitz Operators over the Hardy Space,” *Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications* 440 (2016), no. 2, pp. 911–921. (arXiv:1503.01537)
9. **J. A. Rosenfeld**, “Introducing the Polylogarithmic Hardy Space,” *Integral Equations and Operator Theory* 83 (2015), no. 4, pp. 589-600. DOI 10.1007/s00020-015-2256-z
10. **J. A. Rosenfeld**, “Densely Defined Multiplication on Several Sobolev Spaces of a Single Variable,” *Complex Analysis and Operator Theory* 9 (2015), no. 6, pp. 1303-1309. DOI 10.1007/s11785-014-0411-1

*Published Conference Proceedings (Refereed)*

1. **J. A. Rosenfeld**, R. Kamalapurkar, B. Russo, T. T. Johnson, “Occupation Kernels and Densely Defined Liouville Operators for System Identification,” 58th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control, *Accepted*.
2. W. Xiang, D. Tran, **J. A. Rosenfeld**, T. T. Johnson, “Reachable Set Estimation and Verification for a Class of Piecewise Linear Systems with Neural Network Controllers,” American Control Conference 2018, *Accepted*.
3. P. Deptula, R. Licitra, **J. A. Rosenfeld**, W. E. Dixon, “Online Approximate Optimal Path-Planner in the Presence of Mobile Avoidance Regions,” American Control Conference 2018, *Accepted*.
4. **J. A. Rosenfeld**, R. Kamalapurkar, W. E. Dixon, “State Following (StaF) Kernel Functions for Function Approximation Part I: Theory and Motivation,” Proceedings of the American Control Conference, pp. 1217-1222, 2015.
5. R. Kamalapurkar, **J. A. Rosenfeld**, W. E. Dixon, “State Following (StaF) Kernel Functions for Function Approximation Part II: Adaptive Dynamic Programming,” Proceedings of the American Control Conference, pp. 521-526, 2015.
6. T. H. Cheng, Z. Kan, **J. A. Rosenfeld**, W. E. Dixon, “Decentralized formation control with connectivity maintenance and collision avoidance under limited and intermittent sensing,” Proceedings of the American Control Conference, pp. 3201-3206, 2014.

*Journal Publications Under Review*

1. P. V. Hai, **J. A. Rosenfeld**, “Weighted Composition Operators on the Mittag-Leffler spaces of Entire Functions,” *Under Review*.
2. **J. A. Rosenfeld**, R. Kamalapurkar, L. F. Gruss, T. T. Johnson, “Dynamic Mode Decomposition for Continuous Time Systems with the Liouville Operator,” *Under Review*.
3. **J. A. Rosenfeld**, B. Russo, R. Kamalapurkar, T. T. Johnson, “The Occupation Kernel Method for Nonlinear System Identification,” *Under Review*.
4. **J. A. Rosenfeld**, P. Musau, A. A. Wild, T. T. Johnson, “An Accurate Iterative Reachable Set Over-approximation Method for Nonlinear Continuous Systems,” *Under Review*.

5. P. Deptula, R. A. Licitra, H. Y. Chen, **J. A. Rosenfeld**, and W. E. Dixon “Online Approximate Optimal Local Path-Planner in the Presence of Mobile Avoidance Regions,” *Under Review*.
6. **J. A. Rosenfeld**, W. E. Dixon, “Convergence Rate Estimates for the Kernelized Adams Bashforth Moulton Method for Fractional Order Initial Value Problems,” *Under Review*.
7. T. H. Cheng, Z. Kan, **J. A. Rosenfeld**, A. Parikh, and W. E. Dixon, “Network Connectivity and Collision Avoidance Under Intermittent Feedback,” *Under Review*.

## Reviewer Activity

- Engineering Computations (1 manuscript)
- International Conference on Physics, Mathematics and Statistics (1 manuscript)
- Applied Mathematics Letters (1 manuscript)
- IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control (2 manuscripts)
- Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications (1 manuscript)
- Neurocomputing (1 manuscript)
- New York Journal of Mathematics (1 manuscript)
- Conference on Decision and Control (several manuscripts)
- American Control Conference (several manuscripts)

## Technology Centered Skills

### *Programming*

- Working knowledge of C, C++, Java, PHP, and MATLAB programming.
- Working knowledge of MySQL, and PostgreSQL.

### *Design*

- Six years of professional experience using Photoshop, Illustrator, Inkscape, and 3DS Max.
- Expert knowledge in HTML, LaTeX, LyX, CSS, and Javascript.

## Invited Talks

- **University of South Florida (Mathematics Department)**  
Title: “Occupation Kernels and Learning in Dynamical Systems.”  
May 2019.
- **Vanderbilt University EECS Department**  
Title: “Fractional Order Dynamical Systems and Numerical Methods.”  
April 2017.

- **Alachua Astronomy Club (AAC)**  
Title: “On the Shoulders of Giants: Models of the Solar System.”  
February 14, 2017.
- **Georgia Tech Analysis Seminar**  
Title: “Fractional Calculus, Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Spaces, and Approximation Theory.”  
October 19, 2016.
- **University of South Florida Analysis Seminar**  
Title: “The Sarason Sub-Symbol and Unbounded Toeplitz Operators.”  
April 22, 2016.
- **Graduate Mathematics Association (GMA)**  
Title: “An Introduction to Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Spaces and a Few Applications.”  
February 5th, 2014.

## Conference Participation

- **Southeast Analysis Meeting (SEAM 2019)** - University of Alabama  
*Contributed Talk: Incorporating Dynamical Systems into Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Spaces.*  
Spring 2019. Tuscaloosa, AL.
- **Joint Mathematics Meetings (JMM 2017)**  
*Contributed Talk: A Mesh-free Approach to Estimating the Fractional Laplacian via Radial Basis Functions.*  
Spring 2017. Atlanta, GA.
- **Neuroscience 2016** - Society for Neuroscience  
Fall 2016. San Diego, CA.
- **The 2016 Gainesville International Number Theory Conference (Alladi 60) In Honor of Krishna Alladi’s 60th Birthday** - University of Florida  
Role: *Session Chair.*  
Spring 2016. Gainesville, FL.
- **Southeast Analysis Meeting (SEAM 2016)** - University of South Florida  
*Contributed Talk: The Caputo fractional derivative and the Mittag-Leffler RKHS*  
Spring 2016. Tampa, FL.
- **The Society for Psychophysiological Research (SPR 2015)**  
Fall 2015. Seattle Westin Hotel. Seattle, WA.
- **American Control Conference (ACC 2015)** - SIAM Member  
*Contributed Talk: State Following (StaF) Kernel Functions for Function Approximation Part I: Theory and Motivation*  
Summer 2015. Palmer House Hilton. Chicago, IL.
- **Southeast Analysis Meeting (SEAM 2015)** - University of Georgia  
*Contributed Talk: A look at the Polylogarithmic Hardy Space*  
Spring 2015. Athens, GA.
- **Southeast Analysis Meeting (SEAM 2014)** - Clemson University  
*Contributed Talk: The Sarason Sub-Symbol and Toeplitz Operators*  
Spring 2014. Clemson, SC.

- **Great Plains Operator Theory Symposium (GPOTS 2013)** - UC Berkeley  
Contributed Talk: *Densely Defined Multiplication Operators with Applications to Extensions of RKHS's*  
Spring 2013. Berkeley, CA.
- **Southeast Analysis Meeting (SEAM 2013)** - Virginia Tech  
Contributed Talk: *Densely Defined Multiplication Operators with Applications to Extensions of RKHS's*  
Spring 2013. Blacksburg, VA.
- **Joint Mathematics Meetings (JMM 2013)**  
Spring 2013. San Diego Convention Center. San Diego, CA.
- **Ramanujan 125** - University of Florida  
Fall 2012. Gainesville, FL.
- **Southeast Analysis Meeting (SEAM 2012)** - University of Alabama  
Spring 2012. Tuscaloosa, AL.
- **Southeast Analysis Meeting (SEAM 2011)** - University of Florida  
Spring 2011. Gainesville, FL.
- **Florida Analysis Seminar (FLOAS)** - Florida Southern College  
Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Summer 2012. Lakeland, FL.

## Teaching

### *Instructor of Record*

- **Summer 2013** MAC2313 - Calculus 3
- **Summer 2012** MAC2312 - Calculus 2
- **Summer 2011** MAC2311 - Calculus 1
- **Spring 2011** MAC2312 - Calculus 2
- **Fall 2011** MAC1140 - Precalculus
- **Summer 2010** MAC1147 - Precalculus and Trigonometry

### *Graduate Teaching Assistant*

- **Spring 2013** Calculus 1 (2 Sections)
- **Fall 2012**  
MAC2313 - Calculus 3 (2 Sections)  
MGF1106 - Math for Liberal Arts Majors (1 Section)
- **Spring 2012** MAC2312 - Calculus 2 (2 Sections)
- **Fall 2011** MAC2312 - Calculus 2 (3 Sections)
- **Spring 2010** MAC2311 - Calculus 1 (2 Sections)
- **Fall 2009** MAC1105 - College Algebra (3 Sections) (Online with Elluminate)
- **Spring 2009**  
MGF1106 - Math for Liberal Arts Majors (2 Sections)  
MAC1105 - College Algebra (1 Section) (Online with Elluminate)

- **Fall 2008** MAC1147 - Precalculus and Trigonometry (3 Sections)
- **Fall 2007** MAC2311 - Calculus 1 (2 Sections)

*Other Duties*

- **Calculus 2 Lecture Notes** - I wrote 150 pages of lecture notes for the Summer 2012 class.
- **Edited “Applied Fourier Analysis”** - I helped edit Dr. Tim Olson’s forthcoming book on Fourier Analysis.

## References

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