## Nash Ward

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#### Education

University of Utah08/2020 - 05/2024Mathematics B.S., Summa Cum LaudeSalt Lake City, UT, USAUniversity of Washington09/2024 - PRESENTApplied Mathematics PhDSeattle, WA, USA

### Research Experience

Mathematics of sea ice 09/2020 - 07/2024

University of UtahExplored fractal properties of the brine phase of sea ice

• Discovered dependence of fractal characteristics upon porosity within brine phase

• Created the first fractal model of the microstructure of the brine phase of sea ice

## Investigation on the fractal geometry of the ice pack

01/2023 - 06/2024

Wilkes Center for Climate Science and Policy, University of Utah

Salt Lake City, UT, USA

Salt Lake City, UT, USA

- Provided first rigorous verification of widespread approximations of fractal properties for marginal ice zone
- Utilized cutting edge software to experimentally test how different floe distributions and fractal structures affect surface wave propagation properties

## Exploration of nitrogen bonding geometries

01/2021 - 08/2021

University of Utah

Salt Lake City, UT, USA

Synthesized previously undocumented nitrogen bonds in organic compounds

Neutrino detection 10/2021 - 03/2022

University of Utah

Salt Lake City, UT, USA

- Generated code to simulate neutrino refraction through polar ice
- Developed software to identify origin of detected neutrinos

## Exploration of singularity in Navier-Stokes equation

02/2021 - 07/2021

University of Utah

Salt Lake City, UT, USA

Mentored reading pertaining to the singularity in the Navier-Stokes equation of fluid dynamics

#### Topological Data Analysis (TDA) focused research group

10/2022 - 05/2023

University of Utah

Salt Lake City, UT, USA

An NSF funded research group looking into applications of TDA in mathematical climate research

#### Affects of sediment bands on iceberg deterioration and stability

05/2023 - 08/2023

Woods Hole Oceanography Institution

Woods Hole, MA, USA

- Discovered a new mechanism through which icebergs can deteriorate and break along sediment bands using theory and laboratory experiments
- Developed and experimentally verified theory on how sediment distribution throughout a free floating iceberg can alter its stability

## NSF RTG funded Arctic research expedition

05/2024

University of Utah

Utqiagvik, Alaska

• Will be collecting sea ice samples and conducting experiments on percolation and fluid flow through the ice pack

#### **Invited Student Researcher**

07/2024

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Woods Hole, MA, USA

• Conducted water tank experiments to further understanding of iceberg breaking mechanism discovered prior year

**Teaching Assistant** 

08/2021 - 01/2023

University of Utah

Salt Lake City, UT, USA

• Math 2210, Multivariable Calculus, Fall 2021 and Fall 2022

Learning Assistant

08/2021 - 1/2023

University of Utah

Salt Lake City, UT, USA

- Math 1210, Differential Calculus, Fall 2021
- Phys 2710, Modern Physics, Fall 2022
- Math 2270, Linear Algebra, Spring 2023

**Mathematics Tutor** 

08/2021 - 05/2024

University of Utah

Salt Lake City, UT, USA

- Tutored students in all undergraduate math courses through the University's math center
- Privately tutored high level math courses such as real analysis

Guest Student Summer 2023

WHOI geophysical fluid dynamics program

Woods Hole, MA, USA

• Invited to attend graduate GFD program lectures while working on undergraduate summer fellowship

#### **Publications**

- [1] N. Ward, C. Cenedese, J. McElwaine, and A. Condron, "Watching ice melt: A laboratory investigation into the effects of sediment on iceberg melt rate," *In Preparation*, 2023.
- [2] N. Ward, A. Dorsky, and K. Golden, "Modelling fractal seas," In Preparation, 2023.
- [3] N. Ward, D. Hallman, B. Murphy, J. Reimer, M. Oggier, M. O'Sadnick, E. Cherkaev, and K. Golden, "Thermal evolution of brine fractal geometry in sea ice," *In Preparation*, 2023.

## Presentations

Ward, et al. (2022, September 10). Thermal Evolution of Brine Fractal Geometry in Sea Ice [Talk]. 2022 Wasatch SIAM Student Conference – Nash Ward, Daniel Hallman, Benjamin Murphy, Jody Reimer, Marc Oggier, Megan O'Sadnick, Elena Cherkaev and Kenneth Golden

Ward, et al. (2023, February 17). Thermal Evolution of Brine Fractal Geometry in Sea Ice [Talk]. 2023 Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research – Nash Ward, Daniel Hallman, Benjamin Murphy, Jody Reimer, Marc Oggier, Megan O'Sadnick, Elena Cherkaev and Kenneth Golden

Ward, et al. (2023, May 17). Sea Ice Fractals: Measuring sea ice geometry from millimeters to kilometers [Poster]. 2023 Annual Wilkes Climate Summit – Nash Ward, Daniel Hallman, Adam Dorsky, Benjamin Murphy, Jody Reimer, Marc Oggier, Megan O'Sadnick, Elena Cherkaev and Kenneth Golden

Ward, Condron, Cenedese; (2023, July 13). Splitting Icebergs: How sediment affects iceberg melt [Talk]. 2023 WHOI midsummer progress report – Nash Ward, Alan Condron and Claudia Cenedese

Ward, Cenedese, McElwaine, Condron; (2023, August 10). SIS; A new iceberg deterioration mechanism [Poster]. 2023 WHOI Summer Student Fellowship final presentations – Nash Ward, Claudia Cenedese, Jim McElwaine, Alan Condron

Ward; (2023, November 04). Ice Structures [Talk]. Applied Math RTG Workshop – Nash Ward

Ward, Cenedese, McElwaine, Condron; (2023, November 19). Watching Ice Melt: How sediment affects iceberg melt [Talk]. APS Division of Fluid Dynamics 2023 – Nash Ward, Claudia Cenedese, Jim McElwaine, Alan Condron

Ward, Dorsky, Hallman, Golden; (2024, January 4). Fractal Seas; Measuring sea ice geometry from millimeters to kilometers [Talk]. Joint Math Meeting, Pi Mu Epsilon Contributed session on Research by Undergraduates, IV – Nash Ward, Adam Dorsky, Daniel Hallman, Kenneth Golden

Ward, Cenedese, McElwaine, Condron; (2024, November 26). *Deposition patterns of ice rafted debris* [Talk]. APS Division of Fluid Dynamics 2024 – Nash Ward, Claudia Cenedese, Jim McElwaine, Alan Condron

## Awards & Honors

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Utah Flagship Scholarship	
University of Utah	2020 - 2024
Crocker Science Scholar	
University of Utah and Gary and Ann Crocker	2020 – 2022
Science Research Initiative Scholarship	0000 0001
University of Utah, College of Science Undergraduate Mathematics Research Fellowship	2020 - 2021
University of Utah, Department of Mathematics	2021 - 2024
University of Utah Dean's List	2021 2021
University of Utah	2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24
Junius John Hayes Endowed Scholarship	
University of Utah, Department of Mathematics	2022
Wilkes Center for Climate Science and Policy Scholar	
University of Utah	2023
Tom and Cathy Saxton Scholarship	2000
University of Utah Summer Student Fellow	2023
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution	2023
JMM 2024 PME Speaker Award	2020
Joint Math Meeting	January, 2024
J.L. Gibson Senior Award	
University of Utah, Department of Mathematics	2024
Frederick Wan Fellowship	
University of Washington, Department of Applied Mathematics	2024 - 2027
Grants	
Wilkes Climate Grant	
Wilkes Center for Climate Science and Policy	2022-2023
WHOI APO Travel Grant	
Woods Hole Oceanography Institution	November, 2023
PME Travel Grant	_
American Mathematical Society	January, 2024

# Specialized Skills

MATLAB: Fluent
PYTHON: Fluent
Mathematica: Fluent

LATEX: Fluent

Adobe Suit: Proficient
Microsoft Suit: Proficient