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Professional Preparation:	
California Institute of Technology, B.S., Physics	1998
• California Institute of Technology, Ph.D., Control and Dynar	nical Systems 2004
• University of Southern California, NSF Mathematical Science	s Postdoc 2004-2006
Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering	
Appointments:	
• Virginia Tech	
Department of Aerospace and Ocean Engineering	
Roanoke Electric Steel Chair in Engineering	2025-
Professor	2019-
Department of Mathematics, Affiliate Professor	2018-
Department of Mechanical Engineering, Affiliate Professor	2011-
Department of Biomedical Engineering and Mechanics	
Professor & Director of Engineering Mechanics graduate prog	ram 2017-2019
Associate Professor & Director of Engineering Mechanics grad	luate program 2016-2017
Associate Professor	2014-2016
Department of Engineering Science and Mechanics	
Associate Professor	2012-2014
Assistant Professor	2006-2012

Career Highlights:

- Funding: \$17M (\$5M personal share) NSF, NASA, AFOSR, USSF, USDA, USNO, AFRL, NIH
- Prestigious NSF CAREER Award from Dynamical Systems Program, Engineering Division
- Lead PI, Space Force project for deep space operations (w/ Michigan, UCSD, Boulder, Austin)
- NSF IGERT (interdisciplinary graduate education in biology/engineering), 25+ PhDs trained
- NSF HAZARDS, advancing search-and-rescue techniques with MIT and Berkeley partners
- NSF Data Science Corps (undergraduate education and research with HBCU partners)
- High-Impact Scholarship: 100+ journal publications, 7,700+ citations, h-index 42+
- Top 100 article in media attention in 2020 out of 3.4 million published peer-reviewed articles
- Several articles in Nature journals, Scientific American, and other high-profile outlets
- AIAA Best Paper Awards and multiple NASA Innovation Awards
- Lead author, textbook on multi-body orbital dynamics for space mission design
- Outstanding Teaching: awards include two Virginia Tech Certificates of Teaching Excellence
- Youtube Videos: Educating thousands daily through education and research videos
- Engaging Social Media Presence: 50K followers; posts and videos receive 1M views per year
- Excellent Mentorship: 17 PhDs & 3 post-docs advised, one-third are now professors

Visiting Positions

- Visiting Scholar, University of California San Diego, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Aug-Dec, 2022.
- Visiting Faculty, Instituto de Ciencias Matemáticas (ICMAT Institute of Mathematical Sciences), Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain, Aug-Dec, 2013.
- Visiting Faculty, Centre de Recerca Matemàtica (CRM Center for Mathematics Research), Universitat Autónoma de Barcelona, Spain, Nov-Dec, 2008.

Awards, Prizes, and Recognition

- 2025 Appointed the Roanoke Electric Steel Chair in Engineering, Virginia Tech
- 2022 Certificate of Teaching Excellence, Virginia Tech College of Engineering
- 2017 Excellence in Research Award, Virginia Tech College of Engineering Dean's Award
- 2017 Leader in Research Award, Virginia Tech Dept. of Biomedical Engineering & Mechanics
- 2015 Virginia Tech Scholar of the Week
- 2015 Leader in Scholarship Award, Dept. of Biomedical Engineering and Mechanics
- 2012 Liviu Librescu Prize, Dept. of Engineering Science and Mechanics
- 2012-2015 Faculty Fellow, Virginia Tech College of Engineering Dean's Award
- 2012 Certificate of Teaching Excellence, Virginia Tech College of Engineering
- 2012-2017 NSF CAREER Award (Faculty Early Career Development Program)
- 2011 Plenary Speaker on Computational Methods in Dynamics at Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Trieste, Italy
- 2011 Keynote Speaker at Lorentz Centre Workshop on Coherent Structure and Dynamical Systems, Leiden, The Netherlands
- 2010 Outstanding New Assistant Professor, Virginia Tech College of Eng. Dean's Award
- 2009 Invited Speaker at British Science Festival
- 2009 Virginia Tech Faculty Authors Recognition List
- 2008 Invited Speaker at Zurich Physics Colloquium
- 2005 Recognized for interdisciplinary research accomplishments in NSF press release, Mathematics Unites the Heavens and the Atom (Sept 29, 2005)
- 2004-2006 NSF Mathematical Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellow
- 2004 Everhart Lecture Series Winner, 'The Interplanetary Transport Network', Caltech
- 2003 NASA Space Act Award, 'Low-Energy Interplanetary Transfers Using Lagrangian Points'
- 2003 American Astronautical Society (AAS) Breakwell Student Award
- 2002 NASA Innovation Award, 'Low-Energy Transfer from Near-Earth to Near-Moon Orbit'
- 2001 AIAA/AAS Best Paper Award by American Astronautical Society/American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Astrodynamics Specialist Conference, Quebec City, Canada
- 1998 NASA Innovation Award, 'Planetary Capture and Interplanetary Transfer Using the Invariant Manifold Structures Around L1 and L2'

Faculty interviews, requests to interview, and offers, other than present position

- Stanford University
- University of MichiganTexas A&M University
- MIT • Univer
- University of Maryland
 - University of California, Irvine
- University of California, San Diego University of Illinois
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Selected Publicity

In addition to several Virginia Tech press releases, below are listed some selected works describing the work of Dr. Ross in the popular press.

- \bullet Physics-based modeling identifies cross-pollination vulnerabilities for hemp farms, Phys.org, 12/2/24
- What is the 3-body problem, and is it really unsolvable? Live Science, 6/6/24
- Netflix's hit sci-fi series '3 Body Problem" is based on a real math problem that is so complex it's impossible to solve, Business Insider, 3/28/24
- Connecting Atmospheric Structures with the "Godzilla" Dust Storm, SIAM News, 5/17/23
- Time Series at the Beach, Data Skeptic podcast episode, 30k listeners, 06/28/21
- Virginia Tech researchers still have much to learn from flying snakes 10/15/20
- A trans-Atlantic journey: how microbes and dust travel from Africa to the Americas 9/1/20
- \bullet Let me clear my throat: Capturing coughing sounds provides data for predicting epidemiological trends 7/31/20
- Uncovering hidden flow patterns in coastal waters for faster disaster response 6/16/20
- NSF grant provides new research opportunities for underserved students News Break, 1/2/20
- USDA grant to study transport of pollen from hemp Augusta Free Press, 10/7/19
- Scientific American Special Edition: Wild Ideas in Science, Summer 2019, feature article.
- NSF promotional video, 'Streamlining ocean rescue: using drones and dummies', 2/26/19
- Two researchers earn grant to streamline simulation of fluid contamination disasters 11/28/18
- Feature article in Scientific American, "High-Flying Microbes", February 2017
- New techniques promise better containment of damaging contaminants from environmental disasters Augusta Free Press, GeosNews, NZ Health Tec, HighBeam, 9/8/15
- Scientific American, "Walls of Water", July 2013
- "Shane Ross Garners CAREER Award to Advance Understanding of Fluid Flows, from Blood Inside the Body to Oil Spills in Bodies of Water", *TMC Net*, 2/9/12
- "Microbes travel through the air; it would be good to know how and where", NSF Press Release, Science Daily, Newswise, 9/9/11
- "Pollution dispersion research aids understanding of 2002 break-up of Antarctic ozone hole", AAAS Eureka, 5/24/2010; among most popular AAS news releases, 30,000 hits by August
- "New research could help model Gulf oil spill dispersion", ABC News, San Francisco, 5/24/10
- Times of London, "Celestial 'surfing' offers hope of cheap and efficient space travel" Sep 2009
- Telegraph, "Scientists unveil plan designed to cut cost of space travel", Sep. 10, 2009
- Astronomy, "How scientists discovered a solar system 'superhighway'", November 2008
- Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, "Hitchhiking through space", July 31, 2006
- American Scientist, "The Interplanetary Transport Network", May-June 2006
- New Scientist, "Ride the celestial subway", March 27, 2006
- Science, "Tube Route: Gravitational superhighway snakes through solar system", Nov, 2005
- Notices of the American Mathematical Society, "Ground Control to Niels Bohr", Oct. 2005
- Science Daily, "Math Unites The Celestial And The Atomic", September 28, 2005
- Science News, "Navigating Celestial Currents", April 18, 2005

Competitive Grants and Funded Projects – Highlights

PI/co-PI on externally sponsored research projects totaling \$17 million

- S.D. Ross, A. Rosengren (Co-PIs), "Multiscale Astrodynamical Analysis for Improved xGEO Cislunar SDA", AFOSR, 9/15/2024–9/14/2029, \$1,601,197
- S.D. Ross (PI), A. Anderson, A. Rosengren, M. Gamba, I. Kolmanovsky, R. Zanetti, "XGEO Robust and Adaptive Space Domain Awareness (xRADAR)", United States Space Force (USSF) and Air Force Research Lab (AFRL), 12/25/2023–12/24/2025, \$1,400,000
- S.D. Ross (PI), J.J. Socha, H. Dong, P.P. Vlachos, "Collaborative Research: Flying snakes: fluid mechanics of deforming articulated bodies", NSF Fluid Dynamics & Physiological Mechanisms and Biomechanics, 8/01/2020–7/31/2023, \$639,919
- H. Foroutan, S.D. Ross, D.G. Schmale, C. Gonzalez-Martin, D. Griffin (Co-PIs), "Multiscale Investigation of Microbial Biodiversity in Trans-Atlantic Dust (MITAS) Plumes", NASA Interdisciplinary Research in Earth Science, 9/01/2020–8/31/2023, \$1,091,681
- D.G. Schmale, S.D. Ross (Co-PIs), "HDR DSC: Engaging Undergraduates in Data and Decisions Research at the Engineering/Biology Interface", NSF Harnessing the Data Revolution, Data Science Corps, 10/01/2019–9/30/2022, \$1,186,084
- D.G. Schmale, S.D. Ross, H. Foroutan, N. Stewart (Co-PI), "Tracking the Long-Distance Transport of Wind-Dispersed Pollen from GE Switchgrass and Hemp using UASs (drones) and a LES Model", USDA NIFA BRAG, 9/01/2019–8/31/2022, \$499,864
- T. Iliescu, S.D. Ross (Co-PIs), "Data-Driven Computation of Lagrangian Transport Structure in Realistic Flows", NSF-Computational and Data-Enabled Science and Engineering in Mathematical and Statistical Sciences, 6/15/2018–5/31/2021, \$200,000
- S.D. Ross (PI), "Collaborative Research: A new framework for prediction of buckling and other critical transitions in nonlinear structural mechanics", NSF-Dynamics, Control and System Diagnostics, 9/1/2015–8/31/2019, Collaborative proposal with L. Virgin at Duke University, \$561,994
- T. Peacock, P.F. Lermusiaux, S.D. Ross, I. Rypina, S.C. Shadden (Co-PIs), "Hazards SEES: Uncovering the hidden skeleton of environmental flows: Advanced Lagrangian methods for hazards prediction, mitigation and response", NSF-AGS-SEES Hazards, 9/1/2015–8/31/2020, \$2,811,000
- S.D. Ross (PI), "Time-optimal control using front propagation methods", Virginia Space Grant Consortium, 8/10/2013-8/09/2014, \$4,000
- S.D. Ross (PI), "CAREER: Integrating geometric, probabilistic, and topological methods for phase space transport in dynamical systems", NSF-Dynamical Systems, 6/1/2012–5/31/2019, \$432,953
- S.D. Ross (PI), D.G. Schmale, "Dynamical Mechanisms Influencing the Population Structure of Airborne Pathogens: Theory and Observations", NSF-Dynamical Systems, 9/1/2011– 8/31/2014, \$429,931
- S.D. Ross (PI), "Capture of an asteroid by way of a binary system", Virginia Space Grant Consortium, 5/16/2011-8/31/2012, \$8,000
- M. Stremler, R. Davalos, D. Cimini, S.D. Ross, D.G. Schmale, "IGERT: Multi-Scale Transport in Environmental and Physiological Systems (MultiSTEPS)", NSF, 7/1/2010 - 6/30/2017, \$3,000,000
- J. Socha, J. Harrison, M. Stremler, R. Davalos, S.D. Ross, P. Vlachos, I. Puri, R. De Vita, A. Staples, M. Agah, "EFRI-BSBA: Complex microsystem networks inspired by internal insect physiology", NSF, 1/1/2010 12/31/2014, \$2,219,595

- S.D. Ross, D.G. Schmale, PIs, "Atmospheric Transport Barriers and the Biological Invasion of Toxigenic Fungi in the Genus Fusarium", NSF-Environmental Biology, 8/15/2009 -7/31/2012, \$413,476
- 1. S.D. Ross (PI), "Motor control effects of exercise on recurrent back pain," Ohio State University Research Foundation (subaward from NIH R01), 6/01/2006-4/30/2008, \$86,637

Leadership – Highlights From 2016-2019, Ross was the director of Virginia Tech's Engineering Mechanics Graduate Program, with 75 graduate students. Under Ross' leadership, the following accomplishments occurred in 2016-2019.

- Nearly Triple Applications Growth. Using new digital marketing strategies, Ross reversed a downward trend in applications to the program. While all other Virginia Tech engineering graduate degree programs saw their application numbers generally decrease over this time, the total number of applications (~ 100) for engineering mechanics in 2019 was 3 times what it was in 2016, the highest demand for engineering mechanics graduate program on record, and the number of domestic applicants more than tripled the best previous number.
- Prospective Student Weekend. Ross initiated a new Prospective Student Weekend in the Fall, to encourage graduate applications from high-achieving college seniors from across the U.S. In its inaugural year (2017), we had 50 applicants, and were able to bring in 15 students to visit with faculty, hear about research, tour labs, meet our students and get excited about our program and Virginia Tech.
- Securing Early Multi-Year Offers to Enhance Student Diversity. With financial assistance of the Virginia Tech College of Engineering and the Grad School, Ross secured several multi-year offers for high quality prospective students who enhance departmental diversity, including an Associate GEM Fellow, an ICTAS Fellow, and Cunningham Doctoral Scholar.
- *Revised Engineering Mechanics PhD Curriculum.* Ross oversaw the governance process for a new and improved Engineering Mechanics PhD curriculum, meant to increase flexibility and diversity in the applicant pool. This governance process included 3 new courses, and some revisions to existing courses, and a new format for the preliminary exam. The revised curriculum was made official in 2017.
- Initiated Engineering Mechanics Graduate Student Organization. Previously the engineering mechanics graduate students had no student organization. Ross helped initiate the new graduate student organization, Graduate Engineering Mechanics Society (GEMS). Ross mentored the group's founder and president, Gary Nave. The organization will allow EM students to network and pursue professional development activities, and should help with student retention via an improved sense of solidarity and community.

Outreach and Professional Service – Highlights

- Dr. Ross served as an Advisory Board Member for the SIAM Activity Group on Dynamical Systems (SIAM = Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics), 2022-2023
- Associate editor, Celestial Mechanics and Dynamical Astronomy (2024-present)
- Associate editor, Communications in Nonlinear Science and Numerical Simulation (2014-17)
- Dr. Ross founded an interdisciplinary graduate education program on biological transport (called Biotrans) that began in 2010 and has now cross-trained over 25 PhD students at the engineering-biology interface. He helped shepherd the program's transition to sustained internal funding, contributing to an infrastructure of interdisciplinary discovery at the intersection of engineering and biology which will have impacts for years to come.

- Dr. Ross co-founded an NSF-funded education and research program focused on innovative undergraduate engagement (Data Science Corps: Engaging Undergraduates in Data and Decisions Research at the Engineering/Biology Interface). With an academic year and summer research experience, in partnership with HBCUs such as Morehouse and Morgan State, we host 20 fully-funded undergrad researchers each summer to work on projects on data science applied to biological questions, a sort of undergraduate version of Biotrans.
- Dr. Ross has spoken to thousands of people at dozens of universities worldwide including MIT, Caltech, Stanford, Cornell, Princeton, UCLA, Duke, Univ. of Michigan, Univ. of Maryland, Texas A&M, UNC Chapel Hill, TU Munich, Univ. of Toronto, Univ. of Warwick, ETH Zurich, and Univ. of Barcelona, and at several prestigious international forums, including the British Science Festival and the Zurich Physics Colloquium. His research has been featured in the pages of *Science, Scientific American, New Scientist, Science News, American Scientist, Astronomy, the Times of London*, the BBC, and several other international news outlets, including those in India, Russia, Finland, Poland, Turkey, Brazil, and China.
- Dr. Ross have several 'popular science' level presentations, including to K-12 schoolchildren in southern California, underrepresented Math/Science Upward Bound high school students in the Los Angeles area, and a Distinguished Graduate Lecture on the future of space travel in 2004 in Pasadena, CA (available online as a video presentation), and a college-wide convocation at Centre College. Based on these lectures, wrote a feature article in *American Scientist* (2006), disseminating to a large audience recent work on the 'new' mathematics of space travel, which incorporates ideas of transport from fluid dynamics and chemistry.
- Dr. Ross' work on orbital dynamics initiated the dominance of dynamical systems methods for mission design among the international space flight mechanics community, particularly invariant manifold theory, for which he has received several awards from NASA. To widely disseminate these results, he co-authored an open-access book on the subject, *Dynamical Systems, the Three-Body Problem, and Space Mission Design.*
- Ongoing participation in several outreach activities in connection with dynamical systems theory and applications, including a multimedia web site (www.whydomath.org) that introduces mathematics and computational science topics at an upper high school / lower collegiate level. The web site focuses on exciting applications that showcase mathematics and computational science tools used to solve problems across a wide range of scientific and humanist disciplines.
- Research mentor for high school teacher and students. Mentored a high school teacher and high school students in 2017-2018 through a NSF RET (Research Experiences for Teachers) program "Biomechanics from molecular to organismal scales" at Virginia Tech. The project was on using additive manufacturing and off-the-shelf components to develop a bimodal payload dispersal platform inspired by the autorotation observed in maple seeds.
- Reviewer for NSF, NASA, AFOSR, ONR, and ARO (2008-present).
- Invited technical reviewer for journals Nature, Nature Physics, Scientific Reports, Physical Review Letters, Physical Review E, Applied Mechanics Reviews, Journal of Fluid Mechanics, Journal of the Royal Society Interface, Chaos, Physica D, Physics Letters A, Nonlinear Dynamics, Journal of Nonlinear Science, International Journal of Non-Linear Mechanics, Discrete and Continuous Dynamical Systems, Dynamical Systems: An International Journal, Applied Mathematical Modeling, Acta Astronautica, New Astronomy, Icarus, Advances in Space Research, Celestial Mechanics and Dynamical Astronomy, Autonomous Robots, Journal of Biomechanics.
- Invited participant in an NSF-sponsored retreat/workgroup in August 2007 on cognitive and behavioral dynamics, which brought together a handful of dynamical systems experts and experts in the cognitive and behavioral sciences.

- Session co-organizer, "Theoretical, observational, and numerical techniques in geophysical flow analysis", AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, 2012
- Session organizer, "Geometric and probabilistic methods in flow dynamics", International Conference on Flow Dynamics (ICFD), Sendai, Japan, 2012
- Organizer of several venues related to biology and mechanics, including the minisymposium, "Mechanics in biology", Pan American Congress on Applied Mechanics, Port of Spain, Trinidad, 2012, and two USNCTAM AmeriMech workshops by the same name at Virginia Tech, in 2013 and in 2014
- Member of the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, American Physical Society, American Astronautical Society, and American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Courses Taught:

Over 2,000 students taught, student teaching evaluations well above Virginia Tech average

- Dynamics II Lagrangians and 3-D Rigid Body Motion / ESM 3124 (2010-2015)
- Space Vehicle Dynamics (Attitude Dynamics) / AOE 3144 (2021-2025)
- Solving Big Problems with Big Data / AOE 3984 (2021)
- Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos / AOE 4514 (ESM 4114) (2021, 2023, 2025)
- Interdisciplinary Topics in Engineering and Biology / GRAD 5134 (2014)
- Intermediate Dynamics (Lagrangian and Rigid Body Dynamics) / ESM 5314 (2007-2020)
- Fundamentals of Mechanics (Intro Mechanics for Non-Engineers) / ESM 5984 (2012)
- Advanced Dynamics (Hamiltonian & Nonlinear Dynamics) / AOE/ESM 6314 (2007-2020,2024)
- Frontiers of Dynamical Systems (Group Project Based Course) / ESM 6984 (2013-2014)
- Multi-Body Orbital Dynamics / AOE 6984 (2025)

Graduate Students and Postdocs Advised: 38 Total

Graduated 17 Ph.D. students and 10 M.S. students. 3 Postdocs advised. Currently advising 6 Ph.D. students, 4 M.S. students, and 1 Postdoc.

- 38. Dr. Pranav Khandelwal, Postdoc 2024-2026, Experiments and mechanics of gliding animals
- 37. Abdullah Braik, M.S., Aerospace Engineering, 2023, Ph.D., expected 2028
- 36. Amelie Lutz, M.S., Aerospace Engineering, expected 2025
- 35. Spencer Soccio-Mallon, M.S., Aerospace Engineering, expected 2025
- 34. Yohan Sequeira, Ph.D. (co-advised w. Jake Socha), Engineering Mechanics, exp. 2028
- 33. Joshua Taylor, Ph.D. (co-advised w. Jake Socha), Engineering Mechanics, exp. 2028
- 32. Anjali Rawat, Ph.D., Aerospace Engineering, expected 2027
- 31. Peter Tyree, M.S., Aerospace Engineering, expected 2025
- 30. Nathaneal Hill, M.S., Aerospace Engineering, expected 2025
- 29. Mohamed Zakaria, Ph.D. (co-advised with Craig Woolsey), Aerospace Engineering, exp. 2026
- 28. Manu Nimmala, Ph.D. (co-advised w. Hosein Foroutan), Engineering Mechanics, exp. 2025
- 27. Albert Jarvis, Ph.D., Engineering Mechanics, 2025
- 26. Joe McCabe, M.S. 2025, Aerospace Engineering, now Systems Engineer at Lockheed Martin
- 25. Landon Bilyeu, Ph.D. 2024, (co-advised w. David Schmale), Plant & Environmental Sciences

- 24. Mark Munson, M.S. 2024, Aerospace Engineering, currently MIT Aero/Astro, Small Satellite Center Program Manager
- 23. Kristian Meland, M.S. 2024, Aerospace Eng., now Propulsion Engineer at Northrop Grumman
- 22. Nadhir Cherfaoui, M.S. 2023, Engineering Mechanics, currently Research Engineer at IPVM
- 21. Joshua Fitzgerald, Ph.D. 2023, Engineering Mechanics, currently Member of Technical Staff, Cislunar and Multi-Body Dynamics Section, Aerospace Corporation
- 20. Dr. Javier González-Rocha, Post-Doc 2022, currently Assistant Professor at UC Santa Cruz
- 19. Matt Werner, M.S. 2022, Aerospace Engineering, currently at Aerospace Corporation
- 18. Kristen Tetreault, M.S. 2021, Engineering Mechanics, currently Support Scientist for NASA
- 17. Jun Zhong, Ph.D. 2020, Engineering Mechanics, currently Senior Research Investigator, Bristol Myers Squibb
- 16. Peter Nolan, Ph.D. 2019, Engineering Mechanics, now Data Scientist, Slingshot Aerospace
- 15. Nathaniel Hall, M.S. 2019, Engineering Mechanics, now Manufacturing Engineer, Kollmorgen
- 14. Gary Nave, Ph.D. 2018 (co-advised with Mark Stremler), Engineering Mechanics, currently Assistant Professor at Colorado School of Mines
- 13. Isaac Yeaton, Ph.D. 2018 (co-advised with John Socha), Mechanical Engineering, currently a Research Engineer at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab (JHU-APL)
- Dr. Shibabrat Naik, Ph.D. 2016, Engineering Mechanics, Post-Doc 2018, currently Assistant Professor at Hampton University
- 11. Renee Pietsch, Ph.D. 2016 (co-advised with David Schmale), Biology, currently Biologist, Center for Veterinary Medicine, Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- 10. Amir E. BozorgMagham, Ph.D. 2014, Engineering Mechanics, currently Data Science Lead Manager at Starbucks, Inc.; previously Global Advanced Analytics Manager at Nike
- Binbin Lin, Ph.D. 2013 (co-advised with David Schmale), Plant Pathology, Physiology and Weed Science, deceased
- 8. Samuel Raben, Ph.D. 2013 (co-advised with Pavlos Vlachos), Mechanical Engineering, currently Team Lead, Coronary Interventional Devices Team at FDA
- Aaron J. Prussin, Ph.D. 2013 (co-advised with David Schmale), Plant Pathology, Physiology and Weed Science, currently Lab Manager for Environmental and Water Resources Engineering at Virginia Tech
- 6. Tobias Dirksen, M.S. 2012, (co-advised w. Mark Stremler, Hassan Aref, Tomas Bohr), Physics, Technical University of Denmark, currently Data Analyst for city of Copenhagen, Denmark
- 5. Phanindra Tallapragada, Ph.D. 2010, Engineering Mechanics, currently Associate Professor at Clemson University
- 4. Piyush Grover, Ph.D. 2010, Engineering Mechanics, currently Assistant Professor at University of Nebraska-Lincoln; previously at Mitsubishi Electric Research Labs
- 3. Carmine Senatore, Ph.D. 2010, Engineering Mechanics, currently Senior Associate, Exponent; previously Senior Research Scientist at the MIT Robotic Mobility Lab
- 2. Jeffrey Twigg, M.S. 2009, Engineering Mechanics, now Researcher at Army Research Lab
- 1. Martin Tanaka, Ph.D. 2008, Biomedical Engineering, currently Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Western Carolina University

Significant Publications (>7,700 citations, h-index ≥42 [Google]): ross.aoe.vt.edu/papers/

- 105. Jarvis, A., Ross, S.D. [202-] NumbaCS: A fast Python package for coherent structure analysis, Journal of Open Source Software, under review.
- 104. Bilyeu, L., González-Rocha, J., Hanlon, R., Al Amiri, N., Foroutan, H., Alading, K., Ross, S.D., Schmale III, D.G. [2025] Monitoring wind and particle concentrations near freshwater and marine harmful algal blooms (HABs), *Environmental Science: Advances* 4, 279-291. Open access article: DOI 10.1039/d4va00172a
- 103. Yeaton, I.J., Ross, S.D., Socha, J.J. [2024] Quasi-steady aerodynamic theory under-predicts glide performance in flying snakes, *Journal of Experimental Biology* 227, jeb247989. DOI 10.1242/jeb.247989
- 102. Nimmala, M, Ross, S.D., Foroutan, H. [2024] Cannabis pollen dispersal across the United States, Scientific Reports 14, 20605. Open access: DOI 10.1038/s41598-024-70633-x
 Top 5 Article in Earth, Environment, and Ecology for 2024, Top 25 Article Overall
- 101. Jarvis, A., Hossein Mardi, A., Foroutan, H., Ross, S.D. [2024] Atmospheric transport structures shaping the "Godzilla" dust plume, *Atmospheric Environment* 333, 120638. DOI 10.1016/j.atmosenv.2024.120638. Read the preprint for free.
- 100. Khandelwal, P.C., Ross, S.D., Dong, H., Socha, J.J. [2023]. Convergence in gliding animals: Morphology, behavior, and mechanics. In: Bels, V.L., Russell, A.P. (eds) Convergent Evolution. Fascinating Life Sciences. Springer, Cham. DOI 10.1007/978-3-031-11441-0_13
- 99. Pretorius, I., Schou, W.C., Richardson, B., Ross, S.D., Withers, T.M., Schmale, D.G., Strand, T.M. [2023] In the wind: Invasive species travel along predictable atmospheric pathways, *Ecological Applications* e2806. Open access article: DOI 10.1002/eap.2806
- 98. Moeltner, K., Fanara, T., Foroutan, H., Hanlon, R., Lovko, V., Ross, S.D., Schmale III, D.G. [2023] Harmful algal blooms and toxic air: The economic value of improved forecasts, *Marine Resource Economics* 38(1), 1-28. DOI 10.1086/722598
- 97. González-Rocha, J., Bilyeu, L., Ross, S.D., Foroutan, H., Jacquemin, S., Ault, A.P., Schmale III, D.G. [2023] Sensing atmospheric flows in aquatic environments using multirotor small uncrewed aircraft system (sUAS), *Environmental Science: Atmospheres* 3, 305. Open access article: DOI 10.1039/D2EA00042C
- 96. E. Hanlon, S.J. Jacquemin, J.A. Birbeck, J.A. Westrick, C. Harb, H. Gruszewski, A.P. Ault, D. Scott, H. Foroutan, S.D. Ross, J. González-Rocha, C. Powers, L. Pratt, H. Looney, G. Baker, D.G. Schmale III [2022] Drone-based water sampling and characterization of three freshwater harmful algal blooms in the United States, *Frontiers in Remote Sensing*, 3:949052. Special Research Topic: Women in Remote Sensing. Open access: DOI 10.3389/frsen.2022.949052
- 95. L. Bilyeu, B. Bloomfield, R. Hanlon, J. González-Rocha, S. Jacquemin, A.P. Ault, J. Birbeck, J. Westrick, H. Foroutan, S.D. Ross, C. Powers, D.G. Schmale III [2022] Drone-based particle monitoring above two harmful algal blooms (HABs) in the USA. *Environmental Science: Atmospheres*, 2, 1351-1363. DOI 10.1039/d2ea00055e
- 94. J. Fitzgerald, S.D. Ross [2022] Geometry of transit orbits in the periodically-perturbed restricted three-body problem, Advances in Space Research, 70, 144-156. DOI 10.1016/j.asr.2022.04.029 Preprint available for free at arXiv:2203.16019

- 93. S.D. Ross, J. Fish, K. Moeltner, E.M. Bollt, L. Bilyeu, T. Fanara [2022] Beach-level 24-hour forecasts of Florida red tide-induced respiratory irritation, *Harmful Algae*, **111**, 102149. DOI 10.1016/j.hal.2021.102149 Preprint at arXiv:2105.11342
- C.N. Hill, S.D. Ross, A. Peebles, R.M. Queen [2022] Continuous similarity analysis in patient populations, *Journal of Biomechanics* 131, 110916. DOI 10.1016/j.jbiomech.2021.110916
- E.M. Bollt, S.D. Ross [2021] Is the Finite-Time Lyapunov Exponent Field a Koopman Eigenfunction? *Mathematics* 9, 2731. Open access article: DOI 10.3390/math9212731
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