

# Curriculum Vitae

## Connor Mooney

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### Education:

- Ph.D. in Mathematics, Columbia University, 2015
- B.S. in Mathematics, Stanford University, 2011

### Employment:

- Professor, UC Irvine, 2025 -
- Associate Professor, UC Irvine, 2022 - 2025
- Assistant Professor, UC Irvine, 2018 - 2022
- Postdoctoral Researcher, ETH Zürich, 2016 - 2018
- NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellow, UT Austin, 2015 - 2016

### Grants and Honors:

- Simons Fellow in Mathematics, 2024 - 2025
- Chancellor's Fellow, UC Irvine, 2022 - 2025
- Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship, 2022 - 2026
- NSF CAREER Grant DMS-2143668, 2022 - 2027
- NSF Grant DMS-1854788, 2019 - 2023
- NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, 2015 - 2019
- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, 2012 - 2015
- Firestone Medal for Excellence in Undergraduate Research, Stanford University, 2011

### Publications:

44. Hirsch, J.; Mooney, C.; Tione, R. Regularity for the prescribed vertical mean curvature system in the plane. Preprint 2025.
43. Mooney, C.; Shankar, R. Semi-convex viscosity solutions of the special Lagrangian equation. Preprint 2025, arXiv:2510.17202.
42. Mooney, C. Remarks on the quadratic Hessian equation. *J. Math. Study*, to appear.
41. Mooney, C.; Savin, O. Solutions to the minimal surface system with large singular sets. Preprint 2024, arXiv:2411.14376.

40. Mooney, C. Bernstein theorems for nonlinear geometric PDEs. *Commun. Pure Appl. Anal.* **23** (2024), 1958-1989.
39. Mooney, C.; Wang, Z.; Xin, J.; Yu, Y. Global well-posedness and convergence analysis of score-based generative models via sharp Lipschitz estimates. ICLR, 2025.
38. Book review for *Regularity Theory for Elliptic PDE*, by Fernández-Real and Ros-Oton. *Bull. Amer. Math. Soc.* **61** (2024), 515-524.
37. Bechtel, S.; Mooney, C.; Veraar, M. Counterexamples to maximal regularity for operators in divergence form. *Arch. Math.* **123** (2024), 199-209.
36. Du, W.; Mooney, C.; Yang, Y.; Zhu, J. A half-space Bernstein theorem for anisotropic minimal graphs. *J. Eur. Math. Soc. (JEMS)*, to appear.
35. Hirsch, J.; Mooney, C.; Tione, R. On the Lawson-Osserman conjecture. Preprint 2023, arXiv:2308.04997.
34. Mooney, C.; Rakshit A. Sobolev regularity for optimal transport maps of non-convex planar domains. *SIAM J. Math. Anal.* **56** (2024), 4742-4758.
33. Mitake, H.; Mooney, C.; Tran, H.; Xin, J.; Yu, Y. Bifurcation of homogenization and nonhomogenization of the curvature G-equation with shear flows. *Math. Ann.* **391** (2025), 3077-3111.
32. Mooney, C.; Savin, O. Non  $C^1$  solutions to the special Lagrangian equation. *Duke Math. J.* **173** (2024), 2929-2945.
31. Mooney, C.; Yang, Y. The anisotropic Bernstein problem. *Invent. Math.* **235** (2024), 211-232.
30. Bhattacharya, A.; Mooney, C.; Shankar, R. Gradient estimates for the Lagrangian mean curvature equation with critical and supercritical phase. *Amer. J. Math.*, to appear.
29. Mooney, C.; Rakshit, A. Singular structures in solutions to the Monge-Ampère equation with point masses. *Math. Eng.* **5** (2023), Paper No. 083, 11 pp.
28. Mooney, C. Homogeneous functions with nowhere vanishing Hessian determinant. *Ann. Inst. H. Poincaré C Anal. Non Linéaire* **41** (2024), 555-564.
27. Mooney, C. Hilbert's 19th problem revisited. *Boll. Unione Mat. Ital.* **15** (2022), 483-501.

Featured in "Editor Top Picks," a selection of key papers that highlight some of the best current research published in *Boll. Unione Mat. Ital.*

26. Mooney, C.; Yang, Y. A proof by foliation that Lawson's cones are  $A_\Phi$ -minimizing. *Discrete Contin. Dyn. Syst.* **41** (2021), 5291-5302.
25. Mooney, C. Solutions to the Monge-Ampère equation with polyhedral and Y-shaped singularities. *J. Geom. Anal.* **31** (2021), 9509-9526.
24. Mooney, C. Strict 2-convexity of convex solutions to the quadratic Hessian equation. *Proc. Amer. Math. Soc.* **149** (2021), 2473-2477.
23. Mooney, C. Entire solutions to equations of minimal surface type in six dimensions. *J. Eur. Math. Soc. (JEMS)* **24** (2022), 4353-4361.
22. Mooney, C. Singularities of complex-valued solutions to linear parabolic equations. *Int. Math. Res. Not. IMRN* **21** (2021), 4413-4426.
21. Mooney, C. Minimizers of convex functionals with small degeneracy set. *Calc. Var. Partial Differential Equations* **59** (2020), Paper No. 74, 1-19.
20. Ivanisvili, P.; Mooney, C. Sharpening the triangle inequality: envelopes between  $L^2$  and  $L^p$  spaces. *Anal. PDE* **13** (2020), 1591-1603.
19. Mooney, C. A proof of the Krylov-Safonov theorem without localization. *Comm. Partial Differential Equations* **44** (2019), 681-690.
18. Mooney, C.; Savin, O. Regularity results for the equation  $u_{11}u_{22} = 1$ . *Discrete Contin. Dyn. Syst.* **39** (2019), 6865-6876.
17. Mooney, C. The Monge-Ampère equation. *Rend. Semin. Mat. Univ. Politec. Torino* **76** (2018), 93-113.
16. Figalli, A.; Mooney, C. An obstacle problem for conical deformations of thin elastic sheets. *Arch. Ration. Mech. Anal.* **228** (2018), 401-429.
15. Mooney, C. Singularities in the calculus of variations. In *Contemporary Research in Elliptic PDEs and Related Topics* (Ed. Serena Dipierro), *Springer INdAM Series* **33** (2019), 457-480.
14. Collins, Tristan C.; Mooney, C. Dimension of the minimum set for the real and complex Monge-Ampère equations in critical Sobolev spaces. *Anal. PDE* **10** (2017), 2031-2041.
13. Mooney, C. Finite time blowup for parabolic systems in two dimensions. *Arch. Ration. Mech. Anal.* **223** (2017), 1039-1055.
12. Figalli, A.; Maggi, F.; Mooney, C. The sharp quantitative Euclidean concentration inequality. *Camb. J. Math.* **6** (2018), 59-87.
11. Mooney, C. Some counterexamples to Sobolev regularity for degenerate Monge-Ampère equations. *Anal. PDE* **9** (2016), 881-891.

10. Figalli, A.; Jhaveri, Y.; Mooney, C. Nonlinear bounds in Hölder spaces for the Monge-Ampère equation. *J. Funct. Anal.* **270** (2016), 3808-3827.
9. Mooney, C.; Savin, O. Some singular minimizers in low dimensions in the calculus of variations. *Arch. Ration. Mech. Anal.* **221** (2016), 1-22.
8. Mooney, C. Harnack inequality for degenerate and singular elliptic equations with unbounded drift. *J. Differential Equations* **258** (2015), 1577-1591.
7. Mooney, C.  $W^{2,1}$  estimate for singular solutions to the Monge-Ampère equation. *Ann. Sc. Norm. Super. Pisa Cl. Sci. (5)* **14** (2015), 1283-1303.
6. Mooney, C. Partial regularity for singular solutions to the Monge-Ampère equation. *Comm. Pure Appl. Math.* **68** (2015), 1066-1084.

#### Conference Proceedings:

5. Mooney, C. Regularity vs. singularity for the special Lagrangian equation. Oberwolfach Report (2025), to appear.
4. Mooney, C. The anisotropic Bernstein problem. Oberwolfach Report 32 (2023), 1819-1822.
3. Mooney, C. Singular structures in exterior solutions to the Monge-Ampère equation. Oberwolfach Report 35 (2021), 1884-1886.
2. Mooney, C. Minimizers of strictly convex functionals. Oberwolfach Report 34 (2019), 2061-2062.
1. Mooney, C. Regularity vs. singularity for elliptic and parabolic systems. Oberwolfach Report 35 (2018), 2116-2118.

#### Conference Talks:

- “Regularity theory for evolution equations,” SwissMAP Research Station in Les Diablerets, July 2026
- Invited Address, AMS Fall Western Sectional Meeting, U. Denver, August 2025
- Oberwolfach workshop “Partial Differential Equations,” July 2025
- “Rocky Mountain Mathematics Consortium Summer School,” U. Wyoming, June 2025
- AIMS Conference Thematic Session “Monge-Ampère type equations and their applications,” Abu Dhabi, December 2024
- AIMS Conference Special Session “Recent Advances in Nonlinear PDEs and Free Boundary Problems,” Abu Dhabi, December 2024

- ECM Satellite Conference “Regularity theory and free boundary problems: from PDE to interfaces,” Coimbra, July 2024
- “Recent Advances in Nonlinear Partial Differential Equations,” in honor of Vladimír Šverák, Minneapolis, May 2024
- AMS Special Session “Partial Differential Equations and Convexity,” San Francisco, May 2024
- Oberwolfach workshop “Partial Differential Equations,” July 2023
- “Non-linear elliptic PDE,” ICMAT Madrid, July 2023
- AIMS Conference Special Session “Analysis and Applications of Non-linear Elliptic and Parabolic Equations,” Wilmington, June 2023
- AIMS Conference Special Session “Local and Nonlocal Fully Nonlinear Partial Differential Equations of Elliptic and Parabolic Type,” Wilmington, June 2023
- BIRS Workshop “Compensated Compactness and Applications to Materials,” April 2023 (online)
- UK PDE Network Workshop “Geometric PDE,” Warwick, December 2022
- MSRI Workshop “Regularity Theory for Minimal Surfaces and Mean Curvature Flow,” March 2022 (online)
- “Nonlinear Elliptic and Parabolic Partial Differential Equations,” Levico Terme, October 2021 (online)
- “Optimal transport revisited,” DMV-ÖMG Mini-Symposium, September 2021 (online)
- “Forum of Partial Differential Equations” (12th edition), Bedlewo, September 2021 (online)
- “Regularity Theory for Free Boundary and Geometric Variational Problems,” Levico Terme, September 2021
- “Nonlinear Potential Theoretic Methods in Partial Differential Equations,” Banff, September 2021 (online)
- Oberwolfach workshop “Partial Differential Equations,” July 2021
- “Geometric and Applied Analysis,” HCM Bonn, July 2021 (online)
- Fields Medal Symposium, October 2020 (online)
- AMS Special Session “Interfaces Between PDEs and Geometric Measure Theory,” assoc. with Maryam Mirzakhani Invited Address by Tatiana Toro, Denver, January 2020
- Oberwolfach workshop “Partial Differential Equations,” July 2019
- “Recent Progress in Nonlinear Partial Differential Equations,” Beijing, June 2019
- AMS Special Session “Interactions Between GMT, PDE, and Harmonic Analysis,” Honolulu, March 2019
- Oberwolfach workshop “Calculus of Variations,” August 2018
- AIMS Conference Special Session “Geometric and Nonlinear PDEs,” Taipei, July 2018
- “Elliptic Partial Differential Equations of Second Order: Celebrating 40 years of Gilbarg and Trudinger’s Book,” Melbourne, October 2017

- AMS Special Session “Nonlinear Elliptic PDEs,” Orlando, September 2017
- “Calculus of Variations and PDEs,” conference celebrating the 70th birthday of Paolo Marcellini, Firenze-Montecatini, June 2017
- “Advances in Geometric Analysis,” ETH Zürich, June 2017
- “Transport Problems in Zürich,” U. Zürich, April 2017
- “GMT, Shape Optimisation and Free Boundaries,” Trieste, October 2016
- AIMS Conference Special Session “Quantitative Geometric and Functional Inequalities,” Orlando, July 2016
- “KIAS CMC Conference on Analysis, Geometry and Optimal Transport,” Seoul, June 2016
- “Calculus of Variations and PDEs,” Columbia U., May 2016
- Midwest PDE Conference, Michigan State U., November 2015

#### **Lecture Series and Short Courses Given:**

- European School of Differential Geometry (4 lectures), Granada, June 2024
- UT Austin Research School in PDE (4 lectures), May 2021 (online)
- Xi’an Jiaotong U. (4 lectures), July 2019
- CIMAT Workshop “Differential Equations and the Calculus of Variations” (3 lectures), May 2019
- Oxford PDE CDT Short Course (3 lectures), May 2018
- “Advanced Lectures in Nonlinear Analysis” (2 lectures), U. Torino, May 2018
- MATRIX Workshop “Elliptic Partial Differential Equations of Second Order: Celebrating 40 years of Gilbarg and Trudinger’s Book” (5 lectures), October 2017
- INdAM Intensive Period “Contemporary Research in Elliptic PDEs and Related Topics” (3 lectures), U. Bari, April 2017

#### **Seminar and Colloquium Talks:**

- Geometry Seminar, Stanford U., October 2025
- Geometric Analysis Seminar, Notre Dame U., September 2025
- Differential Geometry Seminar, UC Irvine, June 2025
- Nonlinear PDEs Seminar, Texas A & M, April 2025 (online)
- PDE Seminar, U. Tennessee Knoxville, February 2025
- Colloquium, UW Madison, October 2024
- Analysis Seminar, Columbia U., October 2024
- Differential Geometry and Geometric Analysis Seminar, Princeton U., October 2024
- Analysis and PDEs Seminar, Johns Hopkins U., October 2024
- Applied Math and Analysis Seminar, Duke U., October 2024
- Geometric PDE Seminar, Academy of Mathematics and Systems Science (Beijing), August 2024 (online)

- Geometry/Topology Seminar, UC Davis, April 2024
- Geometry Seminar, Stanford U., November 2023
- Differential Geometry Seminar, UC Berkeley, October 2023
- PDE Seminar, Ohio State U., April 2023
- PDE Seminar, Beijing Normal U. and Hong Kong U. of Science and Technology, March 2023 (online)
- Geometric Analysis Seminar, U. Chicago, October 2022
- Geometric PDE Seminar, Academy of Mathematics and Systems Science (Beijing), June 2022 (online)
- Geometric Analysis Seminar, Beijing International Center for Mathematical Research, May 2022 (online)
- Analysis and PDEs Seminar, Johns Hopkins U., April 2022
- Geometry and Analysis Seminar, Columbia U., April 2022
- Geometry and Analysis Seminar, Rice U., April 2022
- Differential Geometry Seminar, UC Irvine, November 2021
- AIMS-Cameroon Research Center Colloquium, November 2021 (online)
- Geometric Analysis Seminar, Rutgers U., October 2021 (online)
- Geometric Analysis Seminar, Iowa State U., October 2021 (online)
- Nonlinear Analysis Seminar, Rutgers U., October 2021 (online)
- Geometry and Topology Seminar, Caltech, October 2021
- Geometric Analysis Seminar, UC San Diego, October 2021
- Informal Analysis and Geometry Seminar, MPI Leipzig, July 2021
- Informal Geometric Analysis Seminar, U. Maryland, March 2021 (online)
- PIMS-UBC Rising Stars Colloquium, March 2021 (online)
- Diff. Geom., Math. Phys., PDE Seminar, UBC, March 2021 (online)
- PDE Seminar, Brown U., March 2021 (online)
- DG/PDE Seminar, U. Washington, February 2021 (online)
- OSSUR PDEs Seminar, GSSI L'Aquila, January 2021 (online)
- Calderón-Zygmund Analysis Seminar, U. Chicago, November 2020 (online)
- PDE seminar via Zoom, July 2020 (online)
- Asia-Pacific Analysis and PDE Seminar, June 2020 (online)
- Geometry Seminar, Stanford U., December 2019
- PDE Seminar, Indiana U., November 2019
- Geometry and Analysis Seminar, Columbia U., September 2019
- Differential Geometry Seminar, Princeton U., September 2019
- Colloquium, CIMAT Guanajuato, May 2019
- Differential Geometry Seminar, Harvard U., April 2019
- Analysis Seminar, UC Irvine, March 2019
- Geometry and Analysis Seminar, Columbia U., February 2019
- Analysis Seminar, UC San Diego, December 2018
- CAMS Colloquium, USC, October 2018
- Differential Geometry Seminar, UC Riverside, October 2018

- Analysis Seminar, Heriot-Watt U., May 2018
- PDE Seminar, Oxford U., April 2018
- Special Colloquium, U. Toronto, January 2018
- Analysis Seminar, UT Austin, January 2018
- Colloquium, Indiana U., January 2018
- Special Colloquium, UC Irvine, January 2018
- Special Mathematics Seminar, MIT, January 2018
- Colloquium, UW Madison, December 2017
- Analysis and Probability Seminar, MPI Leipzig, November 2017
- Analysis Seminar, UC Irvine, September 2017
- Analysis and PDE Seminar, UCLA, September 2017
- Analysis Seminar, Courant Institute, May 2017
- PDE and Analysis Seminar, U. Pittsburgh, November 2016
- Geometry and Analysis Seminar, Columbia U., April 2016
- Geometric Analysis Seminar, Harvard U., April 2016
- Analysis Seminar, Northwestern U., February 2016
- Applied Math Colloquium, Fields Institute, December 2015
- PDE Seminar, UW Madison, November 2015
- Analysis Seminar, UT Austin, January 2015
- CAMP-PDE Seminar, U. Chicago, October 2014
- Complex Geometry Seminar, U. Maryland, October 2014
- Geometry and Analysis Seminar, Columbia U., September 2014
- Nonlinear Analysis Seminar, Rutgers U., October 2013

### Editorial Boards:

- *Nonlinear Analysis*, 2020 -
- *Communications on Pure and Applied Analysis*, 2024 -
- *ESAIM: Control, Optimisation and Calculus of Variations*, 2025 -

### Other Service and Professional Activities:

- Referee or opinions (many multiple times) for: *Advances in Mathematics*, *Analysis in Theory and Applications*, *Analysis & PDE*, *Annales Scientifiques de l'École Normale Supérieure*, *Annals of Functional Analysis*, *Annals of Mathematics*, *Annali di Matematica Pura ed Applicata*, *Annals of PDE*, *Annali della Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa - Classe di Scienze*, *Archive for Rational Mechanics and Analysis*, *Calculus of Variations and Partial Differential Equations*, *Communications in Analysis and Geometry*, *Communications in Partial Differential Equations*, *Communications on Pure and Applied Mathematics*, *Discrete and Continuous Dynamical Systems*,



*Duke Mathematical Journal, Geometry & Topology, Graduate Studies in Mathematics, Indiana University Mathematics Journal, International Mathematics Research Notices, Inventiones Mathematicae, Journal d'Analyse Mathématique, Journal of the Australian Mathematical Society, Journal of Differential Equations, Journal of the European Mathematical Society, Journal of Functional Analysis, Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications, Journal für die reine und angewandte Mathematik, Journal de Mathématiques Pures et Appliquées, Journal of Nonlinear Science, Lecture Notes in Mathematics, Mathematische Annalen, Mathematische Zeitschrift, Nonlinear Analysis, Potential Analysis, Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society, Proceedings of the Royal Society of Edinburgh Section A, Pure and Applied Mathematics Quarterly, Revista Matemática Iberoamericana, SIAM Journal of Mathematical Analysis, Transactions of the American Mathematical Society*

- Reviewer for *Mathematical Reviews*
- NSF panelist
- Reviewer for Simons Foundation
- Seminar Organization: Virtual Analysis and PDE Seminar, 2020 - ; UC Irvine Nonlinear PDE Seminar, 2018 -
- Conference Organization: “Workshop on Calabi-Yau metrics and optimal transportation,” Harvard CMSA, May 2026 (with T. Collins, M. Jonsson, F. Tong); AMS Special Session at U. Denver, August 2025 (with R. Shankar); “Theory and Applications of Elliptic PDE,” UC Irvine, June 2025 (with I. Kim, Y. Yu); AMS Special Session at UC Riverside, November 2019 (with N. Le); AIMS Special Session in Taipei, July 2018 (with R. Neumayer)
- External thesis examiner for: Tim Espin (U. Edinburgh, 2022)
- Service at UC Irvine:

University Service: Council on Planning and Budget (2024-27); Subcommittee on SSGPDP Reviews (2025)

School Service: Dean’s Advisory Council (2022-23)

Department Service: Awards (2020-21); Chair Advisory (2023-24); Chair Search (2022-23); Colloquium (2021-22); Communications (2022-24); Excellence (2021-24); Faculty Hiring (2023-24); Graduate Admissions (2018-19, 2021-22); Graduate Studies (2019-21); Outreach (2019-21); PPF Hiring (2022-23); Real Analysis Qualifying Exam (2019, 2023, 2024 (Chair)); Undergraduate Advising (2025-26); VAP Hiring (2025-26)

Advancement to Candidacy Committee for: Jonathan Delgado (2024), Carson Collins (UCLA, 2023), Bryan Dimler (Chair, 2023), Arghya Rakshit (Chair, 2023), Yifan Guo (2023), Jooho Lee (2023), Salem Selim (2022), Yi-Lin Tsai (2021), Joe Li (2021), Rain Talosig (Chemistry, 2021), Shirley Chang (Chemistry, 2021), Tin Yau Tsang (2021), Yang Yang (Chair, 2020), Joshua Jordan (2020), Lili Yan (2019), Kirsten Hewitt (Chemistry, 2019)

Thesis Defense Committee for: Arghya Rakshit (2025), Jooho Lee (2025), Yifan Guo (2025), Yi-Lin Tsai (2024), Joe Li (2024), Yang Yang (2023), Lili Yan (2022)

- Outreach: Career Advice Panelist at the conference “Recent Advances in Nonlinear Partial Differential Equations,” UMN (May 2024); UCI Undergraduate Math Committee Speaker (May 2024); UCI Undergraduate Advising Workshop Panelist (May 2024); AWM Graduate School Panelist at UCI (October 2022); Speaker at UCI Mathcounts (February 2020); UCI Math Circle Leader (May 2019)

#### **PhD Students:**

- Yang Yang, UC Irvine, 2023 (now postdoc at UW Madison)
- Arghya Rakshit, UC Irvine, 2025 (now postdoc at U. Toronto)
- Bryan Dimler (co-advised by R. Schoen), UC Irvine, current
- Aranya Sen, UC Irvine, current

#### **Postdocs:**

- Hengrong Du, UC Irvine, 2024-25 (now tenure-track at Fisk U.)

#### **Courses Taught:**

- 2018-19: Math 295A (Graduate PDE); Math 295B (Graduate PDE); Math 295C (Graduate PDE)
- 2019-20: Math 296 (Topics in PDE); Math 140A (Elementary Analysis); Math 140B (Elementary Analysis)
- 2020-21: Math 140B (Elementary Analysis); Math 296 (Topics in PDE); Math 295C (Graduate PDE)
- 2021-22: Math 296 (Topics in PDE); Math 140B (Elementary Analysis); Math 295C (Graduate PDE)
- 2022-23: Math 121A (Linear Algebra); Math 295C (Graduate PDE)
- 2023-24: Math 295A (Graduate PDE); Math 295B (Graduate PDE); Math 295C (Graduate PDE)
- 2024-25: Sabbatical

- 2025-26: Math 140B (Elementary Analysis); Math 140A (Elementary Analysis); Math 295C (Graduate PDE)