

# Mark Francis Demers

## Curriculum Vitae

Associate Professor of Mathematics  
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### Education

- Courant Institute**, New York University, Ph.D. in Mathematics. 1998-2003  
Awarded M.S. in Mathematics, May 2001.
- Amherst College**, B.A. *Magna Cum Laude* in Mathematics and English. 1990-1994

### Research Interests

Statistical properties of dynamical systems; ergodic theory; open systems and escape rates; models from mathematical physics.

**Doctoral Thesis Advisor:** Dr. Lai-Sang Young

**Thesis Title:** *Markov Extensions and Conditionally Invariant Measures for Dynamical Systems with Holes.*

### Academic Appointments

- Associate Professor**, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science 2011 – present  
Fairfield University, Connecticut.
- Assistant Professor**, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science 2006 – 2011  
Fairfield University, Connecticut.
- Visiting Scholar**, Courant Institute, New York University January – May 2009
- Postdoctoral Fellow**, Mathematical Sciences Research Institute January – May 2007  
Berkeley, California.
- Visiting Assistant Professor**, School of Mathematics 2003 – 2006  
Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia.

### Grants, Honors, Fellowships

- National Science Foundation Research Grant** 2011 – 2014  
Sole PI: Awarded \$130,000 over 3 years. Proposal title: *RUI: Open, coupled and extended dynamical systems with nonuniform hyperbolicity.*
- National Science Foundation Research Grant** 2008 – 2011  
Sole PI: Awarded \$108,086 over 3 years. Proposal title: *Topics in Dynamical Systems: Open systems, coupled systems and discretization.*

- Visiting Professor**, Semester in “Hyperbolic dynamics, large deviations and fluctuations,” Centre Interfacultaire Bernoulli, EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland. May – June 2013
- London Mathematical Society Research Grant** May – June 2011  
Awarded Scheme 2 grant of £2,000 to visit 3 universities in the UK to foster potential collaborations.
- Faculty Research Award**, Fairfield University Spring 2010
- Science Institute Grant**, Fairfield University 2009  
Co-wrote grant to sponsor a general audience mathematics lecture at Fairfield.
- Visiting Researcher**, Semester in Hyperbolic Dynamics May - June 2008  
Erwin Schrödinger Institute for Mathematical Physics, Vienna, Austria.
- Visiting Researcher**, Centro Ennio de Giorgi, May - July 2006  
Collegio Puteano, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, Italy.
- Visiting Researcher**, Trimester "Time at Work," May - June 2005  
Institut Henri Poincaré, Paris, France.
- Research Grant**, University of Rome, Tor Vergata, Rome, Italy. June 2004

**Journal Publications** (See <http://cs.fairfield.edu/~demers/research/pub.html>)

All publications are peer-reviewed.

1. M. Demers, *Escape rates and physical measures for the infinite horizon Lorentz gas with holes*, to appear in *Dynamical Systems: An International Journal*.
2. M. Demers, *Dispersing billiards with small holes*, to appear in *Ergodic theory, open dynamics and coherent structures*, Springer Proceedings in Mathematics.
3. M. Demers and H.-K. Zhang, *A functional analytic approach to perturbations of the Lorentz gas*, to appear in *Communications in Mathematical Physics*.
4. M. Demers and P. Wright, *Behavior of the escape rate function in hyperbolic dynamical systems*, *Nonlinearity* **25** (2012), 2133-2150.
5. M. Demers and H.-K. Zhang, *Spectral analysis of the transfer operator for the Lorentz gas*, *Journal of Modern Dynamics* **5**:4 (2011), 665-709.
6. M. Demers, P. Wright and L.-S. Young, *Entropy, Lyapunov exponents and escape rates in open systems*, *Ergodic Theory and Dynamical Systems* **32**:4 (2012), 1270-1301.
7. M. Demers, *Functional Norms for Young Towers*, *Ergodic Theory and Dynamical Systems* **30**:5 (2010), 1371-1398..
8. M. Demers, P. Wright and L.-S. Young, *Escape rates and physically relevant measures for billiards with small holes*, *Communications in Mathematical Physics* **294** (2010), 353-388.

9. H. Bruin, M. Demers and I. Melbourne, *Existence and convergence properties of physical measures for certain dynamical systems with holes*, Ergodic Theory and Dynamical Systems **30** (2010), 687-728.
10. M. Demers and M.P. Wojtkowski, *A family of pseudo-Anosov maps*, Nonlinearity, **22** (2009), 1743-1760.
11. M. Demers and C. Liverani, *Stability of statistical properties in two-dimensional piecewise hyperbolic maps*, Transactions of the American Mathematical Society **360**:9 (2008), 4777-4814.
12. M. Demers and L.-S. Young, *Escape rates and conditionally invariant measures*, Nonlinearity, **19** (2006), 377-397.
13. L.A. Bunimovich and M. Demers, *Deterministic models of the simplest chemical reactions*, Journal of Statistical Physics **120** (2005), 239-252.
14. M. Demers, *Markov extensions and conditionally invariant measures for certain logistic maps with small holes*, Ergodic Theory and Dynamical Systems **25**:4 (2005), 1139-1171.
15. M. Demers, *Markov extensions for dynamical systems with holes: an application to expanding maps of the interval*, Israel Journal of Mathematics **146** (2005), 189-221.

### Scientific Visits

1. University of Rome, Tor Vergata, Italy, June 2004 (Prof. Liverani)
2. University of Surrey, Guildford, England, May 2005 (Profs. Melbourne and Bruin)
3. Institut Henri Poincaré, Paris, France, May-June 2005 (Program in ergodic theory)
4. Centro Ennio di Giorgi, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, Italy, May-July 2006 (Prof. Marmi)
5. Schrödinger Institute, Vienna, Austria, May-June 2008 (Program in hyperbolic dynamics)
6. University of Rome, Tor Vergata, Italy, May 2009 (Prof. Liverani)
7. University of Porto, Porto, Portugal, May-June 2009 (Prof. Alves)
8. University of Massachusetts at Amherst, August 2010 (Prof. Zhang)
9. Loughborough University, England, May 2011 (Prof. Bahsoun)
10. University of Surrey, England, May 2011 (Prof. Melbourne)
11. University of Bristol, England, June 2011 (Prof. Dettman)

12. University of Brest, France, May 2012 (Profs. Penne and Saussol)
13. University of Rome, Tor Vergata, Italy, May 2012 (Prof. Liverani)
14. University of Vienna, Austria, May 2013, May 2013 (Prof. Bruin)
15. École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland, May-June 2013 (Program in hyperbolic dynamics, large deviations and fluctuations)