

# Tyler J. Souders

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

- 2021–Present **Ph.D. Mechanical Engineering**, *University of Colorado Boulder*, Boulder, Expected Graduation: May 2026.  
Advisor: Dr. Peter E. Hamlington
- 2020–2021 **M.S. Mechanical Engineering**, *Arizona State University*, Tempe, Combined B.S.E. and M.S. Program.  
Thesis title: *Modernization of a Vortex Lattice Method with Aircraft Design Applications*  
Co-Advisors: Dr. Timothy T. Takahashi and Dr. Marcus Herrmann
- 2016–2020 **B.S.E. Aerospace Engineering**, *Arizona State University*, Tempe.

### Honors and Awards

- 2022 David T. Spalding Graduate Teaching Fund Fellowship, *University of Colorado Boulder*
- 2021 Graduate School Travel Grant, *University of Colorado Boulder*
- 2021 Vogel Family Fellowship – Department of Mechanical Engineering, *University of Colorado Boulder*
- 2020 Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering IMPACT Awardee, *Arizona State University*
- 2020 Graduated *Magna cum Laude*, *Arizona State University*
- 2016 New American University Scholar - President's Award, *Arizona State University*

### Professional Experience

- 2021–Present **Graduate Student Researcher**, *University of Colorado Boulder*, Boulder, CO.  
Turbulent Energy Systems Laboratory (TESLa). Research focuses on the simulation of bluff body stabilized flames using the adaptive mesh refinement framework AMReX.
- 2018–2021 **Lead Aerospace Engineering Tutor - FSE Tutoring Centers**, *Arizona State University*, Tempe, AZ.  
Provided academic support to students in the aerospace engineering department. Ensured course competency among aerospace engineering tutors.
- Summer 2019 **Mechanical Engineering Intern**, *SmithGroup*, Phoenix, AZ.  
Designed and analyzed performance of heating and ventilation (HVAC) systems for commercial buildings.

### Teaching Experience

- Spring 2022 **MCEN 3021 - Fluid Mechanics**, *University of Colorado Boulder*, Boulder, CO, Graduate Teaching Assistant.  
Instructors: Dr. Jeremy Koch and Dr. Xiaoyun Ding
- Fall 2021 **MCEN 3030 - Computational Methods**, *University of Colorado Boulder*, Boulder, CO, Graduate Teaching Assistant.  
Instructor: Dr. Robert MacCurdy

- Spring 2021 **AEE 468 - Aircraft Systems Design**, *Arizona State University*, Tempe, AZ, Graduate Course Grader.  
Instructor: Dr. Timothy T. Takahashi
- Spring 2021 **AEE 344 - Fundamentals of Aircraft Design**, *Arizona State University*, Tempe, AZ, Graduate Course Grader.  
Instructor: Dr. Timothy T. Takahashi
- Fall 2020 **MAE 563 - Aircraft Propulsion**, *Arizona State University*, Tempe, AZ, Graduate Course Grader.  
Instructor: Dr. Werner J.A. Dahm
- Fall 2020 **MAE 564 - Advanced Aerodynamics**, *Arizona State University*, Tempe, AZ, Graduate Course Grader.  
Instructor: Dr. Timothy T. Takahashi
- Fall 2020 **AEE 468 - Aircraft Systems Design**, *Arizona State University*, Tempe, AZ, Graduate Course Grader.  
Instructor: Dr. Timothy T. Takahashi
- Spring 2020 **AEE 344 - Fundamentals of Aircraft Design**, *Arizona State University*, Tempe, AZ, Undergraduate Teaching Assistant.  
Instructor: Dr. Timothy T. Takahashi
- Fall 2019 **MAE 215 - Introduction to Programming in MATLAB**, *Arizona State University*, Tempe, AZ, Undergraduate Course Grader.  
Instructor: Dr. Abhinav Kshitij
- Spring 2019 **FSE 104 - Engineering Projects in Community Service**, *Arizona State University*, Tempe, AZ, Undergraduate Teaching Assistant.  
Instructor: Dr. Jared Schoepf

## Research Interests

Turbulence, Combustion, Flame Dynamics, Reacting Flows, Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD), Adaptive Mesh Refinement (AMR), HPC Computing, Fuel Emissions.

## Computational Skills

- Languages Expert: MATLAB; Comfortable: Python, Visual Basic for Applications, FORTRAN, C++
- Programs Experienced: Vortex-Lattice CFD (*VORLAX*), AMReX, PeleC; Familiar: ANSYS Fluent

## Publications

### Conference Proceedings

- [3] Souders, T.J., Heitmann, K., and Takahashi, T.T.. Life in the Fast Lane: Project-Based Learning of Advanced Aerodynamics Using a Rapid Potential Flow Code. *AIAA SciTech 2022*
- [2] Souders, T.J. and Takahashi, T.T.. VORLAX 2020: Making a Potential Flow Solver Great Again, AIAA 2021-2458, 2021. *AIAA AVIATION 2021*
- [1] Souders, T.J. and Takahashi, T.T.. VORLAX 2020: Benchmarking Examples of a Modernized Potential Flow Solver, AIAA 2021-2459, 2021. *AIAA AVIATION 2021*

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## Conference Presentations

### Presentations by T.J. Souders

- [P.6] Souders, T.J. and Takahashi, T.T.. VORLAX 2020: Making a Potential Flow Solver Great Again. *AIAA AVIATION 2021, Held Virtually*
- [P.5] Souders, T.J. and Takahashi, T.T.. VORLAX 2020: Benchmarking Examples of a Modernized Potential Flow Solver. *AIAA AVIATION 2021, Held Virtually*

### Conference Presentations: Accepted

- [P.4] Souders, T.J., Heitmann, K., and Takahashi, T.T.. Life in the Fast Lane: Project-Based Learning of Advanced Aerodynamics Using a Rapid Potential Flow Code. *AIAA SciTech 2022*
- [P.3] Souders, T.J., Whitman, S.H.R., Ahmed, A., Hamlington, P.E.. Pressure Gradient Tailoring Effects on Simulated Flow Behind a Ballistic Bluff Body. *74th Annual Meeting of the APS Division of Fluid Dynamics - Reacting Flows: Turbulent Combustion*

### Conference Presentations: Submitted

- [P.2] T.J. Souders, S.H.R. Whitman, M.A. Meehan, and P.E. Hamlington. Effects of Mean Pressure Gradient and Free-Stream Turbulence on a Bluff Body Stabilized Premixed Flame. *ASME 2022 International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition*, Submitted, 2022
- [P.1] S.H.R. Whitman, T.J. Souders, M.A. Meehan, J.G. Brasseur, and P.E. Hamlington. Pressure gradient tailoring effects on vorticity dynamics in the near-wake of bluff-body premixed flames. *Proceedings of the Combustion Institute*, Submitted, 2022.

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## Conference, Symposium and Seminar Participation

- 2021 **Committee**, Rocky Mountain Fluid Mechanics Research Symposium. August 10, *Held Virtually*, Boulder, CO

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## Professional Service

- 2019–2021 **Member at Large**, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics at ASU, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ.
- 2019–2020 **Logistics Director**, Society of Women Engineers, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ.
- 2016–2020 **Vice President**, Fulton Ambassadors, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ.