

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Employment

Pennzoil Company Regents Professor of Mathematics, University of Texas at Austin, 2018–
Professor, Yale University, 2017–2018
Associate Professor, Yale University, 2013–2017
Assistant Professor, Yale University, 2010–2013
Acting Assistant Professor, Stanford University, 2006–2010
Clay Research Fellow, 2006–2010

Education

Ph.D.: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2006
A.B.: Princeton University, 2001

Visiting Positions

CRM Simons Professor, Montréal, Fall 2023
Henri Poincaré Distinguished Visiting Professor, Stanford University, Spring 2023
University of Tübingen, Fall 2019
Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw Visiting Professor, Manchester, September 2019
MSRI, Berkeley, Spring 2019
Fields Institute, Toronto, Fall 2016
Von Neumann Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study, Spring 2015
Max Planck Institute, Bonn, Fall 2011–Spring 2012
Free University, Berlin, Summer 2010
MSRI, Berkeley, Spring and Fall 2009
Mittag-Leffler Institute, Djursholm, Spring 2007

Awards and Honors

Fellow of the AMS, 2023
Simons Fellowship, 2018–2019
Max Planck-Humboldt Medal, 2018
Clay Research Fellowship, 2006–2010
Sumner Myers Thesis Prize, University of Michigan, 2006

Professional Service

AMS Council Member-at-Large, 2023–2026
AMS Committee on Meetings and Conferences, 2023–2026, (Chair 2024–2025)
AMS Centennial Fellowship Board, 2020–2022
Épjournal de Géométrie Algébrique Editorial Board, 2020–
Manuscripta Mathematica Editorial Board, 2020–
Selecta Mathematica Editorial Board, 2020–
AMS Mathematical Research Communities Advisory Board, 2014–2017
Géométrie Algébrique en Liberté (GAeL), scientific committee, 2010–

PhD Students

Jayden Wang, UT Austin, PhD expected 2026
Amy Bradford, UT Austin, PhD expected 2026
Amy Li, UT Austin, PhD expected 2025
Desmond Coles, UT Austin, PhD expected 2025
Netanel Friedenberg, Yale 2020 (Postdoc at Tulane U.)
Jeremy Usatine, Yale 2019, (tenure track at Florida State U.)
Daniel Corey, Yale 2018, (tenure track at U. Nevada, Las Vegas)
Tif Shen, Yale 2017 (Data scientist)
Shaked Koplewitz, Yale 2017 (Software engineer)
Dhruv Ranganathan, Yale 2016 (Professor, Cambridge U.)
Yoav Len, Yale 2014 (Lecturer, U. Saint Andrews)

Postdoctoral Fellows

Karl Christ, FRG Postdoctoral Fellow, 2023–2024
Sara Torelli, FRG Postdoctoral Fellow, 2023–2024
Chih-Wei Chang, Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow, 2023
Hernan Iriarte, FRG Postdoctoral Fellow, 2022–2024
Yuchen Liu, Gibbs Assistant Professor, 2017–2020 (tenure track, Northwestern U.)
Kalina Mincheva, Gibbs Assistant Professor, 2016–2020 (tenure track, Tulane U.)
Max Kutler, Gibbs Assistant Professor, 2017–2018 (postdoc, Ohio State U.)
José González, Gibbs Assistant Professor, 2014–2016, (tenure track, U. C. Riverside)
Nathan Kaplan, Gibbs Assistant Professor, 2013–2015, (Associate Professor, U. C. Irvine)
Dave Jensen, Visiting Instructor, 2013–2014, (Associate Professor, U. Kentucky)
Dustin Cartwright, NSF Postdoc, 2011–2014, (Associate Professor, U. T. Knoxville)

Mentorship of Undergraduate Research

Founding director of Summer Undergraduate Mathematics Research at Yale (SUMRY), 2013–2018
Students mentored at Yale: Alec Arana, Julien Clancy, Michael Garn, Elijah Gunther, Matthew Larson, Timothy Leake, Seung Hyun Lee, Brian Lei, Chang Mou Lim, André Moura, Natasha Potashnik, Jason Schuchardt, and Geoffrey Smith, 2011–2018
Students mentored at Stanford: Jay Bhat, Elina Robeva, and Deyan Simeonov, 2008–2010

Teaching at University of Texas at Austin

Moduli spaces of curves (Math 392C), Fall 2022
Topology (Inquiry Based Learning) (Math 367K), Spring 2022
Topology (Inquiry Based Learning) (Math 367K), Fall 2021
Topology (Inquiry Based Learning) (Math 367K), Fall 2020
Moduli spaces and tropical geometry (Math 390C), Spring 2020

Teaching at Yale University

Senior seminar (Math 480), Spring 2018
Tropical scheme theory (Math 648), Fall 2017
Vector bundles (Math 622), Spring 2017
Tropical Brill–Noether theory (Math 665), Spring 2016
Commutative algebra (Math 380/500), Fall 2015
K3 surfaces (Math 841), Fall 2015

Calculus (Math 115), Fall 2014
Calculus (Math 115), Spring 2014
Algebraic geometry (Math 658) Spring 2014
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Convex polytopes and toric varieties (Math 680), Spring 2013
Vector calculus (Math 250), Fall 2012
Commutative algebra (Math 380/500), Fall 2012
Commutative algebra (Math 381/501), Spring 2011
Toric varieties (Math 661), Fall 2010

Earlier Teaching

Graduate course on toric varieties. Stanford. Winter 2008.
Calculus Instructor. University of Michigan. Fall 2003.
Mentor. Canada/USA Mathcamp. Summers 2002–2006.

Conferences and Workshops Organized

Combinatorial Perspectives on Algebraic Curves and their Moduli, AMS Special Session, JMM 2024
Algebraic Geometry and Polyhedra, ICERM, April 2021
Combinatorial algebraic geometry, ICERM semester, Spring 2021
Algebraic and Tropical Online Meetings (ATOM), Summer 2020
Facets of algebraic geometry, October 2019
Graphs, graph homology, and moduli of curves, September 2019
Tropical geometry and moduli spaces, ICM Satellite Conference, August 2018
Nonarchimedean and tropical geometry, Simons Symposium, May 2017
Chip-firing and tropical curves, Graduate Summer School, MSRI, July 2016
Algebraic, tropical, and nonarchimedean analytic geometry of moduli spaces, BIRS-CMO, May 2016
Algebraic Geometry NorthEastern Series (AGNES), Yale University, April 2016
Nonarchimedean and tropical geometry, AMS Summer Institute in Algebraic Geometry, July 2015
Simons Symposium on Tropical and Nonarchimedean Analytic Geometry, February 2015
REU mini-Conference, Yale University July 2014
Workshop on Algebraic Foundations for Tropical Geometry, Yale University, May 2014
Specialization of Linear Series for Algebraic and Tropical Curves, BIRS, April 2014
AMS MRC Workshop on Tropical and Nonarchimedean Analytic Geometry, June 2013
Algebraic Geometry North-East Series (AGNES), April 2013
Simons Symposium on Tropical and Nonarchimedean Analytic Geometry, April 2013
AIM workshop on Implementing Algorithms in Macaulay 2, October 2009
Workshop on Moduli Spaces of Curves and Gromov-Witten Theory, U. Michigan, April 2006