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Employment

2020–current **R. H. Bing Instructor**, *The University of Texas at Austin*, USA.

Education

2014–2020 **Ph.D. in Mathematics**, *The University of Chicago*, USA.

Advisor: Danny Calegari

Thesis: Surfaces in graphs of groups and the stable commutator length

2015 **M.S. in Mathematics**, *The University of Chicago*, USA.

2014 **B.S. in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics**, *Fudan University*, China.

Thesis Advisors: Zhi Lü and Yijun Yao

Thesis: \mathbb{Z}_2 -cohomological rigidity of small covers over n -Löbell

Research Interests

Geometry, topology, and dynamics in low dimensions, with an emphasis on stable commutator length and mapping class groups of infinite-type surfaces

Publications

Latest versions available at <https://lvzhouchen.github.io/>

1. **Scl in graphs of groups**, *Invent. Math.*, **221** (2020), no. 2, 329–396.
2. **(with Danny Calegari) Big mapping class groups and rigidity of the simple circle**, *Ergodic Theory and Dynamical Systems*, to appear, arXiv: 1907.07903, 28 pages.
3. **Scl in free products**, *Algebr. Geom. Topol.*, **18** (2018), no.6, 3279–3313.
4. **Spectral gap of scl in free products**, *Proc. Amer. Math. Soc.*, **146** (2018), no.7, 3143–3151.
5. **(with Santana Afton, Danny Calegari, Rylee Alanza Lyman) Nielsen realization for infinite-type surfaces**, *Proc. Amer. Math. Soc.*, to appear, arXiv: 2002.09760, 8 pages.
6. **(with Nicolaus Heuer) Spectral gap of scl in graphs of groups and 3-manifolds**, *submitted*, arXiv: 1910.14146, 69 pages.
7. **(with Danny Calegari) Normal subgroups of big mapping class groups**, *in preparation*.
8. **(with Alexander J. Rasmussen) On 2-filling rays of big mapping class groups**, *in preparation*.

Awards

- 2020 **Wirszup Fellowship**, *University of Chicago*, USA.
given to an excellent finishing graduate student

Invited Talks

- Oct. 2020 **Topology/Geometry Seminar**, Rutgers.
Sept. 2020 **GGT Seminar**, Ohio State University.
Aug. 2020 **Topology Seminar**, University of Texas at Austin.
Stable commutator lengths of integral chains in right-angled Artin groups
June 2020 **Hyperbolic Lunch**, University of Toronto.
Big mapping class groups and rigidity of the simple circle
June 2020 **Hyperbolic geometry and manifolds session**, NCNGT Conference.
Stable commutator length in graphs of groups
Feb. 2020 **ANT-CoG Seminar**, University of North Carolina at Greensboro.
Spectral gap of stable commutator length in graphs of groups and 3-manifolds
Feb. 2020 **Geometry Seminar**, University of Michigan.
Big mapping class groups and rigidity of the simple circle
Jan. 2020 **Geometry and Topology Seminar**, Caltech.
Stable commutator length in groups acting on trees
Dec. 2019 **Topology Seminar**, Fudan University.
Spectral gap of stable commutator length in graphs of groups and 3-manifolds
Oct. 2019 **Geom/Top Seminar**, Washington University in St. Louis.
Spectral gap of stable commutator length in graphs of groups and 3-manifolds
Oct. 2019 **Geometry and Topology Seminar**, University of Chicago.
Big mapping class groups and rigidity of the simple circle
Sept. 2019 **Dynamics Seminar**, Boston College.
Big mapping class groups and rigidity of the simple circle
March 2019 **Topology and Geometric Group Theory Seminar**, Cornell University.
Stable commutator length in Baumslag–Solitar groups
Nov. 2018 **Fall AMS southeastern sectional meeting**, University of Arkansas.
Stable commutator length in generalized Baumslag–Solitar groups
Sept. 2017 **Fall AMS eastern sectional meeting**, University at Buffalo.
Spectral gap of stable commutator length

Referee Experience

For J. AMS, GAFA, Invent. Math.

Teaching Experience

Instructor at UT Austin

- Fall 2020 **M 328 K**, *Introduction to Number Theory*.

Instructor at UChicago

- 2019–2020 **Math 152 and 153**, *Calculus*.

2018–2019 **Math 152 and 153**, *Calculus*.

2017–2018 **Math 152 and 153**, *Calculus*.

2016–2017 **Math 151, 152 and 153**, *Calculus*.

[College Fellow \(Teaching Assistant\) at UChicago](#)

Spring 2016 **Math 263**, *Introduction to Algebraic Topology*.

Winter 2016 **Math 262**, *Point-set Topology*.

Fall 2015 **Math 267**, *Introduction to Representation Theory of Finite Groups*.

[Grader at UChicago](#)

Spring 2019 **Math 319**, *Graduate Riemannian Geometry*.

Fall 2016 **Math 317**, *Graduate Algebraic Topology*.

Winter 2016 **Math 318**, *Graduate Differential Topology*.

Service

Spring 2020 **Organizer of Geometric Group Theory session in NCNGT conference.**

Designed mini-sessions, invited speakers and hosted the session online

Fall 2018 **Organizer of Reading Group**, *on surface subgroups*.

Divided papers into manageable parts for one-hour talks, assigned talks to participating postdocs and graduate students, gave several talks

2017–2018 **Mentor for Directed Reading Program.**

Found suitable topics and textbooks for undergraduate students to study

- Mentee: Mary Stelow. Topic: 1-dimensional Complex Dynamics
- Mentee: Jeremy Atos. Topic: Fundamental Groups and Homology Groups