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Date of birth: April 30, 1961

Place of birth: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

### **Education**

May 1990:      Ph.D., Cornell University  
                  Dissertation: Essential Laminations in Seifert-fibered Spaces  
                  Advisor: Allen Hatcher  
  
January 1986:   M.A., Cornell University  
January 1983:   B.S., SUNY at Stony Brook (with highest honors)

### **Research Interests**

Geometric topology; low-dimensional topology; knot theory; foliations and laminations in 3-manifolds

### **Teaching/Research Experience**

1997-present:   Assistant Professor, University of North Texas  
                                 Courses taught: precalculus, calculus I/II, topology  
1996-1997:      Visiting Assistant Professor, Vassar College  
                                 Courses taught: calculus and discrete mathematics,  
   multivariate calculus, excursions in mathematics  
August, 1996:   member, Mathematical Sciences Research Institute  
1995 - 1996:      Visiting Assistant Professor, New Mexico State University  
                                 Courses taught: calculus, vector calculus, differential  
   equations, real analysis  
1994 - 1995:      Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Texas at Austin  
1991 - 1994:      Instructor, University of Texas at Austin  
                                 Graduate courses taught: foliations of 3-manifolds  
                                 Undergraduate courses taught: calculus, linear algebra,  
                                 topology, abstract algebra, real analysis

Other activities:

1993-1994: Co-organizer, Introduction to Research lecture series  
1990-1991: Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ  
Fall 1989, Fall 1988: Lecturer, Cornell University  
Courses taught: calculus I

### **Fellowships/Awards/Grants**

1998-1999: Faculty Research Grant  
University of North Texas  
1998: Junior Faculty Summer Research Fellowship  
University of North Texas  
1997-present: NSF grant no. DMS-9704811 (3 years)  
Project title: 'Essential laminations in 3-manifolds'  
1994-1997: NSF grant no. DMS-9400651 (3 years)  
Project title: 'Essential laminations in 3-manifolds'  
1992-1994: NSF grant no. DMS-9203435 (2 years)  
Project title: 'Essential laminations in 3-manifolds'  
1987-1988: Alfred P. Sloan Dissertation Fellowship  
Spr. 1989, Spr. 1987, Spr. 1985: Hutchinson Fellowship  
1983-1984: Sage Graduate Fellowship  
May 1983: Stony Brook Foundation Award

### **Invited Talks**

1. Upstate New York Topology Seminar, Syracuse, NY, November 10-12, 1989  
Title: Seifert-fibered spaces which contain no essential laminations.
2. Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO, colloquium, February 21, 1990  
Title: Essential laminations in Seifert-fibered spaces.
3. Georgia Topology Conference, Athens, GA, August 1-5, 1990  
Title: Essential laminations in Seifert-fibered spaces.
4. Rutgers University, Newark, NJ, topology seminar, February 28, 1991  
Title: Haken normal form for essential laminations.
5. Low-dimensional Topology Conference, Knoxville, TN, May 18-23, 1992  
Title: Controlling essential laminations.
6. Texas Geometry/Topology Conference, Houston, TX, April 16-18, 1993  
Title: Essential laminations in non-Haken 3-manifolds.

7. Joint AMS - SMM meeting, Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, December 1-4, 1993  
     Special session on geometric topology in low dimensions  
     Title: Essential laminations and cylindrical components.
8. New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM, colloquium, December 1, 1994  
     Title: Exploring 2-bridge knots.
9. New Mexico Topology/Geometry Seminar, Albuquerque, NM, October 27-28, 1995  
     Title: Knots, Property P, and essential laminations.
10. Cascade Topology Seminar, Tacoma, WA, November 4-5, 1995  
     Title: Persistent laminations from Seifert surfaces, or How to build your very own  
     knot with (strong) Property P.
11. Joint AMS - SMM meeting, Guanajuato, Mexico, Nov. 29 - Dec. 2, 1995  
     Special session on low dimensional topology  
     Title: (Exceptional) Seifert-fibered spaces and Dehn surgery on hyperbolic knots.
12. University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX, February 16, 1996  
     Undergraduate Mathematics Club  
     Title: Knots and surfaces.  
     Departmental Colloquium  
     Title: The care and feeding of essential laminations in 3-manifolds.
13. AMS Meeting, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, March 22-23, 1996  
     Special session on Topology of 3-manifolds  
     Title: Graph manifolds and taut foliations.
14. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, topology seminar, November 26, 1996  
     Title: Essential laminations are everywhere.
15. Univ. de Quebec á Montreal, topology seminar, March 21, 1997  
     Title: Essential laminations as hyperbolic 3-manifold detectors.
16. Colloquium of Quebec Graduate Students, Univ. de Montreal, March 22-23, 1997  
     Plenary lecture  
     Title: Foliations from the topological point of view.
17. Catskill-Taconic Topology Day, Vassar College, May 10, 1997  
     Title: A laminator's 'most-wanted' list of knots.
18. Georgia Topology Conference, Athens, GA, July 30 - August 3, 1997  
     Title: Constructing persistent laminations for fun and profit.
19. New Mexico State University, Friday seminar, October 3, 1997  
     Title: Playing checkers with knots.

20. University of Texas at Austin, topology seminar, November 24, 1997  
Title: When incompressible tori meet essential laminations.
21. Nara Women's University, Nara, Japan, January 5-8, 1998  
Meeting on laminations in 3-manifolds  
Title: When incompressible tori meet essential laminations.
22. AMS meeting, Kansas State University, March 27-28, 1998  
Special session on Pictorial Methods in Low Dimensional Topology  
Title: Canonical genus, free genus, and volume.
23. AMS meeting, Univ. of California at Davis, April 25-26, 1998  
Special session on Recent Results on the Topology of Three-Manifolds  
Title: Canonical genus, free genus, and volume.
24. AMS meeting, Winston-Salem, NC, October 9-10, 1998  
Special session on Geometry and Topology in dimension 3  
invitation accepted.

### **Papers and Preprints**

1. *Essential laminations in Seifert-fibered spaces*, Topology **32** no.1 (1993), 61-85.
2. *Essential laminations in non-Haken 3-manifolds*, Topology and its Applications **53** (1993) 317-324.
3. *Essential laminations and deformations of homotopy equivalences : From essential pullback to homeomorphism*, Topology and its Applications bf 60 (1994) 249-265.
4. *Essential laminations and Haken normal form*, Pacific J. Math **168** (1995), 217-234.
5. *Essential laminations and Haken normal form : Laminations with no holonomy*, Comm. Anal. Geom. **3** (1995) 465-477.
6. *Essential laminations in I-bundles*, Trans. AMS **349** (1997) 1463-1485.
7. *Exceptional Seifert-fibered spaces and Dehn surgery on 2-bridge knots*, Topology **37** (1998) 665-672.
8.  $\pi_1$ -*injective, proper maps of open surfaces*, preprint (1989).
9. *Essential laminations and Haken normal form : Regular cell decompositions*, preprint (1992).
10. *Essential laminations and deformations of homotopy equivalences : The structure of pullbacks*, preprint (1994).
11. *Essential laminations in Seifert-fibered spaces : Boundary behavior*, to appear in Top. Appl.

12. (with Y.-Q. Wu) *The classification of Dehn surgeries on 2-bridge knots*, submitted for publication.
13. (with R. Naimi and R. Roberts) *Graph manifolds and taut foliations*, J Diff Geom **45** (1997) 446-470.
14. *Essential laminations, exceptional Seifert-fibered spaces, and Dehn filling*, J. Knot Thy. Ram. **7** (1998) 425-432
15. *Persistently laminar tangles*, submitted for publication.
16. *Incompressible tori and the space of leaves of a foliation*, preprint (1996).
17. *Persistent laminations from Seifert surfaces*, preprint (1998).
18. *Essential laminations in I-bundles: laminations with boundary*, in preparation.
19. (with R. Roberts) *When incompressible tori meet essential laminations*, to appear in Pacific J. of Math.
20. *Persistent laminations from surfaces: non-orientable spanning surfaces*, in preparation.
21. *Bounding canonical genus bounds volume*, preprint (1998).
22. *Free genus one knots with large volume*, in preparation.
23. *Foliations and the topology of 3-manifolds*, draft of a manuscript based on lectures at the University of Texas at Austin, spring 1993.

### **Other Activities**

Reviewer for National Science Foundation  
 Reviewer for Brooks/Cole Publishing  
 Reviewer for Addison Wesley Longman Publishing  
 Referee for Pacific Journal of Mathematics  
 Referee for Communications in Analysis and Geometry  
 Referee for the Journal of Knot Theory and its Ramifications  
 Reviewer for Mathematical Reviews