

# Steven Clontz - Curriculum Vitae

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## BIOGRAPHY

Doctoral candidate in Mathematics at Auburn University, studying limited information strategies in topological games.

Strong emphasis on pedagogy and outreach in addition to research.

Has served in a variety of leadership roles, ranging from AU Graduate Student Council President to director of a BSA National Youth Leadership Training camp at age 19.

Interests also include programming, music, entrepreneurship, web development, and puzzle & game design.

## EDUCATION

### Auburn University (Auburn, AL)

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics (2004-2008)

- ▶ Summa Cum Laude | University Honors Scholar | Dean's Medalist  
Phi Kappa Phi | Phi Beta Kappa
- ▶ Honors thesis on unfoldings of convex polyhedra | Undergraduate Research Fellow

Master of Science in Mathematics (2008-2010)

- ▶ Thesis on stationary subsets of linearly ordered topological spaces (LOTS)

Doctoral Candidate in Mathematics (2010-present)

- ▶ Dissertation being written on limited information strategies in topological games
- ▶ 2013 Fitzpatrick Fellow for Auburn graduate students excelling in the field of topology

## RESEARCH

Research interests include set theoretic topology and game theory, particularly using the existence of perfect or limited-information strategies in topological games to characterize topological properties of spaces. Past research has also included polyhedral unfoldings within solid geometry.

### Papers

- ▶ *The Edge Unfolding of Generalized Pyramids* (April 2008)  
Undergraduate Honors Thesis, advisor Dr. Andras Bezdek
- ▶ *Applications of Stationary Sets in Set Theoretic Topology* (October 2010)  
Masters Thesis, advisor Dr. Gary Gruenhagen

- ▶ *Limited Information Strategies for Topological Games* (in progress)  
Dissertation, advisor Dr. Gary Gruenhage
- ▶ *Locally Finite Subcovers for Bases on the Irrational Sorgenfrey Space* with J. Chaffee (in progress)

### **Presentations**

- ▶ *Limited Information Strategies for Topological Games* (February 2013)  
AU Research Week 2013
- ▶ Frequent speaker in AU Set-Theoretic Topology Seminar

Research available online: <http://github.com/StevenClontz/Research>

## **TEACHING**

### **Courses Taught**

- ▶ Calculus I (regular and Honors)
- ▶ Calculus II
- ▶ Calculus III (regular and Honors)
- ▶ Intermediate Euclidean Geometry I (5000-level course)

### **Student Evaluation Excerpts**

<http://www.stevenclontz.com/blog/2013/05/07/teacher-evaluations-2013/>

### **Lecture Notes**

Notes for Chapters 10-14 of *University Calculus* by Hass, et al. released open-source online:

<https://github.com/StevenClontz/HassNotes-10to14>

### **Private tutoring**

For both high school and college students; subjects ranging from ACT/AP preparation, finite mathematics, and Calculus courses.

## **OUTREACH**

### **A.M.P'd (Auburn Mathematical Puzzle) Challenge**

- ▶ Annual puzzlehunt-inspired mathematics competition for 7th/8th grade students co-created with Dr. Braxton Carrigan (SCSU) in Spring 2012, and solely coordinated in Fall 2012
- ▶ Served as writer, director, actor, videographer, and editor for videos featuring the "Auburn Math Police" Commissioner and various villains providing the scenario for the competition, as well as preparing puzzle worksheets to fit the theme
- ▶ Wrote several mathematical puzzles (including subjects like graph theory, number theory, game theory, geometry, etc.) to be solved by teams of 6-8 students, exploring Auburn University's campus to present their solutions to mathematics graduate students acting in character.
- ▶ Coordinated a staff of 20 graduate and undergraduate student volunteers along with AU COSAM Outreach leadership.

### **AU Explore - Math EXPO**

- ▶ Annual workshop for 5th grade students to play while using and learning mathematics
- ▶ Event coordinator for April 2013, volunteer from 2009-2012

**Science Olympiad** Regional Competition volunteer (2010-2011)

## ADDITIONAL RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### Leadership

- ▶ Eagle Scout (2004)
- ▶ BSA National Youth Leadership Training Camp Director (2006), Staffer (2003-2011)
- ▶ AU Bands Freshman Adviser (2007)
- ▶ Founding member of AU Mathematics Club (2008)
- ▶ AU Bands Webmaster and Graduate Technology Assistant (2008-2010)
- ▶ AU Graduate Student Council President (2011-2012), Webmaster (2010-2011)
- ▶ COSAM Dean Selection Committee graduate student representative (2012-2013)
- ▶ Founding member of DMS Graduate Student Leaders (2013)

### Web Development / Entrepreneurship

- ▶ Github: @StevenClontz
- ▶ Developed several CMS-based websites for organizations such as the AU Bands and AU Graduate Student Council
- ▶ Co-developed Puzzle Console web app for the online administration of puzzlehunt competitions
- ▶ Co-founded Teloga, LLC and co-developed Teloga.com Musician Networks website for musician networking and event/ensemble registration for high school and college music ensembles

### Puzzle / Game Design

- ▶ Regular organizer of multiple Auburn Puzzle Party puzzlehunt competitions since 2009.
- ▶ Currently developing *SUMazing* web app and mobile game

## LIST OF SKILLS AND INTERESTS

### Mathematics

Set theoretic topology, game theory, graph theory, geometry, calculus, proof techniques

### Technology

HTML (HTML5), CSS (LESS, SASS, SCSS), Javascript (jQuery, Coffeescript), PHP (Wordpress, Wolf CMS), Python (Django), Coldfusion (Wheels), Ruby (Rails), SQL, LaTeX, Git, Mercurial

### Other

Game design, puzzle design, videography, acting, trombone, singing (baritone), writing

## REFERENCES

Available upon request.

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