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## EDUCATION

Ph. D. in Mathematics. Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey June 2008  
Thesis: *Extremal Problems in Digraphs*. Advisor: Paul D. Seymour.

M. A. in Mathematics. Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey January 2005

B. S. Computer Science,  
B. S. Applied Mathematics. Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia May 2003  
*Summa Cum Laude*, minor in Economics, GPA: 4.0

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science  
Chancellor's Faculty Excellence Program in Data-Driven Science  
Associate Faculty, Department of Mathematics  
North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC August 2016 – present

Joint Faculty, Computer Science & Mathematics Division  
Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), Oak Ridge, TN August 2013 – present

Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science  
North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC August 2013 – July 2016

Research & Development Staff Member, Complex Systems Group  
Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN July 2008 – August 2013

Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Mathematics  
Princeton University, Princeton, NJ September 2003 – June 2008

Visiting Researcher  
Rényi Institute, Budapest, Hungary October 2007 – April 2008

Graduate Student Intern, Theory Group  
Microsoft Research, Redmond, WA Summer 2007

U. S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Graduate Fellow Intern  
Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN Summer 2004

Undergraduate Researcher, Departments of Mathematics and Computer Science  
Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA June 2001 – August 2003

## HONORS

Moore Investigator in Data-Driven Discovery (2014); *1 of 14 selected from 1100*.

National Consortium for Data Science Faculty Fellow (2014)

Best LDRD SEED Project Poster, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (2012)

Supplemental Performance Award, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (2009, 2011)

DHS Dissertation Grant (2006 – 2007)

DHS Graduate Fellowship (2003 – 2006)

Phi Kappa Phi Scholarship Cup (2003); *Georgia Tech senior with most outstanding academic record*

Georgia Tech President's Scholar (1999 – 2003); Jo Baker Scholar (2003)

University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar (2003)

## MANUSCRIPTS

C. T. Brown, M. P. O'Brien\*, F. Reidl, T. E. Reiter, B. D. Sullivan. Exploring neighborhoods in large metagenome assembly graphs reveals hidden sequence diversity. [bioRxiv:10.1101/462788](https://doi.org/10.1101/462788).

E. D. Demaine, T. D. Goodrich\*, K. Kloster, B. Lavalley\*, Q. Liu, B. D. Sullivan, A. Vakilian, A. van der Poel\*. Structural rounding: approximation algorithms for graphs near an algorithmically tractable class. [ArXiv:1806.02771](https://arxiv.org/abs/1806.02771).

E. D. Demaine, F. Reidl, P. Rossmanith, F. Sanchez Villaamil, S. Sikdar, B. D. Sullivan. Structural sparsity of complex networks: random graph models and linear algorithms. [ArXiv:1406.2587](https://arxiv.org/abs/1406.2587).

P. Drange, M. Dregi, D. Lokshtanov, B. D. Sullivan. On the threshold of intractability. [ArXiv:1505.00612](https://arxiv.org/abs/1505.00612).

E. F. Dumitrescu, A. L. Fisher†, T. D. Goodrich\*, T. S. Humble, B. D. Sullivan, A. L. Wright†. Benchmarking treewidth as a practical component of tensor-network-based quantum simulation. [ArXiv:1807.04599](https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.04599).

T. D. Goodrich\*, E. Horton\*, B. D. Sullivan. Practical graph bipartization with applications in near-Term quantum computing. [ArXiv:1805.01041](https://arxiv.org/abs/1805.01041).

E. Horton\*, K. Kloster, B. D. Sullivan. Walk-regularity and subgraph centrality. [ArXiv:1804.05966](https://arxiv.org/abs/1804.05966).

E. Horton\*, K. Kloster, B. D. Sullivan. Centrality measure collisions and stability. In preparation.

K. Kloster, B. D. Sullivan, A. van der Poel\*. Mining maximal induced bicliques using odd cycle transversals. [ArXiv:1810.11421](https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.11421).

J. Kun, M. P. O'Brien\*, M. Pilipczuk, B. D. Sullivan. Polynomial treedepth bounds in linear colorings. [ArXiv:1802.09665v4](https://arxiv.org/abs/1802.09665v4).

M. P. O'Brien\*, B. D. Sullivan. An experimental evaluation of a bounded expansion algorithmic pipeline. [ArXiv:1712.06690](https://arxiv.org/abs/1712.06690).

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

J. Kun, M. P. O'Brien\*, B. D. Sullivan. Treedepth Bounds in Linear Colorings. *Proceedings of 44th International Workshop on Graph-Theoretic Concepts in Computer Science (WG)*, 2018. [ArXiv:1802.09665v3](https://arxiv.org/abs/1802.09665v3).

K. Kloster, D. Král', B. D. Sullivan. Walk entropy and walk-regularity. *Linear Algebra and its Applications*, 546, 2017. [10.1016/j.laa.2018.02.009](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.laa.2018.02.009). [ArXiv:1708.09700](https://arxiv.org/abs/1708.09700).

T. D. Goodrich\*, T. S. Humble, B. D. Sullivan. Optimizing Adiabatic Quantum Program Compilation using a Graph-Theoretic Framework. *Quantum Information Processing*, 17:118, 2018. [ArXiv:1704.01996](https://arxiv.org/abs/1704.01996).

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\*graduate students, †undergraduate students (direct mentees at time work performed).

K. Kloster, P. Kuinke, M. P. O'Brien\*, F. Reidl, F. Sanchez Villaamil, B. D. Sullivan, A. van der Poel\*. A practical algorithm for Flow Decomposition and transcript assembly. *Algorithm Engineering & Experiments (ALENEX) 2018*. ArXiv:1706.07851.

Irene Muzi, M. P. O'Brien\*, F. Reidl, B. D. Sullivan. Being even slightly shallow makes life hard. *Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science (MFCS) 2017*. ArXiv:1705.06796.

M. Farrell†, T. Goodrich†, N. Lemons, F. Reidl, F. Sanchez Villaamil, B. D. Sullivan. Hyperbolicity, degeneracy and expansion of random intersection graphs. *Journal of Internet Mathematics*, 2017. DOI:10.24166/im.06.2017

R. Bridges, J. Collins, E. Ferragut, J. Laska, B. D. Sullivan. A multi-level anomaly detection algorithm for time-varying graph data with interactive visualization. *Social Network Analysis and Mining* 6:99, 2016.

A. J. Chin†, T. D. Goodrich\*, M. P. O'Brien\*, F. Reidl, B. D. Sullivan, and A. van der Poel\*. Asymptotic Analysis of Equivalences and Core-Structures in Kronecker-Style Graph Models. *2016 IEEE 16th International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM)*, Barcelona, 2016, pp. 829-834.  
[full paper acceptance rate=9.7%]

B. D. Sullivan, A. van der Poel\*. A Fast Parameterized Algorithm for Co-Path Set. *11th International Symposium on Parameterized and Exact Computation (IPEC 2016)*, 2016. ArXiv:1603.04376

A. Adcock\*, M. Mahoney, B. D. Sullivan. Tree decompositions and social graphs. *Journal of Internet Mathematics* 12(5):315–361, 2016. ArXiv:1411.1546

A. Adcock\*, E. Demaine, M. Demaine, M.P. O'Brien\*, F. Reidl, P. Rossmanith, F. Sánchez Villaamil, B. D. Sullivan. Zig-Zag Number Link is NP-complete. *Journal of Information Processing* 23(3):239–245, 2015. Special issue on Recreational Discrete Mathematics.

M. Farrell†, T. Goodrich\*,†, N. Lemons, F. Reidl, F. Sanchez Villaamil, B. D. Sullivan. Hyperbolicity and expansion of random intersection graphs. *Proceedings of WAW15 (12th Workshop on Algorithms and Models for the Web Graph)*, 2015. ArXiv:1409.8196

P. Drange, M. Dregi, D. Lokshtanov, B. D. Sullivan. On the threshold of intractibility. *Proceedings of the European Symposium on Algorithms (ESA)*, LNCS 9294:411–423, 2015. ArXiv:1505.00612.  
[full paper acceptance rate=26%]

T. Humble, A. McCaskey, R. Bennink, J. Billings, E. D'Azevedo, B. D. Sullivan, C. Klymko\*, H. Seddiqi. An integrated development framework for adiabatic quantum programming. *Computational Science & Discovery* 7 015006, 2014.

R. Bridges, J. Collins, E. Ferragut, J. Laska, B. D. Sullivan. Multi-level anomaly detection on time-varying graph data. *Proceedings of the IEEE/ACM International Conference on Advances in Social Networks Analysis and Mining (ASONAM)*, 2015. ArXiv:1410.4355.  
[short paper acceptance rate=18%]

M. P. O'Brien\*, B. D. Sullivan. Locally estimating core numbers. *Proceedings of the 2014 IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM)*: 460–469, 2014. Shenzhen, China.  
[full paper acceptance rate=9.7%]

C. Klymko\*, B. D. Sullivan, and T. Humble. Adiabatic quantum programming: minor embedding with hard faults. *Quantum Information Processing* 13(3):709–729, 2014.

A. Adcock\*, B. D. Sullivan, and M. Mahoney. Tree-like structure in social and information networks. *Proceedings of the 2013 IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM'13)*: 1–10, 2013.  
[full paper acceptance rate=11.62%]

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\*graduate students, †undergraduate students (direct mentees at time work performed).

A. Adcock\*, B. D. Sullivan, O. Hernandez, and M. Mahoney. Evaluating OpenMP tasking at scale for the computation of graph hyperbolicity. *Proceedings of the International Workshop on OpenMP (IWOMP)*, September 2013. Canberra, Australia.

B. D. Sullivan, D. Weerapurage, and C. Groer. Parallel algorithms for graph optimization using tree decompositions. *Proceedings of the International Parallel and Distributed Processing Symposium Workshops (IPDPSW)*, May 2013. Cambridge, Massachusetts.

B. D. Sullivan. On a conjecture of Andrica and Tomescu. *Journal of Integer Sequences* 16(3):1, 2013.

C. Groer, B. D. Sullivan, and S. Poole. A mathematical analysis of the R-MAT random graph generator. *Networks* 58(3):159–170, 2011.

P. Seymour and B. D. Sullivan. Counting paths in digraphs. *European Journal of Combinatorics* 31(3):961–975, 2010.

M. Chudnovsky, P. Seymour, and B. D. Sullivan. Cycles in dense digraphs. *Combinatorica* 28(1):1–18, 2008.

M. Nathanson and B. D. Sullivan. Heights in finite projective space, and a problem on directed graphs. *Integers* 8(A13), 2008.

V. Blair Dowling [Sullivan] and W. A. Dowling. Intellectual property and academia. *Journal of Business and Economics Research* 4(1):103–109, 2003.

## TECHNICAL REPORTS

J. Lothian, S. Powers, B. D. Sullivan, M. Baker, J. Schrock, and S. Poole. Graph generator survey. Technical Report ORNL/TM-2013/339. Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN, 2013.

C. Groer, B. D. Sullivan, and D. Weerapurage. INDDGO: Integrated Network Decompositions & Dynamic programming for Graph Optimization. Technical Report ORNL/TM-2012/176. Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN, 2013.

B. D. Sullivan, C. Groer, and S. Poole. Computational analysis of two graph compression algorithms. Technical Report ORNL/TM-2009/193. Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN, 2009.

B. D. Sullivan. A summary of results and problems related to the Caccetta-Haggkvist conjecture. Technical Report 2006-13. American Institute of Mathematics, Palo Alto, CA, 2006.

## REFEREED EXTENDED ABSTRACTS

1-2 page conference submissions accepted for oral presentation; full research results published independently.

Toboggan. P. Kuinke, M. P. O’Brien\*, F. Reidl, F. Sanchez Villaamil, B. D. Sullivan, A. van der Poel\*. *Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB/ECCB)*, Prague, Czech Republic, July 2017.

Extracting neighborhood structure from very large DNA graphs. C. T. Brown, D. Moritz, M. P. O’Brien\*, F. Reidl, B. D. Sullivan. *SIAM NS17*, Pittsburgh, PA, July 2017.

A Fast Parameterized Algorithm for Co-Path Set. B. D. Sullivan, A. van der Poel\*. *SIAM NS16*. Boston, MA, July 2016.

Structural Sparseness and Complex Networks. E. Demaine, M. P. O’Brien\*, F. Reidl, P. Rossmanith, F. Sanchez Villaamil, S. Sikdar, B. D. Sullivan. *SIAM NS16*. Boston, MA, July 2016.

Optimizing Adiabatic Quantum Program Compilation using a Graph-Theoretic Framework. T. D. Goodrich\*, T. Humble, B. D. Sullivan. *SIAM NS16*. Boston, MA, July 2016.

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Characterizing, exploiting and predicting algorithmic structure in complex networks. E. Demaine, F. Reidl, P. Rossmanith, F. Sanchez Villaamil, S. Sikdar, B. D. Sullivan. *NetSci 2015*. Zaragoza, Spain, June 2015.

Hyperbolicity, degeneracy & expansion of random intersection graphs. M. Farrell<sup>†</sup>, T. Goodrich<sup>†</sup>, N. Lemons, F. Reidl, F. Sanchez Villaamil, B. D. Sullivan. *SIAM NS15*. Snowbird, Utah, May 2015.

## SOFTWARE

Unless otherwise noted, all packages are hosted at <http://github.com/theoryinpractice>.

### SPACEGRAPHCATS

With C. Titus Brown, D. Moritz, M. P. O'Brien\*, F. Reidl.

Package for efficiently computing a hierarchy of  $r$ -dominating graphs that summarize the neighborhood structure of a sparse graph at multiple resolutions, implemented in Python. Includes functionality for fast extraction of the neighborhood around a set of query vertices. A target use case for spacegraphcats is to organize de Bruijn graphs of large metagenomic sequence data and support queries to enhance binning and detect strain variants. Project hosted at: <https://github.com/spacegraphcats/spacegraphcats>.

### MI-BICLIQUES

With K. Kloster, E. Horton\*, A. van der Poel\*

C++ implementations of algorithms for enumerating maximal induced bicliques, including OCT-MIB for near-bipartite instances and LexMIB, an improved version of the algorithm described in Dias et al. 2005.

### PRACTICAL OCT

With T. D. Goodrich\*, E. Horton\*.

Suite of pre-processing routines, heuristics, solvers, and harnesses used to compare algorithms for Odd Cycle Traversal (graph bipartization) based runtime or solution quality.

### CONSEQUENCES

With A. L. Fisher<sup>†</sup>, T. D. Goodrich\*, A. Wright<sup>†</sup>.

Framework providing a common interface for all existing algorithms for computing contraction sequences for tensor networks. Includes container-based wrappers for treewidth-based and domain-specific solvers and Python-based utilities for data conversions, command-line usage, and batch experiments.

### TOBOGGAN

With K. Kloster, P. Kunke, M. P. O'Brien\*, F. Reidl, F. Sanchez Villaamil, A. van der Poel\*.

Implementation of an exact FPT algorithm for decomposing a flow on a directed acyclic graph into a minimal number of paths, a problem that commonly occurs in transcript and metagenomic assembly.

### AQC-VIRTUAL-EMBEDDING

With T. D. Goodrich\*.

Framework for structured graph minor embeddings of optimization problems into quantum annealing hardware. Supports several embedding algorithms and reduction routines, including an approach using bipartite virtual hardware and odd cycle transversals to improve compilation into the D-Wave Chimera architecture.

### SPIDERDONUTS

With K. Kloster, E. Horton<sup>†</sup>.

Python code for exploring walk-regularity in graphs and its signature in functions of the adjacency matrix.

### BEAVR: Bounded Expansion Algorithm Visualizer

With Y. Ho<sup>†</sup>, C. Hobbs<sup>†</sup>, B. Mork<sup>†</sup>, F. Reidl, N. Rodrigues<sup>†</sup>.

Python tool offering interactive visualization of the algorithmic pipeline for counting subgraph isomorphisms in graph classes of bounded expansion, as implemented in CONCUSS. BEAVr was primarily developed by a NC State CSC Senior Design team.

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**CONCUSS: Combatting Network Complexity Using Structural Sparsity**

With C. Hobbs<sup>†</sup>, K. Jasnik, B. Mork<sup>†</sup>, M. P. O'Brien\*, F. Reidl, N. Rodrigues<sup>†</sup>.

Python software package providing proof-of-concept for an end-to-end pipeline for parameterized analytics in bounded expansion classes. Current modules use low-treedepth colorings to support subgraph isomorphism counting (motif counting).

**INDDGO: Integrated Network Decomposition & Dynamic programming for Graph Optimization**

With C. Groer, D. Weerapurage.

Serial and parallel C++/MPI codes supporting tree-decomposition-based dynamic programming routines for maximum weighted independent set. Primary development occurred while a staff member of Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Project hosted at: <http://github.com/bdsullivan/inddgo>.

## ACTIVE RESEARCH GRANTS

*Algorithms for Exploiting Approximate Network Structure* (PI)

**Army Research Office**, Research Area 10: Network Science, co-PI: E. Demaine (MIT)

\$538,199

May 2017 – May 2020

*Moore Investigator in Data-Driven Discovery: Enabling Science via Structural Graph Algorithms* (PI)

**Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation**

\$1,500,000

November 2014 – December 2019

*Joint Faculty Appointment* (PI)

**Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)**, Computer Science & Mathematics Division

\$205,144

August 2013 – August 2019

## PRIOR RESEARCH SUPPORT

*Parameterized Algorithms Respecting Structure in Noisy Graphs (PARSiNG)* (PI)

**Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)**, GRAPHS Program

\$249,200

2014 – 2017

*Risk Mitigation of Infectious Diseases via Network Modeling and Mining* (site PI)

**NC Data Science and Analytics Initiative**, co-PIs: D. Janies, X. Shi (UNC-Charlotte)

\$150,000 (NCSU \$75,000)

2015 – 2017

*Tracking Community Evolution in Dynamic Graph Data Using Tree-Like Structure* (PI)

DATA SCIENCE FACULTY FELLOW

**National Consortium for Data Science** (UNC-Chapel Hill)

\$30,000

2014 – 2015

*Situation Awareness in Complex Networks* (co-PI)

**Oak Ridge National Laboratory LDRD<sup>1</sup>** Program, PI: E. Ferragut (ORNL)

\$650,000

2013 – 2015

*Scalable Clustering Methods for Dynamic Health Data* (co-PI)

**NC State Research and Innovation Seed Funding (RISF)**, PI: A. Wilson (NCSU)

\$26,000

2014

*Pattern Discovery and Predictive Modeling on Heterogeneous Graphs using Cray's uRiKA* (co-PI)

**Oak Ridge National Laboratory LDRD** Program, PI: R. Sukumar (ORNL)

\$390,000

2013 – 2014

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<sup>1</sup>Laboratory Directed Research & Development

*SPARTN: Sparse Projections Achieving Randomization in Tree-like Networks* (PI)

**DARPA** GRAPHS Program, co-I: M. Mahoney (Stanford)

\$415,000

2012 – 2014

*Connecting Combinatorial and Geometric Tree-like Structure in Complex Networks* (PI)

**Oak Ridge National Laboratory LDRD SEED** Fund

\$200,000

2011 – 2012

*Scalable Graph Decomposition and Algorithms to Support the Analysis of Petascale Data* (PI)

**Department of Energy**, OASCR Applied Mathematics Program, co-PI: C. Groër

\$1,200,000

2009 – 2012

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

*COCOA'18 Keynote*, Atlanta, GA

December 2018

*Department of Mathematics Colloquium*, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

October 2018

*Mathematics Department Colloquium*, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

September 2018

*Workshop on Structural Sparsity, Logic, and Algorithms*, University of Warwick, UK

July 2018

*Data Institute Annual Conference (DSCO17)*, San Francisco, CA

October 2017

*AMS Southeastern Sectional Meeting*, Orlando, FL

October 2017

Special Session on Structural Graph Theory

*Applied Topology Seminar*, University of Pennsylvania

March 2017

*Cumberland Conference on Combinatorics, Graph Theory and Computing*, Nashville, TN

May 2017

*Duke Network Analysis Center Seminar*, Duke University

November 2016

*The Mathematics behind Big Data Analysis*, SIAM DM16, Atlanta, GA

June 2016

*Generalized Network Structures and Dynamics*, Mathematical Biosciences Institute

March 2016

*Mathematics for Data Science*, ICERM, Providence, RI

July 2015

*AWM Research Symposium*, Baltimore, MD

April 2015

*Capital Area Theory Seminar*, University of Maryland

April 2015

*Algorithms Seminar*, Duke University

April 2015

*PACM Colloquium*, Princeton University

February 2015

*Computer Science Seminar*, Emory University

February 2015

*ARC Colloquium*, Georgia Institute of Technology

February 2015

*Institute for Defense Analysis CCS Seminar*, Bowie, MD

February 2015

*AMS/MAA JMM, Workshop on the Mathematics of Network Science*, San Antonio, TX

January 2015

*Atlanta Lecture Series in Combinatorics and Graph Theory*, Atlanta, GA

November 2014

*AMS Southeastern Sectional Meeting*, Greensboro, NC

November 2014

Special Session on Recent Advances in Graph and Hypergraph Theory

*Center for Imaging Science Seminar*, Johns Hopkins University

November 2014

<i>Algorithms Group Seminar</i> , University of Bergen	August 2014
<i>Computer Science Seminar</i> , RWTH Aachen University, Germany	August 2014
<i>Gordon &amp; Betty Moore Foundation DDD Investigators Finalist Symposium</i> , Palo Alto, CA	July 2014
<i>Center for Nonlinear Studies Seminar</i> , Los Alamos National Laboratory	June 2014
<i>Topology and Geometry of Networks and Discrete Metric Spaces</i> , IMA	April 2014
<i>AMS Southeastern Sectional Meeting</i> , Special Session on Graph Theory, Knoxville, TN	March 2014
<i>Bertinoro Workshop on Algorithms and Graphs</i> , Italy	December 2013
<i>Theoretical Computer Science Group Seminar</i> , RWTH Aachen University, Germany	December 2013
<i>SAMSI Workshop on Social Network Data</i> , RTP, NC	October 2013
<i>Cumberland Conference on Combinatorics, Graph Theory &amp; Computing</i> , Murfreesboro, TN	May 2013
<i>Center for Nonlinear Studies Colloquium</i> , Los Alamos National Laboratory	May 2013
<i>Combinatorics Seminar</i> , Massachusetts Institute of Technology	April 2013
<i>Industrial Engineering Seminar</i> , University of Tennessee	April 2013
<i>Computer Science Seminar</i> , NC State University	March 2013
<i>Computational Science &amp; Engineering (CSE) Seminar</i> , Georgia Tech	October 2012
<i>SIAM Student Seminar</i> , Emory University	October 2012
<i>Applied Mathematics &amp; Analysis Seminar</i> , Duke University	October 2012
<i>Applied Mathematics Colloquium</i> , UNC-Chapel Hill	September 2012
<i>Institute for Computing in Science (ICiS)</i> , Park City, UT	July 2012
<i>Workshop on Massive Modern Data Sets (MMDS)</i> , Palo Alto, CA	July 2012
<i>Applied Mathematics Colloquium</i> , Duke University	April 2012
<i>IMA Workshop: Large Graphs: Modeling, Algorithms, and Applications</i> , Minneapolis, MN	October 2011
<i>Virginia Bioinformatics Institute</i> , Virginia Tech	September 2011
<i>International Congress of Industrial and Applied Mathematics</i> , Vancouver BC	July 2011
<i>SAMSI Complex Networks Transitions Workshop</i> , Research Triangle Park, NC	June 2011
<i>Sandia National Laboratories</i> , Livermore, CA	November 2010
<i>Computer Science Colloquium</i> , University of Georgia	October 2010
<i>ORNL Computer Science and Mathematics Division Advisory Board</i>	June 2010
<i>CAAM Colloquium</i> , Rice University	April 2010
<i>Combinatorics Seminar</i> , Georgia Tech	January 2010
<i>Mathematics Department Junior Colloquium</i> , University of Tennessee	September 2009
<i>Princeton-Oxford Graph Theory Workshop</i> , Oxford University, United Kingdom	June 2008
<i>Oak Ridge National Laboratory</i> , Computer Science & Mathematics Division	May 2008



<i>Alfred Renyi Mathematics Institute</i> , Budapest, Hungary	November 2007
<i>Combinatorics Seminar</i> , University of California, San Diego	October 2007
<i>Microsoft Research Theory Group</i> , Redmond, WA	October 2007
<i>Discrete Math Seminar</i> , Simon Fraser University, Canada	October 2007
<i>Graph Theory Seminar</i> , Georgia Tech	September 2007
<i>Theory Group Seminar</i> , Microsoft Research, Redmond, WA	April 2007
<i>New York Number Theory Seminar</i> , CUNY	February 2007

## TUTORIALS

Complex Networks and Sparsity (I-IV). <i>Sparsity DocCourse</i> , Charles University Prague, Czech Republic	Nov-Dec, 2018
Exploiting Graph Structure in Algorithms. <i>ICERM Research Cluster</i> , Providence, RI	April, 2014

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### INSTRUCTOR

◦ Parameterized Algorithms & Complexity (CSC 791/495), NC State University Instructor/Course Rating 4.8/4.8 [NCSU dept. average n/a]	Fall 2017
◦ Automata, Languages and Computability (CSC 333), NC State University Instructor/Course Rating 4.4/4.0 [NCSU dept. average (s.e.m.) 4.0 (.10)/3.8 (0.14)]	Spring 2017
◦ Computer Science Theory Reading Group (CSC 295/801), NC State University	Spr16, Fall16, Spr17
◦ Automata, Languages and Computability (CSC 333), NC State University Instructor/Course Rating 4.3/4.5 [NCSU dept. average (s.e.m.) 4.1 (0.15)/4.3 (0.13)]	Fall 2015
◦ Theory of Computation (CSC 707), NC State University Instructor/Course Rating 4.7/4.5 [NCSU dept. average (s.e.m.) 4.0 (0.029)/4.0 (0.029)]	Fall 2014
◦ Automata, Languages and Computability (CSC 333), NC State University Instructor/Course Rating 4.5/4.3 [NCSU dept. average (s.e.m.) 4.0 (0.035)/3.9 (0.035)]	Fall 2014
◦ Discrete Mathematics for Computer Scientists (CSC 226), NC State University Instructor/Course Rating 4.2/3.9 [NCSU dept. average (s.e.m.) 3.8 (0.037)/3.7 (0.036)]	Spring 2014
◦ Introduction to Calculus & Analytic Geometry (MAT 101), Princeton University	Fall 2006

### TEACHING ASSISTANT

- Graph Theory (MAT 306), Princeton University, Spring 2006, Spring 2007
- Calculus II (Math 1502), Georgia Institute of Technology, Fall 2001, Spring 2002

## RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS WITH TRAINEES

### GRADUATE STUDENTS

Past Ph.D. Students:

- Michael P. O'Brien, NC State University, Computer Science (now at Google) 2013 – 2018

Current Ph.D. Students:

- Andrew van der Poel, NC State University, Computer Science 2014 – present

- Brian Lavalley, NC State University, Computer Science 2017 – present

## Independent Study/Research Assistants:

- Michael Breen-Mckay, NC State University, Mathematics Fall 2018
- Michael Suggs, NC State University, Computer Science Fall 2018
- Eric Horton, NC State University, Computer Science 2017–2018 (MS), Fall 2018 (PhD)
- Timothy D. Goodrich, NC State University, Computer Science 2014 – 2018
- Abida Haque, NC State University, Computer Science Fall 2017
- William Hill, NC State University, Computer Science Fall 2013

## Interns (at Oak Ridge National Laboratory):

- Aaron Adcock (Stanford University) 2011–2013
- Christine Klymko (Emory University) 2012
- Zhibin Huang (University of Georgia) 2010

## Past Ph.D. Committees:

- Emily Barnard, NC State University, Mathematics March 2017  
“The Canonical Join Representation in Algebraic Combinatorics” (advisor: Nathan Reading)
- James Elliott, NC State University, Computer Science October 2015  
“Resilient Iterative Linear Solvers Running Through Errors” (advisor: Frank Mueller)
- Sadia Sharmin, University of Bergen, Computer Science August 2014  
“Practical Aspects of the Graph Parameter Boolean-width” (advisor: Fredrik Manne)
- Aaron Adcock, Stanford University, Electrical Engineering June 2014  
“Characterizing, Identifying, and Using Tree-like Structure in Social and Information Networks” (advisor: Gunnar Carlsson)

**POSTGRADUATES**

- Kyle Kloster June 2016–present
- Felix Reidl (now Lecturer at Birkbeck University of London) 2016 – 2017
- Diego Galindo (now Technologist at Caterpillar) 2012
- Charlotte Kotas (now Research Staff at ORNL ) 2012
- Dinesh Weerapurage, post-MS (now Sr. Software Developer at KPMG), 2011 – 2012

**UNDERGRADUATES**

- Hayley Russell Fall 2018<sup>×</sup>
- Trey Woodlief Spring 2018, Fall 2018<sup>×</sup>,<sup>†</sup>
- Allison Fisher Fall 2017\*, Spring 2018<sup>×</sup>
- Andrew Wright Fall 2017\*, Spring 2018\*
- Eric Horton Fall 2016\*, Spring 2017\*
- Jean-Claude Shore Fall 2016<sup>×</sup>,<sup>†</sup>, Spring 2017<sup>×</sup>,<sup>†</sup>
- Yang Ho Summer 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016<sup>+</sup>
- Clayton Hobbs Spring 2015<sup>×</sup>, Summer 2015, Spring 2016<sup>+</sup>
- Nishant Rodrigues Summer 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016<sup>+</sup>
- Brandon Mork Spring 2015<sup>×</sup>, Fall 2015\*, Spring 2016<sup>+</sup>
- Alex Chin (NCSU Undergraduate Research Grant Recipient) Fall 2013, Spring 2014
- Matthew Farrell (Albertson College) Summer 2013<sup>#</sup>
- Timothy Goodrich (Valparaiso University) Summer 2013<sup>#</sup>

- \* co-funded by NC State Provost's Professional Experience Program
- × NC State Independent Research in Computer Science (CSC 499)
- † NC State Honors Capstone
- + NC State Computer Science Senior Design Project (CSC 492)
- # DOE Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship (SULI) program

## HIGH SCHOOL MATH THESIS STUDENTS

Oak Ridge High School, Oak Ridge, TN

- Megan Kelly and Neall Caughman 2012  
Semifinalists in 2012 Siemens Competition.
- Gloria D'Azevedo 2010  
Placed at state and national Junior Science & Humanities Symposium.

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### INTERNAL SERVICE

Organizer, NC State Theory Seminar, 2013 – present  
[www.csc2.ncsu.edu/theoryseminar](http://www.csc2.ncsu.edu/theoryseminar)

NC State Data Science Initiative Advisory Council, 2016 – present

NC State Computer Science Algorithms & Theory Focus Group Lead, 2018 – present.

NC State Chancellor's Faculty Excellence Program Data-Driven Science Cluster Faculty Search Committee, 2015–2016

NC State Computer Science Department Committees

- Chair, Theory Faculty Search Committee, 2018–2019
- Awards Committee, 2017–present
- Revamping First Year of Ph.D. Program Task Force, 2016–2017
- Actionable Faculty Goals Task Force, 2014–2015

Faculty Mentor (NC State Computer Science Department)

- Alessandra Scafuro, Assistant Professor, 2016–present
- Katie Stolee, Assistant Professor, 2017–present
- Hung-wei Tseng, Assistant Professor, 2017–present

ORNL Women in Computing Advisory Board, 2012–2013

ORNL Computer Science & Mathematics Division Awards Committee, 2012

### LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION

Co-Chair, SIAM Workshop on Network Science 2016

Vice-Chair (elected), SIAM Activity Group on Discrete Mathematics (SIAGDM), 2018–2020.

Steering Committee Member

- SIAM Workshop on Network Science, 2016–present
- Graph500 Benchmark (<http://www.graph500.org>), 2009–2012

Collaborative Research Event Leadership

- Collaborative Workshop for Women in Mathematical Biology; Research Group Co-Lead with C. Heitsch  
Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics (IPAM) June 2019  
<https://www.ipam.ucla.edu/wbio2019>
- Barnraising for Data-Intensive Discovery; Co-Organizer with B. King, C. Greene, M. Turk  
MDI Biology Laboratory Spring 2016  
<https://mdibl.org/course/barnraising/>
- Research Cluster: Towards Efficient Algorithms Exploiting Graph Structure; Co-Organizer w/ E. Demaine, D. Marx  
Institute for Computational & Experimental Research in Mathematics (ICERM) Spring 2014  
<https://icerm.brown.edu/sp-s14/>

#### Minisymposia and Special Sessions Organized

- *Discrete Mathematics (and Theoretical Computer Science)*.  
Special Session, Association of Women in Mathematics (AWM) Research Symposium, 2015
- *Treewidth: Connecting Fixed-Parameter Tractability, Graphical Models, and Sparse Linear Algebra*.  
Minisymposium, SIAM Computational Science & Engineering, 2013
- *Anomaly Detection Methods and Applications*  
Minisymposium, SIAM Southeastern Atlantic Sectional, 2013 (with R. Bridges)

#### PROGRAM COMMITTEES

- Complex Networks 2018
- SIAM Meeting on Algorithm Engineering & Experiments (ALENEX) 2018
- SIAM Workshop on Network Science (NS) 2017
- SIAM Discrete Mathematics (DM) 2016
- SIAM Workshop on Network Science (NS) 2015
- SIAM Workshop on Combinatorial Scientific Computing (CSC) 2014

**REFeree/REVIEWER FOR CONFERENCES, JOURNALS, AND FUNDING AGENCIES** *including* Journal of the ACM; Discrete Mathematics; Combinatorics, Probability and Computing; SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics; SIAM Journal on Matrix Analysis and Applications; Combinatorica; Electronic Journal of Linear Algebra; SIAM Combinatorial Scientific Computing; SIAM Workshop on Network Science; Symposium on Theoretical Aspects of Computer Science (STACS), Workshop on Algorithm Engineering and Experiments (ALENEX), National Science Foundation (NSF), Army Research Office (ARO), and Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science.

#### OUTREACH

##### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- *Data Science Lunch and Learn*, Research Triangle Institute (RTI), RTP, NC October 2018
- *Research Horizons Seminar*, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA September 2018
- *Kennesaw State University, Infinite Horizons Lecture Series*, Marietta, GA April 2016
- *Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Women in Computing Brown Bag*, Oak Ridge, TN July 2015
- *National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences, Data Science Seminar*, RTP, NC April 2015
- *RTP 180°: Big Data*, Research Triangle Park, NC August 2014
- *SAMSI Education and Outreach Workshop*, Raleigh, NC May 2014
- *NCDS Data Innovation Showcase*, Chapel Hill, NC May 2014
- *SAMSI Education and Outreach Workshop*, Research Triangle Park, NC October 2013
- *PROMYS 20th Reunion*, Boston University, Boston, MA July 2009
- *Nassau Presbyterian Church Adult Education Series*, Princeton, NJ February 2007

**PANELS**

- *R-Ladies RTP Meetup: Data Science Panel*  
Raleigh, NC October 2018
- *CMD-IT National Lab Professional Development Workshop for Underrepresented Participants*  
Moderator. Oak Ridge, TN June 2013
- *Emory University Math/CS Graduate Student Lunch & Learn Series*  
Atlanta, GA October 2012
- *National Lab Professional Development Workshop for Underrepresented Participants*  
Livermore, CA June 2012
- *Department of Homeland Security HS-STEM Career Pathways Conference*  
Washington, DC October 2010
- *Career Pathways for Future Homeland Security S&T Professionals*  
Washington, DC October 2008

**OTHER**

- *NC State Women in Computer Science (WiCS)*  
Regular participant in events; faculty judge at annual Symposium 2013–present
- *Reddit Science AMA Series*  
Moore DDD Investigators January 2015  
[www.reddit.com/r/science/comments/2teeeg/science\\_ama\\_series\\_we\\_are\\_moore\\_investigators\\_and/](http://www.reddit.com/r/science/comments/2teeeg/science_ama_series_we_are_moore_investigators_and/)
- *Video Interview* for STEMBrite “Mindsets for Computer Science” series (used in CSC116).  
NC State University Spring 2014
- *Head Counselor*, Program in Mathematics for Young Scientists (PROMYS)  
Boston University, Boston, MA Summer 2001

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Americal Mathematical Society (AMS)

Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM)

Association of Computing Machinery (ACM)