

# Adam Howard

## Curriculum Vitae

Montana State University  
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### Research Interests

Machine Learning, Topological Data Analysis, Algebraic and Geometric Topology, Mathematical Physics

### Education

- 2016–2021 **Ph.D. Mathematics**, *Montana State University*, Bozeman, MT.  
Advisors: David Ayala and Ryan Grady.
- 2012–2016 **B.S. Mathematics**, *University of Utah*, Salt Lake City, UT.

### Technical Skills

I have a Minor in Computer Science. My coursework at the University of Utah included:

- CS 2000 **Program Design C, C++**.  
CS 2420 **Introduction to Algorithms and Data Structures**, *Java*.  
CS 3500 **Software Practice**, *C#*.  
CS 3810 **Computer Organization**, *MIPS Assembly*.

I am also proficient using R, Python, SQL, Tableau, LaTeX, and Excel.

### Preprints

- Dec, 2021 **Natural symmetries of secondary Hochschild homology**, with David Ayala and John Francis, arXiv:2111.08798.

### Awards

- Fall 2021 **PhD Dissertation Completion Award**, *The Graduate School, Montana State University*.  
Summer 2021 **Graduate Student Research Fellowship**, *Montana State University*.  
Summer 2020 **Taylor Brown Summer Research Fellowship**, *Montana State University*.  
Summer 2019 **Gary G. Sackett Research Fellowship**, *Montana State University*.  
Fall 2016 **Meritorious Award**, *The Graduate School, Montana State University*.

### Teaching Experience

- 2016–2021 **Instructor of Record**, *Montana State University*.  
Responsibilities include organizing and delivering lectures, creating and grading weekly quizzes and assignments, writing and grading exams, holding office hours, and working in the Math Learning Center

### Courses Taught at Montana State University

- M 105 **Contemporary Mathematics**, (Spring '17).  
M 121 **College Algebra**, (Fall '16).  
M 171 **Calculus I**, (Summer '17, Fall '17).  
M 172 **Calculus II**, (Spring '18, Summer '18, Fall '18).  
M 221 **Linear Algebra (TA)**, (Spring '19).  
M 273 **Calculus III (TA)**, (Fall '19, Spring '20, Fall '20).  
M 333 **Linear Algebra (TA)**, (Spring '21).

### Service

- F 2019 - S 2020 **Organizing Committee Member for the Directed Reading Program (DRP)**.

- Fall 2019 **Mentor for DRP**, *Hannah Combs*, An Illustrated Theory of Numbers.  
 Spring 2019 **Mentor for DRP**, *John Schafer*, Naive Lie Theory.  
 Fall 2018 **Mentor for DRP**, *Mira Kennard*, A Topological Apertif.  
 Jan 2019 - Dec 2021 **Mentor for Big Sky Youth Empowerment**.  
 Fall 2018 **Tutor for Big Sky Youth Empowerment**.

## Talks

- Aug, 2020 **Some Examples of Knotted Tori**, *Online*, Geometric Topology Grad and Postdoc Seminar.  
 Sep, 2019 **Bridge Number of Satellite Knots**, *Montana State University*, Math Seminar.  
 Jun, 2019 **Trisections of 4-Manifolds**, *University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee*, 36th Annual Workshop in Geometric Topology.  
 Apr, 2019 **Knotted Surfaces in 4-Manifolds**, *Montana State University*, Graduate Student Seminar.  
 Oct, 2018 **Working with Differential Forms**, *Montana State University*, Graduate Student Seminar.  
 Mar, 2018 **The Lamplighter Group**, *Montana State University*, Graduate Student Seminar.  
 Oct, 2017 **The Braid Group**, *Montana State University*, Graduate Student Seminar.  
 Sep, 2017 **Some Thoughts about Knots**, *Montana State University*, Graduate Student Seminar.  
 Mar, 2017 **Prees a.k.a. Pregroups**, *Montana State University*, Graduate Student Seminar.  
 Nov, 2016 **Folding Finite Graphs and Free Groups**, *Montana State University*, Graduate Student Seminar.

## Conferences and Workshops Attended

- June, 2020 **Summer Virtual Trisections Workshop**, *Online*.  
 July, 2019 **Perspectives on Dehn Surgery**, *ICERM*, Providence, RI.  
 June, 2019 **36th Annual Workshop in Geometric Topology**, *Milwaukee, WI*.  
 May, 2019 **Moab Topology Conference**, *Moab, UT*.  
 May, 2018 **Arches Topology Conference**, *Moab, UT*.  
 Aug, 2017 **Topological and Geometric Methods in QFT**, *Bozeman, MT*.

## References

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