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EDUCATION

University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) Ph.D. in Mathematics	Chicago, IL August 2025 – Present
University of California, Irvine (UCI) Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Minor in Statistics Cum Laude, Math Department Honors, Deans Honor List (9 quarters)	Irvine, CA September 2020 – March 2025

AWARDS

Outstanding Senior Award; UCI Math Department	June 2025
Graduate Research Fellowship Program - Honorable Mention; National Science Foundation	April 2025
Advancing Inclusive Excellence Award; UCI School of Physical Sciences	February 2024

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Geometry and Topology REU at UCLA <i>Researcher</i> Mentors: Mason Porter, Sarah Tymochko, Sidhanth Raman	Los Angeles, CA August 2024 – September 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Selected as one of five students for an NSF-funded research program in topological data analysis at UCLA.Collaborated with peers to analyze mathematics faculty hiring patterns using persistent homology and data from the Mathematics Genealogy Project, comparing these patterns by gender to identify discrepancies.Implemented persistent homology algorithms in Python and Julia to generate persistence diagrams.Dedicated 40 hours per week to the project and presented findings to mentors weekly.Report available on the UCLA Mathematics website.	

SoCal Data Science Fellowship <i>Research Fellow</i> Mentors: Babak Shahbaba, Sam Behseta, Jessica Jaynes, Roberto Pelayo, Mine Dogucu	Irvine, CA June 2023 – August 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Selected as one of five UCI students for an NSF-funded research program with CSUF and Cypress College.Collaborated with peers to predict California's energy consumption by fuel type and sector for the next 10 years, analyzing public data on energy consumption and prices, population, and precipitation dating back to the 1960s.Developed and implemented time-series models in R to forecast energy consumption.Dedicated 35 hours per week to the project and presented findings to mentors weekly.Report available on the arXiv.	

PRESENTATIONS

UIC Dynamics or Geometry Graduate Seminar; Chicago, IL - <i>Ergodic Theorems and Mixing</i>	August 2025
JMM PME Contributed Sessions on Research by Undergraduates; Seattle, WA - <i>Exploring Patterns in Mathematics Faculty Hiring with Persistent Homology</i>	January 2025
UCLA Geometry and Topology REU Seminar; Los Angeles, CA - <i>Exploring Patterns in Mathematics Faculty Hiring with Persistent Homology</i>	September 2024
UCI Directed Reading Program; Irvine, CA - <i>Classification of Compact Connected Surfaces</i>	March 2024
UCI MATH 195W Presentations; Irvine, CA - <i>What is Category Theory Anyway?</i>	December 2023
CSUF Summer Research Symposium (Poster Presentation); Fullerton, CA - <i>Predicting Energy Consumption in California</i>	August 2023
SoCal Data Science Fellowship Symposium (Poster Presentation); Irvine, CA - <i>Predicting Energy Consumption in California</i>	August 2023

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Mathematics Committee (UMC)

Advisor

Irvine, CA

Co-President

June 2024 – June 2025

June 2023 – June 2024

- Spearheaded the organization of weekly professional and social events, including graduate student and industry panels, faculty research and career talks, and academic advising workshops.
- Attracted an average of 40 students per event during the 2023–2024 academic year, significantly boosting engagement in the UCI Math community.
- Secured a study lounge in the math department building dedicated to undergraduate students, and received a \$500 Advancing Inclusive Excellence Award from the School of Physical Sciences to improve the undergraduate mathematics study lounge.
- Coordinated UCI's first-ever Integration Bee, writing a challenging qualifying exam and selecting integrals for the main competition, which featured 16 participants and over 30 attendees.
- Served as an advisor for the 2024–2025 academic year to guide the UMC in events and initiatives, foster continuity, and assist with the transition to new leadership within the organization.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UIC Department of Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science

Chicago, IL

Teaching Assistant

- MATH 180: Calculus I (Fall 2025)

UCI Department of Mathematics

Irvine, CA

Learning Assistant

- MATH 13: Intro to Abstract Math (Spring 2023, Fall 2023)

SKILLS

Programming: R, Python, Julia, MATLAB, Mathematica, LaTeX

Languages: Farsi (Native Speaker), English (Bilingual Proficiency)