

# ALEYAH DAWKINS

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## EDUCATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE

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**George Mason University (GMU)**, Fairfax, Virginia August 2019–Present  
5th Year, Ph.D. in Mathematics  
Advisor: Geir Agnarsson and Rachel Kirsch

**U.S. Census Bureau**, Suitland, Maryland December 2016–August 2019  
Statistician

**James Madison University (JMU)**, Harrisonburg, Virginia August 2012–May 2016  
B.S. in Mathematics

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**Graph Theory**  
**Combinatorics**

## CURRENT EXPERIENCE

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**Graduate Research Assistant** Los Alamos National Laboratory  
Advisor: Dr. Laura Monroe June 2023–August 2023  
Topic: *Network Design for Post-Exascale Systems*

**Graduate Research Assistant** George Mason University  
Advisor: Dr. Rachel Kirsch August 2022–May 2023  
Title: *Edge conditions for Hamiltonicity and related properties in  $K_{r+1}$ -free graphs (in preparation)*

**Graduate Research Assistant** George Mason University  
Industrial Immersion Program (IIP) June 2022–August 2022  
Advisors: Dr. Geir Agnarsson (GMU Math) and Dr. Elie Alhajjar (West Point Math)  
Title: *On cyber security and ordered rooted subtrees of a given tree (in preparation)*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Graduate Assistant Mentor** George Mason University  
Mason Experimental Geometry Lab (MEGL) January 2022–May 2022  
Advisor: Dr. Ben Schweinhart  
Title: *Random 3D Polyforms*

**Graduate Research Assistant** George Mason University  
Industrial Immersion Program (IIP) May 2021–August 2021  
Advisors: Dr. Maria Emelianenko (GMU Math), Dr. Ming Tian (GMU Physics), and Dr. Fred Wieland (Mosaic ATM)  
Title: *Quantum algorithms for Unmanned Air Vehicles (UAV) trajectory optimization*

**Graduate Research Assistant** George Mason University  
NSF Improving Undergraduate STEM Education (IUSE) project August 2020–May 2021  
Advisors: Dr. Robert Sachs and Dr. Jill Nelson

**Graduate Assistant Mentor** George Mason University  
Mason Experimental Geometry Lab (MEGL) January 2020–May 2020  
Advisor: Dr. Neil Epstein  
Title: *Content formulas in algebras derived from Grassmanians*

**Undergraduate Research Assistant**  
 Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU)  
 Advisor: Dr. Cameron Franc  
 Title: *Hypergeometric series and modular forms*

University of Michigan  
 May 2015–August 2015

**Undergraduate Research Assistant**  
 Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU)  
 Advisor: Dr. Edwin O'Shea  
 Title: *Realizations of secondary polytopes*

James Madison University  
 May 2014–December 2014

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Instructor of Record</b>	George Mason University
MATH 114 - Analytic Geometry and Calculus II	Summer 2022
MATH 114 - Analytic Geometry and Calculus II (2 courses)	Summer 2021
MATH 114 - Analytic Geometry and Calculus II	Summer 2020
MATH 108 - Introductory Calculus with Business Applications	Summer 2020
<b>Graduate Learning Assistant (GLA)</b>	George Mason University
PhD Launchpad Program	Summer 2022
<b>Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA)</b>	George Mason University
Math Tutoring Center	January 2022–May 2022
MATH 113 - Analytic Geometry and Calculus I	August 2021–December 2021
MATH 113 - Analytic Geometry and Calculus I	January 2020–May 2020
MATH 113 - Analytic Geometry and Calculus I	August 2019–December 2019

## AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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- Doctoral Research Scholars Assistantship, Office of Provost, GMU, 2023-24 (\$22,000 stipend)
- Graduate Research Excellence Award, Department of Mathematics, GMU, 2023 (\$1000)
- Dean's Award for Excellence in Service, GMU, 2022 (\$1250)
  - for contributions to improve Mason Experimental Geometry Lab outreach to the community
- TC Lim Award for Excellence in Teaching, Department of Mathematics, GMU, 2022 (\$1000)
- TC Lim Award for Excellence in Teaching, Department of Mathematics, GMU, 2021 (\$1000)
- Outstanding Mathematical Research, Department of Mathematics, JMU, 2016
  - for research done on *Realizations of secondary polytopes*

## FUNDED CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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- Graduate Research Workshop in Combinatorics (GRWC) 2023
- AMS Mathematics Research Communities (MRC) conference 2023: Ricci Curvatures of Graphs and Applications to Data Science
- GEMS of Combinatorics 2023 (hosted by AIM)
- CIME: Mentoring for Equity 2023 (hosted by MSRI/SLMath)

- Grad Student Travel Grant to the AMS Sectional Meeting 2023
- ACORN Workshop at Georgia Tech 2023
- XVIII Escuela de Verano en Matemáticas Discretas
- Modern Math Workshop 2022 (organized by MSRI/SLMath)
- MSRI - Random Graphs 2022 Summer Graduate School
- AWM Research Symposium 2022 (declined)
- 2022 SIAM Conference on Discrete Mathematics (DM22) (declined)
- Building Relationships for an Inclusive and Diverse Group of Emerging Students (BRIDGES) Workshop 2022 (University of Utah)
- International Congress of Mathematics (ICM) 2022 (virtual)
- Joint Mathematics Meetings (JMM) (virtual) 2022
- Nebraska Conference for Undergraduate Women in Mathematics (NCUWM) 2015

## POSTERS AND TALKS

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- (Invited) AMS Spring Southeastern Sectional Meeting, *Edge conditions for Hamiltonicity and related properties in  $K_{r+1}$ -free graphs*, March 2023
- ACORN Workshop Poster Session, *Edge conditions for Hamiltonicity and related properties in  $K_{r+1}$ -free graphs*, March 2023
- Howard Mathematics Graduate Student Seminar, *Edge conditions for Hamiltonicity in  $K_{r+1}$ -free graphs*, February 2023
- XVIII Escuela de Verano en Matemáticas Discretas, *Edge conditions for Hamiltonicity in  $K_{r+1}$ -free graphs*, January 2023
- IIP Summer Symposium, *Cyber security models and attacks*, August 2022
- BRIDGES Workshop, *Cheeger constant of Cartesian products of Cayley graphs arising from generalized dihedral groups*, June 2022
- JMM, *Cheeger constant of Cartesian products of Cayley graphs arising from generalized dihedral groups*, April 2022
- IIP Summer Symposium, *Quantum algorithms for Unmanned Air Vehicles (UAV) trajectory optimization*, August 2021
- MEGL Symposium, *Content formulas in algebras derived from Grassmanians* (jointly with undergraduate students), May 2020
- REU Seminar (UMich), *Hypergeometric series and modular forms*, July 2015
- NCUWM Poster Session, *Realizations of secondary polytopes*, January 2015
- Shenandoah Undergraduate Mathematics and Statistics (SUMS) Conference, *Realizations of secondary polytopes*, October 2014

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND OUTREACH

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- Student Research Talks (StReeTs) Seminar (GMU)
  - Co-organizer: Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023
- Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (GMU Chapter)
  - Vice President: 2021-2023

- Mason Experimental Geometry Lab
  - Lab Co-manager: Fall 2021, Spring 2022
  - Graduate Outreach Assistant: Fall 2021, Spring 2022
  - Graduate Assistant Mentor: Spring 2020, Spring 2022
- Graduate and Professional Student Association (GAPSA) (GMU)
  - Mathematics Representative: 2021-2022
- Mathematics Outreach
  - Volunteer at East-John Youth Center: Summer 2021