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Education

Graduate student, Ph.D. program in Mathematics

Aug 2020 - Present

May 2020

The University of Texas at Austin

Austin, TX

Advisor: Sam Payne

B.A., magna cum laude Wellesley College Wellesley, MA

Honors in Mathematics

Research Interests Broadly: the moduli spaces of curves and of admissible covers. In particular, computing the cohomology and Chow rings of Hurwitz spaces, via enumerative and tropical geometry.

Preprints and Publications

- Chow rings of Hurwitz spaces with marked ramification (with E. Clader, Z. Hu, H. Larson, and R. Lopez). arXiv:2505.04903.
- 2. Holomorphic forms and non-tautological cycles on moduli spaces of curves (with V. Arena, S. Canning, E. Clader, R. Haburcak, S. C. Mok, and C. Tamborini). arXiv:2402.03874. In *Selecta Mathematica* (2025).
- 3. Partial Configuration Spaces as Pullbacks of Diagrams of Configuration Spaces (with I. Volić). In Advanced Technologies, Systems, and Applications V, Springer (2020).
- Measuring microfluidic flow rates: Monotonicity, convexity, and uncertainty (with P. Patrone, G. Cooksey, and A. Kearsley). In *Applied Mathematics Letters*, Volume 112, 2021, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.aml.2020.106694

Talks

"Intersection theory on Hurwitz spaces of admissible covers," Algebraic Geometry Seminar, The Ohio State University. September 2025.

"The boundary of Hurwitz space and vanishing H^1 ," (Mini-talk) Algebraic and tropical geometry of moduli spaces of curves, Universitá di Bologna. September 2025.

"The Chow ring of Hurwitz spaces with marked ramification," Perspectives on Hurwitz Theory, Trinity College Dublin. June 2025.

"On the vanishing of H^1 of the moduli space of degree 3 admissible covers," (Minitalk) Combinatorial Algebraic Geometry: Highlighting Underrepresented Genders, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main. April 2025.

"Double covers and non-tautological classes," (Mini-talk) Georgia Algebraic Geometry Symposium (GAGS), UG Athens. March 2025.

"Holomorphic forms and non-tautological classes," Junior Algebraic Geometry at Warwick (JAWS), University of Warwick. February 2025.

"Hurwitz Numbers: An Enumeration Problem," UT Undergraduate Math Club, UT

Austin. September 2023.

"Tropical Geometry and the Moduli Space of Curves," Texas Women in Math Symposium (TWiM), UT Austin. February 2023.

"An introduction to abelian varieties," Beginning Algebraic Geometry Seminar, UT Austin. April 2022.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant UT Austin

Sep 2021 - Present

Fall 2024
Fall 2023
Spring 2022
Fall 2021, Fall 2022

Tutor/Grader
Wellesley College

Jan 2018 - May 2020

- Tutored for: Real Analysis, Abstract Algebra, Complex Analysis, Linear Algebra, Calculus I/II/III.
- Graded for: Spring 2020 Cryptography, Fall 2019 Complex Analysis.

Calculus II Supplemental Instruction Leader Wellesley College

Sep 2018 - Dec 2018

Honors and Awards

Provost's Graduate Excellence Fellowship University of Texas at Austin

Aug 2020 - Present

Frank Gerth III Teaching Excellence Award University of Texas at Austin Spring 2022

Martha Davenport Heard Prize in Mathematics Wellesley College Department of Mathematics May 2020

The Waldemar J. Trjitzinsky Memorial Award

Sep 2019

American Mathematical Society

May 2019

The Samuel and Hilda Levitt Fellowship

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Wellesley College

Martha Davenport Heard Sophomore Prize in Mathematics

May 2018

Wellesley College Department of Mathematics

Outreach

Sunday Morning Math Group

Fall 2024 - Spring 2025

UT Austin

Proctored AMC exams for local middle and high-school students. Volunteered as a graduate student helper at SMMG talks.

Directed Reading Program

Fall 2022 - Fall 2023

UT Austin

Mentored undergraduate students in reading projects on algebraic topology, differential topology, algebraic geometry, Galois theory, and algebraic number theory.

Texas Prison Education Initative

Fall 2023 - Spring 2024

UT Austin

Worked as an instructor for a college math course serving incarcerated women at a state prison in Lockhart, Texas.

Service

Géométrie Algébrique en Liberté XXXIII, Leiden, the Netherlands July 2026 I am the US organizer for the upcoming edition of GAeL.

Géométrie Algébrique en Liberté XXXII, Toulouse, France June 2025 US Organizer.

Beginning Algebraic Geometry Seminar, UT Austin Fall 2022 Organizer.

Summer Minicourses, UT Austin Summer 2021, Summer 2022 Organizer.

Graduate Representative, UT Austin Fall 2020 - Spring 2021 Served on the student-elected Graduate Representative Committee as a liason between the math graduate students and math faculty.

Conferences and Workshops Attended Summer Research Institute in Algebraic Geometry July 2025 Fort Collins, CO, U.S.A.

Perspectives on Hurwitz Theory

Dublin, Ireland.

June 2025

Géométrie Algébrique en Liberté XXXII

Dublin, Ireland.

CoAlgGeo: Highlighting Underrepresented Genders

Frankfurt, Germany.

June 2025

April 2025

Georgia Algebraic Geometry Symposium March 2025 Athens, GA, U.S.A.

Women in Algebraic Geometry II
Princeton, NJ, U.S.A.

June 2024

Géométrie Algébrique en Liberté XXXI June 2024 Torino, Italy

Autumn School on Torus Actions and Singularities September 2023 Oldenburg, Germany

BIRS Workshop: Curves Algebraic, Tropical, and Logarithmic August 2023 Banff, Canada

AGNES Summer School on Intersection Theory
Providence, RI, U.S.A.

July 2023

Texas Women in Mathematics Symposium
Austin, TX, U.S.A.

MSRI Summer School in Tropical Geometry
Moraga, CA, U.S.A.

International School in Tropical Geometry
Valladolid, Spain

May 2022

Professional Membership Sigma Xi, Wellesley College Chapter; American Mathematical Society.