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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Eindhoven University of Technology

Fall 2023 – Present

- Postdoctoral researcher

EDUCATION

Montana State University (MSU)

Fall 2017 – Spring 2023

- PhD Student, Mathematics
- Dissertation title – Faithful Sets of Topological Descriptors and The Algebraic K -Theory of Multi-Parameter Zig-Zag Grid Persistence Modules
- Advised by Brittany Terese Fasy (brittany.fasy@montana.edu)

University of Wyoming

Fall 2013 – Spring 2017

- 3.97/4.0 GPA
- Bachelor of Science - Mathematics
- Bachelor of Music - Music Performance, violin
- Honors Program - minor

HONORS AND AWARDS

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program recipient

Spring 2019 – present

Outstanding Mathematical Sciences Graduate Student award

Spring 2020

University of Wyoming Trustee's Scholarship recipient (all costs covered)

Fall 2013 – Spring 2017

International Baccalaureate Diploma – Natrona County High School

June 2013

National Merit Scholar Finalist

April 2013

PUBLICATIONS (with hyperlinks)

Journal Publications

7. Ryan Grady and Anna Schenfisch. ***K -Theory of multiparameter persistence modules: Additivity*** Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society, Series B. Volume 11. March 2024. Pages 63-74. Available at <https://doi.org/10.1090/bproc/208>
6. Ryan Grady and Anna Schenfisch. ***Zig-Zag Modules: Cosheaves and K -Theory***. Homology, Homotopy and Applications. Volume 25, Number 2. November 2023. Pages 243-274. Available at <https://www.intlpress.com/site/pub/pages/journals/items/hha/content/vols/0025/0002/a011/index.php>
5. Ryan Grady and Anna Schenfisch. ***Regularity via Links and Stein Factorization*** Beiträge zur Algebra und Geometrie / Contributions to Algebra and Geometry. August 2023. 20 pages. Available at <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s13366-023-00713-y>
4. Robin Belton, Brittany T. Fasy, Rostik Mertz, Samuel Micka, David L. Millman, Daniel Salinas, Anna Schenfisch, Jordan Schupach, and Lucia Williams. ***Reconstructing Embedded Graphs***

from Persistence Diagrams Computational Geometry, Theory and Applications. October 2020. 17 pages. Available at <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0925772120300523>

3. Jessica De Silva, Kristin Heyse, Adam Kapilow, Anna Schenfish, and Michael Young. *Turán Numbers of Vertex Disjoint Cliques in r -Partite Graphs* Journal of Discrete Mathematics, Volume 341, Issue 2. February 2018. Pages 492-496. Available at <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0012365X17303266>

Conference Publications

2. Brittany T. Fasy, Samuel Micka, David L. Millman, Anna Schenfish, and Lucia Williams. *Efficient Graph Reconstruction and Representation Using Augmented Persistence Diagrams*. Canadian Conference on Computational Geometry. 9 pages. Conference proceedings available at https://www.torontomu.ca/content/dam/canadian-conference-computational-geometry-2022/papers/CCCG2022_paper_49.pdf

Book Review

1. Anna Schenfish and Brittany T. Fasy. *Statistical Analysis of Contingency Tables (Book Review)* The American Statistician, Volume 73, Issue 2. April 3, 2019. Page 634. Available at <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00031305.2019.1571848>

CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTIONS OR ONGOING WORK (with hyperlinks)

7. Brittany Fasy, David Millman, Anna Schenfish. *Lower Bounding Faithful Sets of Verbose Persistence Diagrams*. Presented at EuroCG. 7 pages. Available at https://eurocg2024.math.uoi.gr/data/uploads/paper_28.pdf
6. Brittany Fasy, David Millman, Anna Schenfish. *Ordering Topological Descriptors*. To be submitted. 16 pages. Available at <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2402.13632.pdf>
5. Bradley McCoy, Anna Schenfish, Eli Quist. *Catching Polygons*. Presented at the Fall Workshop on Computational Geometry, 2021. 6 pages. Available at <https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.01286>
4. Brittany T. Fasy, Samuel Micka, David L. Millman, Anna Schenfish, and Lucia Williams. *A Faithful Discretization of the Augmented Persistent Homology Transform*. To be submitted. 21 pages. Available at <https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.12759>
3. Brittany T. Fasy, Samuel Micka, David L. Millman, and Anna Schenfish. *Challenges in Reconstructing Shapes from Euler Characteristic Curves*. Presented at the Fall Workshop on Computational Geometry, 2018. 6 pages. Available at <https://arxiv.org/abs/1811.11337>
2. Robin Belton, Brittany T. Fasy, Rostik Mertz, Samuel Micka, David L. Millman, Daniel Salinas, Anna Schenfish, Jordan Schupach, and Lucia Williams. *Learning Simplicial Complexes from Persistence Diagrams*. 12 pages. Available at <https://arxiv.org/abs/1805.10716>
1. Brittany T. Fasy, David L. Millman, and Anna Schenfish. *A Total Order on and Lower Bounds on Representability of Topological Descriptors*. In progress.

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

Applied Algebraic Topology Research Network (AATRN)	<i>July 2023</i>
50-minute talk on ordering topological descriptors (available at this link)	
SIAM Conference on Applied Algebraic Geometry	<i>July 2023</i>
25-minute talk on minimal faithful sets of topological descriptors	
Canadian Conference on Computational Geometry	<i>August 2022</i>
20-minute talk on discretizing the persistence homology transform	

CMS Summer Meeting – Relative Homology and Persistence Theory 50-minute on K -theory of zig-zag persistence modules research	<i>June 2022</i>
Algebraic Topology Methods, Computation, & Science 20-minute talk on ordering descriptors research	<i>June 2022</i>
AMS Southeastern Sectional – Workshop on Algebraic Combinatorics and Category Theory in Topological Data Analysis 20-minute on ordering topological descriptors	<i>March 2022</i>
Finite Dimensional Seminar 50-minute talk on K -theory in “seminar on representation theory of finite-dimensional algebras”	<i>March 2022</i>
University of Florida Topological Data Analysis Conference 20-minute talk on augmented persistence diagrams and zig-zag modules as cosheaves	<i>January 2022</i>
Applied Mathematics Seminar 50-minute talk at MSU on research related to the persistent homology transform	<i>October 2021</i>
Applied Algebraic Topology Research Network (AATRN) 20-minute talk on research related to the persistent homology transform (available at this link)	<i>January 2021</i>
Applied Mathematics Seminar Gave part of a 50-minute joint talk at MSU on research on geometric data analysis and its applications to prostate cancer classification	<i>March 2018</i>
Pure Mathematics Seminar 50-minute talk at MSU on Turán numbers publication	<i>March 2018</i>
Computational Geometry Week – Young Researchers Forum 20-minute talk in Budapest, Hungary presenting research on prostate cancer classification	<i>June 2018</i>
Computer Science Department Seminar Gave a portion of a 50-minute talk at MSU on topological data analysis and its applications to prostate cancer classification	<i>December 2017</i>
Nebraska Conference for Undergraduate Women in Mathematics 20-minute talk on Turán numbers research	<i>February 2017</i>
OTHER MATHEMATICAL CONFERENCES AND REU PARTICIPATION	
EuroCG Presented work on ordering topological descriptors	<i>March 2024</i>
Talbot Workshop Week-long immersive summer school on K -theory and scissors congruence	<i>June 2022</i>
Computational Geometry Week Attended talks and helped with conference practicalities (set-up, registration, etc.)	<i>June 2019</i>
Fall Workshop on Computational Geometry Research on Euler Characteristic curves presented by collaborator	<i>October 2018</i>
Women in Topology Workshop – MSRI Participated in research on directed topology	<i>November 2017</i>
Computational Geometry Week Gave a talk at a satellite event (YRF)	<i>June 2017</i>

HerbFest*June 2017*

Attended a series of talks in celebration of Herbert Edelsbrunner's 60th birthday

Summer Undergraduate Applied Mathematics Institute – CMU*Summer 2016*

Research Intern in Extremal Graph Theory REU. Led to Turán numbers publication

TEACHING

Calculus for Technology II Instructor*Fall 2021 – Spring 2022*

Main lecturer and course designer for classes of around 47 students at MSU

Discrete Mathematics*Summer 2021*

Main lecturer and course designer for an accelerated computer science course of around 10 students, held virtually through MSU

Calculus I Instructor*Fall 2017 – Spring 2018*

Main lecturer for classes of around 36 students at MSU

Grader for University of Wyoming Differential Equations classes*2015 – 2017*

Provided detailed feedback and scored homework and tests

MENTORING

Computational Topology and Geometry Club*Fall 2017 - present*

Worked with undergraduate students to prepare seminar presentations and understand material several times during the semester

Directed Reading Program Mentor*Spring 2018 – present*

Mentored undergraduate students in reading textbooks on mathematics/computer science

Research with Undergraduate Students*2020 – present*

Worked with two undergraduate students on original research in computational geometry and graph theory (led to *Catching Polygons*, see “Works in Progress” below)

Letters to a Prescientist pen-pal*Fall and Spring 2020*

Scientist role model to middle school student through snail-mail

Montana State University Math Learning Center*2017 – 2018*

Provided math tutoring to MSU undergraduate students

Math and Physics Tutor – Office of Academic Support*Fall 2015*

Tutored student-athletes at the University of Wyoming

Casper College Math Learning Center Assistant*Summers 2014 – 2015*

Provided math tutoring to Casper College students

Private Tutor*Summers 2014 – 2015*

Provided private tutoring to college-level students

LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND SERVICE LEARNING

Graduate Student Seminar Organizer*Fall 2018 – present*

Solicits speakers and organizes logistics for weekly graduate student seminar

Montana Science Olympiad*April 2022*

Led activity on knot theory to group of around 20 elementary students

Hardin High School Visit	<i>April 2022</i>
Led activity on understanding 4-spheres through level-sets to group of around 20 middle-school students	
Befrienders Volunteer	<i>Fall 2018 – present</i>
Companion for local senior citizen	
Dance Instructor	<i>2019 – present</i>
Volunteers to to teach community dance classes (forró, lindy hop, salsa, and bachata)	
Montana Science Olympiad	<i>April 2018</i>
Led activity on knot theory to a small group of elementary students	
University of Wyoming Honors College Mentor	<i>Fall 2015 – Spring 2016</i>
Organized and conducted supportive group sessions for honors freshman	
ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	
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Indian Education for All	<i>September 2022</i>
Received training through MSU “to learn about the distinct and unique heritage of American Indians in a culturally responsive manner”	
Recognizing & Referring Students with Mental Health Needs	<i>September 2022</i>
Received training through MSU for on-campus resources	
Women in Science and Engineering at MSU	<i>2019 – present</i>
Participated in community-building activities, as well as a book club focused on social justice and diversity in the sciences	
Safe Zone and Related Events	<i>Fall 2013 – Spring 2017</i>
Attended weekly meetings and received certification related to LGBTQ+ topics	