

# ANNA SCHENFISCH

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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Eindhoven University of Technology

September 2023 – present

- Postdoctoral researcher

## EDUCATION

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Montana State University (MSU)

2017 – 2023

- PhD, Mathematics
- Dissertation title – Faithful Sets of Topological Descriptors and The Algebraic  $K$ -Theory of Multi-Parameter Zig-Zag Grid Persistence Modules

University of Wyoming

2013 – 2017

- Bachelor of Science, Mathematics
- Bachelor of Music, Music Performance, violin
- Honors Program minor

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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Outstanding Mathematical Sciences Graduate Student award

spring 2020

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program recipient

spring 2019

## PUBLICATIONS (with hyperlinks)

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Journal Publications

8. 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>
7. 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 [www.intlpress.com/site/pub/pages/journals/items/hha/content/vols/0025/0002/a011/index.php](http://www.intlpress.com/site/pub/pages/journals/items/hha/content/vols/0025/0002/a011/index.php)
6. 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>
5. 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>
4. Jessica De Silva, Kristin Heyse, Adam Kapilow, Anna Schenfisch, 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

3. Brittany T. Fasy, David L. Millman, Anna Schenfisch. *How Small Can Faithful Sets be? Ordering Topological Descriptors*. 13 pages. Canadian Conference on Computational Geometry. Conference proceedings available at [https://cosc.brocku.ca/~rnishat/CCCG\\_2024\\_proceedings.pdf](https://cosc.brocku.ca/~rnishat/CCCG_2024_proceedings.pdf)
2. Brittany T. Fasy, Samuel Micka, David L. Millman, Anna Schenfisch, 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](https://www.torontomu.ca/content/dam/canadian-conference-computational-geometry-2022/papers/CCCG2022_paper_49.pdf)

## Book Review

1. Anna Schenfisch 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)

5. Brittany Fasy, David Millman, and Anna Schenfisch. *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](https://eurocg2024.math.uoi.gr/data/uploads/paper_28.pdf)
4. George Brooks, Fadekemi Osaye, Anna Schenfisch, Zhiyu Wang, and Jing Yu. *Outerplanar Graphs with Positive Lin-Lu-Yau Curvature*. Under review. 8 pages. Available at <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2403.04110.pdf>
3. Bradley McCoy, Anna Schenfisch, and Eli Quist. *Catching Polygons*. Presented at the Fall Workshop on Computational Geometry, 2021. 6 pages. Available at <https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.01286>
2. Brittany T. Fasy, Samuel Micka, David L. Millman, Anna Schenfisch, and Lucia Williams. *A Faithful Discretization of Verbose Directional Transforms*. Under review. 30 pages. Available at <https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.12759>
1. Brittany T. Fasy, Samuel Micka, David L. Millman, and Anna Schenfisch. *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>

## TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

<b>Symposium on Computational Geometry (SoCG)</b> 30-minute talk on concise vs. verbose descriptors, in workshop on directional transforms	<i>June 2024</i>
<b>Applied Algebraic Topology Research Network (AATRN)</b> 50-minute invited talk on ordering topological descriptors (available at this link)	<i>July 2023</i>
<b>SIAM Conference on Applied Algebraic Geometry</b> 25-minute talk on minimal faithful sets of topological descriptors	<i>July 2023</i>
<b>Canadian Conference on Computational Geometry (CCCG)</b> 20-minute talk on discretizing the persistence homology transform	<i>August 2022</i>
<b>CMS Summer Meeting – Relative Homology and Persistence Theory</b> 50-minute invited talk on $K$ -theory of zig-zag persistence modules research	<i>June 2022</i>
<b>Algebraic Topology Methods, Computation, &amp; Science</b> 20-minute talk on ordering descriptors research	<i>June 2022</i>

<b>AMS Southeastern Sectional – Workshop on Algebraic Combinatorics and Category Theory in Topological Data Analysis</b> 20-minute on ordering topological descriptors	<i>March 2022</i>
<b>Finite Dimensional Seminar</b> 50-minute invited talk on $K$ -theory in “seminar on representation theory of finite-dimensional algebras”	<i>March 2022</i>
<b>University of Florida Topological Data Analysis Conference</b> 20-minute talk on verbose persistence diagrams and zig-zag modules as cosheaves	<i>January 2022</i>
<b>Applied Mathematics Seminar</b> 50-minute talk at MSU on research related to the persistent homology transform	<i>October 2021</i>
<b>Applied Algebraic Topology Research Network (AATRN)</b> 20-minute invited talk on research related to the persistent homology transform (available at this link)	<i>January 2021</i>
<b>Applied Mathematics Seminar</b> 50-minute joint talk at MSU on research on geometric data analysis and its applications to prostate cancer classification	<i>March 2018</i>
<b>Pure Mathematics Seminar</b> 50-minute talk at MSU on Turán numbers publication	<i>March 2018</i>
<b>Computational Geometry Week – Young Researchers Forum</b> 20-minute talk presenting research on prostate cancer classification	<i>June 2018</i>
<b>Computer Science Department Seminar</b> 50-minute joint talk at MSU on topological data analysis and its applications to prostate cancer classification	<i>December 2017</i>
<b>Nebraska Conference for Undergraduate Women in Mathematics</b> 20-minute talk on Turán numbers research	<i>February 2017</i>
<b>OTHER MATHEMATICAL CONFERENCES AND REU PARTICIPATION</b>	
<b>EuroCG</b> Presented work on ordering topological descriptors	<i>March 2024</i>
<b>Math Research Community</b> Week-long collaboration on “Ricci Curvatures of Graphs and Applications to Data Science.” Led to paper on positively-curved graphs.	<i>May/June 2023</i>
<b>Talbot Workshop</b> Week-long immersive summer school on $K$ -theory and scissors congruence	<i>June 2022</i>
<b>Computational Geometry Week</b> Attended talks and helped with conference practicalities (set-up, registration, etc.)	<i>June 2019</i>
<b>Fall Workshop on Computational Geometry</b> Attended talks, and research on Euler Characteristic curves presented by collaborator	<i>October 2018</i>
<b>Women in Topology Workshop – MSRI</b> Participated in research on directed topology	<i>November 2017</i>
<b>Computational Geometry Week</b> Gave a talk at a satellite event (YRF)	<i>June 2017</i>
<b>HerbFest</b> Attended a series of talks in celebration of Herbert Edelsbrunner’s 60th birthday	<i>June 2017</i>

## TEACHING

### **Discrete Structures**

*anticipated November 2024 – January 2025*

Main lecturer for section at TU/e (computer science)

### **Projects in Topological Data Analysis**

*September 2023 – present*

Co-led two iterations of a reading course and project in TDA for small groups of master's students (cross-university collaboration)

### **Calculus for Technology II Instructor**

*fall 2021 – spring 2022*

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

### **Discrete Mathematics**

*summer 2021*

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

### **Calculus I Instructor**

*fall 2017 – spring 2018*

Main lecturer for classes of around 36 students at MSU (mathematics)

### **Grader for University of Wyoming Differential Equations classes**

*2015 – 2017*

Provided detailed feedback and scored homework and tests

## MENTORING AND ADVISING

### **Master's Student Thesis/Project Co-Advisor**

*January 2024 - August 2024*

Co-advised two master's students in a thesis and project

### **Computational Topology and Geometry Club**

*fall 2017 - fall 2023*

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

### **Directed Reading Program Mentor**

*six semesters spring 2018 – spring 2023*

Mentored undergraduate students reading textbooks in mathematics/computer science

### **Research with Undergraduate Students**

*2020 – present*

Worked with undergraduate student on research projects in computational geometry (led to *Catching Polygons* paper) and TDA in biology

### **Letters to a Prescientist pen-pal**

*2020*

Scientist role model to middle school students 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

## LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND SERVICE LEARNING

### **Women in Science and Engineering Board Member**

*spring 2024 – present*

Board member for TU/e group supporting gender minorities in STEM

### **Graduate Student Seminar Organizer**

*fall 2018 – fall 2023*

Solicited speakers and organized logistics for weekly graduate student seminar

**Montana Science Olympiad***April 2022 and April 2018*

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

**Hardin High School Visit***April 2022*

Led activity on understanding 4-spheres via level-sets to group of around 20 high school students

**University of Wyoming Honors College Mentor***fall 2015 – spring 2016*

Organized and conducted supportive group sessions for honors freshman

**ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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**Implementing Peer Feedback***anticipated October 2024*

Teacher training from TU/e on implementing peer feedback in assessments to foster a “culture of collaboration...and promote deeper learning”

**Indian Education for All***September 2022*

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***September 2022*

Received training through MSU for on-campus resources

**Women in Science and Engineering at MSU***2019 – present*

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***fall 2013 – spring 2017*

Attended weekly meetings and received certification related to LGBTQ+ topics