

# ANNA SCHENFISCH

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### Eindhoven University of Technology

*Fall 2023 – Present*

- Postdoctoral researcher

## EDUCATION

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### 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

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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)

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### 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](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](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

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

<b>CMS Summer Meeting – Relative Homology and Persistence Theory</b> 50-minute 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 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 augmented 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 talk on research related to the persistent homology transform (available at this link)	<i>January 2021</i>
<b>Applied Mathematics Seminar</b> 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>
<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 in Budapest, Hungary presenting research on prostate cancer classification	<i>June 2018</i>
<b>Computer Science Department Seminar</b> 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>
<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>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> 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>

**Summer Undergraduate Applied Mathematics Institute – CMU**

*Summer 2016*

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

## **TEACHING**

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### **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

<b>Calculus I Instructor</b> Main lecturer for classes of around 36 students at MSU	<i>Fall 2017 – Spring 2018</i>
<b>Grader for University of Wyoming Differential Equations classes</b> Provided detailed feedback and scored homework and tests	<i>2015 – 2017</i>
<b>MENTORING</b>	
<b>Computational Topology and Geometry Club</b> Worked with undergraduate students to prepare seminar presentations and understand material several times during the semester	<i>Fall 2017 - present</i>
<b>Directed Reading Program Mentor</b> Mentored undergraduate students in reading textbooks on mathematics/computer science	<i>Spring 2018 – present</i>
<b>Research with Undergraduate Students</b> Worked with two undergraduate students on original research in computational geometry and graph theory (led to <i>Catching Polygons</i> , see “Works in Progress” below)	<i>2020 – present</i>
<b>Letters to a Prescientist pen-pal</b> Scientist role model to middle school student through snail-mail	<i>Fall and Spring 2020</i>
<b>Montana State University Math Learning Center</b> Provided math tutoring to MSU undergraduate students	<i>2017 – 2018</i>
<b>Math and Physics Tutor – Office of Academic Support</b> Tutored student-athletes at the University of Wyoming	<i>Fall 2015</i>
<b>Casper College Math Learning Center Assistant</b> Provided math tutoring to Casper College students	<i>Summers 2014 – 2015</i>
<b>Private Tutor</b> Provided private tutoring to college-level students	<i>Summers 2014 – 2015</i>
<b>LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND SERVICE LEARNING</b>	
<b>Graduate Student Seminar Organizer</b> Solicits speakers and organizes logistics for weekly graduate student seminar	<i>Fall 2018 – present</i>
<b>Montana Science Olympiad</b> Led activity on knot theory to group of around 20 elementary students	<i>April 2022</i>
<b>Hardin High School Visit</b> Led activity on understanding 4-spheres through level-sets to group of around 20 middle-school students	<i>April 2022</i>
<b>Befrienders Volunteer</b> Companion for local senior citizen	<i>Fall 2018 – present</i>
<b>Dance Instructor</b> Volunteers to to teach community dance classes (forró, lindy hop, salsa, and bachata)	<i>2019 – present</i>
<b>Montana Science Olympiad</b> Led activity on knot theory to a small group of elementary students	<i>April 2018</i>
<b>University of Wyoming Honors College Mentor</b> Organized and conducted supportive group sessions for honors freshman	<i>Fall 2015 – Spring 2016</i>

## ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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### **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