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Education

University of Oregon	1995–2001	Ph.D. Dissertation: <i>Constructive recognition of the finite simple classical groups</i> (Advisor: W.M. Kantor)
University of Sheffield	1990–1992	M.Phil.
University of Sheffield	1987–1990	B.Sc.

Academic Positions

Bucknell University	Presidential Professor	2024–present
Bucknell University	Professor	2015–present
Bucknell University	Associate Professor	2010–2015
Bucknell University	Assistant Professor	2004–2010
The Ohio State University	Zassenhaus Assistant Professor	2001–2004
Universite Libres de Bruxelles	Visiting Scholar	2025
University of Auckland	Visiting Scholar	2006/7; '11; '14; '17; '19
Hausdorff Institute	Visiting Scholar	2018

Research Areas

Computational Algebra • Group Theory • Multilinear Algebra • Discrete Geometry

External Funding

<i>Rapid Structure Recovery and Outlier Detection in High-Dimensional Data</i> Collaboration Grant, National Science Foundation, 2023–2025. DMS #2319372	\$114,416
<i>New Methods For Group Isomorphism</i> Collaboration Grant, National Science Foundation, 2016–2021. DMS #1620362	\$78,058
<i>Classical Groups And Their Geometries</i> Collaboration Grant, Simons Foundation, 2013–2018.	\$35,000
<i>Computing With Matrix Groups</i> Young Investigators Grant, National Security Agency, 2011–2013.	\$30,000

Bucknell Awards

Scholarly Development Grant	2006, 2009, 2020
Research Travel Grant	2007, 2017, 2023
75% Sabbatical Funding	2010/11, 2018/19
Interdisciplinary Collaborations Initiative Grant	2022

(coauthors in [blue](#) were Bucknell undergraduates when the article was written)

- (30) *Categorification of characteristic structures*, Forum of Mathematics, Sigma 14, 2026.
(with H. Dietrich, J. Maglione, E.A. O'Brien and J.B. Wilson)
- (29) *Tensor isomorphism by conjugacy of Lie algebras*, Journal of Algebra 604, 790–807, 2022.
(with J. Maglione and J.B. Wilson)
- (28) *On the ranks of string C-group representations for symplectic and orthogonal groups*, Contemporary Mathematics 764, American Mathematical Society, 31–41, 2021.
- (27) *Improved algorithms for alternating matrix space isometry: from theory to practice*, European Symposium on Algorithms, Art. 26, 15pp, 2020. (with Y. Li, Y. Qiao, J.B. Wilson)
- (26) *Orthogonal groups in characteristic 2 acting on polytopes of high rank*, Discrete & Computational Geometry 63, no. 3, 656–669, 2020. (with [J.T. Ferrara](#) and D. Leemans)
- (25) *Exact sequences of inner automorphisms of tensors*, Journal of Algebra 545, 43–63, 2020.
(with J. Maglione and J.B. Wilson)
- (24) *Rank reduction of string C-group representations*, Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society 147. no. 12, 5421–5426, 2019. (with D. Leemans)
- (23) *Testing isomorphism of graded algebras*, Transactions of the American Mathematical Society 372, 8067–8090, 2019. (with E.A. O'Brien and J.B. Wilson)
- (22) *A fast isomorphism test for p -groups whose Lie algebra has genus 2*, Journal of Algebra 473, 545–590, 2017. (with J. Maglione and J.B. Wilson)
- (21) *Polytopes of large rank for $\mathrm{PSL}(4, q)$* , J. Algebra 452, 390–400, 2016. (with D. Leemans)
- (20) *The module isomorphism problem reconsidered*, Journal of Algebra 421, 541–559, 2015.
(with J.B. Wilson)
- (19) *Groups acting on tensor products*, J. Pure App. Alg. 218, 405–416, 2014. (with J.B. Wilson)
- (18) *On groups with a class-preserving outer automorphism*, Involve 7, no. 2, 171–179, 2014.
(with [M.S. Mizuhara](#))
- (17) *Intersecting two classical groups*, J. Algebra 353, no. 1, 286–297, 2012. (with J.B. Wilson)
- (16) *On the derived length of Coxeter groups*, Communications in Algebra 40, no. 3, 1142–1150, 2012. (with A. Piggott)
- (15) *Computing isometry groups of bilinear maps*, Transactions of the American Mathematical Society 364, 1975–1996, 2012. (with J.B. Wilson)
- (14) *Three-dimensional classical groups acting on polytopes*, Discrete & Computational Geometry 44, no. 3, 654–659, 2010. (with [D.A. Vichinsky](#))

Publications, continued

- (13) *Testing isomorphism of modules*, J. Algebra 320, no. 11, 4020–4029, 2008. (with E.M. Luks)
- (12) *Fast constructive recognition of black box symplectic groups*, J. Algebra 320, 885–909, 2008.
- (11) *On intersections of classical groups*, Journal of Group Theory 11, no. 4, 465–478, 2008. (with E.A. O'Brien)
- (10) *Constructing the group preserving a system of forms*, International Journal of Algebra & Computation 18, no. 2, 227–241, 2008. (with E.A. O'Brien)
- (9) *Fast constructive recognition of black box orthogonal groups*, Journal of Algebra 300, no.1, 256–288, 2006. (with W.M. Kantor)
- (8) *A reduction algorithm for matrix groups with extraspecial normal subgroup*, pp. 1–16 in: Finite Geometries, Groups & Computation, 2006. (with A.C. Niemeyer and Á. Seress)
- (7) *On Dowling geometries of infinite groups*, Journal of Combinatorial Theory, Ser. A, 108/1, 155–158, 2004. (with H. Qin, E. Robertson and Á. Seress)
- (6) *Fast constructive recognition of black box unitary groups*, London Mathematical Society Journal of Mathematics & Computation, 162–197, 2003.
- (5) *Constructive recognition of classical groups in their natural representation*, Journal of Symbolic Comput., 35, 195–239, 2003.
- (4) *A constructive recognition algorithm for the matrix group $\Omega(d, q)$* , pp. 79–93 in: Groups and Computation III (W. M. Kantor and Á. Seress eds), 2001.
- (3) *On constructive recognition of a black box $PSL(d, q)$* , pp. 95–111 in: Groups and Computation III, 2001. (with W.M. Kantor)
- (2) *Transversal greedoids*, European Journal of Combinatorics, 18, 137–141, 1997.
- (1) *Greedy algorithm compatibility and heavy-set structures*, European Journal of Combinatorics, 13, 81–86, 1992. (with V.W. Bryant)

Preprints

- (A) **Article:** *Isomorphism invariant metrics*, under revision. (16 pages) (with J. Maglione, E.A. O'Brien, J.B. Wilson). [arXiv:2304.00465](https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.00465)
- (B) **Article:** *Detecting null patterns in tensor data*, submitted. (17 pages) (with M. Kassabov, J.B. Wilson). [arXiv:2408.17425](https://arxiv.org/abs/2408.17425)
- (C) **Article:** *New linear invariants of hypergraphs*, submitted. (16 pages) (with [C.R. Chaplin](#)). [arXiv:2512.03342](https://arxiv.org/abs/2512.03342)

Works in Progress

- (D) **Book:** *Please Distribute: The Algebra of Tensors* (with J. Maglione, J.B. Wilson)
- (E) **Article:** *Intersecting classical groups in polynomial time* (with M. Kassabov, J.B. Wilson)

Conference Organizing

Groups, Actions & Computation (co-organizer)

University of Auckland, New Zealand, December 9–13, 2024.

Special Session at Joint Meeting of the American, Australian, and New Zealand Mathematical Societies

Tensors: Algebra, Computation, Applications (co-organizer)

University of Colorado, Boulder & Colorado State University, June 3–14, 2019.

Funding: • National Security Agency • University of Colorado • Colorado State University

Groups, Computation & Geometry (co-organizer)

Pingree Park (Colorado State), June 9–13, 2014.

Funding: • National Science Foundation • National Security Agency • Colorado State University

A Mathematical Celebration (co-organizer)

Bucknell University, May 13 & 14, 2013.

Funding: • Department of Mathematics • Dean of Arts & Sciences (Bucknell) • Simons Foundation

Selected Conferences (~ 10 years)

2026	<i>Restricted Symmetry and Enumeration of Discrete Structures Symmetries in Graphs, Maps and Polytopes (SIGMAP) Tensor Isomorphism: Algorithms, Geometry and Applications</i>	Casa Matemática Oaxaca Université Libre de Bruxelles Shonan Village, Japan
2025	<i>Computational Group Theory Representations of Finite and Algebraic Groups</i>	Math. Forsch. Oberwolfach University of Denver
2024	<i>Groups, Actions & Computation New Perspectives in Computational Group Theory Groups, Nilpotence, and Tensors II Tensors: Algebra, Geometry, Applications</i>	University of Auckland University of Warwick University of Denver Colorado State University
2023	<i>Algorithms for Threat Detection Groups, Nilpotence, and Tensors</i>	George Mason University Colorado State University
2022	<i>Pfaffians, Tensors, and Applications Groups in Galway</i>	Max Planck Institute, Leipzig University of Galway
2021	<i>Computational Group Theory (remote)</i>	Math. Forsch. Oberwolfach
2019	<i>Tensors: Algebra, Computation, Applications</i>	Pingree Park, Colorado
2018	<i>Discrete and Combinatorial Geometry Logic and Algorithms in Groups (1 month residency) Polytopes and Discrete Geometry</i>	CMS, Vancouver Hausdorff Institute, Bonn JMM Sectional, Boston
2017	<i>Symmetries of Discrete Structures in Geometry</i>	Casa Matemática, Oaxaca
2016	<i>Computational Group Theory</i>	Math. Forsch. Oberwolfach

Selected Invited Lectures (~ 10 years)

2026	<i>Product rules for tensors</i>	William & Mary College
2025	<i>Clustering algorithms for tensors: an algebraic approach</i> <i>Intersecting two group theory problems</i> <i>Detecting structure in tensors using algebraic invariants</i>	U. Colorado & U. Denver Colorado State University Math. Forsch. Oberwolfach
2024	<i>Linear methods for tensors (short course)</i> <i>Characteristic structure: a categorical perspective</i>	Colorado State University University of Denver
2023	<i>Computing intersections of classical groups</i>	Colorado State University
2022	<i>You're going to need a bigger boat</i> (student talk) <i>Computing intersections of classical groups</i> <i>Taming tensors</i>	Bucknell University University of Galway Humboldt State University
2021	<i>Dimension reduction strategies for tensor isomorphism</i>	Universität Bielefeld (remote)
2019	<i>Algebraic methods for tensor equivalence (short course)</i> <i>Isomorphism testing in groups, algebras, and modules</i> <i>Rank reduction of string C-groups</i>	University of Colorado, Boulder SUNY Albany University of Auckland
2018	<i>Existence of high rank regular polytopes for $\mathrm{PSp}(4, q)$</i> <i>A multilinear approach to isomorphism testing</i> <i>Geometric properties of involutions in classical groups</i>	Vancouver RWTH Aachen University Northeastern University
2017	<i>Orthogonal groups acting on polytopes</i> <i>Testing isomorphism of graded algebras</i> <i>What do you mean it's hard?</i> (student talk)	Casa Matematica Oaxaca Colorado State & Auckland Allegheny College & Bucknell
2015	<i>Polytopes of high rank for linear groups</i>	Rutgers University
2014	<i>Testing isomorphism of p-groups of genus 2</i> <i>Testing isomorphism of finite groups, a new approach</i>	Banff International Research Station University of Auckland

Software

- Develop software distributed with the *Magma* computer algebra system.
- Maintain *Magma* repositories on *GitHub* available through website [The Tensor Space](#)

TensorSpace	data structures for computing with tensors
StarAlge	algorithms for algebras with involution
TameGenus	fast isomorphism tests for groups and algebras of tame genus
Auto-Sandbox	experimental algorithms for automorphism groups
MatrixAlgebras	algorithms for associative and Lie algebras of matrices
- Maintain *Julia* repository for computation with tensors on *GitHub*

OpenDleto	rapid structure recovery in high-dimensional data
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University Service, Bucknell University:

- Co-Director, Residential Colleges (June 2023—present)
- Faculty Fellow, Dominguez Center for Data Science (Jan 2023—present)
- Provost Search Committee (Oct 2023—Feb 2024)
- Faculty Mentor (Aug 2022—present)
- Faculty Council (2020—2023)
- Vice Chair, Department of Mathematics (2019–2020)
- University Review Committee (2015–2018; co-Chair, 2016–2018)
- Committee on Athletics (2014–2015)
- Residential College Steering Committee (2013–2015)
- Faculty Colloquium Committee (2013–present)
- Committee on Planning & Budget (2011–2014; Chair, 2013–2014)
- Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees Finance Committee (2011–2014)
- Marshall Fellowship Advisor (2009–2016)
- Faculty Advisor, Men's Soccer (2007–2018)
- Faculty Advisor, Women's Soccer (2008–2015)
- Honors Council (2008–2010)
- Library Committee (2005–2006)

External Professional Service:

- Magma developer (2006–present)
- Referee for GAP (Groups, Algorithms, and Programming)
- Referee for various academic journals
- External examiner for PhD and Masters theses
- Grant proposal reviewer
 - NSF Division of Mathematical Sciences, Panelist
 - Marsden Fund of New Zealand
- *Mathematical Reviews*, Reviewer (Aug 2004–present); completed 55 reviews
- *Mathematical Reviews*, Panelist/Consultant (2015–16)