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#### Education

- Current Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Mathematical Biosciences Institute.
  - 2016 **Ph.D., Mathematics**, North Carolina State University, Advisor: Seth Sullivant, Winton Rose Award for thesis: Algebraic Geometry of Phylogenetic Models.
  - 2013 M.S., Mathematics, North Carolina State University.
  - 2008 B.A., Mathematics, St. Mary's College of Maryland, Summa Cum Laude.

## **Publications and Preprints**

- 2016 **Identifiability and Reconstructibility of a Modified Coalescent**, *with Laura Kubatko*, in preparation.
- 2016 PhylogeneticTrees: A Macaulay2 package for Phylogenetics, with Hector Baños, Nathaniel Bushek, Ruth Davidson, Elizabeth Gross, Pamela Harris, Robert Krone, AJ Stewart, Robert Walker, arxiv:1611.05805, submitted.
- 2016 Initial Ideals of Pfaffian Ideals, arXiv:1610.06524, submitted.
- 2016 L-infinity Optimization in Tropical Geometry and Phylogenetics, with Daniel Irving Bernstein, arXiv:1606.03702, submitted.
- 2015 **Bounds on the Expected Size of the Maximum Agreement Subtree**, with Daniel Irving Bernstein, Lam Si Tung Ho, Mike Steel, Katherine St. John, Seth Sullivant. *SIAM J. of Discrete Math.* **29** (2015), no. 4, 2065-2074.
- Tying up Loose Strands: The Defining Equations of the Strand Symmetric Model, with Seth Sullivant. *Journal of Algebraic Statistics*. **6(1)**, (2015), no. 1, 17-23.
- 2015 **Identifiability of 3-Class Jukes-Cantor Mixtures**, with Seth Sullivant. *Adv. In Appl. Math.* **64** (2015), 89-110.

#### Presentations and Professional Activities

- Oct 2016 International Symposium on Biomathematics and Ecology Education and Research, *Charleston, SC*, Invited talk.
  - 2016 **SIAM Journal on Applied Algebra and Geometry**, Referee.
- Jun 2016 Mathematical Research Communities: Algebraic Statistics, Snowbird, Utah, Phylogenetics Group Assistant.
  - 2016 SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics, Referee.
- Jan 2016 Joint Mathematics Meeting 2016, Seattle, WA, Contributed talk.
- Oct 2015 **Algebraic Geometry and Number Theory Seminar**, *Clemson University, Clemson, SC*, Invited Talk.

- Oct 2015 NCSU Graduate Student Algebra Seminar, NCSU, Raleigh, NC, Talk.
- Oct 2015 AMS Fall 2015 Sectional, Loyola University, Chicago, IL, Invited talk.
- Jun 2015 Algebraic Statistics 2015, Genoa University, Genoa, Italy, Talk.
- Apr 2015 **OFD Teaching and Learning Symposium**, *NCSU*, *Raleigh*, *NC*, *Poster: IBL in the Mathematics Classroom*.
- Mar 2015 Triangle Area Graduate Mathematics Conference, NCSU, Raleigh, NC, Talk.
- Nov 2014 NCSU Graduate Student Algebra Seminar, NCSU, Raleigh, NC, Talk.
- Oct 2014 AMS Fall 2014 Western Sectional, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA, Invited talk.
- May 2014 Algebraic Statistics 2014, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL, Poster.

# Teaching and Mentoring

For more details please visit my online teaching portfolio <a href="https://colbyelong.wordpress.com">https://colbyelong.wordpress.com</a>.

#### North Carolina State University

- Mar 2016 **Recognition for Excellence in Classroom Teaching**, Recognizes graduate students exemplifying their program's highest degree of teaching achievement in the classroom environment.
- 2013–2016 **Instructor of Record**, *MA225: Foundations of Advanced Mathematics (twice)*, *MA231: Calculus II for Life Sciences, MA141: Calculus I (twice)*, *MA103: Topics in Contemporary Mathematics*, Full teaching responsibilities including preparing all course materials, delivering lectures, holding office hours, supervising teaching assistants, and assigning grades.
  - 2015 **Graduate Student Mentor**, *Undergrads Under Grads*, Mentoring program to prepare undergraduates from underrepresented groups (women and minorities) for careers in mathematics.
  - 2014 **REU Graduate Student Mentor**, *Mathematical Phylogenetics and the Space of Trees*, Met daily with undergraduate research group to lecture, answer questions, direct research, and establish goals. **Award:** Best Poster, MAA-SE Sectional 2015.
  - 2012 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, *MA141: Calculus I, MA131: Calculus I for Life Sciences*, Responsibilities: Leading recitation sessions, holding office hours, grading tests.
  - 2011 **Lecture Assistant**, *MA341: Applied Differential Equations, MA231: Calculus II for Life Sciences*, Responsibilities: Holding office hours, grading homework and tests.

# Professional Development

- 2014–2015 **Preparing the Professoriate**, A selective yearlong future faculty preparation program, Observed and then independently taught an advanced proof-writing course. Completed teaching workshops, conducted peer and faculty observations, presented a professional development project, and created a teaching portfolio.
- 2013–2015 **Certificate of Accomplishment in Teaching Program**, A teaching development program for graduate students at North Carolina State University, Completed teaching workshops, faculty observations, two semesters of teaching, and created a teaching portfolio.

## **Teaching Workshops**

- Jan 2015 **Active Learning: The Learner-Centered Classroom**, Facilitators: Maxine P. Atkinson and Scott Grether.
- Oct 2014 Course Design: From Assessment to Zombies, Facilitator: Beth Overman.
- Oct 2014 Leading With Care: Recognizing and Responding to Emotional Distress in Others, Facilitators: Pete Adams and Jenny Policari.
- Sep 2014 **Effective Teaching With Technology**, Facilitator: Beth Overman.
- Aug 2013 Introduction to Teaching, Facilitator: Susanna Klingenberg.
- May 2012, NCSU Mathematics Teaching Assistant Workshops, Facilitators: Molly Fenn and
- Aug 2011 Brenda Burns Williams.

## Other Conferences

- 2011–2015 **Triangle Lectures in Combinatorics**, *University of North Carolina, North Carolina State University, Duke University.* 
  - 2014 Teaching and Learning Conference 2014, Elon University.
  - 2014 NSF/CBMS Conference: Mathematical Phylogeny, Winthrop University.
  - 2011 **Joint Mathematics Meeting**, Boston, MA.

## Affiliations

American Mathematical Society.

Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics.