Craig Erickson

Education

Iowa State University, Ph.D. in Mathematics

Ames, IA

Advisor: Leslie Hogben. Dissertation title: Sign patterns that require eventual exponential nonnegativity

2009 - 2014

Minnesota State University, M.A. in Mathematics

Mankato, MN

Advisor: In-Jae Kim. Thesis Title: On nilpotence indices of sign patterns

2007-2009

Drake University, B.S., Major: Mathematics, Minor: Music

Des Moines, IA

2004 - 2007

Academic Appointments

Hamline University

Department of Mathematics

Visiting Lecturer, Computational Data Science and Mathematics

September 2018 – present

Grand View University

Department of Mathematics & Computer Science

Assistant Professor of Mathematics

August 2014 – May 2018

Drake University *Adjunct Instructor*

Department of Mathematics & Computer Science

Fall 2012, Spring 2014

Research Interests

Combinatorial Matrix Theory, Nonnegative Matrix Theory, Graph Theory, Computational Mathematics, Data Analysis

Courses taught

As instructor (with full responsibilities).....

Hamline University: Intro. to Programming ($\times 5$); Intro. to Computer Science ($\times 2$); Programming in MATLAB; Calculus I ($\times 4$); Statistics ($\times 14$); Elements of Statistical Learning ($\times 2$); Multivariable and Vector Calculus; Discrete Mathematics; Topics in Advanced Mathematics (Topics in Graph Theory); First Year Seminar (Uses and Misuses of Algorithms) ($\times 2$); Computational Data Science Capstone;

Guided Independent Studies: Programming and Modeling in R; Elements of Statistical Learning; Tensorflow Computer Vision

Grand View University: Intro. to Algebra ($\times 7$); Intermediate Algebra; Intro. & Intermediate Algebra ($\times 2$); Finite Mathematics ($\times 12$); Intro. to Discrete Structures; Applied Calculus; Applied Statistics; Intro. to Mathematical Reasoning; Intro. to Mathematical Modeling ($\times 3$); Intro. to Differential Equations; Discrete Computational Structures ($\times 2$); Intro. to Numerical Analysis; Senior Seminar ($\times 2$)

Drake University: Calculus I; Calculus II

lowa State University: High School Algebra; College Algebra; Calculus I; Calculus II ($\times 2$); Elementary Differential Equations & Laplace Transforms

Minnesota State University – Mankato: College Algebra $(\times 4)$

As recitation leader.....

lowa State University: Discrete Math for Business & Social Sciences (\times 2); Calculus for Business & Social

Sciences; Calculus II ($\times 2$); Calculus III ($\times 2$)

Other teaching experience.

Iowa State University: Grader for graduate Linear Algebra; REU Grad Student Mentor/Research Assistant

Honors and Awards

- Received internal mini-grant from Hamline University's MacCorkle fund to purchase hardware to build a self-driving robotic car, Spring 2021.
- Co-recipient of internal mini-grant to support weekly prep sessions for the ACM contest, Grand View University, Fall 2016.
- Received \$1000 additional professional development funds from the Provost (competitive internal grant) to speak at the 20th ILAS Conference in Leuven, Belgium, Grand View University, July 2016.
- o Graduate College Teaching Excellence Award, Iowa State University, Fall 2013.
- Graduate and Professional Student Senate Professional Advancement Grant to present at the 2-day workshop "Theoretical and Applied Aspects of Nonnnegative Matrices" at BIRS, 2012.
- SIAM Student Travel Award to present at the SIAM Annual Meeting, 2012.
- o J.J.L. Hinrichsen Pure Mathematics Award (excellence in research), Iowa State University, 2012.
- AMS Graduate Student Travel Grant to present at the AMS Central Section Meeting at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, NE, 2011.
- o ILAS Travel Award to present at the 17th ILAS Conference in Braunschweig, Germany, 2011.
- Graduate and Professional Student Senate Professional Advancement Grant to present at the 17th ILAS Conference in Braunschweig, Germany, 2011.
- Graduate College travel grant to attend the Focused Research Group "Eventually Nonnegative Matrices and their Sign Patterns" at BIRS, 2011.
- 1st place (tie) in the Basil E. Gillam Freshman Mathematics Contest, Drake University, 2004.

Publications

In Preparation

- [12] (With S. Allred, K. Grace, H.T. Hall, A. Jensen) **A combinatorial bound on the number of distinct eigenvalues** of a graph.
- [11] (With L. Gan, J. Kritschgau, J. C.-H. Lin, S. Spiro) Complementary vanishing graphs.

Publications appeared/accepted.....

- [10] (With S. Butler, S. Fallat, H.T. Hall, B. Kroschel, J. C.-H. Lin, B. Shader, N. Warnberg, B. Yang) **Properties of** a *q*-analogue for zero forcing, *Graphs Combin.* **36** (2020), No. 5, 1401–1419.
- [9] (With C. Bozeman, B. Brimkov, D. Ferrero, M. Flagg, L. Hogben) Restricted power domination and zero forcing problems, *J. Comb. Optim.* **37** (2019), No. 3, 935–956.
- [8] (With S. Butler, L. Hogben, K. Hogenson, L. Kramer, R.L. Kramer, J.C.-H. Lin, R.R. Martin, D. Stolee, N. Warnberg, M. Young) Rainbow arithmetic progressions, J. Comb. 7 (2016), No. 4, 595–626.
- [7] Sign patterns that require eventual exponential nonnegativity, *Electron. J. Linear Algebra* **30** (2015), 171–195.
- [6] (With M. Archer, M. Catral, R. Haber, L. Hogben, X. Martinez-Rivera, and A. Ochoa) **Potentially eventually exponentially positive sign patterns**, *Involve* **6** (2013), No. 3, 261–271.
- [5] (With J. Ekstrand, H.T. Hall, D. Hay, L. Hogben, R. Johnson, N. Kingsley, S. Osborne, T. Peters, J. Roat, A. Ross, D.D. Row, N. Warnberg, and M. Young) Positive semidefinite zero forcing, *Linear Algebra Appl.* 439 (2013), 1862–1874.
- [4] (With J. Ekstrand, D. Hay, L. Hogben, and J. Roat) **Note on positive semidefinite maximum nullity and positive semidefinite zero forcing number of partial 2-trees**, *Electron. J. Linear Algebra* **23** (2012), 79–87.
- [3] (With M. Catral, L. Hogben, D.D. Olesky, and P. van den Driessche) Sign patterns that allow strong eventual

- nonnegativity, Electron. J. Linear Algebra 23 (2012), 1-10.
- [2] (With M. Archer, M. Catral, R. Haber, L. Hogben, X. Martinez-Rivera, and A. Ochoa) Constructions of potentially eventually positive sign patterns with reducible positive part, *Involve* 4 (2011), No. 4, 405–410.
- [1] (With I.-J. Kim) **On nilpotence indices of sign patterns**, *Commun. Korean Math. Soc.* **25** (2010), No. 1, 11–18.

Conferences and Talks

Invited Talks.

- "Restricted power domination," Special Session on The Inverse Eigenvalue Problem of a Graph and Zero Forcing, 52nd Southeastern International Conference on Combinatorics, Graph Theory, and Computing, Virtual, March 9, 2021.
- "Zero forcing and other games on graphs," Mathematics & Statistics Department Colloquium, Carleton College, Northfield, MN, April 17, 2018.
- "Upper triangular sign patterns that require eventual exponential nonnegativity," Special Session on Combinatorial Matrix Theory, AMS Central Section Meeting, Minneapolis, Oct. 30, 2016.
- "Upper triangular sign patterns that require eventual exponential nonnegativity," Minisymposium on Combinatorial Matrix Theory, 20th ILAS Conference, Leuven, Belgium, July 15, 2016.
- "Sign patterns that require eventual exponential nonnegativity," Minisymposium on Sign Pattern Matrices, 18th ILAS Conference, Providence, June 6, 2013.
- "Sign patterns that require eventual exponential nonnegativity," Special Session on Generalizations of Nonnegative Matrices and Their Sign Patterns, AMS Central Section Meeting, Ames, IA, April 27, 2013.
- "Sign Patterns That Allow Strong Eventual Nonnegativity," Minisymposium on Matrices and Graphs, 2012 SIAM Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, July 12, 2012.
- "Positive semidefinite maximum nullity is equal to positive semidefinite zero forcing number for partial 2-trees,"
 Special Session on Matrices and Graphs, AMS Central Section Meeting, Lincoln, NE, Oct. 14, 2011.
- "Potentially eventually positive and potentially eventually exponentially positive sign patterns," Young Researchers Minisymposium on Combinatorial Matrix Theory, 17th ILAS Conference, Braunschweig, Germany, Aug. 23, 2011.
- "Strongly Eventually Nonnegative Matrices," Special Session on Matrices and Graphs, AMS Central Section Meeting, Saint Paul, April 11, 2010.

Contributed Talks.....

- "Matrix sign patterns that require eventual exponential nonnegativity," MAA-lowa Sectional Meeting, Waverly, IA, Oct. 19, 2013.
- "Sign patterns that allow strong eventual nonnegativity," Theoretical and Applied Aspects of Nonnnegative Matrices, Banff International Research Station (BIRS), Banff, Canada, July 28, 2012.
- o "On Potentially Nilpotent Sign Patterns," MAA-North Central Sectional Meeting, St. Paul, MN, April 25, 2009.
- On Potentially Nilpotent Sign Patterns," Minnesota State University Mankato Graduate Research Conference, Mankato, MN, April 7, 2009.

Seminar Talks.....

- o "Zero forcing and other games on graphs," Math Department Seminar, Hamline University, Oct. 16, 2018.
- o "Sign patterns that require eventual exponential nonnegativity," ISU Discrete Math Seminar, March 26, 2013.
- o "On sign patterns that require eventual exponential nonnegativity," ISU Discrete Math Seminar, Nov. 27, 2012.
- o "Sign patterns that allow strong eventual nonnegativity," ISU Discrete Math Seminar, Sep. 4, 2012.
- "Positive semidefinite maximum nullity is equal to positive semidefinite zero forcing number for partial 2-trees," ISU Discrete Math Seminar, Oct. 4, 2011.
- On maximum positive semidefinite nullity and positive semidefinite zero forcing number of partial 2-trees," with D. Hay and J. Roat. ISU Discrete Math Seminar, April 12, 2011.

- o "Potentially eventually exponentially positive sign patterns," ISU Discrete Math Seminar, Oct. 26, 2010.
- o "On Nilpotence Indices of Sign Patterns," ISU Discrete Math Seminar, Sep. 22, 2009.

Posters Presented.....

 "Eventually nonnegative matrices and related classes," 2010 NSF-CBMS Regional Conference: The Mutually Beneficial Relationship of Matrices and Graphs, Ames, IA, July 14, 2010.

Funded Workshop Participant.....

- Mathematics Research Community: Finding Needles in Haystacks: Approaches to Inverse Problems using Combinatorics and Linear Algebra, American Mathematical Society, Virtual, June 6–11, 2021.
- The 2020 Uncoast Unconference R developer workshop, Minneapolis. Cancelled due to COVID-19.
- Zero forcing and its applications, American Institute of Mathematics, San Jose, Jan. 30-Feb. 3, 2017.
- Theoretical and Applied Aspects of Nonnnegative Matrices, BIRS, Banff, Canada, July 27-29, 2012.
- Eventually Nonnegative Matrices and their Sign Patterns, focused research group, BIRS, Banff, Canada, May 15–22, 2011. (One of 5 co-organizers and attendees.)

Other Conferences Attended.....

- Institute for Research on Statistics and its Applications (IRSA) Conference: Questions About Reproducibility in an Age of Big Data, Virtual, May 6–8, 2021.
- o Joint Mathematics Meetings, Jan. 6−9, 2021.
- AMS Short Course Mathematical and Computational Methods for Complex Social Systems, Jan. 3-5, 2021.
- o IRSA Conference: Causal Inference and Data Science, Minneapolis, May 2−3, 2019.
- o Midwest Sports Analytics Meeting (MSAM), Pella, IA, Nov. 18, 2017.
- 21st International Linear Algebra Society (ILAS) Conference, Ames, IA, July 24 28, 2017.
- MAA-Iowa Section Meeting at Grand View University, Des Moines, IA, Oct. 7-8, 2016.
- MIdwestern GrapH TheorY (MIGHTY) LIII Conference, Ames, IA, Sep. 21–22, 2012.
- NSF-CBMS Regional Conference: The Mutually Beneficial Relationship of Matrices and Graphs, Ames, IA, July 12–16, 2010.
- MAA North Central Section Meeting at Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, Oct. 17 18, 2008.

Service

Professional Service.

o Session Chair for contributed session at 21st ILAS Conference, Ames, IA, July 25, 2017.

- Session Chair for MAA-lowa Section Meeting at Grand View University, Des Moines, IA, Oct. 7, 2016.
- Co-organizer (with A. Berliner and L. Deaett) of the minisymposium "Combinatorial Matrix Theory" at the 20th ILAS Conference, Leuven, Belgium, July 11–15, 2016.
- Reviewer for Mathematical Reviews® (MathSciNet®), 2015 present.
- Referee: Discrete Mathematics, Electronic Journal of Linear Algebra, Filomat (×2), Journal of Algebra Combinatorics Discrete Structures and Applications, Linear Algebra and its Applications (×3), Linear and Multilinear Algebra, Operators and Matrices, Special Matrices.
- Member of the Planning Committee for the first ISU Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference, 2013-2014.
- Session Chair for MIdwestern GrapH TheorY (MIGHTY) LIII Conference, Ames, IA, Sep. 22, 2012.
- Session Chair for Iowa Summer Research Symposium, Ames, IA, July 29, 2010.

University Service.

 Contributed to expedited program reviews of Computational Data Science Major and Mathematics Major, Hamline University, Spring 2021.

- Faculty supervisor of student internships, Hamline University, Spring 2020 present. (8 students)
- Academic Advisor, Hamline University, Fall 2019 present. (currently about 30 advisees)
- Developed three new courses and redesigned two existing courses for launch of Hamline University's Computational Data Science major, Fall 2019 present.
- Involved in development of Hamline University's Computational Data Science major, Spring 2019.
- Member of Mathematics Visiting Lecturer search committee, Hamline University, Spring 2019.
- Involved in development of Grand View University's Business Analytics major, Fall 2017 Spring 2018.
- o Co-organizer of a Machine Learning reading group (of faculty and students) at GV, Fall 2017 Spring 2018.
- Member of the Student Success Collaborative (SSC) software implementation Leadership Team, Spring 2017 –
 Spring 2018, including:
 - Chair of the "Success Marker Development" Group.
 - Member of the SSC software "Workflow Development" Group.
 - Member of the SSC software Training Team.
- Appointed by the university president to be involved in Institutional Planning Initiative, Spring 2017, including:
 - One of eight faculty member participants in a "Direction Setting" retreat with the GV Board of Trustees.
- Co-organizer of the Math & Computer Science Department Game Night, Spring 2017.
- Co-advisor of weekly prep sessions for the ACM programming contest, Fall 2016.
- Member of the Student Success Integration Team Task Force, 2016 2017.
- Academic Advising and Progression Committee, 2015–2017 (Chair: 2016–2017).
- Member of committee to choose new developmental math textbook, Spring 2016.
- Volunteer for ACM North Central North America Regional Programming Contest hosted at Grand View University, 2014–2015.
- First-year graduate student peer mentor: Jephian C.-H. Lin (2013 2014), Xavier Martinez-Rivera (2011 2012).
- Supervising TA for Math 150, web-based course. Trained, scheduled, monitored instruction of other TAs, Fall 2010.

Professional Memberships

- Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM), 2016 present.
- International Linear Algebra Society (ILAS), 2010 present.
- American Mathematical Society (AMS), 2008 2014; 2019 present.
- Mathematical Association of America, 2015 2020.
- o Iowa Section NExT (New Experiences in Teaching) Fellow, 2013 2018.
- Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM), 2013–2014.
- Associate member of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society, 2012 2014.

Computer skills

Programming Languages and Software: Mathematica, MATLAB, Python, R, SageMath, SQL

Homework Systems: MyMathLab, MyProgrammingLab, WebAssign, WileyPLUS, Blackboard, Canvas

Markup Languages: LATEX, Beamer, HTML, R Markdown

References

Luke Bennett	Professor of Mathematics	Grand View University	LBennett@grandview.edu
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