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RESEARCH INTERESTS

I am currently interested in the areas of combinatorial Hodge theory and tropical geometry. In combinatorial Hodge theory we seek to prove results that allow us to wield tools associated to Kähler manifolds in analyzing combinatorial objects, such as matroids or polytopes. In tropical geometry we seek to understand algebrogeometric objects through their tropicalizations, combinatorial "shadows" of their continuous selves.

More generally I am interested in discovering and developing connections between algebraic geometry and combinatorics, but I keep my mind open for interesting problems.

PROJECTS

Directed Reading Program

Ehrhart Theory 2025

Engaged in independent study of Beck and Robins' *Computing the Continuous Discretely*. Met with a graduate student weekly to discuss material. Worked on resolving several open questions posed in Beck and Robins. Presented to faculty and students on basics of Ehrhart Theory and progress towards resolution of open questions.

Tropical Geometry 2024

Engaged in independent study of Maclagan and Sturmfels' *Introduction to Tropical Geometry*. Met with a graduate student weekly to discuss consequences and applications. Presented to faculty and students on synergies between analytic, combinatorial, and algebraic interpretations of tropical curves.

Number Theory 2023

Met weekly with a graduate student to discuss topics in Number Theory. Engaged in studies of Abstract Algebra and Number Theory with a focus on Fermat's Last Theorem. Worked with another student to present on special cases of Fermat's Last Theorem.

MATH 6441 - Algebraic Topology

Moduli Spaces of Algebraic Curves

2025

Worked with another student to research moduli spaces. Wrote a survey article designed to introduce undergraduates to the study of moduli spaces from analytic and category-theoretic perspectives.

MATH 4803 - Nonlinear Algebra

Automatic Theorem Proving

2024

Worked with a team of two other students to develop algorithms in Macaulay2 regarding the areas of cyclic polygons and Heron-Type Formulas. Utilized techniques from algebraic geometry to reproduce results of Robbins (1995). Presented to students and faculty on methods.

INVOLVEMENT

LSU RTG Workshop

Hyperplane Arrangements

2025

Read Stanley's *An Introduction to Hyperplane Arrangements* under the supervision of a professor in the mathematics department. Gave three talks to fellow students on material, and presented with a group to entire program on applications of arrangements to computing the chromatic polynomial of a graph.

Center for Mathematics at Notre Dame

Thematic Program in Discrete Groups in Topology and Algebraic Geometry

2025

Investigated geometric group theory and moduli of elliptic curves with a group of students. Studied the relationships between moduli of elliptic curves, the braid group, and rational tangles following Dr. Nick Salter's *Ropes, Fractions, and Moduli Spaces*.

Georgia Tech Club Math

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Managed finances for Georgia Tech's most prominent student mathematics organization. Ensured allocation of funding for student events was accessible and appropriately allocated. Compiled reports on club spending for Georgia Tech administration. Was responsible for fundraising and bookkeeping.

EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

GPA: 3.94

2023-2026

TEACHING

School of Mathematics

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

2024-2025

Led 20-30 person recitation classes focused on real-time practice and course-correction. Led large-scale (40-50 people) review sessions.

- MATH 1554 Linear Algebra
- MATH 1552 Integral Calculus

Knack Tutoring

Freelance Tutor 2023-Present

Hosted one-on-one tutoring targeted at content review and practice. Successfully and consistently improved student outcomes.