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EMPLOYMENT/ EDUCATION

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL

RTG Postdoctoral Research Associate, August 2024 - present

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

Van Vleck Visiting Assistant Professor, August 2021- May 2024

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

Ph.D., Mathematics, August 2015 - May 2021

- Advisor: Prof. Nicolai Reshetikhin
- Thesis: "Limit shapes in two-dimensional lattice models arising from physics and combinatorics."

B.A., Mathematics, May 2015

B.A., Physics, May 2015

RESEARCH Interest

I am interested in statistical mechanics of two-dimensional lattice models, integrable probability, and combinatorics.

Publications and Preprints

- 1. **Keating, D.**, Kim, M., Loeser, E., and Lyu, H. "The stochastic box-ball system," in preparation (2025).
- 2. **Keating, D.** and Francesco, P.d. "Limit shapes for domain-wall (colored) vertex models," in preparation (2025).
- 3. **Keating**, **D**. and Vu, H.T. "Perfect t-embeddings of uniformly weighted generalized tower graphs," in preparation (2025).
- 4. Guse, J., **Keating**, **D.**, and Jiang, D. "Colored vertex models and interacting reverse plane partitions," *preprint* (2025), arXiv:2505.13806 [math.CO].
- 5. **Keating, D.** and Xu, J. "Edge universality of β -additions through Dunkl operators," submitted for publication (2024), arXiv:2411.12149 [math.PR].
- 6. Li, Z., **Keating, D.**, and Prause, I. "Asymptotics of Bounded Lecture-Hall Tableaux," submitted for publication (2024), arXiv:2309.15235 [math.PR].
- Keating, D. and Nicoletti, M. "Shuffling algorithm for coupled tilings of the Aztec diamond," *Annales Henri Poincaré*, vol. 25, no. 12, pp. 5187-5229 (2024), arXiv:2303.09089 [math.CO].
- 8. Corteel, S., Gitlin, A., and **Keating, D.** "Colored vertex models and k-tilings of the Aztec diamond," *Transactions of the AMS*, accepted (2024), arXiv:2202.06020 [math.CO] (2022).

- 9. Gitlin, A. and **Keating, D.** "A Vertex Model for Supersymmetric LLT Polynomials," *Annales de l'Institut Henri Poincar D* 11, no. 3 (2023):571-640, arXiv:2110.10273 [math.CO].
- 10. **Keating**, **D.** "Equivalences of LLT polynomials via lattice paths." *Electronic Journal of Combinatorics*, accepted (2025), arXiv:2104.05862 [math.CO].
- 11. Corteel, S., Gitlin, A., **Keating, D.**, and Meza, J. "A Vertex Model for LLT Polynomials." *International Mathematics Research Notices*, Volume 2022, Issue 20, October 2022, Pages 15869-15931, arXiv:2012.02376 [math.CO].
- 12. **Keating**, **D.** "Area Statistics for Large Oscillating Tableaux." *Preprint* (2020), arXiv:2010.10093 [math.CO].
- 13. **Keating, D.**, Reshetikhin, N., and Sridhar, A. "Integrability of Limit Shapes of the Inhomogeneous Six Vertex Model." *Communications in Mathematical Physics* 391, 1181-1207 (2022), arXiv:2004.08971 [math-ph].
- 14. Corteel, S., **Keating, D.**, and Nicoletti, M. "Arctic curves phenomena for bounded lecture hall tableaux." *Communications in Mathematical Physics* 382, 1449-1493 (2021), arXiv:1905.02881 [math.CO].
- Keating, D., Reshetikhin, N., and Sridhar, A. "Conformal Limit for Dimer Models on the Hexagonal Lattice." *Journal of Mathematical Sciences* 242, 701-714 (2019).
- 16. **Keating**, **D.** and Sridhar, A. "Random Tilings with the GPU." *Journal of Mathematical Physics* 59, 091420 (2018), arXiv:1804.07250 [cs.OH].
- Carlsson, J., Khrabrov, A., Kaganovich, I., Sommerer, T., and Keating, D. "Validation and benchmarking of two particle-in-cell codes for a glow discharge." Plasma Sources Science and Technology, 26(1) (2016), arXiv:1711.10830 [physics.plasm-ph].
- Bhowmik, D., Nowakowski, M., You, L., Lee, O., Keating, D., Wong, M., Boker, J., and Salahuddin, S. "Deterministic Domain Wall Motion Orthogonal To Current Flow Due To Spin Orbit Torque" Scientific Reports 5 (2015), arXiv:1407.6137 [cond-mat.mtrl-sci].

Awards

Outstanding GSI Award

AIM, SQuaRE with Amol Aggarwal, Arvind Ayyer, Sylvie Corteel, Matthew Nicoletti, and Leonid Petrov 2024 - present

Nominated: Postdoctoral Excellence in Mentoring and Outreach Award

2023
Université de Paris, Guest Researcher

2022
Herb Alexander Thesis Prize

2021

2018

INVITED TALKS

- A vertex model for LLT polynomials, UIUC Integrability and Representation Theory Seminar, UIUC, September 2024.
- 2. Vertex models, symmetric polynomials, and tilings, UIUC Algebra-Geometry-Combinatorics seminar, UIUC, September 2024.
- 3. The stochastic box-ball system, Geometry, Statistical Mechanics, and Integrability Workshop IV: Vertex Models: Algebraic and Probabilistic Aspects of Universality, Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics, May 2024.
- 4. Coupled Tilings of the Aztec Diamond, JMM Special Session on Solvable Lattice Models and their Applications, January 2024.
- 5. Coupled Tilings of the Aztec Diamond, Mathematical Physics Seminar, Purdue University, November 2023.
- Double dimers, coupled tilings, and LLT polynomials, Integrable Probability Seminar, MIT, October 2023.
- 7. Double dimers, coupled tilings, and LLT polynomials, DIMERS Closing Conference, Sorbonne Université, July 2023.
- 8. k-tilings of the Aztec Diamond, Berkeley Probability Seminar, UC Berkeley, April 2023.
- 9. k-tilings of the Aztec Diamond, Journées Cartes, Institute of Theoretical Physics, June 2022.
- 10. k-tilings of the Aztec Diamond, Enumerative and Analytic Combinatorics Seminar, Université Paris Cité, June 2022.
- 11. Lattice models and LLT polynomials, Madison Combinatorics Seminar, UW Madison, May 2022.
- 12. k-tilings of the Aztec Diamond, Madison Probability Seminar, UW Madison, April 2022.
- 13. *k-tilings of the Aztec Diamond*, Solvable lattice model seminar, Stanford University, February 2022.
- 14. A Vertex Model for LLT Polynomials, Berkeley Combinatorics Seminar, UC Berkeley, December 2020.
- 15. A Vertex Model for LLT Polynomials, CMS Winter Meeting, December 2020.
- 16. Arctic Curves, Lecture Hall Tableaux, and the Tangent Method, LPSM Friday Seminar, Sorbonne University, November 2019.
- 17. Arctic Curves, Lecture Hall Tableaux, and the Tangent Method, Berkeley Combinatorics Seminar, UC Berkeley, September 2019.
- 18. Arctic Curves in Lecture Hall Tableaux, Asymptotic Algebraic Combinatorics Workshop, Banff International Research Station, March 2019.
- 19. Random Tilings with the GPU, Representation Theory, Mathematical Physics and Integrable Systems, Centre International de Rencontres Mathematiques, June 2018.

Organization 2025

Co-organized the SLMath summer school "Graphical Models in Algebraic Combinatorics." Notes and exercises available on my website.

2024 - present

Co-organized the University of Illinois Algebra-Geometry-Combinatorics Seminar.

2024 - present

Co-organized the University of Illinois Integrability and Representation Theory Seminar

2022 - 2023

Co-organized the University of Wisconsin Probability Seminar.

Teaching

At UIUC:

EXPERIENCE Instructor Fall 2025

Math 413 - Introduction to Combinatorics

Instructor Fall 2024

Math 441 - Differential Equations

At UW Madison:

Instructor Spring 2023

Math 699 - Independent study

A reading course on "Integer Partitions" by George Andrews.

Instructor Fall 2022, Spring 2023

Math 390 - Undergraduate research Numerical study of coupled tilings.

Instructor Fall 2022, Spring and Fall 2023, Spring 2024

Math 632 - Introduction to Stochastic Processes

Instructor Spring 2022

Math 475 - Introduction to Combinatorics

Instructor Fall 2021, Spring 2024

Math 431 - Introduction to Probability

At UC Berkeley:

Teaching Assistant Spring 2021

Math 54 - Linear Algebra

Instructor: Prof. Katrin Wehrheim

Teaching Assistant Spring 2020

Math 128A - Numerical Analysis Instructor: Prof. Per-Olof Persson

Teaching Assistant Spring 2019

Math 54 - Linear Algebra and Differential Equations

Instructor: Prof. Ming Gu

Teaching Assistant Fall 2018

Math 54 - Linear Algebra and Differential Equations

Instructor: Prof. Constantin Teleman

Teaching Assistant Spring and Fall 2017

Math 53 - Multivariable Calculus Instructor: Prof. Edward Frenkel

Teaching Assistant Fall 2016

Math 54 - Linear Algebra and Differential Equations

Instructor: Prof. Ming Gu

Teaching Assistant Spring 2016

Math 1B - Calculus

Instructor: Dr. Alexander Paulin

Teaching Assistant Fall 2015

Math 1A - Calculus

Instructor: Dr. Alexander Coward

UNDERGRADUATE Tosh Omprakash

MENTORING Project: Simulation of colored interacting particle systems.

Brian Wang 2025

Project: Random reverse plane partitions using bijectivization of the Yang-Baxter equation.

Ran through the Illinois Combinatorics Lab for Undergraduate Experiences.

David Jiang, Jonah Guse 2023

Project: Generating functions for coupled plane partitions.

Jonah is now a graduate student at UC Davis.

Noah Bertz, Harsha Kenchareddy, Fall 2022, Spring 2023

Wei Zhiyuan, Ying Zheng, Lucas Allen

Project: Numerical study of coupled tilings.

Ran through the Madison Experimental Mathematics lab.

Matthew Nicoletti 2019

Project: Simulations of large lecture hall tableaux.

Matthew is now a postdoc at Stanford

Murat Magomedov 2019

Project: Kawasaki Dynamics and the Ising Model.

Danny Wu 2018

Project: Numerical computing fluctuations in the DWBC six vertex model.

Pavel Dmitriev 2017

Project: Numerically computing correlation functions in the DWBC six vertex model.

Melissa Joseph 2016

Project: Glueing formulas for discrete Laplacians. Melissa is now a postdoc at University of Utah.

CODE https://github.com/GPUTilings

A library for generating random tilings with Markov chain Monte Carlo on the GPU.