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Research Interests

discrete geometry, rigidity theory, tilings, topological graph theory, symmetry, computational geometry, mathematical biology, mathematical crystallography, interdisciplinarity

Current Position

Postdoctoral Scholar, Department of Mathematical Sciences, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester
January 1, 2014 – present

Positions Held

(Maternity leave, April 2012 – January 2014.)

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, York University, Toronto
January 1, 2012 – June 30, 2012.

Postdoctoral Fellow, Fields Institute, Toronto
Thematic Program on Discrete Geometry and Applications
July 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011.

Education

Ph.D. Mathematics, York University, 2006 – 2011
Thesis: *Geometric and combinatorial rigidity of periodic frameworks as graphs on a torus.*
Supervisor: Walter Whiteley

M.Sc. Mathematics, University of British Columbia, 2003 – 2005
Thesis: *The non-local growth of Penrose tilings.*
Supervisor: William Casselman

B.Sc. Mathematics, University of Guelph, 1999 – 2003, *With Distinction*
Minor Studio Art

Other Education

University Teaching Practicum, York University, 2007 – 2011
Completion of a self-directed program of professional development in university teaching and learning, through the Centre for the Support of Teaching.

Honours and Awards*National and Provincial*

Ontario Graduate Scholarship, 2009 - 2010

Ontario Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (OGSST), 2008 - 2009

NSERC PGS M, 2004 - 2005

Communication

Peter Rodney Memorial Book Prize for best student talk, Ontario Combinatorics Workshop, University of Waterloo, May 2009

Institutional

Travel Award, Graduate Development Fund, Faculty of Graduate Studies, York University, September 2009

NSERC Top-up award, Department of Mathematics, University of British Columbia, 2004 - 2005

Special Graduate Entrance Scholarship, September 2003

University of Guelph Department of Mathematics Book Award for Academic Excellence, (3 awards: 2000, 2001, 2002)

University of Guelph Department of Mathematics Year Two Award, November 2001

Publications

1. *Periodic rigidity on a variable torus using inductive constructions*, with A. Nixon (submitted).
2. *Inductive constructions for frameworks on a two-dimensional fixed torus*, (submitted).
3. *One brick at a time: a survey of inductive constructions in rigidity theory*, with A. Nixon. To appear in the Fields Communications Series, "Rigidity and Symmetry" edited by Robert Connelly, Walter Whiteley and Asia Weiss.
4. *The rigidity of periodic frameworks as graphs on a fixed torus*, (to appear in Contributions to Discrete Mathematics).
5. *The rigidity of periodic body-bar frameworks on the three-dimensional fixed torus*, Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A, 372 (2008) (Feb., 2014).
6. *The Rigidity of Spherical Frameworks: Swapping Blocks and Holes*, with W. Finbow, and W. Whiteley, SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics, 26(1), 280 – 304 (Feb., 2012).
7. *Finite motions from periodic frameworks with added symmetry*, with B. Schulze and W. Whiteley, International Journal of Solids and Structures, 48, 1711 – 1728 (Feb., 2011).

Selected Presentations (★ by invitation)

- ★ AMS Special Session on Discrete Geometry and Crystallography, Baltimore, 2014
- ★ Discrete Math Seminar, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 2014
- ★ Royal Society Theo Murphy International Scientific Meeting on Rigidity of Periodic and Symmetric Structures in Nature and Engineering, England, 2012
- CMS Special Session on Discrete Geometry, Toronto, 2011
- ★ Workshop on Rigidity and Symmetry, Fields Institute, 2011
- Canadian Discrete and Algorithmic Mathematics Conference (CanaDAM), Victoria, 2011
- ★ Carleton-Ottawa Discrete Math seminar, 2011
- Geometry Day, York University, 2011
- ★ Rigidity in Lancaster, England, 2010
- ★ CMS Special Session on Discrete Geometry, Fredericton 2010
- Rigidity Day, York University, 2010
- ★ CMS Special Session on Recent Trends in Discrete Geometry, Windsor, 2009
- ★ Workshop on Rigidity and Volume Inequalities, Budapest, 2009
- Ontario Combinatorics Workshop, University of Waterloo, 2009
- ★ AMS Special Session on Discrete Geometry, Worcester, 2009
- ★ Discrete Geometry Day, Field's Institute, 2009
- ★ Discrete Geometry and Combinatorics seminar, Cornell University, 2008
- ★ Recent Progress in Rigidity Theory, BIRS, 2008
- Rigidity seminar series, York University, 2007

Conferences, Workshops & Research Visits (in addition to those listed above)

- American Institute of Mathematics workshop "Configuration spaces of linkages," 2014 (upcoming)
- Fields Workshop on Discrete and Computational Geometry, Carleton University, Ottawa, 2010
- Research visit, Wendy Finbow, St. Mary's University in Halifax, 2010
- Canadian Science Policy Conference, Toronto, 2009
- Rigidity, Flexibility, and Motion: Theory, Computation and Applications to Biomolecules, BIRS, 2008
- Connecting Women in Mathematics Across Canada, The Fields Institute, 2006
- The Coxeter Legacy: Reflections and Projections, The Fields Institute, 2004

Teaching Activities

Instructor, MA 1024: Calculus IV, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 2014

Instructor, MA 2273: Combinatorics, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 2014

Instructor, MA 2073: Introduction to Matrices and Linear Algebra II, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 2014

Course Director, MATH 2022: Linear Algebra II, York University, 2010

Tutorial Leader, MATH 3050: Introduction to Geometries; and MATH 1200: Problems, Conjectures and Proofs; York University, 2010

Tutor, Math Lab, York University, 2006 – 2008

Tutorial Leader and Occasional Guest Instructor, MATH 1300: Differential Calculus with Applications, York University, 2007

Teaching Assistant, MATH 1014: Applied Calculus II, York University, 2007

Teaching Assistant, MATH 3410: Complex Analysis, York University, 2007

Teaching Assistant, various calculus courses, University of British Columbia, 2003 - 2005

Tutor, The Academy for Mathematics and Science, Guelph, 2000 - 2003

Professional Experience

Teaching Development Graduate Assistant

Sep 2009 – Dec 2009

Sole organizer and facilitator of an orientation for new teaching assistants in the mathematics department, attended by over 40 TAs. Initiated and facilitated a four-part seminar series connecting researchers in mathematics education with TAs and faculty in the mathematics department.

Math Lab Coordinator

Sep 2008 – April 2009

Responsible for the administration of York University's math help centre (Math Lab), and management of 20 tutors.

Service

Organizer or co-organizer of

“Making Models: Stimulating Research In Rigidity Theory And Spatial-Visual Reasoning”, workshop at the Fields Institute, August 5 - 9, 2014

Discrete Geometry session, Canadian Mathematical Society Winter Meeting, Toronto 2011

“Art Meets Science”, York University, 2009 – 2010

Referee for

European Journal of Combinatorics

International Journal of Structures and Solids

Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A

ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA 2012)

27th Annual Symposium on Computational Geometry (SoCG 2011)

Service, continued*Committee*

Faculty of Graduate Studies Council, York University, 2010 – 2011

Tenure and Promotion Committee, Department of Mathematics, York University, 2010 – 2011

Teaching and Learning Committee, Department of Mathematics, York University, 2009 – 2010

Department Council (Graduate Student Representative), York University, 2009 – 2010

Graduate Executive Committee, Department of Mathematics, York University, 2008 – 2009

Other

Contributor to “Fields Notes”, newsletter of the Fields Institute, December 2011

References

1. **Walter Whiteley** (Ph.D. supervisor) whiteley@mathstat.yorku.ca
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