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POSTDOC POSITIONS AND EMPLOYMENT

- **Post-Doc Fellowship, Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik** 2017–2019
Mentors: Prof Yuri I Manin, Prof Pieter Moree
- **Stipendiary Lecturer in Pure Mathematics, Pembroke College, University of Oxford** 2016–2017
- **Freelance Editor, Oxford University Press** 2015–2016

EDUCATION

- **DPhil in Number Theory, University of Oxford** 2013–2017
Research Interests: Number Theory, Arithmetic Geometry
Supervisor: Prof E Victor Flynn
- **MSc Mathematics and the Foundations of Computer Science, University of Oxford** 2012–2013
Result: Distinction
- **BA (Hons) Mathematical Tripos, University of Cambridge** 2009–2012
(Upgraded to MA in 2016)
Result: Class I (each year)

ACADEMIC VISITS

- **Institut Henri Poincaré, Paris, France** Apr–Jul 2019
Participating in the thematic trimester *À la redécouverte des points rationnels*
- **Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach, Oberwolfach, Germany** Dec 2018
Collaborating with Dr Valentijn Karemaker
- **American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon** Sep 2018
Visiting Prof Kamal Khuri-Makdisi
- **University of Washington, Seattle, USA** Sep–Dec 2015
Visiting Prof Bianca Viray

PAPERS AND PREPRINTS

7. *Arithmetic of rational points and zero-cycles on products of Kummer varieties and K3 surfaces*
with R. Newton.
Preprint (2018).
6. *Arithmetic of rational points and zero-cycles on Kummer varieties*
with R. Newton.
Preprint (2018).
5. *Brauer-Manin obstruction and families of generalised Châtelet surfaces over number fields*
Accepted for publication, International Journal of Number Theory (2018).
4. *Elliptic fibrations on covers of the elliptic modular surface of level 5*
with J. Desjardins, A. Garbagnati, C. Maistret, C. Salgado.
WINE II: Contributions to Number Theory and Arithmetic Geometry, AWM Springer Series 11 (2018), 159–197.
3. *Iterating the algebraic étale-Brauer set*
Journal of Number Theory 182 (2018), 284–295
2. *Obstruction sets and extensions of groups*
Acta Arithmetica 173 (2016), 151–181.
1. *Insufficiency of the Brauer-Manin obstruction for rational points on Enriques surfaces*
with J. Berg, M. Manes, J. Park, B. Viray.
Directions in Number Theory: Proceedings of the 2014 WIN3 Workshop, AWM Springer Series 3 (2016), 1–32.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

- **EPSRC Studentship**, fees & maintenance, Mathematical Institute (University of Oxford). 2013–2017
- **Jex-Blake Scholarship**, LMH (University of Oxford) 2013–2014
- **Academic Development Grant (Ginsberg Fund)**, LMH (University of Oxford) 2013
- **Anne Jemima Clough Prize**, Newnham College (University of Cambridge) 2012

- **Chadburn Third-Year Scholarship**, Newnham College (University of Cambridge) 2011–2012
- **Marjorie Stewart Tunnicliffe Prize**, Newnham College (University of Cambridge) 2011
- **Anne Jemima Clough Prize**, Newnham College (University of Cambridge) 2011
- **Mathilde Blind Second-Year Scholarship**, Newnham College (University of Cambridge) 2010–2011
- **Jane Dora Archibald Prize**, Newnham College (University of Cambridge) 2010

TEACHING (UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD)

- **Stipendiary Lecturship**, Pembroke College. 2016–2017
- **M1 Groups and group actions**. First year course. Trinity Term 2017
- **A.S.O Group Theory**. Second year. Trinity Term 2017
- **A4 Integration**. Second year course. Hilary Term 2017
- **M1 Groups and group actions**. First year course. Hilary Term 2017
- **M2 Analysis II: Continuity and Differentiability**. First year course. Hilary Term 2017
- **A0 Linear Algebra**. Second year course. Michaelmas Term 2016
- **A2 Metric Spaces and Complex Analysis**. Second year course. Michaelmas Term 2016
- **M2 Analysis I: Sequences and Series**. First year course. Michaelmas Term 2016
- **A.S.O Graph Theory**, Tutor for New College. Second year course. Trinity Term 2016
- **C2.6 Introduction to Schemes**, Consultation Sessions Tutor. Trinity Term 2016
- **C2.6 Introduction to Schemes**, Class Tutor. Fourth year/graduate course. Hilary Term 2016
- **A.S.O Graph Theory**, Tutor for New College. Second year course. Trinity Term 2015
- **B3.4 Algebraic Number Theory**, Consultation Sessions Tutor. Trinity Term 2015
- **C3.7 Elliptic Curves**, Consultation Sessions Tutor (2 Sets). Trinity Term 2015
- **B3.4 Algebraic Number Theory**, Class Tutor. Third year course. Hilary Term 2015
- **C3.7 Elliptic Curves**, Class Tutor (2 Sets). Fourth year/graduate course. Hilary Term 2015
- **C3.4 Algebraic Geometry**, Class Tutor. Fourth year/graduate course. Michaelmas Term 2014
- **B3.1 Galois Theory**, TA (2 sets). Third year course. Michaelmas Term 2014
- **B9b Algebraic Number Theory**, TA. Third year course. Hilary Term 2014
- **C9.1b Elliptic Curves**, TA. Fourth year/graduate course. Hilary Term 2014
- **C9.2a Analytic Number Theory**, TA. Fourth year/graduate course. Michaelmas Term 2013

TEACHING (UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON)

- **Algebraic Number Theory**, 2 lectures (substituting Prof Viray). Graduate course. Fall Quarter 2015

COMMITTEES AND SERVICE

- Reviewer for the Mathematical Reviews of the AMS. 2017–
- Peer-reviewer for the Tunisian Journal of Mathematics. 2017
- Organiser of the Junior Number Theory seminar, University of Oxford. 2015–2016
- Undergraduate admissions interviewer at New College, University of Oxford. Michaelmas Term 2014
- Organiser of the Young Researchers in Mathematics 2015 conference, University of Oxford. 2013–2015
- Undergraduate admissions interviewer at New College, University of Oxford. Michaelmas Term 2013
- Facilitator for the Good Practices Steering Group, Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford. 2013–2017

TALKS

- *On the arithmetic of rational points and zero-cycles on products of Kummer varieties and K3 surfaces* 4 Sep 2018
Number Theory Seminar, American University of Beirut, Lebanon.
- *On the arithmetic of rational points and zero-cycles on products of Kummer varieties and K3 surfaces* 2 Jul 2018
Rational Points on Schiermonnikoog, Netherlands.
- *Sull'aritmetica dei punti razionali e degli zero-cicli sulle varietà di Kummer* (in Italian) [Canceled due to illness] 1 Jun 2018
XIV Giornate di Geometria Algebrica ed Argomenti Correlati, Università di Genova, Italy.
- *Arithmetic of rational points and 0-cycles of degree 1 on Kummer varieties* 28 Mar 2018
Number Theory Lunch Seminar, Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik, Bonn, Germany.
- *Categorie: un cambiamento di paradigma in matematica* (in Italian) 7 Dec 2017
Seminario di Logica, Università Ca' Foscari, Venice, Italy.
- *Studying arithmetic properties of rational points on varieties* 26 Oct 2017
MPI-Oberseminar, Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik, Bonn, Germany.
- *Iterating the algebraic étale-Brauer obstruction* 19 May 2017
Number Theory Seminar, University of Cambridge, UK.
- *When do rational points on varieties exist?* 15 Mar 2017

- Pure Mathematics Seminar, University of Reading, UK. 17 Feb 2017
- *Iterating the algebraic étale-Brauer obstruction* RTG Lectures in Arithmetic Geometry at Rice, Rice University, Houston, USA. 22 Dec 2016
- *Iterare l'insieme di étale-Brauer algebrico* (in Italian) Algebraic Geometry and Representation Theory in Rome, Università Sapienza, Rome, Italy. 27 Oct 2016
- *Iterating the algebraic étale-Brauer obstruction* Number Theory Seminar, University of Manchester, UK. 12 Oct 2016
- *Iterating the algebraic étale-Brauer obstruction* Linfoot seminar, Bristol University, UK. 13 Jun 2016
- *Obstructions to the existence of rational points on Enriques surfaces* GAeL XXIV, Nesin Mathematics Village, Turkey. 23 May 2016
- *Iterating the algebraic étale-Brauer obstruction* Leibniz Universität Hannover, Hannover, Germany. 25 Apr 2016
- *Modular methods for Diophantine equations* Junior Number Theory seminar, University of Oxford, UK. 25 Jan 2016
- *Iterating the algebraic étale-Brauer obstruction* Junior Number Theory seminar, University of Oxford, UK. 17 Nov 2015
- *Iterating the algebraic étale-Brauer obstruction* AGNT Seminar, Rice University, Houston, USA. 12 Nov 2015
- *Belyi's Theorem* Dessins d'enfants seminar, University of Washington, Seattle, USA. 10 Nov 2015
- *Iterating the algebraic étale-Brauer obstruction* UW Number Theory Seminar, University of Washington, Seattle, USA. 19 Aug 2015
- *Obstructions: a dictionary* Young Researchers in Mathematics 2015, University of Oxford, UK. 13 Apr 2015
- *Insufficiency of the Brauer-Manin obstruction for Enriques surfaces* TCC Number Theory day, Imperial College, London, UK. 10 Apr 2015
- *Insuffisance de l'obstruction de Brauer-Manin pour les surfaces d'Enriques* (in French) Séminaire "Variétés Rationnelles", Institut Henri Poincaré, Paris, France. 9 Feb 2015
- *Obstruction sets and extensions of groups* Junior Number Theory seminar, University of Oxford, UK. 24 Nov 2014
- *Ranks of elliptic curves* Junior Number Theory seminar, University of Oxford, UK. 22 Oct 2014
- *How badly can the Hasse principle fail?* Kinderseminar, University of Oxford, UK. 4 Sep 2014
- *On the existence of rational points: an introduction to obstructions* NATO ASI, Ohrid, FYROM. 2 Jul 2014
- *Obstructions!* Young Researchers in Mathematics 2014, University of Warwick, UK. 25 Nov 2013
- *Obstructions to the Hasse principle* Junior Number Theory seminar, University of Oxford, UK.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- **Rational Points on Schiermonnikoog** 2 – 6 Jul 2018
Schiermonnikoog, Netherlands.
- **XIV Giornate di Geometria Algebrica ed Argomenti Correlati** 29 May – 1 Jun 2018
Università di Genova, Genova, Italy.
- **Rational Points 2017** 2–8 Jul 2017
Franken-Akademie Schloss Schney, Schney, Germany.
- **RTG Lectures in Arithmetic Geometry at Rice** 17–19 Feb 2017
Rice University, Houston, USA.
- **Algebraic Geometry and Representation Theory in Rome** 22 Dec 2016
Università Sapienza, Rome, Italy.
- **Women In Numbers Europe 2** 25–30 Sep 2016
Lorentz Center, Leiden, Netherlands.
- **GAeL XXIV** 13–17 Jun 2016
Nesin Mathematics Village, Turkey.
- **Fundamental groups in Arithmetic Geometry** 26 May – 3 Jun 2016
Institut Henri Poincaré, Paris, France.

- **Explicit Methods in Number Theory (in honour of John Cremona's 60th Birthday)** 4–8 Apr 2016
University of Warwick, UK.
- **Sage Days 71: Explicit p-adic methods in number theory** 20–24 Mar 2016
University of Oxford, UK.
- **Oxford Cryptography Day** 17 Mar 2016
University of Oxford, UK.
- **Western Algebraic Geometry Symposium** 17–18 Oct 2015
University of Washington, Seattle, USA.
- **LMS-CMI summer school on Diophantine Equations** 15–19 Sep 2015
Wales, UK.
- **Young Researchers in Mathematics 2015** 17–20 Aug 2015
University of Oxford, UK.
- **Rational Points 2015** 28 Jun – 5 Jul 2015
Franken-Akademie Schloss Schney, Schney, Germany.
- **Rational Points/ Pontos Racionais** 25–29 May 2015
IMPA, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- **Elliptic Curves, Modular Forms and Iwasawa Theory** 25–27 Mar 2015
In honour of J Coates' 70th Birthday, University of Cambridge, UK.
- **Arizona Winter School 2015: Arithmetic and Higher-Dimensional Varieties** 14–18 Mar 2015
The Southwest Center for Arithmetic Geometry, University of Arizona, USA.
- **Algebraic Geometry and Representation Theory in Rome** 18–19 Dec 2014
Università Roma 3, Rome, Italy.
- **Comptage d'objets arithmétiques (rangs des courbes elliptiques)** 10–14 Nov 2014
CRM, Université de Montréal, Canada.
- **Analytic Number Theory** 29 Sep – 3 Oct 2014
Clay Research Conference and Workshops, University of Oxford, UK.
- **Bounded Gaps Between Primes** 22–26 Sep 2014
LMS-CMI Research School, University of Oxford, UK.
- **Arithmetic of Hyperelliptic Curves** 25 Aug – 5 Sep 2014
NATO Advanced Study Institute, Ohrid, FYROM.
- **Young Researchers in Mathematics 2014** 30 Jun – 3 Jul 2014
University of Warwick, UK.
- **Women in Numbers 3** 20–25 Apr 2014
Banff International Research Station, Canada.
- **Model theory and its interactions with NT and arithmetic geometry** 10–11 Feb 2014
MSRI, University of California, Berkeley, USA.
- **Introductory Workshop: Model Theory, Arithmetic Geometry and NT** 3–7 Feb 2014
MSRI, University of California, Berkeley, USA.
- **Number Theory and Physics** 29 Sep – 4 Oct 2013
Clay Research Conference and Workshops, University of Oxford, UK.
- **Rational Points - Geometric, Analytic and Explicit Approaches** 27–31 May 2013
EPSRC Warwick Number Theory Symposium, University of Warwick, UK.
- **Women in Mathematics** 18–19 Apr 2013
Organised by the LMS. Newton Institute, University of Cambridge, UK.
- **Foundations of Mathematics: What are they and what are they for?** 10–12 Jul 2012
Department of Philosophy, University of Cambridge, UK.

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

- **Research Assistant in Numerical Analysis** Summer 2012
DAMTP, University of Cambridge.
Undergraduate summer research project funded by MathWorks.
Supervisors: Prof A Iserles, Dr C-B Schoenlieb, and Dr S J Cowley.

LANGUAGES

- **Italian:** Native speaker
- **English:** Fluent
- **French:** Fluent