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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Algebraic graph theory, quantum walks, orthogonal polynomials, equiangular lines, association schemes, covering graphs, graph embeddings		
CURRENT POSITION	Assistant Professor	Aug 2023 - Present	
	• Computer Science Department, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA, USA		
PREVIOUS POSITIONS	Postdoctoral Fellow	Jan 2022 - May 2023	
	• Department of Mathematics, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, Canada Topic of projects: Spectral graph theory Supervisor: Bojan Mohar		
	York Science Fellow	Oct 2019 - Sep 2021	
	• Department of Mathematics and Statistics, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada Topic of projects: Discrete quantum walks Supervisor: Ada Chan		
	Postdoctoral Fellow	Oct 2018 - Sep 2019	
	• Centre de Recherches Mathématiques, Université de Montréal, Montréal, QC, Canada Topic of projects: Continuous quantum walks Supervisor: Luc Vinet		
EDUCATION	University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada		
	• Ph.D.	May 2014 - Sep 2018	
	Department of Combinatorics and Optimization, Faculty of Mathematics		
	Thesis: Discrete Quantum Walks on Graphs and Digraphs		
	Supervisor: Chris Godsil		
	Thesis awards:		
	<ul> <li>University Finalist for the Governor General'</li> <li>Inaugural Mathematics Doctoral Prize</li> </ul>	s Gold Medal	

- Inaugural Mathematics Doctoral Prize
- Master of Mathematics

Sep 2012 - Apr 2014

Department of Combinatorics and Optimization, Faculty of Mathematics

Thesis: Uniform Mixing on Cayley Graphs over  $\mathbb{Z}_3^d$ 

Supervisor: Chris Godsil

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## Thesis award:

- Outstanding Achievement in Graduate Studies

• Bachelor of Arts Jan 2010 - Aug 2012

Department of Economics, Faculty of Arts

Thesis: Second-Price Auction with Resale

Supervisor: Philip Curry

## Xiamen University, Xiamen, Fujian, China

• Bachelor of Economics

Sep 2008 - Jun 2014

Department of Statistics, Faculty of Economics Thesis: Multi-Player Multi-State Quantum Games

Supervisor: Zhengming Qian

#### Publications Book

1. C. Godsil, H. Zhan, Discrete Quantum Walks on Graphs and Digraphs. Cambridge University Press (2023).

## Peer-Reviewed Papers

- 2. A. Chan, H. Zhan, Pretty good state transfer in discrete-time quantum walks. Journal of Physics A: Mathematical and Theoretical (2023). doi:10.1088/1751-8121/acc4f5
- 3. H. Zhan, The average search probabilities of discrete-time quantum walks. Quantum Information Processing (2022) 21(9): pp. 336. doi:10.1007/s11128-022-03681-9
- 4. A. Chan, G. Coutinho, W. Drazen, O. Eisenberg, C. Godsil, M. Kempton, G. Lippner, C. Tamon, H. Zhan, Fundamentals of fractional revival in graphs. Linear Algebra and its Applications (2022). doi:10.1016/J.LAA.2022.09.010
- 5. H. Zhan, Factoring discrete quantum walks on distance regular graphs into continuous quantum walks. Linear Algebra and its Applications (2022), 648: pp. 88-103. doi:10.1016/J. LAA.2022.04.017
- 6. A. Chan, B. Johnson, M. Liu, M. Schmidt, Z. Yin, H. Zhan, Laplacian pretty good fractional revival. Discrete Mathematics (2022), 345(10), 112971. doi:10.1016/J.DISC. 2022.112971
- 7. A. Chan, B. Johnson, M. Liu, M. Schmidt, Z. Yin, H. Zhan, Laplacian fractional revival on graphs. Electronic Journal of Combinatorics (2021) 28(3): P3.22.
- 8. A. Chan, G. Coutinho, C. Tamon, L. Vinet, H. Zhan, Fractional revival and association schemes. Discrete Mathematics (2020) 343(11), 112018. doi:10.1016/j.disc.2020.112018
- 9. L. Vinet, H. Zhan, Perfect state transfer on weighted graphs of the Johnson scheme. Letter in Mathematical Physics (2020). doi.org/10.1007/s11005-020-01298-6
- 10. H. Zhan, Quantum walks on embeddings. Journal of Algebraic Combinatorics (2020). doi.org/10.1007/s10801-020-00958-z
- 11. H. Zhan, An infinite family of circulant graphs with perfect state transfer in discrete quantum walks. Quantum Information Processing (2019) 18(12): pp. 369.
- 12. G. Coutinho, L. Vinet, H. Zhan, A. Zhedanov. Perfect state transfer in a spin chain without mirror symmetry. Journal of Physics A: Mathematical and Theoretical (2019) 52(45), pp. 455302.

- 13. C. Godsil, H. Zhan, *Discrete-time quantum walks and graph structures*. Journal of Combinatorial Theory, Series A (2019), pp. 181212.
- 14. A. Chan, G. Coutinho, C. Tamon, L. Vinet, H. Zhan, *Quantum fractional revival on graphs*. Discrete Applied Mathematics (2019) 269, pp. 86-98.
- 15. G. Coutinho, C. Godsil, K. Guo, H. Zhan, A new perspective on the average mixing matrix. Electronic Journal of Combinatorics (2018) 25(4): P4.14.
- 16. C. Godsil, H. Zhan, *Uniform mixing on Cayley graphs*. Electronic Journal of Combinatorics (2017) 24(3): P3.20.
- 17. G. Coutinho, C. Godsil, M. Shirazi, H. Zhan, Equiangular lines and covers of the complete graph. Linear Algebra and its Applications (2016) 488: pp. 264-283.
- 18. R. Alvir, S. Dever, B. Lovitz, J. Myer, C. Tamon, Y. Xu, H. Zhan. *Perfect state transfer in Laplacian quantum walk*. Journal of Algebraic Combinatorics (2016) 43(4): pp. 801-826.

## **Submitted Preprints**

- 19. Q. Chen, C. Godsil, M. Sobchuk, H. Zhan. *Hamiltonians of bipartite walks*. arXiv:2207.01673 (2022).
- 20. H. Kumar, B. Mohar, S. Pragada, H. Zhan. Subdivision and Graph Eigenvalues. arXiv:2303.10488 (2023).

## SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

## **Undergraduate Research Programs**

- Fields Undergraduate Summer Research Program

  Jul Aug, 2020

  Co-supervised an undergraduate research project with Ada Chan on Laplacian fractional revival at the Fields Institute. This results in two papers [6] and [7]. One student was awarded the Book Prize by the Fields Institute.
- University of Waterloo

May - Aug, 2018

Mentored one undergraduate student under the supervision of Chris Godsil. The student extended my results in the paper [10], and developed the theory of a new quantum walk called the vertex-face walk. This leads to the joint work [19].

#### PRESENTATIONS Invited Talks

- 1. The second largest eigenvalue of a tree. In: CMS Winter Meeting, Chelsea Hotel, Toronto, ON, Canada, December 2 5, 2022.
- 2. The effect of marking vertices in discrete quantum walks. In: Graph Theory, Algebraic Combinatorics and Mathematical Physics, Centre de Recherches Mathématiques, July 25 August 19, 2022.
- 3. The average search probability in a quantum walk with an oracle. In: Algebraic Graph Theory Seminar, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada, August 2, 2021.
- 4. Arc-reversal quantum walks. In: Discrete Math Seminar, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, Canada, February 24, 2021.

- 5. DRACKNs and their applications in quantum information. In: Codes and Expansions, United States, September 8, 2020.
- 6. Factoring discrete quantum walks into continuous quantum walks. In: Algebraic Graph Theory Seminar, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada, August 3, 2020.
- 7. Quantum fractional revival. In: Discrete Math Seminar, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, United States, April 23, 2020.
- 8. New advances in quantum walks. In: AMS Joint Mathematics Meetings, Colorado Convention Center, Denver, CO, United States, January 15 18, 2020.
- 9. State transfer via orthogonal polynomials. In: AMS Sectional Meeting, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, United States, September 14 15, 2019.
- 10. Quantum state transfer in the algebra of the Johnson scheme. In: CMS Summer Meeting, University of Regina, Regina, SK, Canada, June 7 10, 2019.
- 11. Some elegant results in algebraic graph theory. In: Canadian Discrete and Algorithmic Mathematics Conference, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, Canada, May 28 31, 2019.
- 12. Quantum walks, orthogonal polynomials, and spectral graph theory. In: Quantum Walks and Information Tasks, Banff International Research Station for Mathematical Innovation and Discovery, Banff, AB, Canada, April 21 26, 2019.
- 13. Generating entanglement using quantum walks. In: David A. Walsh Seminar Series, Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY, United States, February 8, 2019.
- 14. Some open problems in discrete quantum walks. In: Algebraic Graph Theory and Quantum Walks, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada, April 23 27, 2018.
- 15. Recent progress in discrete quantum walks. In: AMS Sectional Meeting, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, United States, April 21 22, 2018, 2018.
- 16. Graph covers and equiangular frames. In: AMS Sectional Meeting, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, United States, March 16 18, 2018.
- 17. From covers to tight frames. In: AMS Sectional Meeting, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, United States, March 10 12, 2017.
- 18. Spectra of discrete quantum walks. In: CMS Summer Meeting, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada, June 24 27, 2016.
- 19. Lines and covers of complete graphs 2. In: Systems of Lines: Applications of Algebraic Combinatorics, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA, United States, August 10 14, 2015.
- 20. Some open problems in uniform mixing. In: Summer Research Program, Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY, United States, July 20, 2015.

#### Mini-Course

21. Introduction to discrete quantum walks. In: CMS Winter Meeting, Chelsea Hotel, Toronto, ON, Canada, December 2 - 5, 2022.

#### Contributed Talks

- 22. Discrete quantum walk search on graphs. In: Coast Combinatorics Conference 2023, SFU Harbour Centre, Vancouver, BC, Canada, March 4 5, 2023.
- 23. How far can the quantum walker go. In: 9th International Conference on Quantum Simulation and Quantum Walks, Centre International de Rencontres Mathématiques, Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhone, France, January 20 24, 2020.
- 24. Discrete quantum walks on Cayley graphs. In: CMS Winter Meeting, Chelsea Hotel, Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada, December 6 9, 2019.
- 25. The vertex-face walk. In: Finite Geometry and Extremal Combinatorics, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, United States, August 21 24, 2019.
- 26. Combinatorial aspects of quantum walks. In: Prairie Discrete Math Workshop, Brandon University, Brandon, MB, Canada, June 12 15, 2018.
- 27. Discrete-time quantum walks and graph embeddings. In: CMS Winter Meeting, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada, December 8 11, 2017.
- 28. Quantum walks and mixing. In: Algebraic and Extremal Graph Theory, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, United States, August 7 10, 2017.
- 29. Discrete-time quantum walks and graph structures. In: Canadian Discrete and Algorithmic Mathematics Conference, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON, Canada, June 12 15, 2017.
- 30. Uniform mixing in quantum walks. In: 22nd Ontario Combinatorics Workshop, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada, May 16 17, 2014.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

## Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, Canada

• Instructor Spring 2023

MACM 201: Discrete Mathematics II (class size: 180)

• Instructor Summer 2022 MATH 240: Algebra I: Linear Algebra (class size: 90)

## Online Graduate Courses, International

• Instructor Winter 2021 Combinatorics and Quantum Walks (class size: 20; recordings available)

## York University, Toronto, ON, Canada

• Instructor Winter 2020, Fall 2020 MATH 1014: Applied Calculus II (class size: 180 - 280)

#### University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada

• Instructor Winter 2018

MATH 135: Algebra for Honors Mathematics (class size: 60)

• Substitute Instructor Winter 2017

CO 444/644: Algebraic Graph Theory (class size: 20)

Type and Source	Amount in CAD	Purpose
Fields Institute	\$14250	travel funding for non-US invited speakers, at least \$5000 towards ECRs, females, postdocs, students
NSF, via Fields Institute	\$10000	travel funding for US invited speakers, at least 2/3 towards ECRs, females, postdocs, students
York University, via Office of Vice-President Research and Innovation	\$2000	registration fees for students and postdocs

Table 1: Funding for Algebraic Graph Theory and Quantum Information

## FUNDING, AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

## Funding for Conferences Organized

• Algebraic Graph Theory and Quantum Information

2021

## Awards and Distinctions from University of Waterloo

- University Finalist for the Governor General's Gold Medal 2019 Purpose: a medal awarded to nominees for the Governor General's Gold Medal
- Inaugural Mathematics Doctoral Prize, First Prize (\$1500) 2019

  Purpose: a prize awarded to recognize the achievement of graduating doctoral students in the Faculty of Mathematics
- Outstanding Achievement in Graduate Studies 2015

  Purpose: an honor awarded to three University of Waterloo Master's students for their outstanding achievement in graduate studies
- Cotton Family Women in Mathematics Graduate Scholarship (\$9000) 2014, 2016, 2017 Purpose: a scholarship awarded to a full-time female graduate student on the basis of academic excellence in their studies and research
- Robin K. Banks Scholarship (\$750) 2011 2012 Purpose: a scholarship awarded to a full-time student in the Faculty of Arts who have achieved the highest overall average at the end of Year Three
- Faculty of Arts Upper-Year Scholarship (\$500) 2011 2012 Purpose: a scholarship awarded to outstanding full-time and part-time students in the Faculty of Arts on the basis of overall average
- Dean's Honours List 2011 2012

#### SERVICE

## Conference, Workshop and Seminar Organizer

- Algebraic Graph Theory and Quantum Information, Fields Institute 2021 Co-organizers: Ada Chan, Gabriel Coutinho, Krystal Guo, Christino Tamon, Luc Vinet
- Quantum Information on Graphs, CMS Winter Meeting Dec 6 9, 2019 Co-organizers: Ada Chan, Christino Tamon

Co-organizer: Justin M. Troyka Seminar Chair • Algebraic Graph Theory Seminar, University of Waterloo Spring 2016, Fall 2017 Journal Reviewer • Quantum Information Processing 2022 - 2023• Algebraic Combinatorics 2022 • Discrete Mathematics 2021 - 2022 • Linear Algebra and Its Applications 2016, 2019 - 2022 • Journal of Combinatorial Theory, Series A 2021 • Electronic Journal of Combinatorics 2017 - 2021 • Linear and Multilinear Algebra 2019 - 2020 • Communications in Algebra 2019 • Journal of Physics A: Mathematical and Theoretical 2019 Conference Reviewer • Sampling Theory and Applications 2019 • International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming 2018

Fall 2019

• Discrete Mathematics Seminar, York University