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## EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION

- 2019- Heilbronn Research Fellow, Bristol University .
- 2019 Postdoc working with Prof. Dan Král', Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic.
- 2017–2019 Postdoc working with Docent Cecilia Holmgren, Uppsala University, Sweden.
- 2015-2017 Heilbronn Research Fellow, Bristol University.
- 2011–2016 Doctor of Philosophy, Oxford University.
  - Thesis *Modularity of Networks*,

Supervisor: Prof. Colin McDiarmid

- ★ Corcoran Prize for the best thesis in the Oxford Statistics Department 2015-2016.
- 2004–2010 Bachelor of Philosophy in Mathematics, Australian National University. First Class Honours, 92%.
  - Thesis **Degree Sequences of Random Bipartite Graphs**, Supervisors: Prof. Brendan McKay, Dr. Judy-Anne Osborn.

# SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2017 Corcoran Prize for the best thesis Oxford Statistics Department 2015-2016.
- 2016 G-Research second prize for Oxford thesis in quantitative methods  $\sim$ £5000.
- 2014 Half Blue, Kayaking, Oxford University.
- 2014 Balliol College 750th Anniversary Science Prize, Oxford.
- 2011-2015 Statistics Department Teaching Bursary, DPhil Scholarship, Oxford University.
  - 2011 J. Crawford Prize for best female thesis in the Sciences, Australian National University.
- 2004-2010 National Undergraduate Scholarship, Australian National University
  - 2004 Best Student Seminar, Advanced Physics I, Australian National University
  - 2003,4 A. L. Blakers memorial prize, Australian National Mathematics Summer School
    - 2003 Australian Students Prize and Ipswich Youth of the Year, Australia.

#### Publications and submitted manuscripts

- 12. **No additional tournaments are quasirandom-forcing**, with R. Hancock, A. Kabela, D. Kral, T. Martins, R. Parente and J. Volec, *submitted*, arXiv:1912.04243.
- 11. **Assigning times to minimise reachability in temporal graphs**, with J. Enright, K. Meeks, *submitted*, arXiv:1802.05905.
- 10. **Embedding small digraphs and permutations in binary trees and split trees**, with M. Albert, C. Holmgren, and T. Johansson, *invited to special issue of Algorithmica for Analysis of Algorithms 2018, currently under review,* arXiv:1901.02328.
- 9. The parameterised complexity of computing the maximum modularity of a graph, with K. Meeks, Algorithmica, to appear, arXiv:1807.06965.
- 8. Random tree recursions: which fixed points correspond to tangible sets of trees?, with M. Podder and T. Johnson,

  Random Structures & Algorithms, to appear, arXiv:1808.03019.
- 2019+ 7. **Modularity of Erdős-Rényi random graphs**, with C. McDiarmid, *Random Structures & Algorithms*, to appear, <u>arXiv:1808.02243</u>.
- 2019 6. *k*-cuts on paths and some trees, with X. Cai, L. Devroye and C. Holmgren, *Electronic Journal of Probability* **24** (2019) arXiv:1804.03069.

- Inversions in split trees and conditional Galton–Watson trees, with X. Cai, C. Holmgren, S. Janson and T. Johansson,
   Combinatorics, Probability and Computing 28 3 (2019) link arXiv:1709.00216.
- 4. **Modularity of regular and treelike graphs**, with C. McDiarmid, *Journal of Complex Networks* **6** 4 (2018) link arXiv:1606.09101
- 2017 3. **Guessing numbers of odd cycles**, with R. Atkins and P. Rombach *Electronic Journal of Combinatorics* **24** 1 (2017) link arXiv:1602.03586
- 2. **Degree sequences of random digraphs and bipartite graphs**, with B. D. McKay *Journal of Combinatorics* **7** 1 (2016) pp.21-49 link arXiv:1302.2446
- Avoider-Enforcer Star Games, with A. Grzesik, M. Mikalački, Z. Nagy, A. Naor, B. Patkós Dicrete Mathematics and Theoretical Computer Science 17 1 (2015) pp.145-160 link arXiv:1302.2555

## Conference publications and submissions

- c7. k-cuts on a path, with X. Cai, L. Devroye and C. Holmgren Algorithms and Complexity 11th International Conference, CIAC 2019, Rome, Italy, May 27-29, 2019, Proceedings. (CIAC 2019) link
- c6. The parameterised complexity of computing the maximum modularity of a graph, with K. Meeks accepted to 13th International Symposium on Parameterized and Exact Computation (IPEC 2018) link
- c5. **Modularity of Erdős-Rényi graphs**, with C. McDiarmid, *Proceedings of the 27th International Conference on Probabilistic, Combinatorial and Asymptotic Methods for the Analysis of Algorithms (AofA 2018)* link
- c4. **Permutations in binary trees and split trees**, with M. Albert, C. Holmgren and T. Johansson (AofA 2018) <u>link</u>
- c3. **Inversions in split trees and conditional Galton–Watson trees**, with X. Cai, C. Holmgren, S. Janson and T. Johansson (*AofA 2018*) <u>link</u>
- c2. **Avoider-Enforcer Star Games**, with A. Grzesik, M. Mikalački, Z. Nagy, A. Naor, B. Patkós *The seventh European conference on combinatorics, graph theory and applications Pisa, Italy, September 9–13, 2013 (Eurocomb 2013) <u>link</u>*
- c1. **Modularity in random regular graphs and lattices** with C. McDiarmid, Proceedings of Erdős Centennial, Electronic Notes in Disc. Math. **43** (2013) <u>link</u>

## Invited Conference Talks

- May, 2020 Scottish Combinatorics Meeting, Glasgow University, UK.
- Nov, 2018 Permutations in Random Trees,
  Dagstuhl Seminar: Genomics, Pattern Avoidance, and Statistical Mechanics, Germany.
- Apr, 2017 Modularity of Random Graphs,
  Workshop on Random Graphs and Random Processes, Kings College London, UK.
- Mar, 2016 Modularity of Random Graphs, ICMS Complex Networks, Edinburgh, UK.

## SEMINARS

- Feb, 2020 tbc, ProbL@b Seminar, University of Bath, Bath, UK.
- Jan, 2020 tbc, Combinatorics Seminar, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK.
- Nov, 2019 Random tree recursions: which fixed points correspond to tangible sets of trees?, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic.
- Jun, 2019 Community structure in Networks: limits of learning, Uppsala University, Sweden.
- Jun, 2019 Community structure in Networks: limits of learning, Groningen Stochastics Seminar, NDL.
- Mar, 2019 Modularity of Networks, University of Bergen, Norway.
- Dec, 2018 Guessing numbers of odd cycles, Queen Mary Combinatorics Study Group, UK.

- Sep, 2018 Introduction to Modularity, Computer Science Reading Group, Glasgow University, UK.
- Apr, 2018 Modularity of Random Graphs, Stockholm University, Sweden.
- Mar, 2018 Tree automata on Galton-Watson trees, KTH, Stockholm, Sweden.
- Mar, 2017 Modularity of Random Graphs, Seminar, Lancaster University, UK.
- Jan, 2017 Modularity of Random Graphs, Seminar, Uppsala University, Sweden.
- Nov, 2016 Modularity of Random Graphs, Combinatorics Seminar, UNSW, Australia.
- Oct, 2016 Modularity of Random Graphs, Computer Science Seminar, Glasgow University, UK.
- Oct, 2016 Modularity of Random Graphs, Pure Math. Seminar, Royal Holloway, UK.
- May, 2016 Modularity of Random Graphs, Combinatorics Seminar, Birmingham University, UK.
- Mar, 2016 Network Coding, Information Theory Seminar, University of Bristol, UK.
- Nov, 2015 Modularity of Random Graphs, Combinatorics Seminar, University of Bristol, UK.
- Nov, 2014 *Modularity on Random Graphs and on Lattices*, Combinatorics Seminar, University of Warwick, UK.

# Conference Talks and Presentations

- Feb, 2019 Random tree recursions: which fixed points correspond to tangible sets of trees?, Winter Combinatorics meeting, Open University, UK.
- Jan, 2019 Random tree recursions: which fixed points correspond to tangible sets of trees?, Probabilistic Midwinter meeting, Umea University, Sweden.
- Sep, 2018 Permutations in binary trees and split trees, Polish Combinatorics Conference, Bedlewo,
- Jun, 2018 Permutations in binary trees and split trees, Analysis of Algorithms, Uppsala, Sweden.
- Jun, 2018 Permutations in binary trees and split trees, Stochastic Processes, Gothenburg, Sweden.
- Aug, 2017 Modularity of Random Graphs, Random Structures and Algorithms, Gniezno, Poland.
- Jul, 2017 Inversions in random labellings of trees, British Combinatorial Conference, Glasgow.
- Jun, 2017 Inversions in random labellings of trees, Permutation Patterns, Reykjavik, Iceland.
- Jun, 2017 Guessing numbers of odd cycles, Graphs, Hypergraphs and Set Systems, Umea, Sweden.
- Jan, 2017 Modularity of Random Graphs, Probabilistic Midwinter meeting, Umea, Sweden
- Sep, 2016 Guessing numbers of odd cycles, Polish Combinatorics Conference, Bedlewo, Poland.
- Jun, 2016 Modularity of Random Graphs, Probabilistic Combinatorics Downunder, Australia.
- Jun, 2016 Modularity of Random Graphs, SIAM Conference on Discrete Math, Atlanta, USA.
- Jul, 2015 Modularity of Networks, British Combinatorial Conference, University of Warwick, UK.
- Apr, 2015 Modularity of Networks, Scottish Combinatorics Meeting, Glasgow, UK.
- Aug, 2013 *Modularity in random regular graphs and lattices*, Random Structures and Algorithms, Poznan, Poland.
- July, 2013 Modularity, edge expansion and lattices, poster Erdős Centennial, Budapest, Hungary.
- Jun, 2013 *Concentration inequalities via resevoir sampling algorithm*, Young Women in Discrete Mathematics, Bonn, Germany.
- Aug, 2012 Degree sequences in random bipartite graphs, British Postgraduate Combinatorics Conference, University of Warwick, UK.
- Mar, 2012 Concentration inequalities via reservoir sampling algorithm, Miniconference during Block Course: Extremal Combinatorics in Random Discrete Structures, Berlin, Germany.
- Dec, 2010 Row and column sums of random 0-1 matrices, Australasian Conf. on Combinatorial Math. & Combinatorial Comp. (ACCMCC), Canberra, Australia.

# SELECTED WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

- Apr, 2019 McGill Probability and Combinatorics Workshop, Bellairs Institute, Barbados.
- Mar, 2018 McGill Probability and Combinatorics Workshop, Bellairs Institute, Barbados.
- Oct, 2017 Dynamics on Random Graphs and Random Maps, CIRM Marseille, France.
- May, 2017 Techniques in Random Discrete Structures, University of Athens, Greece.
- Dec, 2016 Algorithms, Logic and Structure, University of Warwick, UK.
- Aug, 2016 Prague Discrete Summer School on Discrete Math., Czech Academy of Sciences.
- Jul, 2016 Sao Paulo School of Algorithms Combinatorics and Optimization, Brazil.

- Jul, 2015 Regularity and Analytic Methods in Combinatorics, University of Warwick, UK.
- Jul, 2014 Extremal Cominatorics, ICMS Edinburgh, UK.
- Feb, 2014 French-British Workshop on Random Graphs, Paris, France
- Jan, 2014 Stochastic Activity Month: Probability and Graphs, TU Eindhoven, Netherlands.
- Sep, 2013 Phase Transition in Random Discrete Structures, TU Graz, Austria
- Aug, 2013 Random Graphs, Geometry and Asymptotic Structure, Birmingham, UK
- Jul, 2013 Cornell Probability School, Cornell University, USA
- Jun, 2013 School of Graph Theory SGT2013, Oléron, France.
- Nov, 2012 STAR Workshop on Random Graphs, University of Utrecht, Netherlands
- Sep, 2012 French-British Workshop on Analytic Combinatorics, Oxford, UK
- Sep. 2012 Polish Combinatorics Conference, Bedlewo, Poland
- Aug, 2012 4th Emlektabla Workshop on Positional Games, Budapest, Hungary
- Mar, 2012 Block Course: Extremal Combinatorics Random Discrete Structures, Berlin, Germany

# Research visits ( $\geq 2$ weeks)

- Jan-Mar, 2018 Uppsala University, Sweden visiting Cecilia Holmgren.
  - Apr, 2017 Courant Institute, New York visiting Joel Spencer.
- Oct-Nov, 2014 University of Warwick, Coventry visiting Dan Král'.

# TEACHING AND ADMISSIONS

#### **ALEA Young workshop**

2019 Lecturing, *Phase transitions in Random Graphs* short course for PhD students and early career researchers at ALEA Young 2019 workshop in Caen, France.

### **Bristol University**

2016 Lecturing, Topics in discrete mathematics: Boolean Functions (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> year).

#### Oxford University - Statistics Department

- 2011-4 Tutoring Assistant, Applied Probability (3rd year).
- 2012-4 Tutoring Assistant, Statistical Lifetime Models (3<sup>rd</sup> year).
  - 2012 Tutoring Assistant, Linear Programming (2<sup>nd</sup> year).

## Oxford University - Mathematical Institute

- 2014 Tutor, Probabilistic Combinatorics (3<sup>rd</sup> year).
- 2013 Tutoring Assistant, *Probabilistic Combinatorics* (3<sup>rd</sup> year).
- 2012 Tutor, Graph Theory (3<sup>rd</sup> year). Tutoring Assistant, Combinatorics (4<sup>th</sup> year).
- 2011-2 Tutoring Assistant, Graph Theory (3rd year).

## Oxford University First Year Collegiate Classes

- 2014-5 St Hughes College, Optimisation.
  - 2015 Hertford College, Graph Theory.
  - 2012 Somerville College, Linear Algebra.

### Oxford University Undergraduate Admissions

2014-5 Assistant interviewer, St Hughes College.

#### Australian National University - Mathematics Department

- 2008, 2010 Tutor, Mathematics and Applications Honours (1st year)
  - 2008 Tutor, Mathematics and Applications 2 Honours (1st year)

# OUTREACH/COMMUNITY MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

- 2018 Talk: Community Structure in Networks, talk in the Matematikseminariet series for undergraduate students, Uppsala University, Sweden
- 2018 Talk: Community Structure in Networks, Uppsala University Maths Club, Sweden
- 2009-13, 2015 Tutor, National Mathematics Summer School (NeMeSiS), Australia
  - 2010 Talk: Soccer, Bucky Balls & Euler Number, Australian National University Math Day

## GRANTS

- 2019 Travel grant from the Lisa and Carl-Gustav Esseens foundation Lisa och Carl-Gustav Esseens stiftelse (11000 SEK/1100 EUR).
- 2018 Part of working group led by Prof. David Sumpter to write the successful application for a new position at Uppsala University as part of the Wallenberg foundation Artificial Intelligence programme. Contribution: 1 page description of possible research problem 'fundamental limits of learning'.
- 2018 Travel grant from the Lisa and Carl-Gustav Esseens foundation Lisa och Carl-Gustav Esseens stiftelse (10000 SEK/1000 EUR).
- 2018 Travel grant (11000 SEK/1100 EUR) from Stiftelsen G S Magnusons fund awarded by the Royal Swedish Academy of Science.
- 2017 Heilbronn Collaboration Grant (2000 GBP).

## REFEREES

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