George Kenison

Research Experience

Research Interests: Decidability, Dynamical Systems, and Ergodic Theory.

Jun 2018– Research Associate, Department of Computer Science, University of Oxford.

Postdoctoral researcher in Infinite-State Systems and Dynamical Systems.

Education

2013–2017 **PhD in Mathematics**, *University of Warwick*.

Thesis title: Asymptotics in conjugacy classes for free groups. EPSRC doctoral award funding.

2009–2013 **MMath, Master of Mathematics**, *First class Hons*, University of Warwick.

Dissertation: Periodic orbits for hyperbolic and quasihyperbolic toral automorphisms.

Publications and Preprints

(With M. Hosseini et al.). "On the Termination of Linear Constraint Loops". Submitted.

(With O. Klurman, et al.). *On Positivity and Minimality for Second Order Holonomic Sequences*. Submitted. arXiv: 2007.12282.

2020 (with R. Lipton, J. Ouaknine, and J. Worrell). "On the Skolem Problem and prime powers". In: *International Symposium on Symbolic and Algebraic Computation*, ISSAC '20. ACM. DOI: 10.1145/3373207.3404036.

2019 (with R. Sharp). "Statistics in conjugacy classes in free groups". In: *Geom. Dedicata* 198.1, pp. 57–70. doi: 10.1007/s10711-018-0329-2.

2017 (with R. Sharp). "Orbit counting in conjugacy classes for free groups acting on trees". In: *J. Topol. Anal.* 9.4, pp. 631–647. DOI: 10.1142/S1793525317500261.

Research Seminars and Talks

- 2020 **On the Skolem Problem and Prime Powers**, *Online*, International Symposium on Symbolic and Algebraic Computation.
- 2019 **Skolem meets Euclid**, *Gump research station*, Workshop on Dynamical Systems and Computation. **Skolem's Problem and prime powers**, *Oxford*, Formal Verification Seminar.
- 2018 **Skolem's Problem and prime powers**, *Bristol*, Ergodic Theory and Dynamical Systems Seminar. **Statistics in conjugacy classes in free groups**, *Warwick*, Ergodic Theory and Dynamical Systems Seminar.
- 2017 **Statistics in conjugacy classes in free groups**, *Bristol*, Ergodic Theory and Dynamical Systems Seminar. **Asymptotics in conjugacy classes for free groups**, *Manchester*, Dynamical Systems Seminar.
 - **Asymptotics for free group actions**, *Manchester*, Workshop on Dynamical Systems, Ergodic Theory and Applications.
- 2015 **Orbit counting in conjugacy classes for free groups acting on trees**, *Goettingen*, Summer School on Dynamical Approaches in Spectral Geometry.

Conference and Workshop Participation

- 2020 International Symposium on Symbolic and Algebraic Computation, Kalamata, Greece, 20–22 July.
- Thermodynamic Formalism: Ergodic Theory and Validated Numerics, Centre International de Rencontres Mathématiques in Marseille, Aix-Marseille University, 08–12 July.
 - Dynamical Systems and Computation, Gump Research Station in French Polynesia, 01–08 June.
 - **Number Theory and Dynamics**, *University of Cambridge*, 25–29 March.
- 2018 **Dynamics at ICTP**, *International Centre for Theoretical Physics in Trieste*, Advanced Summer School in Dynamics, 23–27 July.

Thermodynamic Formalism in Dynamical Systems, International Centre for Mathematical Sciences, Edinburgh, 18–22 June.

Analytic Aspects of Dynamical Systems, *Imperial College London*, 16–18 May.

- 2017 **Analytical Aspects of Hyperbolic Flows**, *University of Nantes*, Henri Lebesgue centre de recherche en mathématiques summer school, 3–7 July.
 - Ergodic Theory, Algorithms and Rigorous Computations, University of Warwick, 3–7 April.
- 2016 **Dynamical Systems, Ergodic Theory and Applications**, *University of Manchester*, London Mathematical Society Northern Regional Meeting, 23–24 June.
 - **Dynamics, Geometry and Number Theory**, *Henri Poincaré Institute in Paris*, a conference in honour of Gregory Margulis' 70th birthday, 13–17 June.
 - **Géométrie Ergodique**, *Pierre and Marie Curie University*, a conference in honour of François Ledrappier, 1–3 June.
- 2015 **Dynamical Approaches in Spectral Geometry**, *University of Goettingen*, school on thermodynamic formalism and transfer operator methods, 14–18 September.

Statistical Properties of Dynamical Systems, *Loughborough University*, London Mathematical Society & Clay Mathematics Institute research school, 13–17 April.

Teaching Experience

- 2019–2020 **Stipendiary Lecturer**, *Dept of Computer Science*, *University of Oxford*.
 - **Co-lecturer** for MSc course *Probabilistic Model Checking*. Topics: temporal logics including CTL, PCTL, LTL and CSL. Model checking for both discrete- and continuous-time Markov chains.
- 2018–2020 Stipendiary Lecturer in Pure Mathematics, St Peter's College, Oxford.
 - Academic tutor for second year undergraduates. Tutorials in *Linear Algebra, Lebesgue Integration, Group Theory* and *Graph Theory*. Duties include feedback, assessment, and writing progression reports.
 - Admissions interviewer for prospective undergraduate mathematicians.
- 2017–2018 **Teaching Associate**, School of Mathematics, University of Bristol.
 - **Academic tutor** for *Linear Algebra & Geometry*, *Calculus*, *Metric Spaces* and *Geometry*.
- 2013–2017 **Teaching Assistant**, *Mathematics Institute*, *University of Warwick*.
 - **Undergraduate supervisor**. Small group teaching across the first year mathematics curriculum.
 - **Support classes** in *Analysis*, *Metric Spaces*, *Experimental Maths* and *Dynamical Systems*.

Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

January 2019 to date.

Departmental teaching award, *Mathematics Institute*, *University of Warwick*.

Award for inspirational mathematics teaching. July 2015.

Student Feedback.

- "Always prepared, always cheerful and always willing to go that extra mile in helping students to understand—a true inspiration!"
- "He was engaging, whilst provoking the students to find their own way to the answers."
- "I was involved in an incident in term one and if it wasn't for his support, both [academic and pastoral], I wouldn't have made it through the term and hence the year."
- o "George made me feel comfortable asking questions and...his analysis classes were a highlight of my week."

Widening Participation and Outreach

2017 Mathematics Mentor, Mathematics in Education and Industry.

Problem Solving Matters summer school. Preparing secondary school students for the MAT and TMUA entrance exams. Academic mentor for 11 students with teaching responsibilities including workshop sessions and marking.

2012–2019 Teaching Associate, Further Maths Support Programme.

Multiple outreach and widening participation events for secondary school students including: STEP/AEA workshop sessions, enrichment days, Royal Institution masterclasses and problem solving conferences.

Departmental & University Service

- 2015–2017 **Sessional Teachers' Representative**, *University of Warwick*, Departmental representative at meetings discussing pay and conditions for hourly-paid teachers.
- 2014–2017 **Staff & Graduate Student Liaison Committee**, *Warwick Mathematics Institute*, Chair of the committee and graduate student representative at departmental meetings. Previously committee Secretary.