**EDUCATION** University of California, Santa Barbara

Ph.D. in Mathematics, Advisor: Stephen Bigelow

(expected)

University of Oklahoma

Fall 2014 - Spring 2017

Fall 2019 - Spring 2025

M.A. in Mathematics

University of California, Davis

**B.S.** in Mathematics

Fall 2010 - Spring 2014

#### **PAPERS**

## 3. Skein Theory of Affine ADE Subfactor Planar Algebras

Thesis, in preparation.

## 2. Skein Theory of Affine A Subfactor Planar Algebras

Preprint on arXiv. arxiv.org/abs/2410.05519

### 1. A Determinant Formula of the Jones Polynomial for a Family of Braids

with Derva Asaner, Sanjay Kumar, Andrew Pease, and Anup Poudel

Submitted. arxiv.org/abs/2408.13410

#### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Quantum algebra, low-dimensional topology, operator algebras, tensor categories, diagrammatic algebras, subfactors, knot theory, quantum groups, C\*-algebras, quantum topology, representation theory

# **CURRENT** RESEARCH **PROJECTS**

# • Nuclear Dimension of Crossed Products by Hilbert Bimodules over Commutative C\*-algebras

with Marzieh Forough, Zahra Hasanpour-Yakhdani, Ja A Jeong, Preeti Luthra, and Karen Strung

#### • A Skein Theory for Nichols Hopf Algebras

with Alex Bisnath, and Quinn Kolt

#### **AWARDS**

National Science Foundation Travel Grant (\$2300)	2024
National Science Foundation Travel Grant (\$1000)	2024
GSA Conference Travel Grant, UC Santa Barbara (\$500)	2024
USTARS Distinguished Graduate Student Speaker in Topology (\$200)	2024
National Science Foundation Travel Grant (\$1350)	2023
Operator Algebra Mentor Network Grant (\$500)	2023
Decolvenaere Research Accelerator Award, UCSB Graduate Division (\$8000)	2023
Individualized Professional Skills (IPS) Grant, UC Santa Barbara (\$1000)	2023
Math Department Graduate Fellowship, University of Oklahoma (\$3000)	2015
Richard V. Andree Memorial Scholarship, University of Oklahoma (\$2000)	2015
Yueh-Jing Lin Fund, UC Davis (\$2500)	2013

#### **MENTORSHIP**

# **UCSB Directed Reading Program Mentor**

**REU Graduate Mentor, UCSB** Women in STEM Mentor, UCSB December 2019 - June 2023 June 2022 - August 2022 September 2019 - June 2022

August 2022 - June 2023

September 2021 - June 2022

#### **SERVICE**

USTARS 2025 Conference Organizer Shadow	May 2024 - present
AWM Student Chapter at UCSB, Secretary	June 2023 - present
Directed Reading Program at UCSB Co-Organizer	December 2020 - July 2023
Graduate Quantum Algebra and Topology Seminar Co-Organizer, UCSB	July 2023 - January 2024

Graduate Quantum Algebra and Topology Seminar Co-Organizer, UCSB AWM Chapter at UCSB Founder and President

Quantum Algebra and Topology Seminar Co-Organizer, UCSB

Math Teacher's Circle - Oklahoma City Founder and Instructional Leader

April 2015 - June 2017

## **TALKS** \*=INVITED

\*23. Joint Mathematics Meetings; Knots, 3-manifolds, and Their Invariants Special

Session; Seattle Convention Center; Seattle, Washington

"A determinant formula of the Jones Polynomial for a family of braids"

January 2025

22. <b>Joint Mathematics Meetings</b> ; Advances in Operator Algebras Special Session; Seattle Convention Center; Seattle, Washington "Using Diagrams to Describe Quantum Symmetries and Subfactors"	January 2025
*21. <b>AMS Western Sectional Meeting</b> ; Graphical Calculus in Representation Theory and Low-Dimensional Topology Special Session; University of California, Riverside; Riverside, California "Index 4 Subfactor Planar Algebras and Their Corresponding Categories"	October 2024
20. <b>Quantum Groups and Representation Theory</b> ; North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina "Index 4 Subfactor Planar Algebras and their Corresponding Categories"	October 2024
*19. <b>Young Mathematicians in C* Algebras</b> ; University of Glasgow; Glasgow, Scotland	August 2024
"Using Diagrams to Describe Quantum Symmetries of Subfactors"	
*18. <b>Oberwolfach Seminar</b> ; Classification of C*-Algebras and Dynamics Seminar; Oberwolfach Research Institute for Mathematics; Oberwolfach, Germany "Nuclear Dimension of Cuntz-Pimsner Algebras of C*-Correspondences"	May 2024
17. <b>Banff International Research Station Workshop</b> ; Skew Braces, Braids, and the Yang-Baxter Equation; Banff International Research Station; Banff, Canada <i>"Skein Theory of Subfactor Planar Algebras"</i>	May 2024
*16. <b>USTARS Distinguished Graduate Student in Topology Speaker</b> ; Underrepresented Students in Topology and Algebra Research Symposium; University of Iowa; Iowa City, Iowa "Using Diagrams to Describe Quantum Symmetries of Subfactors"	April 2024
15. <b>Graduate Student Topology and Geometry Conference</b> ; Michigan State University; East Lansing, Michigan "Skein Theory for Index 4 Subfactor Planar Algebras"	April 2024
14. <b>Southeastern Lie Theory Workshop</b> ; Quantum Structures in Lie Theory; University of Virginia; Charlottesville, Virginia "Skein Theory for Index 4 Subfactor Planar Algebras"	March 2024
13. Women in Mathematics in Southern California Symposium; Pomona	February 2024
College; Claremont, California "Using Diagrams to Describe Quantum Symmetries of Subfactors"	·
*12. <b>Joint Mathematics Meetings</b> ; Knots, Skein Modules, and Categorification Special Session; Moscone Center; San Francisco, California "Skein Theory of Index 4 Subfactor Planar Algebras"	January 2024
*11. <b>Claremont Topology Seminar</b> ; Pomona College; Claremont, California <i>"Skein Theory for Affine ADE Subfactor Planar Algebras"</i>	November 2023
*10. <b>Twinned Conference on C*-Algebras and Tensor Categories</b> ; Fields Institute; in person in Toronto, Canada; and International Centre for Mathematical Sciences; streamed live at Edinburgh, Scotland "Skein Theory for Affine ADE Subfactor Planar Algebras"	November 2023
9. <b>Young Mathematicians in C*-Algebras</b> ; KU Leuven; Leuven, Belgium <i>"Skein Theory of Subfactor Planar Algebras"</i>	August 2023
8. <b>Great Plains Operator Theory Symposium</b> ; The Ohio State University; Columbus, Ohio "Skein Theory for Index 4 Subfactor Planar Algebras"	May 2023
7. <b>AMS Spring Western Sectional</b> ; Algebraic Structures in Knot Theory Special Session; Fresno State University; Fresno, California "Diagrammatic Presentations of Affine Type A Subfactor Planar Algebras of Index 4"	May 2023
6. <b>Moab Topology Conference</b> ; Utah State University, Moab; Moab, Utah "Skein Theory for Affine ADE Subfactor Planar Algebras"	May 2023

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	5. <b>Redbud Topology Conference</b> ; University of Oklahoma; Norman, Oklahoma "Skein Theory of Affine Type A Subfactor Planar Algebras"	March 2023
	4. <b>Underrepresented Students in Topology and Algebra Symposium</b> ; University of Washington, Seattle, Washington "Diagrammatic Presentations of Index 4 Planar Algebras"	March 2023
	*3. <b>Quantum Groups Seminar</b> ; On Zoom; Hosted by Université de Lille in Lille, France & University of Oslo in Oslo, Norway "Skein Theory for Affine ADE Subfactor Planar Algebras"	March 2023
	2. <b>Tech Topology Conference</b> ; Georgia Institute of Technology; Atlanta, Georgia "Diagrammatic Presentations of Index 4 Subfactor Planar Algebras"	December 2022
	1. <b>Topology Students Workshop</b> ; Georgia Institute of Technology; Atlanta, Georgia "Diagrammatic Presentations of Affine Type A Subfactor Planar Algebras of Index 4"	July 2022
TEACHING	<b>Lead TA - UC Santa Barbara</b> Provided professional development and training to new math department TAs	Fall 2022 - Spring 2023
	Teaching Assistant - UC Santa Barbara  MATH 108AB - Introduction to Linear Algebra  MATH 8 - Transition to Higher Mathematics  MATH 6A - Vector Calculus I  MATH 6B - Vector Calculus II  MATH 34B - Calculus for Social and Life Sciences	Fall 2019 - present
	Associate Instructor - UC Santa Barbara MATH 6A - Vector Calculus I MATH 4A - Linear Algebra with Applications	Summer 2020, 2021, 2024
	Adjunct Mathematics Professor - Cosumnes River College MATH 30 - Pre-Algebra STAT 300 - Introduction to Statistics and Probability MATH 20 - Arithmetic	Spring 2018 - Spring 2019
	Teaching Assistant - University of Oklahoma  MATH 1743 - Business Calculus I  MATH 1914 - Calculus 1 (Fast Track)  MATH 2924 - Calculus 2 (Fast Track)  MATH 1823 - Calculus 1	Fall 2015 - Spring 2017
	Instructor of Record - University of Oklahoma MATH 1823 - Calculus 1 MATH 1503 - College Algebra	Fall 2014 - Summer 2015 & 2016
WORKSHOPS	Oberwolfach Research Institute for Mathematics (MFO) Classification of C*-Algebras and Dynamics Seminar	May 2024
	Banff International Research Station (BIRS) Skew Braces, Braids, and the Yang-Baxter Equation Workshop	May 2024
	American Institute of Mathematics (AIM) Quantum Invariants and Low-dimensional Topology	August 2023
	Banff International Research Station (BIRS) Women in Operator Algebras 3	June 2023