Howard Beck

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EDUCATION Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

Incoming Math PhD student, expected May 2030

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

B.S. in Pure Mathematics

Humanities Concentration in Philosophy

GPA: 4.8/5.0

Relevant coursework: Graduate Topology Seminar (Kan Seminar), Algebraic

Topology I and II, Motivic Homotopy Theory (at Harvard)

BASIS Tucson North, Tucson, AZ

High school diploma with High Honors

GPA: 3.99/4.0 (unweighted), 4.76/4.0 (weighted)

Preprints (In prep) Chromatic Blueshift of \mathbb{E}_{∞} -MU-algebras via Power Operations with Kyle Roke

Research Interests Chromatic homotopy theory

Equivariant homotopy theory

Algebraic K-theory

Talks Selick on Odd p-torsion in $\pi_*(S^3)$ May 9th, 2025

MIT Kan Seminar

Adams on the J-homomorphism March 31th, 2025

MIT Kan Seminar

Chromatic Blueshift and Redshift in Stable Homotopy Theory March 5th, 2025

MIT/Harvard Zygotop Seminar

Borel on the mod 2 Cohomology of Homogeneous Spaces February 7th, 2025

MIT Kan Seminar

The Quillen-Lichtenbaum Conjectures January 31st, 2025

MIT Directed Reading Program Symposium, with Atticus Wang and Mohit Hulse

The Slice, Reduction, and Gap Theorems of HHR December 3rd, 2024

MIT/Harvard Babytop Seminar

Curve Shortening Flow February 3rd, 2023

MIT Directed Reading Program Symposium, with Jackson Flowers

Positions Visiting Student June 23 - August 22, 2025

Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik Bonn, Germany

Teaching Experience Multivariable Calculus (18.02) Spring 2024

Undergraduate Assistant, Department of Mathematics, MIT Cambridge, MA

Taught by Professor David Jerison

• Hosted office hours, answered questions on the course site

• Helped with grading as needed

• Took lecture notes to post on Canvas for students

Last updated: June 23, 2025

Teaching Experience (continued)

Real Analysis (18.100A)

Spring 2023

Mentor, Undergraduate Mathematics Association, MIT

Cambridge, MA

- Met weekly with a student to guide them through one of MIT's real analysis classes
- Helped with going through proofs, reviewing lecture material, and answering questions

Playing Games with Infinity

Spring 2022

Teacher, Educational Studies Program, MIT Through High School Studies Program Cambridge, MA

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• Taught high schoolers about ordinals and cardinals with Isabel McGuigan and Katherine Taylor

Leadership

Spinning Arts Executive Board

Summer 2022-present

MIT fire spinning and flow arts club

- Reserved spaces for performances and club practices
- Helped run fire safety trainings
- Staffed fire practices and ensured safety
- Interfaced with school administration to organize our events

Association of Student Activities Executive Board

Summer 2024-present

Student body government overseeing clubs at MIT

- Advocated for club needs
- Allocated extra storage space for clubs
- Helped clubs navigate event registration processes
- Ran biggest club recruitment event of the year, with over 230 clubs

Languages

Human: English (native), Spanish (also native), French

Computer: LATEX, Python, MATLAB, Java, JavaScript, Lua, HTML