JOHN GRAF PH.D.

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Mathematics

2020-2025

North Carolina State University

Raleigh, NC

• Thesis: Schur's Q-functions: Pfaffian Construction, Vertex Operator Identity, Plethysm, and Generalizations

• Advisor: Naihuan Jing

M.S., Mathematics

2022

North Carolina State University

Raleigh, NC

B.A., Mathematics

2016-2020

College of the Holy Cross

Worcester, MA

• Thesis: Partitions with Distinct Parts and the Parity of Their Rank

Advisor: Cristina BallantineMinor: Computer Science

Research Interests **General:** Algebraic combinatorics, representation theory, number theory, symbolic computation, algebraic geometry

Specific: Symmetric functions, plethysm, Hall-Littlewood functions, vertex operators, stability properties, Schur's *Q*-functions, raising operators, integer partitions

Awards and Honors

Norris-Franke-Griggs Award for Teaching

Spring 2024

Department of Mathematics, NCSU

PUBLICATIONS

- 1. **John Graf**. The Hall-Littlewood vertex operator, and stability of the Hall polynomials. (In preparation)
- John Graf and Naihuan Jing. Plethysm stability of Schur's Q-functions. arXiv:2409.01479, 2024. (Submitted to Journal of Algebras and Representation Theory)
- 3. **John Graf** and Naihuan Jing. Pfaffian formulation of Schur's Q-functions. *J. Algebra*, 669:1–25, 2025.

Talks and Presentations

- 1. Schur's Q-functions and Plethysm Stability. GSCC 2025, USC. March 15, 2025. Las Angeles, CA.
- 2. Symmetric functions and plethysm. TAGMaC Conference. November 2, 2024. Raleigh, NC.
- 3. Symmetric functions, plethysm, and Schur's Q-functions. Algebra and combinatorics seminar, NCSU. October 9, 2024. Raleigh, NC.
- 4. *Partitions with distinct parts and the parity of their rank*. Thesis presentation, Holy Cross. May 2020. Worcester, MA.
- 5. Consecutive increases related to the 3x + 1 function. Poster presentation, JMM. January 2020. Denver, CO.
- 6. *Analysis of topic models*. Poster presentation, Holy Cross. September 7, 2018. Worcester, MA.
- 7. *Analysis of topic models*. Summer research presentation, Holy Cross. August 2018. Worcester, MA.

Teaching History

North Carolina State University, 2020-2025

| Course | Title | Role | Class Size | Semester |
|--------|--------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| MA 242 | Calculus III | Instructor | 95 | Spring 2025 |
| MA 242 | Calculus III | Instructor | 95 | Fall 2024 |
| MA 242 | Calculus III | Instructor | 15 | Summer 2024 |
| MA 242 | Calculus III | Instructor | 95 | Spring 2024 |
| MA 242 | Calculus III | Instructor | 95 | Fall 2023 |
| MA 131 | Calculus for Life and | Instructor | 10 | Summer 2023 |
| | Management Sciences A | | | |
| MA 141 | Calculus I | Instructor | 15 | Summer 2023 |
| MA 242 | Calculus III | TA | 115 | Spring 2023 |
| MA 242 | Calculus III | TA | 95 | Fall 2022 |
| MA 141 | Calculus I | Instructor | 15 | Summer 2022 |
| MA 242 | Calculus III | TA | 115 | Spring 2022 |
| MA 141 | Calculus I | TA | 115 | Fall 2021 |
| MA 241 | Calculus II | TA | 25 | Summer 2021 |
| MA 241 | Calculus II | TA | 20 | Spring 2021 |
| MA 341 | Differential Equations I | TA | 90 | Fall 2020 |

Skills

Languages: English, Spanish.

Programming: Macaulay2, Python, Java, C++.