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PERSONAL DETAILS

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Networks, Models and Data Science of Complex Systems in Biology, Epidemiology, Ecology & Sociology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont

Professor, Department of Computer Science, 2025–present

Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science, 2021–2025

Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, 2018–2021

Group Leader, Laboratory for Structure & Dynamics, 2018–present

Core Director, The Translational Global Infectious Diseases Research Center, 2021–present

Core Team, Vermont Complex Systems Institute, 2017–present

Santa Fe Institute (SFI), Santa Fe, New Mexico

External Professor, 2025–present

Complex Systems Summer School lecturer, 2024–present

Research Fellow, 2016–2018

James S. McDonnell Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow, 2014–2016

npj Complexity

Founding Editor-In-Chief (2022–present)

Network Science Society

Board Member, 2018–2025

Chair of NetSci 2024, Québec City, Québec

Chair of NetSci 2019, Burlington, Vermont

Université Laval, Québec, QC, Canada

Professeur Associé, Département de Physique, de Génie Physique, et d'Optique, 2017–present

Ph.D. in physics, 2011–2014, Advisor: Professor Louis J. Dubé

M.Sc. in physics, 2009–2011, Advisor: Professor Louis J. Dubé

B.Sc. in physics, 2006–2009, concentration in theoretical physics

Institute for Disease Modeling, Seattle, Washington

Postdoctoral Researcher, 2016–2018

AWARDS

Funding

- National Science Foundation — Major Research Instrumentation Program: “Acquisition of a transformational high-performance computing cluster for leveling up artificial intelligence research, innovation, and capacity building for Vermont” (co-PI, **\$2.2M**, 2025)
- University of Vermont — Planetary Health Initiative: “MAP2LE – Monitoring, Analysis, and Prediction of Pathogens in Local Ecosystems” (Senior Personnel, **\$100k**, 2025)
- National Science Foundation — Division of Social and Economic Sciences: “HNDS-R: Altruistic stress, economic networks, and endogenous organizational change” (co-PI, **\$400k**, 2024)
- National Institutes of Health — National Institute of General Medical Sciences: “*Vermont Biomedical Research Network Supplement on Lyme Disease*” (co-PI, **\$180k**, 2024)
- National Institutes of Health — National Institute of General Medical Sciences: “*Translational Global Infectious Diseases Research Center Phase II*” (Core Director, **\$11.7M**, 2023)

- National Science Foundation — Behavioral and Cognitive Science :
“Conference: Interdisciplinary Open Practices Workshop: Understanding & Designing Organizing Practices for Open Ecosystems” (Senior Personnel, **\$50k**, 2023)
- Alfred P. Sloan Foundation — “*VERmont ReSearch OSPO (VERSO)*” (co-PI, **\$566k**, 2021)
- National Institutes of Health — National Institute of General Medical Sciences: “*Multi-Scale Modeling of SARS-CoV-2 Dissemination Dynamics*” (Contributor, **\$322k**, 2021)
- DARPA — “*Leveraging AI to Guard Online Open Source Networks (LAGOON)*” (co-PI, **\$500k**, 2021)
- National Institute of Food and Agriculture / NSF’s Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases — “*Predicting Livestock Disease Transmission Dynamics under Alternate Biosecurity Risk Management Interventions and Behavioral Responses of Livestock Producers*” (co-PI, **\$2.47M**, 2021)
- National Science Foundation — Office of Integrative Activities:
“Harnessing Spatiotemporal Data Science to Predict Responses of Biodiversity and Rural Communities under Climate Change” (Investigator, **\$4M**, 2020)
- Google Open Source — Open-source Complex Ecosystems And Networks (OCEAN) (PI, **\$1.0M**, 2019)
- National Institutes of Health — National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases:
“*A Phase II Evaluation of the Safety and Protective Efficacy of the Live Attenuated Tetravalent Dengue Vaccine TetraVax-DV...*” (Key Personnel, **\$1.3M**, 2019)
- National Institutes of Health — National Institute of General Medical Sciences: “*Translational research to prevent and control global infectious diseases*” (Project Leader, **\$12.3M**, 2018)
- Army Research Office — Network Sciences Division: “*Increasing Student Participation at the NetSci Conference*” (PI, **\$10K**, 2018)
- National Science Foundation — Division of Graduate Education: “*NRT: Quantitative & Evolutionary STEM Training (QuEST)*” (co-PI, **\$3M**, 2018)
- National Science Foundation — Division of Mathematical Sciences: “*Network comparison, a cornerstone of the foundations of network science*” (PI, **\$125K**, 2016)

Prizes

- Cercle des Ambassadeurs de Québec — Québec Ambassador Award (événement de l’année) (2024)
- American Physical Society — Outstanding Referee (2021)
- International Society for Artificial Life — Award for Exceptional Service (2021)

PUBLICATIONS Preprints and other writings are available at <https://laurenthebertdufresne.github.io/publications/>.

Peer-reviewed papers in reverse chronological order:

104. B. Wallace, D. T. Dimitrov, **L. Hébert-Dufresne** & A. Berdahl (2025)
Hotspot model shows how location-based superspreading accelerates and reshapes epidemics
PNAS Nexus pgaf299
103. **L. Hébert-Dufresne**, M.M. Kling, S.F. Rosenblatt, S.N. Miller, P.A. Burnham, N.W. Landry, N.J. Gotelli, & B.J. McGill (2025)
Stochastic diffusion using mean-field limits to approximate master equations
Royal Society Open Science 12, 9
102. **L. Hébert-Dufresne**, Y.-Y. Ahn, A. Allard, J. W. Crothers, P. S. Dodds, et al. (2025)
One pathogen does not an epidemic make: A review of interacting contagions, diseases, beliefs, and stories
npj Complexity 2, 26
101. **L. Hébert-Dufresne**, M. Pósfai, & A. Allard (2025)
Random graphs with specific degree distribution and giant component size
Phys. Rev. Research 7, L022050
100. **L. Hébert-Dufresne**, J. Lovato, G. Burgio, J. P. Gleeson, S. Redner, & P. L. Krapivsky (2025)
Self-reinforcing cascades: A spreading model for beliefs or products of varying intensity or quality
Phys. Rev. Lett. (in press)
99. G. Burgio, G. St-Onge, & **L. Hébert-Dufresne** (2025)
Characteristic scales and adaptation in higher-order contagions
Nature Communications 16, 4589
98. **L. Hébert-Dufresne**, N. W. Landry, J. Lovato, J. St-Onge, J.-G. Young, M.-È. Couture-Ménard, S. Bernatchez, C. Choquette, & A. A. Cohen (2025)
Governance as a complex, networked, democratic, satisfiability problem.
npj Complexity 2, 14
97. G. St-Onge, J. T. Davis, **L. Hébert-Dufresne**, A. Allard, A. Urbinati, S. V. Scarpino, M. Chinazzi, & A. Vespignani (2025)

- Pandemic monitoring with global aircraft-based wastewater surveillance networks.
Nature Medicine 31:788-796
96. D. O’Gara, M. Kasman, **L. Hébert-Dufresne**, & R. A. Hammond (2025)
Adaptive Behavior During Epidemics—A Social Risk Appraisal Approach to Modeling Dynamics.
J. R. Soc. Interface. 22:20240363
 95. M. Z. Trujillo, **L. Hébert-Dufresne**, & J. Bagrow (2024)
Measuring centralization of online platforms through size and interconnection of communities.
Online Social Networks and Media 43–44:100292
 94. M. M. Kling, C. T. Brittain, G. L. Galford, T. M. Waring, **L. Hébert-Dufresne**, M. P. Dube, H. Sabzian, N. J. Gotelli, B. J. McGill, & M. T. Niles (2024)
Innovations through crop switching happen on the diverse margins of US agriculture.
Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 121(42):e2402195121
 93. N. W. Landry, W. Thompson, **L. Hébert-Dufresne**, & J.-G. Young (2024)
Reconstructing networks from simple and complex contagions.
Phys. Rev. E 110, L042301
 92. **L. Hébert-Dufresne**, J.-G. Young, A. Kirkley, A. Daniels, & A. Allard (2024)
Network compression with configuration models and the minimum description length.
Phys. Rev. E 110, 034305
 91. J. St-Onge, G. Burgio, S. F. Rosenblatt, T. W. Waring, & **L. Hébert-Dufresne** (2024)
Paradoxes in the co-evolution of contagions and institutions.
Proc. R. Soc. Lond. B 291:2028
 90. F. Lamontagne *et al.* (2024)
The response of Canada’s health research ecosystem to the COVID-19 pandemic: a system-level program evaluation.
Can. Med. Assoc. J. 196 (23) E779-E788.
 89. J. Lovato, **L. Hébert-Dufresne**, J. St-Onge, R. Harp, G. Salazar Lopez, S. P. Rogers, I. Ul Haq, & J. Onaolapo (2024)
Diverse Misinformation: Impacts of Human Biases on Detection of Deepfakes on Networks.
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 88. A. J. Allen, C. Moore & **L. Hébert-Dufresne** (2024)
Compressing the Chronology of a Temporal Network with Graph Commutators.
Phys. Rev. Lett. 132, 077402
 87. G. St-Onge, **L. Hébert-Dufresne** & A. Allard (2023)
Heterogeneous transmission in groups induces a superlinear force of infection
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 86. B. M. Althouse, B. Wallace, B.K.M. Case, S. V. Scarpino, A. Allard, A. Berdahl, E. R. White, & **L. Hébert-Dufresne** (2023)
The unintended consequences of inconsistent closure policies and mobility restrictions during epidemics.
BMC Global and Public Health 1:28 (2023)
 85. E. R. Colgate, C. Klopfer, D. M. Dickson, B. Lee, M. J. Wargo, A. Alam, B. D. Kirkpatrick, & **L. Hébert-Dufresne** (2023)
Network analysis of patterns and relevance of enteric pathogen co-infections among infants in a diarrhea-endemic setting.
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 84. M. C. Boudreau, A. J. Allen, N. J. Roberts, A. Allard, & **L. Hébert-Dufresne** (2023)
Temporal and probabilistic forecasts of epidemic interventions.
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 83. J. Meluso & **L. Hébert-Dufresne** (2023)
Indirect social learning through collective performance favors decentralization.
Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 120(34):e2303568120
 82. T. Waring, M. Niles, M. Kling, S. Miller, **L. Hébert-Dufresne**, ..., N. Gotelli, & B. J. McGill (2023)
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 81. B. K. M. Case, Jean-Gabriel Young, & **Laurent Hébert-Dufresne** (2023)
Accurately summarizing an outbreak using epidemiological models takes time.
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 80. **L. Hébert-Dufresne**, G. St-Onge, J. Meluso, J. Bagrow, & A. Allard (2023)
Hierarchical team structure and multidimensional localization (or siloing) on networks .
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79. D. O’Gara, S. F. Rosenblatt, **L. Hébert-Dufresne**, R. Purcell, M. Kasman, & R. A. Hammond (2023)
TRACE-Omicron: Policy Counterfactuals to Inform Mitigation of COVID-19 Spread in the United States.
Advanced Theory and Simulations
78. A. Allard, C. Moore, S. V. Scarpino, B. M. Althouse & **L. Hébert-Dufresne** (2023)
The role of directionality, heterogeneity and correlations in epidemic risk and spread
SIAM Review 62(2), 471-492
77. B. J. M. Williams, C. B. Ogbunugafor, B. M. Althouse & **L. Hébert-Dufresne** (2022)
Immunity-induced criticality of the genotype network of influenza A (H3N2) hemagglutinin
PNAS Nexus 1(4), pgac143
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The penumbra of open source: projects outside of centralized platforms are longer maintained, more academic
and more collaborative
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75. J. Lovato, A. Allard, R. Harp, J. Onaolapo & **L. Hébert-Dufresne** (2022)
Limits of Individual Consent and Models of Distributed Consent in Online Social Networks
2022 ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency 225102262
74. B.K.M. Case, J.-G. Young, D. Penados, **L. Hébert-Dufresne** & L. Stevens (2022)
Spatial epidemiology and adaptive targeted sampling to manage the Chagas disease vector *Triatoma dimidiata*
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73. J.R. Minot, M.Z. Trujillo, S.F. Rosenblatt, *et al.*, **L. Hébert-Dufresne** & A.M. Roth (2022)
Distinguishing In-Groups and Onlookers by Language Use
12th Workshop on Computational Approaches to Subjectivity, Sentiment & Social Media Analysis 157-171
72. J. Meluso, J. Austin-Breneman, J. Bagrow & **L. Hébert-Dufresne** (2022)
A review & framework for modeling complex engineered system development processes
IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics: Systems
71. M. Warrick, S. F. Rosenblatt, J.-G. Young, A. Casari, **L. Hébert-Dufresne** & J. Bagrow (2022)
The OCEAN mailing list data set: Network analysis spanning mailing lists and code repositories
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Predicting the diversity of early epidemic spread on networks
Phys. Rev. Research 4, 013123
69. **L. Hébert-Dufresne**, T. M. Waring, G. St-Onge, M. T. Niles, *et al.*, N. Gotelli & B. J. McGill (2022)
Source-sink behavioral dynamics limit institutional evolution in a group-structured society
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68. J. Garland, K. Ghazi-Zahedi, J.-G. Young, **L. Hébert-Dufresne** & M. Galesic (2022)
Impact and dynamics of hate and counter speech online
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Masculinity Contest Cultures and Inclusive Cultures: Insights From an Agent-Based Model of Organizational
Socialization and Promotion
Research on Social Issues in Management
66. G. St-Onge, I. Iacopini, V. Latora, A. Barrat, G. Petri, A. Allard & **L. Hébert-Dufresne** (2022)
Influential groups for seeding and sustaining hypergraph contagions
Communications Physics 5, 25
65. G. St-Onge, H. Sun, A. Allard, **L. Hébert-Dufresne** & G. Bianconi (2021)
Universal nonlinear infection kernel from heterogeneous exposure on higher-order networks
Phys. Rev. Lett. 127, 158301
64. E. Aguilar, N. J. Roberts, *et al.*, **L. Hébert-Dufresne** & B. D. Zusman (2021)
Adaptive staffing can mitigate essential worker disease and absenteeism in an emerging epidemic
Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 118:34
63. M. Z. Trujillo, S. F. Rosenblatt, G. de Anda Juregui, E. Moog, **L. Hébert-Dufresne** & A. M. Roth (2021)
When the echo chamber shatters: Examining the use of community-specific language post-subreddit ban
Proceedings of the Fifth Workshop on Online Abuse and Harms, 164178
62. J. Bedson, L. A. Skrip, *et al.*, **L. Hébert-Dufresne** & B. M. Althouse (2021)
A review and agenda for integrated disease models including social and behavioral factors
Nature Human Behaviour 5, 834846
61. J.-G. Young, A. Casari, K. McLaughlin, M.Z. Trujillo, **L. Hébert-Dufresne** & J.P. Bagrow (2021)
Which contributions count? Analysis of attribution in open source
2021 Mining Software Repositories Conference

60. L. Skrip, M. P. Fallah, J. Bedson, **L. Hébert-Dufresne** & B. M. Althouse (2021)
Coordinated support for local action: A modeling study of strategies to facilitate behavior adoption in urban poor communities of Liberia for sustained COVID-19 suppression
Epidemics 37, 100529
59. P. Burnham, S. Alger, B.K.M. Case, H. Boncristiani, **L. Hébert-Dufresne**, & A. Brody (2021)
Flowers as dirty doorknobs: Demonstration of a virus transmission mechanism between *Apis mellifera* and *Bombus impatiens*
Journal of Applied Ecology 58:10 2065-2074
58. L. Skrip, P. Selvaraj, et al., **L. Hébert-Dufresne** S.V Scarpino, & B.M. Althouse (2021)
Seeding COVID-19 across sub-Saharan Africa: An analysis of reported importation events across 49 countries
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57. S. Kojaku, **L. Hébert-Dufresne**, E. Mones, S. Lehmann, & Y.-Y. Ahn (2021)
The effectiveness of backward contact tracing in networks
Nature Physics 17, 652-658
56. D. Carrillo et al. (2021)
Containing future epidemics with trustworthy federated systems for ubiquitous warning and response
Front. Comms. Net. 2:621264
55. G. St-Onge, V. Thibeault, A. Allard, L. J. Dubé & **L. Hébert-Dufresne** (2021)
Social confinement and mesoscopic localization of epidemics on networks
Phys. Rev. Lett. 126, 098301
54. G. St-Onge, V. Thibeault, A. Allard, L. J. Dubé & **L. Hébert-Dufresne** (2021)
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Phys. Rev. E 103, 032301
53. B. J. M. Williams, G. St-Onge & **L. Hébert-Dufresne** (2021)
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PLOS Comput. Biol. 17(2): e1008606
52. **L. Hébert-Dufresne**, B.M. Althouse, S.V. Scarpino, & A. Allard (2020)
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J. R. Soc. Interface 17, 172.
51. J. Garland, K. Ghazi-Zahedi, J.-G. Young, **L. Hébert-Dufresne** & M. Galesic (2020)
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49. B. Lee, J. P. Hanley, S. Nowak, J. H. T. Bates & **L. Hébert-Dufresne** (2020)
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48. E. R. White, & **L. Hébert-Dufresne** (2020)
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46. **L. Hébert-Dufresne**, D. Mistry & B.M. Althouse (2020)
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43. **L. Hébert-Dufresne**, S. V. Scarpino & J.-G. Young (2020)
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37. **L. Hébert-Dufresne** & A. Allard (2019)
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Other selected recent writings

- N. Landry & **L. Hébert-Dufresne**
Group Science: The Open Source Study of Higher-order Networks With XGI.
SIAM News (2025)
- **L. Hébert-Dufresne**, A. Allard, J. Garland, E. A. Hobson & Luis Zaman
The path of complexity.
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- **L. Hébert-Dufresne**
Halting the Spread of COVID-19 and Escaping the Madness of Crowds.
In: The Complex Alternative: Complexity Scientists on the COVID-19 Pandemic. SFI Press (2021)
- A. Casari, K. McLaughlin, M.Z. Trujillo, J.-G. Young, J.P. Bagrow & **L. Hébert-Dufresne**
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- A. Allard, L. J. Dubé & **L. Hébert-Dufresne**
La modélisation mathématique pour cartographier le complexe et l'inconnu.
Magazine de l'ACFAS, September 22 2020
- S. Crabtree & **L. Hébert-Dufresne**
Face aux changements environnementaux, la transdisciplinarité : le cas des cryonoses.
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- **L. Hébert-Dufresne** & J.-M. Fontan
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- J. Lovato & **L. Hébert-Dufresne**
A How-To: reflections on planning virtual science conferences.
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- J. Bongard, J. Lovato, **L. Hébert-Dufresne**, R. Dasari, & L. Soros
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- **L. Hébert-Dufresne** & V. Chuqiao Yang
Misinformation about an outbreak like COVID-19 is important public health data.
STAT, April 7 2020

OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Publishing and funding agencies

- Founding Editor-In-Chief of npj Complexity (2022–present).
- Review panels for the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the European Research Council, and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada
- Editor for PLOS Complexity Channel (2018–2020) and guest editor for Science Advances
- Reviewer for: Nature, Nature Physics, PNAS, Nature Communications, Science Advances, Nature Human Behaviour, Physical Review X, Physical Review E, Physical Review Letters, Journal of the Royal Society Interface, PLOS Computational Biology, PLOS ONE, Scientific Reports, and others.

Conferences as chair and organizer

- Director of the “Complex Networks Winter Workshop” in Québec City, Québec, Canada (Dec. 2018, 2019, 2021, 2023, 2025)
- Organizer of “2nd KIAS-KU International Workshop on Theoretical Challenges in Network Science in Seoul, Korea (2024).
- Chair of “NetSci 2024” in Québec, Canada (June 2024)
- Organizer of “*Workshop on the Dynamics of Interacting Contagions*”, SFI (2023).
- Organizer of “*Workshop on Higher-order Interactions*”, KIAS, Seoul, Korea (March 2023)
- Program Chair of “NERCCS 2022” in Buffalo, NY (Mar. 2022)
- Co-organizer of “ALife 2020” in Montréal, Québec, Canada (July 2020)
- Chair of “NetSci 2019” in Burlington VT (May 2019)
- Co-organizer of “Symposium on the Science of Stories” in Burlington VT (Oct. 2018)
- Co-organizer of “Symposium on Health & Wellness Behavior” in Burlington VT (Sep. 2018)
- Organizer of “Contagion on Networks 2018”, Paris (Jun. 2018).
- Organizer of “Contagion on Networks 2017”, Indianapolis (Jun. 2017).
- Organizer of “*Strategies in Adaptive Systems*”, SFI (Jan. 2017).
- Organizer of “*Studying the Interplay of Hard Modularity and Dynamics*”, SFI (Jan. 2016).
- Organizer of “*From Co-Infection to Cultural Dissonance*”, SFI (Sep. 2013).

Program committees

- “IC2S2 2025”, Norrköping, Sweden (Jul 2025).
- “Conference on Complex Systems 2020”, online (Dec 2020).
- “2020 Spring Simulations Conference”, Fairfax VA (May 2020).
- “The 8th International Workshop on Complex Networks”, Lisbon, Portugal (Dec. 2019).
- “NERCCS2019”, Binghamton NY (Apr. 2019).
- “COMPLENET’19”, Tarragona, Spain (Mar. 2019).
- “Conference on Complex Systems 2018”, Thessaloniki, Greece (Sep. 2018).
- “International Conference on Complex Systems 2018”, Cambridge MA (July 2018).
- “The 7th International Workshop on Complex Networks”, Cambridge UK (Dec. 2018).
- “IC2S2 2018”, Evanston IL (Jul. 2018).
- “SIAM Workshop on Network Science”, Portland OR (Jul. 2018).
- “NetSci 2018”, Paris, France (Jun. 2018).
- “The 6th International Workshop on Complex Networks”, Lyon, France (Dec. 2017).
- “9th International Conference on Social Informatics”, Oxford, UK (Sep. 2017).
- “Conference on Complex Systems 2017”, Cancun, Mexico (Sep. 2017).
- “NetSci 2017”, Indianapolis IN (Jun. 2017).
- “The 5th International Workshop on Complex Networks”, Milan, Italy (Dec. 2016).

OTHER EXPERIENCES

Teaching

- (2024–present) Networks, SFI Complex Systems Summer School, Santa Fe, NM
- (2023–present) UVM’s CS/CSYS 6021: Modeling Complex Systems II
- (2020–2022) UVM’s CS/CSYS 395: Data Lab
- (2018–present) UVM’s CS/CSYS 6020: Modeling Complex Systems
- (2018–2019) UVM’s CS/CSYS 295: Algorithms for Complex Networks
- (2017–2023) Co-PI and Leadership team of NRT: Quantitative & Evolutionary STEM Training.
- (2015–2016) Tutorial series on Graphs and C++, Santa Fe Institute’s REU program
- (2015) Statistical Physics and Networks, SFI Complex Systems Winter School, IISER Mohali, India

Academic mentorship

- (2025–present) João Franco, complex systems Ph.D. student
- (2025–present) Leah Keating, postdoctoral fellow
- (2025–present) Jack D’Iorio, computer science M.Sc.
- (2024–present) Giulio Burgio, SOCKS postdoctoral fellow
- (2023–present) William Thompson, complex systems Ph.D. student, thesis: TBD
- (2022–2024) Nicholas Landry, TGIR postdoctoral fellow
- (2021–2025) Jonathan St-Onge, complex systems Ph.D. student, thesis: The co-evolution of individuals and institutions: a group-based approach
- (2020–2024) John Meluso, OCEAN postdoctoral fellow
- (2020–2022) Andrea Allen, complex systems and data science M.Sc, thesis: Modeling the Heterogeneous Temporal Dynamics of Epidemics on Networks

- (2020–present) Nicholas Roberts, complex systems Ph.D. student
- (2020–2024) Milo Trujillo, complex systems Ph.D. student, thesis: [Building a kinder super highway: Online group behavior driven by platform design and social policy](#)
- (2020–2023) Erik Weis, complex systems and data science M.Sc, thesis: [Robust interventions in network epidemiology](#)
- (2019–2021) Connor Klopfer, complex systems and data science M.Sc, thesis: [Network and Ecological Methods to Study Enteric Pathogen Co-infections](#)
- (2019–2024) Mariah Boudreau, mathematics Ph.D. student, thesis: [Probabilistic modeling of disease: Addressing uncertainties in within-host and population-level dynamics](#)
- (2019–2020) Blake Williams, complex systems and data science M.Sc, thesis: [On the Dynamics and Structure of Multiple Strain Epidemic Models and Genotype Networks](#)
- (2018–present) Alexander Daniels, complex systems Ph.D. student
- (2018–2023) B. K. M. Case, computer science Ph.D. student, thesis: [Bayesian experimental design for control and surveillance in epidemiology](#)
- (2018–2024) Samuel F. Rosenblatt, computer science Ph.D. student, thesis: [Pragmatic interventions against epidemics on networks](#)
- (2018–2022) Guillaume St-Onge, physics Ph.D. student, thesis: *Processus de contagion sur réseaux complexes au-delà des interactions dyadiques.*
- (2018–2019) Blake Williams, mathematics undergraduate honor thesis, thesis: *Analysis and modeling of the genotype network of Influenza.*
- (2016–2017) Andrea Allen, mathematics undergraduate student, project: *Quantifying chronology in temporal networks with an epidemic diffusion approach to network comparison.*
- (2015–2017) Maurice Bokanga, computer science undergraduate student, project: *Using mobility data to redefine cities and their structure.*
- (2014–2015) Christopher LeSueur, high-school student, project: *Graph structure of trades between sports teams reflects a collective assessment of performance.*

Volunteering

- (2018–2020) Lecture series organizer, [Research Jams](#), at the Vermont Complex Systems Institute
- (2014–2016) Lecture series organizer, [Reckless Ideas](#), at the Santa Fe Institute.
- (2014–2015) Research mentorship for high-school students via [inspire Santa Fe](#).
- (2014–2015) Science fair judge, via [The Santa Fe Alliance for Science](#).
- (2011–2022) Online mentorship for high-school students via [Academos Cybermentorat](#).

Talks and invited lectures

- Network Epidemiology.
University of Limerick, Limerick, Ireland (invited 2025)
- A Practical Guide to Modeling with Higher-Order Networks: A typology of dynamical systems.
SIAM Dynamical Systems 2025, Denver CO (invited 2025)
- Adaptive networks & the problem of dynamical correlations in mean field models.
Santa Fe Institute, Santa Fe NM (invited 2025)
- How things spread when their fitness vary.
University of Vermont, Burlington VT (invited 2025)
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA (invited 2025)
- Complexity and criticality of heterogeneous or anisotropic cascade models.
Santa Fe Institute, Santa Fe NM (invited 2024)
2nd KIAS-KU International Workshop on Theoretical Challenges in Network Science, Seoul, Korea (invited 2024)
- L'hypothèse d'une relation linéaire entre l'exposition et la transmission de contagions sociales et biologiques.
Université Laval, Québec, Canada (invited 2024)
- The science and mystery of how things spread.
Middlebury College, Middlebury VT (invited 2024)
University of Limerick, Limerick, Ireland (invited 2024)
- Contagion models that challenge the assumption of a linear relationship between exposure and transmission.
University of Limerick, Limerick, Ireland (invited 2024)
- Modeling Pandemic Intervention Acceptance for Disease Mitigation.
Panel on Understanding (Health) Information Spreading, Northeastern University, MA (invited 2023)

- Modeling networks with probability generating functions, message passing, and network compression. Network Science Institute Complexity Speaker Series, Northeastern University, MA (invited 2023)
- Contagions that challenge the assumption of a linear relationship between exposure and transmission. Northeast Regional Conference on Complex Systems (NERCCS 2023), Clarkson University, NY (invited 2023)
- Interplay of individual and group dynamics in the study of contagions and cooperation. KIAS-Vermont Workshop on Higher-order Interactions in Network Science, Seoul, Korea (invited 2023)
- Network epidemiology: Behaviour, contact tracing, surveillance, and climate change. International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (invited 2023)
- Approximate master equations for contagion and group selection dynamics on higher-order networks. Dynamic Days US 2023, online (invited 2023)
- Advances in the analytical modeling of complex networks using network compression. KIAS-KU International Workshop on Theoretical Challenges in Network Science, Seoul, Korea (invited 2022)
- Importance of individual heterogeneity for contact tracing and probabilistic epidemic forecasting. 2021 Virtual North East Regional IDeA Conference (invited 2021)
- Emergence, localization, bistability and optimal seeding of contagions on higher-order networks. SIAM Dynamical Systems 2021, Portland OR
Symposium on Modeling collective human behavior in social systems (invited 2021)
- Co-evolution of disease spread with collective and adaptive behaviour in humans. SIAM Dynamical Systems 2021, Portland OR
Symposium on Modeling collective human behavior in social systems (invited 2021)
- The importance of heterogeneity and adaptivity of human behavior for epidemic models. Growth Lab, Harvard University (invited 2020)
- Seeding simplicial contagions in hypergraphs with heterogeneous structure. Sunbelt 2020 (talk).
- Introduction & Tutorial to Network Epidemiology. net-COVID, Online Workshop (invited 2020).
- Quantifying human behavior in network epidemiology. Université de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke QC (invited 2019)
Institute for Disease Modeling, Bellevue WA (invited 2019)
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston MA (invited 2019)
University of Michigan, Center for the Study of Complex Systems, Ann Arbor MI (invited 2019)
Santa Fe Institute, Santa Fe NM (invited 2018).
- Sequential phase transitions in percolation on complex networks. NetSci 2018 International conference, Paris, France. (talk)
- Interacting simple contagions are complex contagions. Networks in Disease Ecology, Paris, France. (invited 2018)
- Spread of Viruses and Ideas in the Age of Echo Chambers. Reckless Idea Lecture Series, Burlington VT. (invited 2018)

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Society membership

- Network Science Society (board member)
- Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics
- Complex Systems Society
- International Society for Artificial Life
- International Network for Social Network Analysis

A few examples of media coverage (on me or my work or my research groups)

- ‘Dead internet theory’ gains ground amid rise of AI-generated content *El País*, 2025
- Au temps de la Révolution française, des rumeurs..., *Les années lumière*, *Radio-Canada* 2025.
- Wastewater sampling could be key to early warning of new disease outbreaks. *The Guardian*, 2025
- The Omicron BA.5 Wave Is Starting to Ebb. We Need to Know Why. *Washington Post*, 2022
- Study Probes How to Change Societal Behavior for the Better. *Discover*, 2022
- COVID-19: Comment certains malades deviennent des supercontamineurs. *Le Monde*, 2020
- Données épidémiologiques: la pénurie cachée. *Mediapart*, 2020

- L'épidémie s'essouffle, l'espoir revient. *Le Figaro*, 2020
- How memes and social media shape the spread of coronavirus. *cnet*, 2020
- How large a gathering is too large during the coronavirus pandemic? *Science News*, 2020
- Get the Message. *Santa Fe Reporter*, 2020
- Laurent Hébert-Dufresne on Halting the Spread of COVID-19. *Complexity Podcast*, 2020
- AlphaGo, COVID-19 Contact Tracing and New Data Set. *Data Skeptic podcast*, 2020
- No, a Border Wall Won't Stop Coronavirus. *Wired*, 2020
- UVM gets \$1M from Google for open source research. *WCAX3*, 2020
- Modéliser l'épidémie du coronavirus. *Les années lumière, Radio-Canada*, 2020
- Send your sick colleague home — but don't hire a replacement. *Nature Microbiology*, 2016.
- When Things Go Viral and Everybody Wins. *gizmodo*, 2016.

Other interests

- Biking, hiking, snow-shoeing, music, cooking, whiskey, coffee and French pastries!