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## Education

- **The University of Texas at Austin**

*B.S. in Mathematics*

Austin, Texas

September 2017- **December 2020**

- Major: Pure Mathematics
- Cumulative GPA: 3.93/4.0
- Mathematics GPA: 3.93/4.0
- Expected Graduation: December 2020

## Research Projects

- **Abelian Duality in Topological Field Theory**

August 2020- December 2020

*Mathematical Physics*

- See **here** for a draft.
- My honor thesis with Professor Dan Freed.
- I formulate and proof a version of abelian duality as equivalences of TFTs (up to tensoring with an invertible TFT), following [FT] .

- **Khovanov-Rozansky TQFT and Geometry of Soergel Bimodules**

May 2020 -

*Geometric Representation theory, Homotopy Theory*

- In collaboration with Aaron Mazel-Gee (Cal-Tech) and David Reutter (Max Planck), both postdocs.
- We are constructing a spectral version of Soergel bimodules and their braid group actions, using the formalism of spherical functors.

- **Homotopy Type Theory**

January 2020 -

*Formal verification, HoTT*

- See <https://github.com/LaufferN/HoTT-Arend>
- Ongoing project to translate and verify all the theorems in *Homotopy Type Theory: an Univalent Foundation* in the computer verification program Arend.

## Conference & Summer Program

- **Tensor Categories and Topological Quantum Field Theories**

March 2020

*MSRI, moved online*

- **$(\infty, n)$ -Categories, Factorization Homology, and Algebraic K-Theory**

March 2020

*MSRI, moved online*

- **Summer School on Homological Algebra in Mirror Symmetry**

August 2019

*Fields Institute, Toronto*

- **Park City Mathematics Institute: QFT and Manifold Invariants**

July 2019

*Park City, Utah*

- **Arizona Winter School: Topology and Arithmetic**

March 2019

*University of Arizona, Arizona*

- **Texas Algebraic Geometry Symposium**

February 2019

*UT Austin*

- **Between Topology and Quantum Field Theory**

January 2019

*UT Austin*

- **Texas Algebraic Geometry Symposium**

November 2018

*Texas A&M*

## Services

- **Electric-Magnetic Duality** September 2020- December 2020  
*Organizer*
  - See [https://leon2k2k2k.github.io/EM\\_dualtiy\\_and\\_Geo\\_Lang](https://leon2k2k2k.github.io/EM_dualtiy_and_Geo_Lang)
  - Organized a seminar about electric-magnetic duality in 4D Supersymmetric gauge theories and the connection to Geometric Langlands program.
  - Responsible for scheduling talks, inviting speaker.
- **UT Mathematics Club** January 2018 - December 2020  
*President 2019-2020, Vice President 2018-2019*
  - Organized weekly meeting, responsible for contacting professors, scheduling the lectures, as well as preparing food and drinks for the lectures.
  - Created platform where Undergraduate mathematics students can practice their lecture skills.
  - Created workshops about LaTeX, GRE, Graduate School Application for UT undergraduate who are interested in graduate school in Mathematics
- **Homotopy Type Theory Class** January 2020- May 2020  
*Organizer*
  - Created and leading a student-run seminar over Homotopy Type Theory.
  - Creating an Arend documentation to formalize the theorems and proofs in *Homotopy Type Theory: an Univalent Foundation*.
- **Sunday Morning Math Group** January 2020 - May 2020  
*Volunteer*
  - Volunteered at UT's Sunday Morning Math Group (SMMG).
  - Introduced interesting math concepts to 6-12 graders.
- **Mathnasium at South Austin** May 2018 - June 2018  
*Instructor*
  - Tutored elementary, middle, and high school students in mathematics.

## Relevant Courses Taken

M373 Algebra	A
M275 Algebraic Geometry	A
M375 Homotopy Theory	A
M375 Riemannian Geometry	A
M375 Riemann Surfaces	A
M475 p-adic Homotopy Theory	A-
M475 Research in Koszul Duality	A
M375T Analysis On Manifold	A
M375 Geometric Langlands Conjecture	A
M380D Algebra†	A-
M382D Differential Topology†	A
M385C Theory of Probability†	A
M392C Morse Theory†	A
M392C Algebraic Geometry†	A
M392C Mathematical Gauge Theory †	A
M392C Stability Conditions †	A
M392C P-adic Hodge Theory †	A
M392C Gromov-Witten Theory †	A
PHY387M Relativity Theory	A
PHY396K Quantum Field Theory †	A
PHY396P String Theory	A-
CS370 Homotopy Type Theory	A
M379H Honor Thesis *	

\* = Current Courses  
† = Graduate Courses

## Honor and Awards

- Emory and Ella Peterson Endowed Presidential Scholarship April 2020
- UT Distinguished College Scholar

## Selected Talks Given

- **Fourier Theory and Categorification** November 2020  
*Junior Geometry*
- **Abelian Dualities in Topological Field Theory** November 2019  
*Junior Geometry and String Theory*
- **EM Duality in N=4 SUSY Yang-Mills** October 2020  
*EM duality and Geometric Langlands Seminar*
- **EM Duality in N=2 SUSY Yang-Mills** September 2020  
*EM duality and Geometric Langlands Seminar*
- **Electric Magnetic Duality and Magnetic Monopoles** September 2020  
*Junior Geometry and String Theory Seminar*
- **Representation Theory in Physics: Classification of Particles in QFT** April 2020  
*Junior Geometry*
- **Renormalization of Perturbative Quantum Field Theories** February 2020  
*Junior Geometry and String Theory Seminar*
- **Spontaneously Broken Symmetry and Higgs Mechanism** February 2020  
*Dynamics of QFT Seminar*
- **Line Bundles and Divisor Correspondence** February 2020  
*Junior Algebraic Geometry Seminar*
- **Proof of Triangulation Conjecture** November 2019  
*Triangulation Conjecture Seminar*
- **T-duality on 2D Sigma Models** November 2019  
*Junior Geometry and String Theory Seminar*
- **Seibert-Witten Equation and the Coulomb Gauge** October 2019  
*Triangulation Conjecture Seminar*
- **Topological Hochschild Homology and Applications to Arithmetic Geometry** May 2019  
*Directed Reading Program*
- **2-shifted Symplectic Structure on the Derived Stacks of Perfect Complexes** May 2019  
*Derived Algebraic Geometry Seminar*
- **Derived Stack of Perfect Complexes and Its Cotangent Bundle** April 2019  
*Derived Algebraic Geometry Seminar*
- **Shifted Symplectic Structure on Intersections of Lagrangians** April 2019  
*Derived Algebraic Geometry Seminar*
- **Bauer-Furuta Invariants** April 2019  
*Furuta 10/8 Seminar*
- **$A_\infty$  categories and derived Fukaya categories** March 2019  
*Floer Lagrangian Seminar*
- **Introduction to Morse Theory via Pictures** February 2019  
*UT Math Club*
- **Finite Dimensional Approximations to the Monopole Map** February 2019  
*Furuta 10/8 Seminar*
- **Bar Construction** January 2019  
*UT Math Club*

- **Presentable  $\infty$  Category and  $\infty$  topos** November 2018  
*Higher Topos Theory Seminar*
- **Moduli Space of Triangles** September 2018  
*UT Math Club*
- **Category Theory and Linear Algebra** April 2018  
*UT Math Club*
- **27 Lines** February 2018  
*UT Math Club*
- **Elliptic Curves are Group Schemes** November 2017  
*Directed Reading Program*
- **Algebraic Geometry and Bezout's Theorem** October 2017  
*UT Math Club*