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EDUCATION

Yale University

New Haven, CT

B.A. Mathematics (intensive track with thesis) & Ethnicity, Race, and Migration; GPA: 3.8 Aug 2021 – May 2025

- **Senior thesis advisor:** Sam Raskin
- **Selected coursework:** Graduate Algebraic Topology (current); Graduate Representation Theory (spring); Graduate Algebra (A); Intro to Algebraic Geometry (B+); Fields & Galois Theory (A-); Independent Study of Lie Theory (Pass)

Budapest Semesters in Mathematics

Budapest, Hungary

Study abroad, Alfréd Rényi Institute of Mathematics & St. Olaf College

Jun 2023 – Aug 2023

- **Coursework:** Graph Theory (A+), Advanced Combinatorics (A)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- **Primary:** Algebraic geometry, Lie theory, geometric group theory, categorical methods
- **Secondary:** Algebraic, geometric, and categorical approaches to knot theory, graph theory, and voting theory

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

REU Site: Research Challenges of Computational Methods in Discrete Mathematics Bethlehem, PA

NSF Award #2150299 (\$5,940 stipend); Moravian University, Department of Mathematics May 2024 – Jul 2024

- **Supervisors:** Samantha Pezzimenti (Pennsylvania State University) and Tony W. H. Wong (Kutztown University)
- Conduct two research projects constructing and investigating mosaic projections of torus knots and Legendrian knots using methods from topology, skein theory, and combinatorics, along with Python algorithms and data analysis
- Rigorously proved sharp bounds for toroidal knot mosaic numbers and the mosaic numbers of Legendrian knots
- Responsible for formalizing and typesetting most theorems, proofs, and algorithms and creating figures and diagrams
- Organize, prepare, and deliver weekly team presentations about in-progress work to all REU participants and mentors

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Independent Study of Lie Theory

New Haven, CT

Yale University, Department of Mathematics

Jan 2023 – May 2023

- **Advisor:** Andrew Neitzke
- Organized weekly readings, meetings, and discussions of Stillwell's *Naive Lie Theory* and Hall's *Lie Groups, Lie Algebras, and Representations* for a group of six undergraduates from the mathematics and physics departments
- Produced and presented an original final report classifying all (semi)simple complex Lie algebras using the Dynkin diagrams corresponding to irreducible root systems over \mathbb{C} , supplemented with original figures and examples

Directed Project on Commutative Algebra

Remote

Polymath, Jr. Undergraduate Research Program

Jun 2022 – Aug 2022

- **Advisor:** Ananthnarayan Hariharan (Indian Institute of Technology)
- Collaborated with three other undergraduates on a research-style directed study of commutative algebra with applications to algebraic number theory

Science, Technology, and Research Scholars (STARS) Program

New Haven, CT

Yale University, Science & Quantitative Reasoning Center

Aug 2021 – May 2022

- Chosen by committee approval for highly selective, departmentally funded program to study research practices, technical writing, and other professional skills requisite for careers in academia and research in the sciences

PRESENTATIONS

Toric Knot Mosaics UnKnot V Conference, Seattle University, Department of Mathematics (Contributed talk)	Seattle, WA Jul 2024 (scheduled)
– Awarded travel and housing funding by conference organizers	
Toric Knot Mosaics (working title) Lafayette College, Department of Mathematics	Easton, PA Jul 2024 (scheduled)
Legendrian Knot Mosaics REU Symposium, Gettysburg College, Department of Mathematics	Gettysburg, PA Jun 2024

TEACHING

Introduction to Abstract Algebra Undergraduate Learning Assistant	Yale University Aug 2024 – Dec 2024 (scheduled)
Analysis II: Lebesgue Integration & Complex Fourier Series Undergraduate Learning Assistant	Yale University Jan 2024 – May 2024
– Created and distributed original midterm and final exam review problems and worksheets; designed and conducted multiple interactive exam review sessions and collected student feedback throughout the term; held regular office hours	
– Served as the only on-campus ULA for all 40 students; wrote and provided solution sets to assist the off-campus ULA	
Real Analysis Undergraduate Learning Assistant	Yale University Aug 2023 – Dec 2023
– Designed and led weekly proof-writing workshops to introduce 44 students to set-theoretic concepts, proof techniques, and mathematical writing; conducted interactive midterm and final exam review sessions; held regular office hours	
Introduction to Functions & Calculus I-II Undergraduate Learning Assistant & Peer Tutor	Yale University Aug 2022 – May 2023
– Designed and led semiweekly interactive practice workshops; organized and conducted weekly small-group review sessions; created original practice problems for all 88 students and solution sets for other ULA's to consult during workshops	

EMPLOYMENT

Office Assistant Yale University Bands	New Haven, CT Aug 2023 – present
– Apply HTML, CSS, and JavaScript to oversee web development and upkeep for Yale's concert, jazz, and marching bands	
Undergraduate Learning Assistant Yale University, Department of Mathematics	New Haven, CT Aug 2022 – present
– Hired after a highly selective interview and teaching evaluation process with mathematics faculty	
– For further information, please refer to the “Teaching” section above.	
Mathematics Tutor Self-employed	Remote Aug 2021 – present
– Work one-on-one with various high school students to develop and reinforce mathematical confidence, review material for courses and standardized testing, and explore connections to higher mathematics to nurture mathematical curiosity	
Event Assistant “Crossroads of Algebra, Geometry, and Physics” Conference at Yale University	New Haven, CT May 2022
– Worked alongside mathematics faculty and staff to facilitate and usher for a Yale mathematics conference	
– Took advantage of the opportunity to attend presentations and explore algebraic geometry as a future research interest	

EXTRACURRICULAR & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Delegate, Student Advisory Council

Yale University, Department of Mathematics

New Haven, CT

Feb 2024 – present

- Plan, organize, and secure funding for panel and roundtable discussions, mentorship opportunities, and partnerships with affinity groups to bridge the gap between students and faculty, turning students' feedback into concrete policies
- Elected by students across mathematics-related majors to represent students' diverse needs and voices in the department
- Advocate in particular for the needs of fellow first-generation and marginalized students at biweekly meetings

Undergraduate Peer Mentor

Yale Undergraduate Mathematics Society

New Haven, CT

Aug 2023 – present

- Serve as mentor for three first-year undergraduates interested in studying mathematics, with a special interest in mentoring fellow first-generation college students
- Engage with Yale's broader mathematics community through various events, seminars, and presentations

Mathematics Advisor, Academic Fair

Yale University, Department of Mathematics

New Haven, CT

Aug 2023 & Aug 2024

- Introduced incoming students to Yale's mathematics department, answering questions about courses and the major

Vice President & Founding Member, Yale Students for Ranked-Choice Voting

Yale University

New Haven, CT

Aug 2022 – present

- Lead and mentor students interested in statistical and combinatorial research on ranked-choice voting in New Haven

WORKSHOPS

Applying to Mathematics Graduate School Panel

Yale University, Department of Mathematics (**Organized**)

New Haven, CT

Apr 2024

Departmental Town Hall

Yale University, Department of Mathematics (**Organized and led**)

New Haven, CT

Apr 2024

- Secured departmental funding to plan, organize, and lead discussions at a session open for all students to provide feedback for the department, especially regarding its inclusivity, climate, and potential structural reforms
- Compiled a report of students' experiences and critiques to share with the Dean of Undergraduate Studies in Mathematics

Mathematics Course Scheduling & Major Planning Workshop

Yale University, Department of Mathematics (**Organized and hosted**)

New Haven, CT

Apr 2024

HONORS & FELLOWSHIPS

Delta Alpha Pi Honor Society

Founding Member, Yale University Chapter

Jan 2023 – present

Richter Summer Fellowship (\$1,500)

Paul K. Richter and Evalyn E. Cook Richter Memorial Fund

Jun 2023 – Aug 2023

Winston T. Townsend Prize for Excellence in English Composition (\$1,000)

Yale University, Department of English

May 2022

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- Center for Minorities in the Mathematical Sciences (CMMS)
- Out in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (oSTEM)
- Sines of Disability
- Spectra, the Association for LGBTQ+ Mathematicians

SKILLS

- **Programming languages:** Python, Java, R, HTML, CSS, JavaScript
- **Other computing software:** \LaTeX , $\text{\textit{TikZ}}$, Mathematica, Singular, Jupyter Notebook, Logger Pro, Git, Adobe Creative Cloud
- **Human languages:** American Sign Language (conversational), Spanish (conversational)