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PERSONAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Mathematics September 2023 – present McGill University Montréal, QC, Canada

Supervisor: Hamed Hatami.

M.Sc. Mathematics May 2021 - August 2022 McGill University Montréal, QC, Canada

Supervisor: Luc Devroye. CGPA: 4.00/4. Thesis: Structural properties of conditional Galton-Watson trees.

B.Sc. Joint Honours Mathematics and Computer Science

September 2017 - April 2021 McGill University Montréal, QC, Canada

Minor: Linguistics. CGPA: 3.84/4.

Exchange semester February – June 2019 Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, Charles University Prague, Czech Republic

Grade: 1 on all courses (highest score attainable).

Awards and Funding

NSERC Canada Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral (\$115,000) September 2023 - August 2026 FRQNT Bourse de doctorat en recherche (\$100,000) [Declined] NSERC Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master's (\$17,500) May 2021 - April 2022 NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award (\$7,125) May - August 2020 Governor General's Academic Medal - Bronze June 2015

Research Interests

Additive combinatorics, enumerative combinatorics, analysis of random discrete structures.

Papers

- P6. (with Jonah Saks) On the homology of several number-theoretic set families. Enumerative Combinatorics and Applications 4,2 (2024), #S2R12, 11 pp. [arXiv:2206.12535]
- P5. (with Jad Hamdan and Jonah Saks) The lattice of arithmetic progressions. Australasian Journal of Combinatorics 84,3 (2022), 357–374. [arXiv:2106.05949]
- P4. (with Luc Devroye and Rosie Y. Zhao) On the peel number and the leaf-height of a Galton-Watson tree. Combinatorics, Probability and Computing 32,1 (2023), 68–90. [arXiv:2106.14389]
- P3. (with Anna M. Brandenberger, Luc Devroye, and Rosie Y. Zhao) Leaf multiplicity in a Bienaymé-Galton-Watson tree. Discrete Mathematics and Theoretical Computer Science 24,1 (2022), #7, 16 pp. [arXiv:2105.12046]
- P2. (with Anna M. Brandenberger and Luc Devroye) Root estimation in Galton-Watson trees. Random Structures and Algorithms **61**,3 (2022), 520–542. [arXiv:2007.05681]
- P1. (with Rosie Y. Zhao) Arithmetic subsequences in a random ordering of an additive set. Integers: Electronic Journal of Combinatorial Number Theory 21 (2021), #A89, 19 pp. [arXiv:2012.12339]

REPORTS AND THESES

- **R5.** Structural properties of conditional Galton–Watson trees. M.Sc. thesis, McGill University (Montréal, Québec, August 2022), vi + 75 pp.
- **R4.** Finding regularity in Tlingit verb prefixes. Semester project report, McGill University (Montréal, Québec, April 2021), 7 pp.
- **R3.** Grid-building algorithms on manifolds. Summer research report, McGill University (Montréal, Québec, August 2020), 10 pp.
- **R2.** Typechecking proof scripts: making interactive proof assistants robust. Honours project report, McGill University (Montréal, Québec, December 2019), 10 pp.
- **R1.** The OPythn programming language. Software project report, Charles University (Prague, Czech Republic, June 2019), 10 pp.

PUBLISHED FICTION

- **F3.** "Senang Diri," Existere **42**,2 (2023), 17–25.
- **F2.** "The Vigil," *Ricepaper Magazine* (2023), online. Reprinted in *Best Canadian Stories* 2025 (Windsor, Ont.: Biblioasis, 2024), 244–253.
- F1. "Mountain Pass," Prairie Journal of Canadian Literature 79 (2023), 48-55.

Work and Volunteer Experience (* indicates a paid position)

*Course lecturer McGill University

August 2024 – present

Montréal, QC, Canada

Instructor for a section of MATH 240 Discrete Structures. Duties include preparing and delivering lectures, designing assignment and exam questions, and holding office hours.

Co-Editor December 2023 – present

Ahoy Literary Magazine

Montréal, QC, Canada

Founding co-editor of a semiannual print magazine that publishes poetry, prose, and art. In charge of English short fiction submissions and the overall typesetting. Share duties with the other co-editors related to marketing, emails, and sales.

*Teaching assistant

September 2021 - April 2024

McGill University

Montréal, QC, Canada

Teaching assistant in the following courses. Duties include giving tutorials, holding office hours, and grading assignments and exams.

- Winter 2024, Fall 2023: MATH 240 Discrete Structures
- Fall 2021: COMP 690 Probabilistic Analysis of Algorithms

DRP Mentor January 2022 - April 2024

Department of Mathematics and Statistics, McGill University

Montréal, QC, Canada

Met with two undergraduate students as part of the Directed Reading Program on a weekly basis to give them an introduction to research-level mathematics in a casual setting. Focused on topics in extremal combinatorics related to the increasing triples problem, as well as topics related to Khovanskii's theorem.

*After school care supervisor

January – June 2023

Suzuki Charter School

Edmonton, AB, Canada

Supervised and facilitated activities (e.g., arts and crafts, soccer, board games, drawing/colouring, movie days) for children in grades 1 through 6.

*Software developer

January – May 2023

Levven

Edmonton, AB, Canada

Developed firmware for the manufacture and function of in-home IoT gateways, smart switches, and related electronic products. Code primarily in C and Python. Contributed to the open-source Mongoose OS codebase.

*Visiting teaching assistant

July 2022

Bocconi University

Como, CO, Italy

Teaching assistant for a two-week summer school on random structures and combinatorial statistics, which was organised by Bocconi University in collaboration with Oxford University and Imperial College London. Led problem sessions in the afternoons, with around forty graduate-level students were in attendance.

First responder

October 2017 – September 2021

McGill Student Emergency Response Team

Montréal, QC, Canada

On call on a weekly basis to provide emergency medical care at campus residences overnight as well as at university events such as frosh, sports games, and formals. Attended team training sessions twice a month to keep first-aid skills up-to-date. Most recent first responder certification: September 2020.

*Grader

September 2019 – April 2021

Department of Mathematics and Statistics, McGill University

Montréal, QC, Canada

Grading of assignments in the following courses:

- Winter 2021: MATH 457 Honours Algebra 4
- Fall 2020: MATH 323 Probability, MATH 456 Honours Algebra 3
- Winter 2020: MATH 240 Discrete Structures
- Fall 2019: MATH 235 Algebra 1

*Helpdesk tutor

September 2018 - April 2021

Computer Science Undergraduate Society Helpdesk

Montréal, QC, Canada

Held twice-weekly office hours to tutor students in a variety of undergraduate courses. Topics covered included elementary data structures and algorithms, command-line scripting, and functional programming. Recipient of the Tomlinson Engagement Award for Mentoring.

Vice President, Academic

May 2019 – January 2020

Society of Undergraduate Mathematics Students

Montréal, QC, Canada

Oversaw academic affairs within SUMS council and acted as liaison between the undergraduate community and mathematics faculty. Duties included representing the student body at department meetings, organising midterm and final review sessions, and helping students with academic concerns.

*Painter

May – August 2018

 $Bakir\ Contracting\ Corp.$

Edmonton, AB, Canada

Exterior painting (siding, decks, fences, trim, etc.) for residential clients.

*Infantryman

August 2015 - August 2017

Singapore Armed Forces

Singapore

Held appointment of machine-gun team commander in the 3rd Battalion, Singapore Infantry Regiment. Led a six-person team consisting of a medic, signaller, sensor, and two-machine gunners within a rifle platoon. Most recent reserve training: December 2022.

*Tutor

September 2014 – June 2015

École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School

Beaumont, AB, Canada

Tutored various students in grades 4 through 11 in chemistry, physics, math, and French.

*Summer camp counsellor

June - August 2014

YoWoChAs Outdoor Education Centre

Fallis, AB, Canada

Led children aged 4–15 through various activities (e.g. archery, canoeing, zipline) at a sleepaway camp.

SKILLS

Programming Languages

C, OCaml, Python, Java, PostScript, Haskell, Scheme Lisp, Standard ML, CWEB, MIXAL, MIPS Assembly.

Technologies

Languages

Fluent: English, French. Proficient: Mandarin, Italian.

OTHER

- \bullet Recipient of 0x\$3.40 in Knuth reward cheques.
- \bullet Contributed sequences A335562, A338550, A338993, A339941, A339942, A341822, A347580, A355145—A355147, and A360285 to the On-line Encyclopedia of Integer Sequences.