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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 Montréal, QC, Canada McGill University

Minor: Linguistics. CGPA: 3.84/4.

Exchange semester February - June 2019 Prague, Czech Republic

Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, Charles University

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

- P8. (with Tsun-Ming Cheung and Luc Devroye) A note on plane trees with decreasing labels. To appear in Online Journal of Analytic Combinatorics. [arXiv:2502.14596]
- P7. An uncertainty principle for Möbius inversion on posets. To appear in Contributions to Discrete Mathematics. [arXiv:2302.02466]
- 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 Creative Writing (* indicates nonfiction)

- *F4. "Lanterns," The Malahat Review 229 (2025), 7–13. Winner of the 2024 Constance Rooke Creative Nonfiction Prize. Honourable Mention in the Personal Journalism category of Canada's 2025 National Magazine Awards.
- 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. Reprinted in Infusion (Toronto, Ont.: Dark Helix Press, 2025), 37–47.
- F1. "Mountain Pass," Prairie Journal of Canadian Literature 79 (2023), 48–55.

Work and Volunteer Experience (* indicates a paid position)

Co-Editor

Ahoy Literary Magazine

December 2023 – present

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.

*Course lecturer

August – December 2024

McGill University

Montréal, QC, Canada

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

*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 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.

- Winter 2024: Topics in additive combinatorics, with a particular focus on Roth's theorem.
- Winter 2022: Topics in extremal combinatorics related to the increasing triples problem, as well as topics related to Khovanskii's theorem.

*After school care supervisor

Suzuki Charter School

January – June 2023

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

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Edmonton, AB, Canada

Developed firmware for the manufacture and function of in-home IoT gateways, smart switches, and related electronic products. Worked 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 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

Graded 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
- \bullet 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.

${\rm Skills}$

Programming Languages

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

Technologies

UNIX, Vim, TEX, Git.

Languages

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

OTHER

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