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Personal Details

Ph.D. Graduate Student

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Research Interests

Network analysis, mathematical modeling for biological applications, and model philosophy.

Education

Ph.D. in Mathematical Sciences | 2019 - present

University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

- Advisors: Chris Danforth and Laurent Hébert-Dufresne
- Quantitative and Evolutionary STEM Training Program Trainee (NSF Funded Traineeship)

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics | 2015 - 2019

Saint Michael's College, Colchester, VT

- Minor in Computer Science, Minor in Statistics
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Publications and other writings

A.J. Allen, **M.C. Boudreau**, N.J. Roberts, A. Allard, & L. Hébert-Dufresne | February 2022

Predicting the diversity of early epidemic spread on networks

Phys. Rev. Research 4, 013123

M.C. Boudreau, A.J. Allen, N.J. Roberts, A. Allard, & L. Hébert-Dufresne | February 2023
Temporal and probabilistic forecasts of epidemic interventions
ArXiv

M.C. Boudreau, C.M. Danforth, J.G. Young, & L. Hébert-Dufresne | In Progress
Working title: *Sensitivity analysis of stochastic polynomials, and its application to epidemic forecasting and random graphs*
Draft available upon request

Skills

Programming:

Java, C++, L^AT_EX, MATLAB, Python, R

Other:

Statistical analysis, knowledge in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel, conversational French

Research Experience

Contractor | May 2022 - July 2022

Institute for Disease Modeling at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Assisting in the parameterization and development of an open source human papillomavirus population model. Began developing an open source within host model for human papillomavirus induced lesions in a cervical skin layer, which leverages previous model infrastructure.

Graduate Research Assistant | August 2020 - May 2022

University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

Exploring probability generating functions in two projects. One pertaining to the sensitivity of final outbreak predictions for probability generating functions when applied to epidemics. The other expands the time evolution of probability generating functions to understand early epidemic uncertainty and incorporate intervention strategies.

Dartmouth Summer Research Student | June 2018 – August 2018

Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

Participated in a research experience for undergraduates to research mathematical applications in signal processing. The research project was a simplified version of a multi-measurement vector problem. The goal was to understand the fundamentals of how multiple audio signals could be used together to construct a clear signal of a single conversation. This is also known as the Cocktail Party effect, where a person has the ability to pay attention to one conversation and ignore all the other conversations around them. I then presented this research at the end of the program at a colloquium.

BU SIBS Participant | June 2017 - July 2017

Boston University, Boston, MA

Participated in a program to learn about the field of biostatistics. Presented a research project at the end of program to BU Biostatistics Faculty. This research project utilized data from the National Health Interview Survey of the CDC. The relationship between amounts of milk consumed during one's life was compared to being diagnosed with osteoporosis. The title of the presentation given was "Got Milk?".

Relevant Coursework

Mathematics:

Applied Graph Theory, Differential Equations, Advanced Ordinary Differential Equations, Partial Differential Equations, Linear Algebra, Abstract Algebra I & II, Algebraic Topology, Numerical Analysis, Numerical Partial Differential Equations, Real Analysis I

Complex Systems:

Principles of Complex Systems, Modeling of Complex System

Statistics:

Probability and Statistics, Applied Regression Analysis, Bayesian Statistics, Mathematical Statistics and Methods, Applied Statistical Methods, Biological Data and Statistics

Other:

One Health: Zoonoses

Outreach

The Mindful Scientists Blog | May 2021 - present

themindfulscientists.com

A blog where QuEST Trainees share our a posteriori stories and learning processes with mental health. A posteriori meaning based on lived experiences. No theory. Empirical knowledge has informed the understanding of the mental health challenges in our life and academia. Each post has a unique tone and emotion but all will be brutally honest.

Professional Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant | Fall 2019 - Spring 2020 Fall 2022

Mathematics Department, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

Taught MATH 017: Applications of Finite Math in 2019-2020. Taught MATH 019: Fundamentals of Calculus I in Fall 2022.

QuEST Coding Workshop Teaching Assistant | August 2021

University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

Coordinated and taught first year Ph.D. students the fundamentals of coding in R, and calculus basics.

Technical Services Intern | June 2019 - August 2019

Mylan, Saint Albans, VT

Analyzed sampling, mass balance, and other essential functions at the Mylan Saint Albans manufacturing plant.

Peer Tutor | 2016-2019

Saint Michael's College, VT

Tutored students in a Calculus I, II course.

Math Student Assistant | 2016-2019

Saint Michael's College, VT

Created posters and promotional information. Assisted in registration for events. Co-organize the Math weekly social events and colloquium events.

Math Grader | Fall 2016

Saint Michael's College, VT

Graded homework for a Calculus II course.

Work Study | 2016-2017

Academic Enrichment Commons, Saint Michael's College, VT

Assisted students with inquiries about peer tutors, testing areas, and other student support services.

Presentations

Modeling epidemic interventions with probability generating functions | April 2021

University of Vermont Virtual Student Research Conference, Online

The poster presentation described an expansion of a probability generating function time evolution model that incorporates intervention strategies, which was collaborated on with Andrea J. Allen, Nicholas J. Roberts, Antoine Allard, and Laurent Hébert-Dufresne.

Network analysis and its application to biology | January 2021

University of Vermont 4-H Teen Science Cafe, Online

This presentation gave an introduction to networks and their applications to biology applications such as neural networks, forest fires, and epidemics.

Ski resort network analysis | January 2021

Complex Networks Winter Workshop 2020, Online

This presentation showcased network analysis techniques applied to Utah ski resorts to see if there were trends among popular ski resorts. This work was done with Alexander Caouette, Jeremy Côté, and Nicholas J. Roberts.

Probabilistic epidemic forecasting using probability generating functions, and its robustness to data quality, error, biases, and noise | September 2020

University of Vermont Computer Science Research Day, Online

This presentation detailed a preliminary sensitivity analysis on probability generating functions as models for epidemic forecasting.

Probabilistic epidemic forecasting using probability generating functions, and its robustness to data quality, error, biases, and noise | September 2020

NetSci 2020 Conference, Online

This poster presentation detailed a preliminary sensitivity analysis on probability generating functions as models for epidemic forecasting.

Network analysis and its application to epidemiology | April 2019

Academic Symposium at Saint Michael's College, VT

This presentation detailed my honors thesis research on how network theory is used to understand the spread of disease.

Dartmouth research experience: variations of the MMV problem | September 2018

Student Summer Research Projects Colloquium at Saint Michael's College, VT

This presentation described my research while participating in Dartmouth Mathematics' Research Experience for Undergraduates.

A Bostonian summer: BU SIBS experience and research | September 2017

Student Summer Research Projects Colloquium at Saint Michael's College, VT

This presentation described my research and experience while participating in the Summer Institute for Training in Biostatistics at Boston University.

Brahmagupta's famous area | April 2017

Academic Symposium at Saint Michael's College, VT

This presentation detailed mathematician Brahmagupta's famous area formula for the area of a cyclic quadrilateral. This paper and presentation came from a research project for the course, History of Mathematics.

Neural networks in autism | April 2016

Academic Symposium at Saint Michael's College, VT

This presentation explored how the application of Graph Theory in Neural Networks helps to explain traits of Autism.

Other interests

Hiking, skiing, ski patrolling, Crossfit, mental health writing, and learning more about Vermont.
