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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Knot Theory and 4-Manifolds

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Mathematics

Rice University, Houston, TX.

Fall 2012 - Present Advisor: Shelly Harvey

- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (2014 2017)
- Bob E. and Lore Merten Watt Fellowship (2012)
- National Physical Sciences Consortium Fellowship (2012) (declined for personal reasons)

B.S. Mathematical Sciences

University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX.

Fall 2008 - May 2012 Concentration: Pure Math Minor: Physics, Performing Arts

- Summa Cum Laude
- Dean's List, Phi Kappa Phi, Collegium V Honors, and Major Honors with Distinction
- Texas Mathematics 8-12 Teaching Certification

TALKS AND POSTER SESSIONS

From Morse Homology to Floer Theory

October 15, 2014

RTG Topology Seminar

Rice University, Houston, TX

Contact Structures and Foliations, Taut Foliations and Symplectic Fillings Fall 2014 Student-led Seminar

Rice University, Houston, TX

• Participated in a semester long seminar and gave talks based on John Etnyre's notes on contact geometry and Lagrangian and transverse knots.

An Introduction to Differential Geometry

Spring 2014

Student-led Seminar

Rice University, Houston, TX

• Helped organize a semester long seminar and gave talks based on Michael Spivak's "A Comprehensive Introduction to Differential Geometry".

An Introduction to Khovanov Homology

February 7, 2014

RTG Topology Seminar

Rice University, Houston, TX

Representations of Semisimple Lie Algebras

November 14, 2013

Current Mathematics Seminar Rice University, Houston, TX Fibered Links from Closed Braids October 11, 2013 RTG Topology Seminar Rice University, Houston, TX An Introduction to Quandles March 14, 2013 Current Mathematics Seminar Rice University, Houston, TX May 7, 2012 Algebra Structure on the Handlebody of Genus Two Collegium V Poster Presentation for Graduating Seniors University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX Covering Graphs, Voltage Assignments, and Hamiltonicity January 5, 2012 Joint Mathematics Meetings Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA Covering Graphs, Voltage Assignments, and Hamiltonicity July 16, 2011 Discrete Mathematics Days St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT Knot Theory and Its Applications to Physics and Quantum Computing January 6-9, The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX Texas Geometry and Topology Conference November 14-16, 2014 The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX Combinatorial Link Homology Theories, Braids, and Contact Geometry August 4-8, ICERM at Brown University, Providence, RI Topology Students Workshop June 9-13, 2014 Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA Graduate Student Topology and Geometry Conference April 5-6, 2014 The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX Rice Dynamics Meetings (helped organize) May 3-5, 2013 Rice University, Houston, TX

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

(Hempelfest) 3-manifolds: Heegaard Splittings, the Curve Complex, and Hyperbolic Geometry

April 19-21, 2013

Texas Geometry and Topology Conference November 9-11, 2012 Rice University, Houston, TX

Rice University, Houston, TX

Joint Mathematics Meetings January 5, 2012 Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA

Discrete Mathematics Days
St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT

Knots in Washington XXXI: Categorification, Quandles, Quantum knots and Quantum computing

December 3-5, 2010

George Washington University, Washington D.C.

Knots in Washington XXX: Categorification, Quandles, Quantum knots and Quantum computing

May 19-21, 2010

George Washington University, Washington D.C.

RESEARCH

AND

INDEPENDENT Algebra Structure on the Handlebody of Genus Two Fall 2011 - Spring 2012

STUDY Senior Honors Thesis

Mentor: Mieczyslaw Dabkowski

The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX.

Quantum Compiling Spring 2012

Independent Study in Quantum Computing

Mentor: Tobias Hagge

The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX.

Covering Graphs, Voltage Assignments, and Hamiltonicity Summer 2011

Mathematics REU at Bard College

Mentor: Lauren Rose

Bard College, Annandale-On-Hudson, NY

Math Independent Study/Discussion Group Spring 2009 - Spring 2011

Mentor: Mieczyslaw Dabkowski

The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX.

TEACHING Instructor Fall 2014

EXPERIENCE Calculus II

Rice University, Houston, TX.

Instructor Summer 2014

Multivariable Calculus

Rice University, Houston, TX.

Teaching Assistant Spring 2014

Calculus II

Rice University, Houston, TX.

Teaching Assistant Fall 2013

Multivariable Calculus

Rice University, Houston, TX.

Teaching Assistant Spring 2013

Chaos & Life Program in Mathematics for Young Women

Rice University, Houston, TX.

Teaching Assistant Spring 2013

Multivariable Calculus

Rice University, Houston, TX.

Teaching Assistant Fall 2012

Differential Equations

Rice University, Houston, TX.

Math Tutor January 2011 - August 2012

UTD GEMS Math Lab

The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX.

PLTL (Peer-Led Team Learning) Leader

Student Teacher January 2012 - May 2012

August - December 2010

UTeach at UT Dallas

Math, Engineering, Science, and Technology Academy, Carrollton, TX.

UTD GEMS Center

Grader January 2010 - December 2010

UTD Math Department

Teacher/Tutor January 2009 - May 2011

Kaplan Test Prep Dallas, TX.

UTeach Field Experience and Curriculum Design Fall 2008 - Spring 2012

UTeach Program at UTDallas Various Dallas area schools.

SERVICE Center for Teaching Excellence Graduate Liason Summer 2014 - Present

Graduate Student Association Rice University, Houston, TX

Math Department Representative Summer 2013 - Present

Graduate Student Association Rice University, Houston, TX

Math Club President Fall 2009 - Spring 2012

University of Texas at Dallas Rice University, Houston, TX

COMPUTER SKILLS

MATLAB, Sage, LATEX, Python, Java