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### Citizenship

American

### Employment

*Assistant Professor* (tenure-track). [Howard University](#) 2025–  
*Gibbs Assistant Professor*. [Yale University](#) 2024–25  
*CLE Moore Instructor*. [Massachusetts Institute of Technology](#) 2020–24  
NSF Mathematical Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellow (2020–2023)  
— *Sponsoring Scientist*: Zhiwei Yun

### Education

*PhD in Mathematics*. [University of Chicago](#) 2014–20  
— *Primary Advisor*: Châu Ngô ( = Ngô Bảo Châu)  
— *Secondary Advisor*: Victor Ginzburg  
William Rainey Harper Dissertation Fellow  
*AB in Mathematics magna cum laude*. [Princeton University](#) 2010–14

### Publications and Preprints

- Central Elements and Cell Decompositions from Partial Springer Resolutions  
Preprint. <https://mqtrinh.github.io/math/research/norms.pdf>  
+ N. Williams
- Level-Rank Dualities for Finite Reductive Groups  
Extended abstract. [arXiv:2508.07051](https://arxiv.org/abs/2508.07051)  
+ T. Xue
- Level-Rank Dualities from  $\Phi$ -Cuspidal Pairs and Affine Springer Fibers  
Preprint. [arXiv:2311.17106](https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.17106)  
+ T. Xue
- Unipotent Elements and Kálmán–Serre Duality  
Preprint. [arXiv:2210.09051](https://arxiv.org/abs/2210.09051)
- From the Hecke Category to the Unipotent Locus  
Preprint. [arXiv:2106.07444](https://arxiv.org/abs/2106.07444)
- The Hilb-vs-Quot Conjecture  
*J. angew. reine Math. (Crelle)* (2025). 46 pp. [doi:10.1515/crelle-2025-0058](https://doi.org/10.1515/crelle-2025-0058)  
+ O. Kivinen

- Cell Decompositions of Hecke Traces and Link Polynomials  
Extended abstract. Proceedings of the 37th International Conference on Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics (FPSAC), Sapporo, 2025. *Sém. Lothar. Combin.*, **93B** (2025), Paper No. 90.  
+ N. Williams
- Simple Braids Tend Toward Positive Entropy  
*J. Knot Theory Ramifications*, **33**(11) (2024), 2450034, 12 pp.  
+ L. Robitaille
- Rational Noncrossing Coxeter–Catalan Combinatorics  
*Proc. Lond. Math. Soc.* **129**(4) (2024), e12643, 50 pp.  
+ P. Galashin, T. Lam, N. Williams
- Algebraic Braids and Geometric Representation Theory  
PhD thesis. University of Chicago. ProQuest LLC (2020), 239 pp.

#### *Undergraduate Publications*

- Extremal Primes for Elliptic Curves  
*J. Num. Theory*, **164** (2016), 282–298.  
+ K. James, B. Tran, P. Wertheimer, D. Zantout
- Zeros of Dirichlet  $L$ -Functions over Function Fields  
*Comm. Num. Theory Phys.*, **8**(3) (2014), 511–539.  
+ J. Andrade, S. J. Miller, K. Pratt

#### *Non-Research Publications*

- The Hodge Theory of Soergel Bimodules  
Chapter 18 in *Introduction to Soergel Bimodules*. Ed. B. Elias, S. Makisumi, U. Thiel, G. Williamson. RSME Springer Series, **5** (2020), 347–367.  
+ L. Taylor

#### **Invited Talks**

- [Howard University Mathematics Colloquium](#). 9/19/25.
- [USNA Mathematics Colloquium](#). 4/17/25.
- [Johns Hopkins Topology Seminar](#). 4/16/25.
- [Rice Algebraic Geometry and Number Theory Seminar](#). 4/1/25.
- [UChicago Representation Theory Seminar](#). 1/7/25.
- [Northeastern Geometry, Physics, and Representation Theory Seminar](#). 10/31/24.
- [WUSTL Combinatorics Seminar](#). 9/30/24.
- [AMS Spring Central Sectional Meeting](#). 20-minute talk. 4/21/24.
- [University at Buffalo Algebra Seminar](#). 3/4/24.
- [Institute for Advanced Study in Mathematics \(IASM\) Online Geometry and Physics Seminar](#). Zhejiang University. 1/23/24.
- [International Centre for Mathematical Sciences \(ICMS\) UK–Vietnam Mathematics Joint Meeting](#). Edinburgh. 12/5/23.
- [MIT Lie Groups Seminar](#). 11/1/23.

- [AMS Fall Eastern Sectional Meeting](#). 1-hour talk. SUNY-Buffalo. 9/10/23.
- [Yale Geometry, Symmetry, and Physics Seminar](#). 4/24/23.
- [MIT–Harvard–MSR Combinatorics Seminar](#). 2/15/23.
- [Northeastern Geometry, Physics, and Representation Theory Seminar](#). 10/6/22.
- [ICERM Workshop on Braids in Symplectic and Algebraic Geometry](#). 10-minute talk. 3/23/22.
- [Oxford Algebra Seminar](#). 11/30/21.
- [UMass-Amherst Representation Theory Seminar](#). 10/25/21.
- [Cluster Algebra Seminar](#). [AIM Link Homology](#) research community. 10/7/21.
- [Categorical Braid Group Actions and Categorical Representation Theory](#). UMass-Amherst FRG Conference. 6/17/21.
- [MIT Lie Groups Seminar](#). 3/3/21.
- [Chinese University of Hong Kong \(CUHK\) Representation and Number Theory Seminar](#). 1/15/21.
- [Harvard/MIT Algebraic Geometry Seminar](#). 9/29/20.
- [MIT Lie Groups Seminar](#). 12/4/19.
- [MIT Geometric Representation Theory Seminar](#). 12/4/19.
- [Caltech Algebra and Geometry Seminar](#). 11/11/19.
- [AMS Fall Western Sectional Meeting](#). 20-minute talk. UC-Riverside. 11/9/19.
- [UPenn Math-Physics Joint Seminar](#). 10/22/19.
- [Hilbert Schemes, Categorification, and Combinatorics](#). 30-minute talk. UC-Davis FRG Conference. 6/19/19.
- [Perimeter Institute Mathematical Physics Seminar](#). 5/21/19.
- [Johns Hopkins Number Theory Seminar](#). 4/29/19.
- [UC-Davis Algebraic Geometry Seminar](#). 11/14/18.

#### *Non-Research Invited Talks*

- [Algebraic Geometry Seminar](#). AIM Link Homology community. 10/1/21.
- [Geometric Categorification Seminar](#). AIM Link Homology community. 7/5/21.
- [MIT Independent Activities Period \(IAP\) Mathematics Lecture Series \(18.095\)](#). 1/20/21.
- [Graduate Summer School on the Geometry and Modular Representation Theory of Algebraic Groups](#). Simons Center for Geometry and Physics. 8/20/19.
- [Interactions between Representation Theory and Algebraic Geometry](#). University of Chicago. 8/21/17.

#### **Teaching**

*Course Instructor.* Howard 2025–  
 — MATH 250: Topology I (2025)

*Course Instructor.* Yale 2024–25  
 — MATH 340: Advanced Linear Algebra (2025)  
 — MATH 430: Introduction to Topology (2025)  
 — MATH 665: Topics in Quantum Algebra (2024)

*Course Instructor.* MIT 2022–23

- 18.781: Theory of Numbers (2023)
- 18.708: Topics in Algebra (2022, 4 lectures)
- 18.704: Seminar in Algebra (2022)

*Course Administrator.* MIT 2022

- 18.01: Calculus

*Recitation Instructor.* MIT 2021–24

- 18.02/18.02A: Calculus (2024, double recitation)
- 18.02A: Calculus (2023, double)
- 18.01A: Calculus (2023, double)
- 18.01A: Calculus (2021)
- 18.02A: Calculus (2021)

*Graduate Instructor.* University of Chicago 2017–20

- MATH 152/44: Calculus II (2020)
- MATH 153/44: Calculus III (2020)
- MATH 132/58: Elementary Functions and Calculus II (2018)
- MATH 131/58: Elementary Functions and Calculus I (2018)
- MATH 195/51: Mathematical Methods for the Social Sciences (2017)

*Teaching Assistant.* University of Chicago 2015–16

- MATH 242: Algebraic Number Theory (2016)
- MATH 159/53: Introduction to Proof in Linear Algebra and Analysis (2016)
- MATH 175: Elementary Number Theory (2015)

## Service

*Referee.* 2020–

Journals have included: *Adv. Math.* — *Geom. Topol.* — *Int. Math. Res. Not.* — *Proc. Amer. Math. Soc.* — *Rep. Theory*

*Co-organizer.* [GWU–Howard Combinatorics & Algebra Seminar](#) 2025–

*Co-organizer.* [Yale Geometry, Symmetry, and Physics Seminar](#) 2024–25

*Research Advisor.* [PROMYS](#) 2023

*Mentor.* [MIT SPUR](#) 2023

*Mentor.* [MIT PRIMES](#) 2021–23

- Michael Yang (2023)

**2024 Regeneron STS Scholar**

- Luke Robitaille (2021)

**2022 Regeneron STS Winner, Tenth Place**

**2022 Davidson Fellow**

*Mentor.* [MIT UROP](#) 2022–23

<i>Research Advisor.</i> MIT PRIMES	2021–23
— Ethan Liu ( <i>Mentor:</i> Merrick Cai, 2023)	
— Joshua Guo ( <i>Mentor:</i> Kevin Chang, 2021)	
<b>2022 Regeneron STS Scholar</b>	
— Ilaria Seidel ( <i>Mentor:</i> Jeffery Yu, 2021)	
<i>Mentor.</i> UChicago Directed Reading Program	2015–20
<i>QED Day Judge.</i> Math Circles of Chicago	2019
<i>Mentor.</i> UChicago REU	2016–19
— Karhan Kayan (2019)	
— Gwyn Moreland (2016)	
— James Stevens (2016)	
<i>QED Day Senior Judge.</i> Math Circles of Chicago	2016
<i>Advising Chair.</i> Princeton Math Club	2013
<i>Director.</i> Princeton University Math Competition	2011–12

### Honors

- **2020 Mathematical Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (MSPRF)** from the National Science Foundation.
- **2019 William Rainey Harper Dissertation Fellowship** from the University of Chicago.
- Amick Memorial Fellowship from the University of Chicago.
- 2014 Graduate Research Fellowship (GRFP) from the National Science Foundation.
- Phi Beta Kappa Society at Princeton University.
- Society of Sigma Xi at Princeton University.
- 2011 Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence from Princeton University.
- Nominee for the 2011 Quin Morton '36 Writing Seminar Essay Prize at Princeton University.