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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](#)
+ T. Xue
- Level-Rank Dualities from Φ -Cuspidal Pairs and Affine Springer Fibers
Preprint. [arXiv:2311.17106](#)
+ T. Xue
- Unipotent Elements and Kálmán–Serre Duality
Preprint. [arXiv:2210.09051](#)
- From the Hecke Category to the Unipotent Locus
Preprint. [arXiv:2106.07444](#)
- The Hilb-vs-Quot Conjecture
To appear in *J. angew. reine Math. (Crelle)* (2025). 46 pp. [arXiv:2310.19633](#)
+ 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)

<i>Course Instructor.</i> MIT	2022–23
— 18.781: Theory of Numbers (2023)	
— 18.708: Topics in Algebra (2022, <i>4 lectures</i>)	
— 18.704: Seminar in Algebra (2022)	
<i>Course Administrator.</i> MIT	2022
— 18.01: Calculus	
<i>Recitation Instructor.</i> MIT	2021–24
— 18.02/18.02A: Calculus (2024, <i>double recitation</i>)	
— 18.02A: Calculus (2023, <i>double</i>)	
— 18.01A: Calculus (2023, <i>double</i>)	
— 18.01A: Calculus (2021)	
— 18.02A: Calculus (2021)	
<i>Graduate Instructor.</i> 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)	
<i>Teaching Assistant.</i> 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	
<i>Referee.</i>	2020–
Journals have included: — <i>Adv. Math.</i> — <i>Geom. Topol.</i> — <i>Int. Math. Res. Not.</i> — <i>Proc. Amer. Math. Soc.</i> — <i>Rep. Theory</i>	
<i>Co-organizer.</i> Yale Geometry, Symmetry, and Physics Seminar	2024–25
<i>Research Advisor.</i> PROMYS	2023
<i>Mentor.</i> MIT SPUR	2023
<i>Mentor.</i> MIT PRIMES	2021–23
— Michael Yang (2023)	
2024 Regeneron STS Scholar	
— Luke Robitaille (2021)	
2022 Regeneron STS Winner, Tenth Place	
2022 Davidson Fellow	
<i>Mentor.</i> MIT UROP	2022–23
<i>Research Advisor.</i> MIT PRIMES	2021–23
— Ethan Liu (<i>Mentor:</i> Merrick Cai, 2023)	

- Joshua Guo (*Mentor*: Kevin Chang, 2021)
 2022 Regeneron STS Scholar
- Ilaria Seidel (*Mentor*: Jeffery Yu, 2021)
- Mentor*. UChicago Directed Reading Program 2015–20
- QED Day Judge*. Math Circles of Chicago 2019
- Mentor*. UChicago REU 2016–19
- Karhan Kayan (2019)
- Gwyn Moreland (2016)
- James Stevens (2016)
- QED Day Senior Judge*. Math Circles of Chicago 2016
- Advising Chair*. Princeton Math Club 2013
- Director*. 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.