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Citizenship

American

Current Research

[algebraic geometry](#), [combinatorics](#), [quantum algebra](#), [representation theory](#)

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

- Partial Resolutions and Noncrossing Combinatorics
Preprint. [arXiv:2601.17293](#)
+ 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
J. angew. reine Math. (Crelle), **828** (2025), 83–126.
 + 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.
- 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

- [Contact Geometry, Cluster Algebras, and Skein Theory](#). Quantum Topology, Character Varieties and Low-Dimensional Geometry. Institute for Pure & Applied Mathematics (IPAM). TBA.
- [MIT Lie Groups Seminar](#). 4/29/26.
- [GWU–Howard Combinatorics & Algebra Seminar](#). 2/10/26.
- [Knots in Washington 52](#). 12/7/25. 20-minute talk.
- [UMD Algebraic Geometry Seminar](#). 12/1/25.
- [UT-Dallas Algebra and Combinatorics Seminar](#). 11/19/25.
- [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. University of 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 Focused Research Group (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

- [Howard University Graduate Student Seminar](#). 10/31/25.
- [Algebraic Geometry Seminar](#). AIM Link Homology research community. 10/1/21.
- [Geometric Categorification Seminar](#). AIM Link Homology research 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 (SCGP). 30-minute talk. 8/20/19.

- [Interactions between Representation Theory and Algebraic Geometry](#). 30-minute talk. UChicago. 8/21/17.

Conference and Workshops

- [AMS Joint Mathematics Meetings \(JMM\)](#). Washington, DC. 1/4–1/7/26.
- [Webs in Algebra, Geometry, Topology, and Combinatorics](#). ICERM workshop. 12/8–12/12/25.
- [Knots in Washington 52](#). GWU conference. 12/5–12/7/25.
- [Diagrammatic Categorification](#). ICERM workshop. 10/20–0/24/25.
- [Categorification and Symplectic Duality](#). Northeastern workshop. 6/3–6/7/25.
- [Representation Theory Days](#). MIT conference in honor of George Lusztig. 11/9–11/11/24.
- [Summer School and Workshop on Relative Langlands Duality](#). UMinnesota-Twin Cities. 6/3–6/8/24.
- [AMS Spring Central Sectional Meeting](#). UW-Milwaukee. 4/20–4/21/24.
- [Monodromy and Its Applications](#). Princeton conference in honor of Nick Katz. 12/7–12/9/23.
- [UK-Vietnam Mathematics Joint Meeting](#). ICMS conference. 12/4–12/8/23.
- [AMS Fall Eastern Sectional Meeting](#). University of Buffalo. 9/9–9/10/23.
- [Coulomb Branches and Knot Homology](#). MIT summer school. 6/19–6/23/23.
- [Braids in Symplectic and Algebraic Geometry](#). ICERM workshop. 3/21–3/25/22.
- [Link Homology](#). AIM online research community. 2021–22.
- [Categorical Braid Group Actions](#). UMass FRG conference. 6/14–6/18/21.
- [AMS Fall Western Sectional Meeting](#). UC-Riverside. 11/9–11/10/19.
- [Geometry and Representation Theory of Algebraic Groups](#). SCGP summer school. 8/19–8/23/19.
- [Hilbert Schemes, Categorification, and Combinatorics](#). UC-Davis FRG conference. 6/19–6/23/19.
- [Categorified Hecke Algebras, Link Homology, and Hilbert Schemes](#). AIM workshop. 10/1/18–10/5/18.
- [Deligne–Lusztig Theory](#). Workshop on Algebra and Representation Theory, Held on Oregonian Grounds (WARTHOG) summer school. 8/12–8/18/18.
- [Interactions between Representation Theory and Algebraic Geometry](#). UChicago conference in honor of Sasha Beilinson and Victor Ginzburg. 8/21–8/24/17.
- [Soergel Bimodules](#). MSRI (SLMath) workshop. 6/26–7/7/17.

Teaching

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| <i>Course Instructor.</i> Howard University | 2025– |
| — MATH 300: Graduate Seminar (2026, 2 lectures) | |
| — MATH 251: Topology II (2026) | |
| — MATH 250: Topology I (2025) | |
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<i>Course Instructor.</i> Yale University | 2024–25 |
| — MATH 340: Advanced Linear Algebra (2025) | |
| — MATH 430: Introduction to Topology (2025) | |

— MATH 665: Topics in Quantum Algebra (2024)

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)

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

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: *Advances in Mathematics*, *Geometry & Topology*, *International Mathematical Research Notices*, *Journal of the London Mathematical Society*, *Mathematische Annalen*, *Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society*, *Representation Theory*.

Course Coordinator. Howard University 2026–

— MATH 007: Precalculus

Graduate Admissions Committee. Howard University 2025–

Math Club Faculty Advisor. Howard University 2025–

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

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

Research Advisor. [PROMYS](#) 2023

<i>Mentor.</i> MIT SPUR	2023
— Maxim Li and Misheel Otgonbayar	
<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 (<i>Mentor:</i> Kevin Chang, 2021)	
2022 Regeneron STS Scholar	
— 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.
- 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.

Profiles

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