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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

- 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 Φ -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), **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

- [Knots in Washington 52](#). TBD.
- [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. 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

- Howard University Graduate Seminar. 10/31/25.
- 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–

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| — MATH 250: Topology I (2025) | |
| — MATH 251: Topology II (2026) | |
| <i>Course Instructor.</i> 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, 4 lectures) | |
| — 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, double recitation) | |
| — 18.02A: Calculus (2023, double) | |
| — 18.01A: Calculus (2023, double) | |
| — 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>Graduate Admissions Committee.</i> Howard University | 2025– |
| <i>Math Club Faculty Advisor.</i> Howard University | 2025– |
| <i>Referee.</i> | 2020– |
| Journals have included: <i>Advances in Mathematics</i> , <i>Geometry & Topology</i> , <i>International Mathematical Research Notices</i> , <i>Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society</i> , <i>Representation Theory</i> . | |
| <i>Co-organizer.</i> GWU–Howard Combinatorics & Algebra Seminar | 2025– |
| <i>Co-organizer.</i> Yale Geometry, Symmetry, and Physics Seminar | 2024–25 |
| <i>Research Advisor.</i> PROMYS | 2023 |

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| <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 (<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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