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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  $\Phi$ -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)*, **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–

— 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)	
<b>Service</b>	
<i>Referee.</i>	2020–
Journals have included: <i>Advances in Mathematics</i> , <i>Geometry &amp; Topology</i> , <i>International Mathematical Research Notices</i> , <i>Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society</i> , <i>Representation Theory</i> .	
<i>Graduate Admissions Committee.</i> Howard University	2025–
<i>Math Club Faculty Advisor.</i> Howard University	2025–
<i>Co-organizer.</i> <a href="#">GWU–Howard Combinatorics &amp; Algebra Seminar</a>	2025–
<i>Co-organizer.</i> <a href="#">Yale Geometry, Symmetry, and Physics Seminar</a>	2024–25
<i>Research Advisor.</i> <a href="#">PROMYS</a>	2023

<i>Mentor.</i> <a href="#">MIT SPUR</a>	2023
<i>Mentor.</i> <a href="#">MIT PRIMES</a>	2021–23
— Michael Yang (2023)	
<b>2024 Regeneron STS Scholar</b>	
— Luke Robitaille (2021)	
<b>2022 Regeneron STS Winner, Tenth Place</b>	
<b>2022 Davidson Fellow</b>	
<i>Mentor.</i> <a href="#">MIT UROP</a>	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> <a href="#">UChicago Directed Reading Program</a>	2015–20
<i>QED Day Judge.</i> <a href="#">Math Circles of Chicago</a>	2019
<i>Mentor.</i> UChicago REU	2016–19
— <a href="#">Karhan Kayan</a> (2019)	
— <a href="#">Gwyn Moreland</a> (2016)	
— <a href="#">James Stevens</a> (2016)	
<i>QED Day Senior Judge.</i> <a href="#">Math Circles of Chicago</a>	2016
<i>Advising Chair.</i> <a href="#">Princeton Math Club</a>	2013
<i>Director.</i> <a href="#">Princeton University Math Competition</a>	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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