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EMPLOYMENT

Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Lafayette College July 2024 – Current

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Systems Modeling and Analysis, Virginia Commonwealth University August 2024
Concentration in Discrete Mathematics

- Dissertation: Problems in Graph Theory With Applications to Topology and Modeling RNA
- Advisors: Craig E. Larson & Allison H. Moore

M.S. Mathematics, Virginia Commonwealth University May 2021

B.S. Mathematics, College of Staten Island Jan. 2019
- The Verrazzano School - Selective Undergraduate Honors Program

AWARDS & HONORS

Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award May 2024
- Virginia Commonwealth University

PUBLICATIONS & PREPRINTS

6. [Methods for Analyzing RNA Pseudoknots via Chord Diagrams and Intersection Graphs](#). R. Ibrahim and A. H. Moore (2025). arXiv: [2512.19939](https://arxiv.org/abs/2512.19939). Submitted.
5. [Determinants of Simple Theta Curves and Symmetric Graphs](#). M. Elpers, R. Ibrahim, and A. H. Moore. *J. Knot Theory Ramifications* (2025). arXiv: [2211.00626](https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.00626). Accepted.
4. [Minimum 2-percolating sets in 2-connected, diameter 2 graphs](#). R. Ibrahim, H. LaFayette, and K. McCall. *Australas. J. Combin.* 93 (2025), pp. 60–89.
3. [Introducing 3-path domination in graphs](#). R. Ibrahim, R. Jackson, and E. L. C. King. *J. Combin. Math. Combin. Comput.* 121 (2024), pp. 97–106.
2. [Bootstrap percolation, connectivity, and graph distance](#). R. Ibrahim, H. LaFayette, and K. McCall. *Art Discrete Appl. Math.* 7.3 (2024), Paper No. 3.03, 16.
1. [Submesoscale Kinematic Properties in Summer and Winter Surface Flows in the Northern Gulf of Mexico](#). M. Berta, A. Griffa, A. C. Haza, J. Horstmann, H. S. Huntley, R. Ibrahim, B. Lund, T. M. Özgökmen, and A. C. Poje. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans* 125.10 (2020), e2020JC016085.

PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION

1. [2-Neighbor Bootstrap Percolation and Forbidden Induced Subgraphs](#)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lafayette College

Math 263, Calculus III	(x2) F25
Math 186, Applied Statistics	(x2) Sp26
Math 162, Calculus II	Sp25
Math 161, Calculus I	(x2) F24
Math 141, Elements of Differential Calculus	F25
Math 125, Calculus for the Life Sciences	F24
Math 104, A World of Mathematics	(x2) Sp25, Sp26

Virginia Commonwealth University (Instructor)

Math 200, Calculus I	F23
Math 151, Precalculus	Sm21, Sm22, Sm23
Math 141, Algebra with Applications	F20
Math 131, Introduction to Contemporary Mathematics	Sm20

Virginia Commonwealth University (TA)

Oper 327, Mathematical Modeling	Sp21
Stat 210, Basic Practice of Statistics	F19
Math 151, Precalculus	Sp20

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTORED

r -Neighbor Bootstrap Percolation in Graphs – Edgar Lin, Lafayette College	Summer 2025
Invariants of theta-curves – Matthew Elpers, VCU	2023-2024
Chord Diagrams and Intersection Graphs – Anna Shaw, VCU	2022-2023

PRESENTATIONS

6. **2-Neighbor Bootstrap Percolation in Graphs.** Lafayette College. (Apr. 2024)
5. **New Results On Bootstrap Percolation.** Virginia Commonwealth University Discrete Mathematics Seminar. (Nov. 2023)
4. **Determinants of Simple Theta Curves.** Joint Mathematics Meetings, AMS Contributed Paper Session on Topology. (Jan. 2023)
3. **The Structure of Graphs With Independence Number 2.** Virginia Commonwealth University Discrete Mathematics Seminar. (Feb. 2022)
2. **The Reconstruction Problem.** Virginia Commonwealth University SYSM Research Seminar. (Feb. 2021)
1. **Introducing 3-Path Domination.**
 - National Technical Institute for the Deaf, Rochester Institute of Technology. (Jul. 2018)
 - MAA MathFest 2018 Undergraduate Sessions. (Aug. 2018)
 - The Ohio State University Young Mathematicians Conference 2018. (Aug. 2018)

OUTREACH & SERVICE

Math Tea Time Organizer , Lafayette College	2024-present
Math Kangaroo Competition	March 21, 2024
- Checked students in and proctored test at Virginia Commonwealth University.	
Geometry Summer Camp , Virginia Commonwealth University	Jun. 12 – 16, 2023
- Guided middle school students through interactive mathematics activities and demonstrations.	
Website Designer , College of Staten Island	Jul. 2017 – Aug. 2017
- Funded by: NYC DYCD Summer Youth Employment Program	
- The Verrazzano Honors School and Macaulay Honors College Summer Bridge Program.	

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant , Virginia Commonwealth University	Aug. 2021 – May 2024
- Funded by: NSF DMS-2204148, & The Thomas F. and Kate Miller Jeffress Memorial Trust, Bank of America, Trustee.	
- Topology, Knot Theory, Graph Theory, Combinatorics	
Undergraduate Research Assistant , College of Staten Island	Feb. 2017 – Jun. 2019
- Funded by: Grants from The Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative to the Consortium for Advanced Research on Transport of Hydrocarbon in the Environment (CARTHE)	
- Oceanography, Data Processing and Presentation.	
- Supervisor: Andrew C. Poje, PhD	
Undergraduate Researcher , Hobart and William Smith Colleges	May 2018 – Aug. 2018
- Funded by: National Science Foundation DMS-1757616	
- REU program, Graph Theory	
- Supervisor: Erika L.C. King, PhD	

OTHER ACTIVITIES

AMS Math Research Community: Trees in Many Contexts (Selected)	Jun. 5 – 11, 2022
- Participant in week-long workshop with funding from the AMS and National Science Foundation DMS-1641020.	
Graph Theory Computational Discovery Lab	May 2022 - 2024
- Participant in annual 2-week research workshop hosted at VCU with a focus on discrete mathematics and generating conjectures via automated conjecturing (The Graph Brain Project).	
- Topics Explored: Graphs, Knots, and Independence (2022), Hadamard Matrices (2023), Autoconnected Graphs (2024).	
The Discrete MathemaTea , Virginia Commonwealth University	Aug. 2022 – May 2024
- Co-organizer with Neal Bushaw.	
- An informal, student led discussion group on current research.	

Math and Magic with Manjul Minicourse	Sep. 2018 – Dec. 2018
- National Museum of Mathematics, New York, NY	
- Participant in a minicourse involving magic tricks and the math behind them.	
Math Club , College of Staten Island	Aug. 2017 – May 2018
- President and Event Organizer	
Computer Science Club , College of Staten Island	Sep. 2016 – May 2018

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming: MATLAB, Python, SageMath
Markup: L^AT_EX, HTML, CSS, Word, Excel
Operating Systems: Windows, Linux