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Current position

Editor-in-Chief, Maple Transactions
Emeritus Distinguished University Professor, Western University
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Member Computer-Aided Research in Mathematics and Applications (CARMA), executive board

Areas of specialisation/interest

Areas of specialisation: Computational linear and polynomial algebra; computational dynamical systems; computational special functions. Areas of interest: Computational Discovery and Computational Epistemology (that is, how we can use computers to learn new things, and how we can increase our confidence that those new things are true); The Ethics of AI, especially in teaching.

Appointments held

2006–2019	Distinguished University Professor, Applied Mathematics, Western University
1998–2006	Professor, Applied Mathematics, Western University
1993–1998	Associate Professor, Applied Mathematics, Western University
1987–1993	Assistant Professor, Applied Mathematics, Western University

Education

1987	PhD in Mechanical Engineering, University of British Columbia
1982	M.Math in Applied Mathematics, University of Waterloo
1980	B.Sc in Math and Computer Science, University of British Columbia

Grants, honours & awards

1988–2026	NSERC $1,209,000 cumulative Discovery Grants
2021–2024	MICINN €114,334 co-investigator with Sonia Pérez-Díaz and Laureano González-Vega, PIs
2020	MITACS $49,000 co-investigator with Marc Moreno Maza PI
2018–2021	SSHRC $77,000 co-investigator with Nic Fillion PI
2003–2007	MITACS $250,000 co-investigator with Stephen Watt PI
1999–2003	ORDCF $514,000 co-investigator with Stephen Watt PI
1999–2003	NSERC CRD $514,000 co-investigator with Stephen Watt PI
1987–present	Various small grants, over $140,000 cumulative

2019	Visiting Fellow, Program CAT, Isaac Newton Institute, Cambridge
2019	Fellowship Giner de los Rios, Universidad de Alcalá
2017	Fellowship Giner de los Rios, Universidad de Alcalá
2012	Visiting Fellow, University of Otago, Dunedin, NZ
2011	Visiting Fellow, John Curtin School of Medical Research, ANU, Canberra, Australia
2007–2008	Visiting Fellow, John Curtin School of Medical Research, ANU, Canberra, Australia
1995	Visiting Fellow, Center for Experimental and Computational Mathematics, SFU, Vancouver, Canada
1994	Visiting Fellow, IBM T.J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, NY, USA

2019	Paul Halmos/Lester Ford award from the Mathematical Association of America
2018	Teaching Fellowship: Computational Discovery on Jupyter
2017	Pi Mu Epsilon Fraternity lecturer University of Western Michigan
2004	NSERC SYNERGY Award
2003	Mapstone Lecturer, SUNY Geneseo

Publications & talks

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2. "Numerical Nonlinear Algebra," COSCOMP Conference on Scientific Computing, Vienna, Austria, (June 2005).
1. "Computer-Mediated Thinking," Invited plenary lecture at "Technology in Mathematics Education", TIME, Montreal, (July 2004).

Teaching

Philosophy

Teaching is an essential part of scholarship. My late friend and colleague, Vic Elias, put it this way: "You teach this stuff long enough, you learn how to use it." The 1981 Nobel Laureate for Chemistry, Roald Hoffman, similarly said "[I]t is through teaching that [young academics] become better researchers." It is also true that the teaching part of a professor's career, which nominally makes up only 40% of the workload, is expected to have by far and away the greatest direct and leveraged effect on society and civilization. Teaching makes us human. But research informs teaching, too. The first and most obvious way is in constructing syllabi and the programs they shape: research tells us what to teach, and why. Therefore, *what* to teach changes continually as knowledge advances. Further, *tools* for teaching have changed radically with the introduction of the web, wide social networks, online resources including videos, and will change even more radically as AI takes hold. But another way that research informs teaching, which is likely to remain important, is that human researchers can show themselves as excited learners, and can share the electricity of being on the border of the unknown. Research also tells us (if we're listening) *how* to teach, and how students learn. The pedagogical literature is unequivocal: engaged, active learning is a critical component in deep, integrated learning. The student must do, to understand. The addition of radical new tools has not changed that, so far. Finally, teaching is a human activity. Besides having something to teach, and knowing how to teach it, the professor must be a social person, able to show warmth, strength, and confidence, as needed. Goethe in a letter to one of his teachers said "instruction does much, but encouragement does more." Teachers must continually learn how to best encourage students. This is critical for equity, which is a moral imperative. It also has an instrumental benefit, by effectively broadening the pool of talent for recruitment.

Record

I was at Applied Mathematics at Western for thirty-two years. I taught engineering mathematics at all levels, applied mathematics for scientists at all levels, and a wide variety of graduate courses. Since about 2010 I have used and continue to advocate for *active learning*. I designed the introductory undergraduate and graduate numerical analysis courses. In 2014 I designed a course in experimental

mathematics, which is described in some of my publications listed above. Recent courses, ignoring sabbaticals in the dates, are listed in Table 1. The normal teaching requirements in Applied Mathematics at Western were four half-courses per year, with one half-course reduced if you supervise three graduate students. Apart from sabbaticals and the occasional overload, this is the amount I taught.

2012–2019	AM2813b/14g	Numerical Analysis	7/7
2017–2019	AM3811a	Complex Variables	7/7
2009–2019	AM9561a	Graduate Numerical Analysis	7/7
2014–2016	AM9619a/b	Open Problems in Experimental Mathematics	7/7
2014–2015	AM1999f	Experimental Mathematics	7/7
2013–2016	CA2303b	Calculus IV	7/7
2015–2016	AM2276b	Engineering Calculus IV	5/7
2010–2013	CA1301b	Calculus II	5/7
2010–2011	CA1000a	Calculus I	5/7

Table 1: Courses taught 2010–2019 and median student survey results

Several of my listed publications can be considered research in mathematics education; for instance, the book chapter 9 listed above. I am particularly concerned with the ethics of teaching with AI. My former students have gone on to careers in academia and in industry. I have supervised many honours B.Sc. theses; many of these students have gone on to graduate degrees at excellent institutions, including Oxford.

I continue to serve on thesis committees, examining boards, as external examiner, and chairing exams.

List of PhD Students advised or co-advised:

2025	Deepak Singh Kalhan (University of Waterloo, in progress)
2020	Leili Rafiee Sevyeri, Hybrid Symbolic-Numeric Computing in Linear and Polynomial Algebra
2019	Eunice Y.S. Chan, Algebraic Companions and Linearizations
2019	Steven E. Thornton, Algorithms for Bohemian Matrices
2017	Robert H. C. Moir, Feasible Computation in Symbolic and Numeric Integration
2013	Yiming Zhang, Computation Sequences for Series and Polynomials
2013	Piers W. Lawrence, Eigenvalue methods for Interpolation Bases
2009	Hui Ding, Numerical and Symbolic Computation of the Lambert W Function in $C^{n \times n}$
2007	Azar Shakoori, Bivariate Polynomial Solver by Values
2006	Jichao Zhao, Accurate Compact Finite Difference Method and its Applications
2006	Amir Amiraslani, New Algorithms for Matrices, Polynomials, and Matrix Polynomials
2006	Marie-Paule Gagne-Portelance, Computing Feynman Integrals in Non-Commutative Spaces
2005	Silvana Ilie, Computational Complexity of Numerical Solutions of IVPs for DAEs
2004	Mhenni Benghorbal, Power Series Solutions of Fractional DE's and Symbolic Derivatives
2000	Hualiang Zhong, Non-harmonic Fourier Series and Applications
1999	Xianping Liu, Symbolic Tools for the Analysis of Nonlinear Dynamical Systems
1998	Anne-Marie E. Allison, Analytical Investigation of a Semi-empirical Flow- induced Vibration Model
1997	Mohammed O. Ahmed, Exploration of Compact Methods for Numerical Solution of PDEs

List of Masters Students advised or co-advised:

2025–	Michelle Hatzel, Western Computer Science, in progress
2024–2025	Michelle Hatzel, Western Mathematics, Homotopy methods and pseudozeros
2019	Irene Novarinho, AIMS, Backward Error for Continued Fractions

2019	Jeet Trivedi, A Survey of Quadrature Methods for Oscillatory Integration
2016	Eunice Y.S. Chan, A Comparison of solution methods for Mandelbrot-like polynomials
2016	Leili Rafiee Sevyeri, A Sequence of Symmetric Bézout Matrix Polynomials
2011	Nic Fillion, Backward Error Analysis as a Model of Computation
2010	Robert H. C. Moir, Reconsidering backward error
2005	Nargol Rezvani, Approximate Polynomials in Different Bases
2003	Azar Shakoori, Solving Bivariate Polynomials by Eigenvalues
2001	Xiaofang Xie, Symbolic Circuit Analysis
2001	Dicheng Liu, A Notation Selection Tool for MathML
2000	Gurjeet Litt, Unwinding Numbers for the Logarithmic, Inverse Trig & Hyperbolic Functions
1995	Xianping Liu, Perturbation Package to solve ODEs in Maple
1990	Valentin Vangelov, <record of project title lost>

Service to the profession

Leadership positions

I was Scientific Director of the Ontario Research Center for Computer Algebra (ORCCA) from 2015 until 2022, and the founding Deputy Director before that. ORCCA is a consortium of twelve faculty members and about sixty graduate students and postdoctoral fellows at Western University and the University of Waterloo, with other members at other Ontario universities. See www.orcca.on.ca. I was Chair of the Department of Applied Mathematics from 2002 till 2007. I was elected Chair of the ACM Special Interest Group on Symbolic and Algebraic Manipulation (SIGSAM) from 1999–2003. I enjoyed such roles, because they gave me a chance to ensure that my colleagues got the appropriate rewards for the work that they did. During my time as Department Chair of Applied Mathematics, I directed the hiring of five tenure-stream faculty, and successfully lobbied for market adjustments in salary for several outstanding faculty and staff members, successfully nominated many people for research and teaching awards, and fostered the increase in percentage of female PhD students, to the point where we were the first mathematical sciences department of any substantial size to reach 50%. Overall the Department's profile grew significantly while I was Chair, and the number of faculty members grew from 14 to 19. I also oversaw a fundamental change in research direction, away from classical fluid mechanics and into mathematical biology, mathematical finance, and computational materials and biomaterials. All three research areas are vigorous to date.

I have been committed to equity for decades. Equity is, of course, a moral imperative, and a duty owed. However, equity and diversity are also of instrumental value, with recent publications documenting the increased impact that diverse teams have in research (as measured by citation count). But even if it were of *no* instrumental value, it would still be required of us.

The other techniques to increase equity and diversity that I have learned from my experience, beginning when I was the CAIMS delegate to the CMS Committee for Women in Mathematics, are still needed today. The principal lesson is that *warmth*—of course, rule-governed warmth—is needed, rather more than one might expect from mathematicians, and rather more than was traditionally available in a science or engineering educational context. See my paper "Creating a Warmer Environment for Women in Mathematics and in Philosophy" with Samantha Brennan (paper 61 in the list of journal

papers above) for more details.

University Service

I have served on most of the usual committees appropriate for my years of experience, including University Senate, selection committees for Deans and Chairs, and P&T committees.

I am a member of the Rotman Institute for Philosophy and have been since its founding in 2008. I have served on its Steering Committee, and on search committees for interdisciplinary CRC candidates. Many people *talk* about interdisciplinarity and multidisciplinarity, but the Rotman Institute actually practices it. I am very proud of my connection to the Institute.

Academic external service

I regularly serve in various roles for conference organization; I was co-Chair with Paulina Chin of the Program Committee for the Maple Conference Nov 2–5 2021; I was previously co-Chair with Jürgen Gerhard for the 2020 conference. I have been the principal organizer for conferences sponsored by the Fields Institute, and for minisymposia at SIAM meetings and at ICIAM. I organized a successful minisymposium on Bohemian Matrices for ILAS 2023 in Madrid.
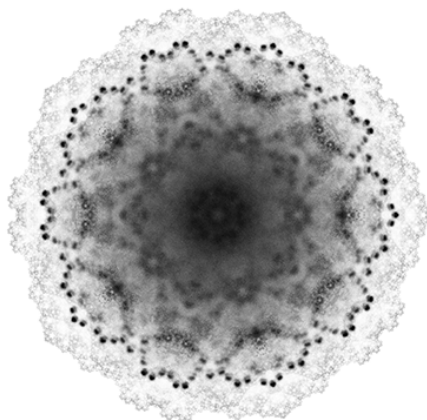
I was the Editor-in-Chief of the ACM SIGSAM Bulletin from 1996–1999. In that time I wrote several editorial columns (listed in Technical Reports and Unrefereed Contributions above), some of which later became highly cited. I instituted the Formally Reviewed Articles section of the Bulletin, and changed the name of the publication to ACM Communications in Computer Algebra. In this endeavour I was helped greatly by David Jeffrey, who became Editor-in-Chief when I became SIGSAM Chair, and who continued and solidified this work.

I am now the Editor-in-Chief of Maple Transactions, a new open-access scholarly journal sponsored by Maplesoft and by Scholarship Western. This journal has no page charges for authors, or indeed any other fees, and was launched in June 2021.

I am a life member of CAIMS (the Canadian Applied and Industrial Mathematics Society), a member of ACM and ACM SIGSAM, a member of the Canadian Society for History and Philosophy of Mathematics, and a member of SIAM.

I have reviewed several departments and programs and for granting agencies (including for the NSF (USA), the ANR (France), and the FWF (Austria)). I am a regular reviewer for several journals, including the American Mathematical Monthly, Linear Algebra and Applications, Numerical Algorithms, the Journal of Symbolic Computation, and SIAM Review.

Just to have a nice picture at the end of my CV, here is a density plot of the complex eigenvalues of ten million upper Hessenberg Toeplitz matrices with population from the fifth roots of unity. See bohemianmatrices.com, the journal paper 96, or the unrefereed note 32 for more information. Image by my former PhD student Steven E. Thornton.