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APPOINTMENTS

University of California, Berkeley

Miller Fellow

July 2025 – ongoing

Stanford University

NSF Postdoctoral Fellow

July 2024 – July 2025

EDUCATION

Princeton University

Ph.D. in Mathematics

September 2019 – May 2024

Advisor: Mihalis Dafermos

Thesis: **The extremal collapse threshold and the third law of black hole thermodynamics**

University of Cambridge

Visiting Ph.D. student in DPMMS

October 2022 – June 2023

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

B.S. in Mathematics, summa cum laude

September 2015 – May 2019

Advisor: Alexandre Freire

Thesis: **Some problems in scalar curvature geometry**

RESEARCH INTERESTS

General relativity, nonlinear wave equations, and geometric analysis.

PAPERS

- Y. Angelopoulos, C. Kehle, and R. Unger. *The moduli space of dynamical spherically symmetric black hole spacetimes and the extremal threshold.*
In preparation.
- Y. Angelopoulos and R. Unger. *Semilinear wave equations on extremal Reissner–Nordström black holes revisited.*
Commun. Math. Phys. **406** (2025). arXiv:2502.00210.
- Y. Angelopoulos, C. Kehle, and R. Unger. *Nonlinear stability of extremal Reissner–Nordström black holes in spherical symmetry.*
arXiv:2410.16234 (2024).
- J. Jauregui, D. A. Lee, and R. Unger. *A note on Huisken’s isoperimetric mass.*
Lett. Math. Phys. **114** (2024). arXiv:2408.08871.
- C. Kehle and R. Unger. *Extremal black hole formation as a critical phenomenon.*
arXiv:2402.10190 (2024).
- C. Kehle and R. Unger. *Event horizon gluing and black hole formation in vacuum: the very slowly rotating case.*
Adv. in Math. **452** (2024). arXiv:2304.08455.

- C. Kehle and R. Unger. *Gravitational collapse to extremal black holes and the third law of black hole thermodynamics.*
J. Eur. Math. Soc. (2025). arXiv:2211.15742.
- D. A. Lee, M. Lesourd, and R. Unger. *Noncompact fill-ins of Bartnik data.*
J. Geom. Anal. **34**:102 (2024). arXiv:2211.06280.
- D. A. Lee, M. Lesourd, and R. Unger. *Density and positive mass theorems for incomplete manifolds.*
Calc. Var. Partial Differential Equations **62** (2023). arXiv:2201.01328.
- D. A. Lee, M. Lesourd, and R. Unger. *Density and positive mass theorems for initial data sets with boundary.*
Commun. Math. Phys. **395** (2022). arXiv:2112.12017.
- M. Lesourd, R. Unger, and S.-T. Yau. *The positive mass theorem with arbitrary ends.*
J. Differential Geom. **128**.1 (2024). arXiv:2103.02744.
- M. Lesourd, R. Unger, and S.-T. Yau. *Positive scalar curvature on noncompact manifolds and the Liouville theorem.*
Comm. Anal. Geom. **32**.5 (2024). arXiv:2009.12618.

Undergraduate research:

- J. L. Bishop, R. Unger, A. M. Faiia, A. Szynkiewicz, J. D. Auxier II, H. L. Hall, and M. Lang.
Thermal signatures of Cu metal revealed through oxygen isotope fractionation.
J. Radioanal. Nucl. Chem. **326** (2020).

INVITED TALKS

London PDE seminar	October 2025
Berkeley geometry seminar	October 2025
Stony Brook analysis seminar	April 2025
Perimeter Institute strong gravity seminar	April 2025
2025 APS meeting, mathematical GR session	March 2025
Southern California geometric analysis seminar	February 2025
Caltech analysis seminar	February 2025
Princeton/IAS joint analysis seminar	October 2024
Penn State PDE seminar	October 2024
Cambridge PDE seminar	October 2024
Stanford Analysis & PDE seminar	October 2024
Oberwolfach workshop on general relativity	August 2024
UTK geometric analysis seminar	April 2024
Harvard BHI foundations seminar	March 2024
MIT strings/gravity seminar	February 2024
Oberwolfach workshop on scalar curvature geometry	February 2024
EPFL analysis seminar	February 2024
Columbia analysis seminar	November 2023
Cretan waves conference	October 2023
Virtual mathematical GR and hyperbolic PDE seminar	July 2023
University of Crete Center for Theoretical Physics	May 2023
Edinburgh analysis seminar	April 2023
Oxbridge PDE conference	March 2023

Rutgers hyperbolic and dispersive PDE seminar	February 2023
Berkeley analysis seminar	February 2023
Vanderbilt analysis seminar	February 2023
Harvard BHI colloquium	February 2023
Cambridge Friday GR seminar	January 2023
Zürich mathematical physics & PDE seminar	December 2022
Imperial College London junior analysis seminar	November 2022
YMNCGA Texas A&M	August 2022
Cambridge analysis student seminar	June 2022
Harvard CMSA workshop on scalar curvature and minimal surfaces	May 2022
Joint Mathematics Meeting special session on scalar curvature and convergence	April 2022
Princeton graduate student seminar	October 2021
Johns Hopkins analysis seminar	April 2021
Harvard CMSA general relativity seminar	April 2021
Princeton junior general relativity seminar	March 2021
Princeton graduate student seminar	October 2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Part II Differential Geometry supervisions	Lent 2023 (Cambridge)
Part III Analysis of PDEs examples class instructor	Michaelmas 2022 (Cambridge)
Part III General Relativity examples class instructor	Michaelmas 2022 (Cambridge)
Calculus I precept instructor	Spring 2022 (Princeton)
Teaching assistant for Calculus III, Linear Algebra, Real Analysis, PDE	(Princeton)

AWARDS AND HONORS

Jürgen Ehlers thesis prize	2025
NSF Postdoctoral Fellowship DMS 2401966	2024
Miller Fellowship, UC Berkeley Miller Institute for Basic Research in Science	2024
Porter Ogden Jacobus Fellowship – Princeton University’s highest honor for graduate students in their final year	2023
John H. Barrett Memorial Scholarship – UTK Department of Mathematics’ highest honor for undergraduates in their final year	2019
James A. Cooley Memorial Scholarship	2018
UTK Office of Undergraduate Research Grant	2017
Pi Mu Epsilon Tennessee Delta Chapter	2017
Cooper D. Schmitt Memorial Scholarship	2017, 2018
Lucile and Herbert E. Lee Memorial Scholarship	2017
UTK Nuclear Engineering Top Freshman Academic Award	2016
Tennessee Volunteer Scholarship	2015-2019

SERVICE

Referee for:

Annales Henri Poincaré, Classical and Quantum Gravity, Communications in Mathematical Physics, Communications on Pure and Applied Mathematics, Geometry & Topology, Mathematische Annalen, Transactions of the American Mathematical Society

Berkeley Analysis & PDE Seminar organizer
Stanford Analysis & PDE seminar organizer

Fall 2025 – ongoing
Fall 2024 – Spring 2025

Princeton Graduate Student Seminar organizer
Princeton First Year Student Seminar organizer

Fall 2020 – Spring 2021
Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

MISCELLANEOUS

Languages: English (native), German (fluent)

Citizenship: USA