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Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2020–
Ph.D. in Mathematics (expected 2025)
Advisor: Wei Zhang

University of Cambridge
2019–2020
Churchill College
MASt in Mathematics (Part III)

Princeton University
2015–2019
A.B. in Mathematics, summa cum laude

Interests

Number theory, arithmetic geometry

Papers*

Co-rank 1 *Arithmetic Siegel–Weil*
Preliminary version (2024), pp. 1–223.
https://rycchen.github.io/papers/corank1_ASW (2024).

A refined conjecture for the variance of Gaussian primes across sectors
with Yujin H. Kim, Jared D. Lichtman, Steven J. Miller, Alina Shubina, Shannon Sweitzer, Ezra Waxman, Eric Winsor, and Jianing Yang.
Experimental Mathematics, vol. 32 no. 1 (2023), pp. 33–53.
https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.07386 (2019).

p-adic Properties of Hauptmoduln with Applications to Moonshine
with Samuel Marks and Matt Tyler.
Symmetry, Integrability, and Geometry: Methods and Applications (SIGMA), vol. 15 (2019), pp. 1–35.
https://arxiv.org/abs/1809.02913 (2018).

Lower-Order Biases in the Second Moment of Dirichlet Coefficients in Families of L-functions
with Megumi Asada, Eva Fourakis, Yujin Hong Kim, Andrew Kwon, Jared Duker Lichtman, Blake Mackall, Steven J. Miller, Eric Winsor, Karl Winsor, Jianing Yang, and Kevin Yang.
Experimental Mathematics, vol. 32 no. 3 (2023), pp. 431–456.
https://arxiv.org/abs/1808.06056 (2018).

Spectral statistics of non-Hermitian random matrix ensembles
with Yujin H. Kim, Jared D. Lichtman, Steven J. Miller, Shannon Sweitzer, and Eric Winsor.
Random Matrices: Theory and Applications, vol. 8, no. 2 (2019), pp. 1–40.
https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.08127 (2018).

On Reay's relaxed Tverberg conjecture and generalizations of Conway's thrackle conjecture
with Megumi Asada, Florian Frick, Frederick Huang, Maxwell Polevy, David Stoner Ling Hei Tsang, and Zoe Wellner.
The Electronic Journal of Combinatorics, vol. 25, no. 3 (2018), pp. 1–14.
https://arxiv.org/abs/1608.04279 (2016).

*Listed in reverse order of first arXiv appearance (with arXiv year also indicated).
arXiv author ID link: https://arxiv.org/a/chen_r_2.

Honors and Awards

2019 MIT Presidential Fellowship

2019 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship

2019 Churchill Scholarship

2018 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship

2017 Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence, Princeton University

2016 Manfred Pyka Memorial Prize in Physics, Princeton University

Research talks

2024 MIT number theory seminar
Co-rank 1 *Arithmetic Siegel–Weil*

2024 Arithmetic intersection theory on Shimura varieties (AIM workshop)
Co-rank 1 *Arithmetic Siegel–Weil*

2019 MAA Undergraduate Poster Session at JMM
p-adic Properties of Hauptmoduln with Applications to Moonshine

2017 Ohio State Young Mathematicians Conference
Spectral statistics of non-Hermitian random matrix ensembles

2017 Ohio State Young Mathematicians Conference
Bounds for vanishing of L-functions at the central point

2017 MAA Undergraduate Poster Session at JMM
On Reay's relaxed Tverberg conjecture

Other talks

2024 Spring internal seminar at MIT
Co-rank 1 *Arithmetic Siegel–Weil*

2023 Fall learning seminar at MIT
Integral canonical models of orthogonal Shimura varieties

2023 Fall learning seminar at MIT
Integral models of orthogonal Shimura varieties and K3 surfaces

2022 Program associate seminar at SLMath/MSRI
Rapoport–Zink uniformization and Kudla–Rapoport cyclexs

2022 Fall learning seminar at MIT
Introduction to Kudla's program

2022 Summer learning seminar on Gross–Zagier at MIT
Archimedean local heights

2022 MIT graduate student seminar (PUMAGRASS)
Polytopes and toric varieties

2021 Seminar on Topics in Arithmetic, Geometry, etc. (STAGE) at MIT
Moduli spaces of curves and abelian varieties

2021 Fall learning seminar on p-adic shtukas at MIT
Perfectoid spaces

2021 Summer learning seminar on moduli of p-divisible groups at MIT
Local models for Rapoport-Zink spaces

2020 University of Cambridge Part III Seminar Series
Integer points, rationality, and moduli spaces

2019 Princeton Undergraduate Colloquium
Integer points, Diophantine geometry, and moduli spaces

2019 Arithmetic geometry internal seminar at Princeton
Diophantine problems and p-adic period mappings

Undergradute Research

Princeton undergraduate work
2018–2019 Advisor for undergraduate senior thesis: Shou-Wu Zhang
Integer points on complements of dual curves and on genus one modular curves

2018 Advisor for undergraduate junior paper: Christopher Skinner

2018 Emory REU in mathematics
Advisors: Ken Ono and John F. R. Duncan

2017 SMALL REU in mathematics at Williams College
Advisors: Steven J. Miller and Ezra Waxman

2016 Summer Program for Undergraduate Research in mathematics at Cornell University
Advisor: Florian Frick

Mentoring

2021 Polymath Jr. Mentor
Co-mentored two undergraduate student projects in number theory,
with Steven J. Miller and Ezra Waxman.

One-level density for a family of L-functions associated to super-even characters over function fields.
Dang Dang, Hari Iyer, Sanford Lu, Steven J. Miller, Ezra Waxman. In preparation.

A Hardy–Littlewood Conjecture for Artin Primes.
Mengzhen Liu and Ezra Waxman. In preparation.

Mentor, Grad-Undergrad Math Mentoring Initiative (GUMMI) at MIT
2020 – present

Conferences, Programs, and Workshops

2024 AIM workshop: Arithmetic intersection theory on Shimura varieties

2023 Conference on Global Langlands, Shimura varieties, and shtukas

2023 Coates Memorial Conference (Iwasawa 2023)

2023 SLMath/MSRI program: Algebraic Cycles, L-values, and Euler Systems

2022 Arizona Winter School: Automorphic forms beyond GL_2