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RESEARCH
INTERESTS Mathematical logic, centered around descriptive set theory and connections with dynamical systems and category theory, including countable group actions, Polish groups, connections with model theory, lattices, and topos theory.

EMPLOYMENT **Postdoctoral Assistant Professor**
University of Michigan, August 2022–present.

CRM–Simons Postdoctoral Fellow
McGill University, September 2021–August 2022.

J.L. Doob Research Assistant Professor (postdoc)
University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign, August 2018–August 2021.

EDUCATION **Ph.D. in Mathematics**
California Institute of Technology, June 2018.
Advisor: Alexander Kechris.
Thesis: *Definability and classification of equivalence relations and logical theories*.

B.Sc. in Computer Science and Mathematics (with distinction)
University of British Columbia, May 2013.

GRANTS
& AWARDS NSF Grant DMS-2224709, “Descriptive Set Theory and Categorical Logic”
2021–2024.

 NSERC Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined)
2018–2020.

 Scott Russell Johnson Prize for Excellence in a Graduate Dissertation
California Institute of Technology, 2018.

 NSERC Postgraduate Scholarship (doctoral)
California Institute of Technology, 2014–2017.

 NSERC Postgraduate Scholarship (masters)
California Institute of Technology, 2013–2014.

 Governor-General’s Silver Medal in Science
University of British Columbia, 2013.

 NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award
University of British Columbia, summers of 2011, 2012, 2013.

- R. Chen, *Étale structures and the Joyal–Tierney representation theorem in countable model theory*
preprint, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.11539>, 2023, 41pp.
- R. Chen, A. Poulin, R. Tao, and A. Tserunyan, *Tree-like graphings, wallings, and median graphings of equivalence relations*
submitted, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.13010>, 2023, 42pp.
- R. Chen, G. Terlov, and A. Tserunyan, *Nonamenable subforests of multi-ended quasi-pmp graphs*
preprint, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.07908>, 2023, 32pp.
- R. Chen, *A universal characterization of standard Borel spaces*
J. Symb. Logic **88** (2023), 510–539.
- R. Chen, *A Gelfand duality for continuous lattices*
submitted, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2301.05988>, 2023, 15pp.
- R. Chen, *Structural, point-free, non-Hausdorff topological realization of Borel groupoid actions*
submitted, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.06319>, 2022, 59pp.
- R. Chen, *On sifted colimits in the presence of pullbacks*
Theory Appl. Categ. **37** (2021), 1176–1193.
- R. Chen, *Decompositions and measures on countable Borel equivalence relations*
Ergodic Theory Dynam. Systems **41** (2021), 3671–3703.
- R. Chen, *On the Pettis–Johnstone theorem for localic groups*
submitted, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.12721>, 2021, 12pp.
- R. Chen, *Borel and analytic sets in locales*
preprint, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.00437>, 2020, 121pp.
- W. Chan and R. Chen, *Bounds on continuous Scott rank*
Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. **148** (2020), 3591–3605.
- R. Chen, *Borel functors, interpretations, and strong conceptual completeness for $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1\omega}$*
Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. **372** (2019), 8955–8983.
- R. Chen, *Amalgamable diagram shapes*
J. Symb. Logic **84** (2019), 88–101.
- R. Chen, *Notes on quasi-Polish spaces*
preprint, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1809.07440>, 2018, 21pp.
- R. Chen, *Borel structurability by locally finite simplicial complexes*
Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. **146** (2018), 3085–3096.
- R. Chen and A. S. Kechris, *Structurable equivalence relations*
Fund. Math. **242** (2018), 109–185.
- R. P. Anstee and R. Chen, *Forbidden submatrices: some new bounds and constructions*
Electron. J. Combin. **20** (2013), Paper 5, 13pp.

INVITED
TALKS

Treeing Borel quasi-trees

Joint Mathematics Meetings, San Francisco, January 2024 (upcoming).

Étale structures in countable model theory and descriptive set theory

IMPAN Conference on DST and Dynamics, August 2023.

Quasi-treeable equivalence relations

CIRM Workshop on Measured Group Theory, Stochastic Processes on Groups and Borel Combinatorics, May 2023.

Topology versus Borel structure for actions

Nankai logic colloquium, April 2023.

Quasi-treeable equivalence relations

CRM Workshop on Measured Group Theory, March 2023.

Topology versus Borel structure for actions

CMU logic seminar, February 2023.

Topology versus Borel structure for actions

Cornell logic seminar, October 2022.

Topology versus Borel structure for actions

McGill DDC seminar, October 2022.

A representation theorem for cardinal algebras

ASL North American Annual Meeting, April 2022.

Infinitary logic, Polish groupoids, and classification of structures

University of Maryland logic seminar, December 2021.

Categorical aspects of descriptive set theory (tutorial)

Dagstuhl Seminar on DST and Computable Topology, November 2021.

Some results in descriptive locale theory

ASL North American Annual Meeting, June 2021.

Some results in descriptive locale theory

Cornell logic seminar, April 2021.

Categorical and descriptive perspectives on classification (keynote)

Graduate Student Conference in Logic XXII, March 2021.

Gabriel–Ulmer duality for continuous categories

UWO topology seminar, March 2021.

A universal characterization of standard Borel spaces

CMS Winter Meeting, December 2020.

Borel and analytic sets in locales

Caltech logic seminar, October 2020.

Stone duality and strong conceptual completeness for infinitary logic

SIU Online logic seminar, July 2020.

Imaginary sorts and strong conceptual completeness for $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1\omega}$

SEALS Conference at the University of Florida, March 2020.

Polish groupoids and $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1\omega}$ -theories

Joint Mathematics Meetings, Denver, January 2020.

A universal characterization of standard Borel spaces

UCLA logic seminar, January 2020.

Polish groupoids and $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1\omega}$ -theories

UIC logic seminar, October 2019.

Stone duality for infinitary logic (plenary)

BLAST Conference at the University of Colorado Boulder, May 2019.

Polish groupoids and continuous logic

UIUC logic seminar, April 2018.

Structurability by simplicial complexes

SEALS Conference at the University of Florida, March 2018.

Strong conceptual completeness for $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1\omega}$

UIUC logic seminar, October 2017.

Structurability by locally finite contractible simplicial complexes

UCLA logic seminar, October 2016.

Structurable equivalence relations

Logic in Southern California Conference at UCLA, May 2016.

TEACHING

Teaching at Michigan:

- Math 403 (Intro to Discrete Math), fall 2023.
- Math 682 (Descriptive Set Theory), fall 2023.
- Math 419 (Linear Spaces and Matrix Theory), winter 2023.
- Math 582 (Intro to Set Theory), winter 2023.
- Math 417 (Matrix Algebra I), fall 2022.
- Math 481 (Intro to Mathematical Logic), fall 2022.

Teaching at UIUC:

- Math 414 (Mathematical Logic), spring 2021 (online).
- Math 416 (Abstract Linear Algebra), spring 2021 (online).
- Math 347 Honors (Fundamental Mathematics), fall 2020 (online).
- Math 414 (Mathematical Logic), spring 2020 (transitioned to online).
- Math 595 (Advanced Topics: Categorical Logic), fall 2019.
- Math 416 (Abstract Linear Algebra), fall 2019.
- Math 347 Honors (Fundamental Mathematics), spring 2019.
- Math 403 (Euclidean Geometry), fall 2018.

Teaching assistantships at Caltech: Linear Algebra, Model Theory, Intro to Logic, Computability Theory, Probability, Calculus, Differential Equations (2013–2018).

SERVICE

Mentoring:

- Rishi Banerjee (M.Sc. independent studies), fall 2023 (ongoing).
- Ruohan Hu (REU), summer 2023.
- Ilir Ziba (REU), summer 2023.

– Muthana Alshaikhmubarak (M.Sc. reading course), spring–summer 2020.

Organizer of Michigan logic seminars, 2023.

Organizer of McGill DDC seminars, 2021–2022.

Organizer of UIUC logic seminars, 2019–2020.

Refereeing for: NSF, Advances in Mathematics, Israel Journal of Mathematics, Transactions of the AMS, Journal of Symbolic Logic, Fundamenta Mathematicae, Topology Proceedings, Mathematical Logic Quarterly

CITIZENSHIP

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