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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 locales, 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.

Publications & preprints

R. Chen, Cardinal algebras, Borel fields of structures, and ℓ^2 -Betti numbers in preparation, 2022+.

R. Chen, Cardinal algebras, $[0, \infty]$ -enriched frames, and valuation locales in preparation, 2022+.

R. Chen, G. Terlov, and A. Tserunyan, *Non-amenable subforests of multi-ended quasi-pmp graphs* in preparation, 2022+.

R. Chen, Structural, point-free, non-Hausdorff topological realization of Borel groupoid actions

preprint, 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, 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.

R. Chen, Decompositions and measures on countable Borel equivalence relations Ergodic Theory Dynam. Systems 41 (2021), 3671–3703.

W. Chan and R. Chen, *Bounds on continuous Scott rank* **Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. 148** (2020), 3591–3605.

R. Chen, A universal characterization of standard Borel spaces submitted, https://arxiv.org/abs/1908.10510, 2019, 28pp.

R. Chen, Representing Polish groupoids via metric structures submitted, https://arxiv.org/abs/1908.03268, 2019, 70pp.

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 Topology versus Borel structure for actions Cornell logic seminar, October 2022 (upcoming).

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 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 (half-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:

- Ma1b (Linear Algebra), winter 2018 (head TA).
- Ma116a (Model Theory), fall 2017.
- Ma6c (Introduction to Mathematical Logic), spring 2017.
- Ma117a (Computability Theory), fall 2016.
- Ma1b (Linear Algebra), winter 2016.
- Ma116a (Model Theory), fall 2015.
- Ma144a (Probability), winter 2015.
- Ma1a (Calculus of One Variable), fall 2014.
- Ma2b (Introduction to Probability and Statistics), winter 2014.
- Ma2a (Differential Equations), fall 2013.

Teaching assistantships at UBC:

- CPSC121 (Models of Computation), summer 2010.

SERVICE

Supervised:

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

Organizer of UIUC logic seminars, 2019–2020.

Organizer of McGill DDC seminars, 2021–2022.

CITIZENSHIP

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