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Education

University of Toronto *2019 - 2024 (expected)*
PhD in Computer Science — *Supervised by Prof. Alec Jacobson*

University of Oviedo *2014 - 2019*
BSc in Mathematics and BSc in Physics

Experience

Yale University *Winter 2022*
Research Consultant — *Supervised by Prof. Theodore Kim*

Adobe Research *Summer 2020*
Research Intern — *Mentored by Dr. Noam Aigerman and Supervised by Dr. Jovan Popovic*

Adobe Research *Summer 2019*
Research Intern — *Mentored by Dr. Noam Aigerman and Supervised by Dr. Jovan Popovic*

Fields Institute for Research in the Mathematical Sciences *Summer 2018*
Undergraduate Research Intern — *Supervised by Prof. Alec Jacobson*

Fields Institute for Research in the Mathematical Sciences *Summer 2017*
Undergraduate Research Intern — *Supervised by Prof. Alec Jacobson*

ICMAT (Institute of Mathematical Sciences) *Summer 2017*
Grant Programme Severo Ochoa - Introduction to Research — *Supervised by Prof. Javier Parcet*

Publications

Bayes' Rays: Uncertainty Quantification for Neural Radiance Fields
Lily Goli, Cody Reading, **Silvia Sellán**, Alec Jacobson, Andrea Tagliasacchi
CVPR 2024

Reach for the Spheres: Tangency-Aware Surface Reconstruction of SDFs
Silvia Sellán, Christopher Batty, Oded Stein
SIGGRAPH Asia 2023

Neural Stochastic Screened Poisson Reconstruction
Silvia Sellán, Alec Jacobson
SIGGRAPH Asia 2023

Constructive Solid Geometry on Neural Signed Distance Fields
Zoë Marschner, **Silvia Sellán**, Hsueh-Ti Derek Liu, Alec Jacobson
SIGGRAPH Asia 2023

Stochastic Poisson Surface Reconstruction
Silvia Sellán, Alec Jacobson
SIGGRAPH Asia 2022

Breaking Bad: A Dataset for Geometric Fracture and Reassembly
Silvia Sellán*, Yun-Chun Chen*, Ziyi Wu*, Animesh Garg, Alec Jacobson (*joint first authors)
NeurIPS 2022

Breaking Good: Fracture Modes for Realtime Destruction
Silvia Sellán, Jack Luong, Leticia Mattos Da Silva, Aravind Ramakrishnan, Yuchuan Yang, Alec Jacobson
SIGGRAPH Asia 2022

Sex and Gender in the Computer Graphics Research Literature
Ana Dodik*, **Silvia Sellán***, Amanda Phillips, Theodore Kim
SIGGRAPH Talk 2022

Swept Volumes via Spacetime Numerical Continuation
Silvia Sellán, Noam Aigerman, Alec Jacobson
SIGGRAPH 2021

Opening and Closing Surfaces
Silvia Sellán, Jacob Kesten, Yan Sheng Ang, Alec Jacobson
SIGGRAPH Asia 2020

Developability of Heightfields via Rank Minimization
Silvia Sellán, Noam Aigerman, Alec Jacobson
SIGGRAPH 2020

Solid Geometry Processing on Deconstructed Domains
Silvia Sellán, Herng Yi Cheng, Yuming Ma, Mitchell Dembowski, Alec Jacobson
ACM / Eurographics Symposium on Geometry Processing 2019

Other Publications

Geometry Synthesis for Critical Applications
Silvia Sellán
SIGGRAPH Asia Doctoral Consortium, 2023

Efficient and Robust Swept Volumes
Silvia Sellán, Noam Aigerman, Alec Jacobson
Vector Institute Research Symposium poster, 2021

Applications of Geometry Processing to Computer Graphics
Silvia Sellán
B.Sc. in Mathematics thesis co-supervised by Profs. Alec Jacobson and Carlos Fernández García

An Introduction to Primal Inflation
Silvia Sellán
BSc in Physics thesis supervised by Prof. Luigi Toffolatti

Solid Geometry Processing on Deconstructed Domains
Silvia Sellán, Herng Yi Cheng, Yuming Ma, Mitchell Dembowski, Alec Jacobson
ACM / Eurographics SGP Poster, 2018

Patents

Swept Volume Determination Techniques
Silvia Sellán, Noam Aigerman, Alec Jacobson
Filed by Adobe Inc. in 2021

Generating Developable Depth Images Using Rank Minimization
Silvia Sellán, Noam Aigerman, Alec Jacobson
United States Patent No. 11080819, 2021

Software

Gpytoolbox: A Python geometry processing toolbox
Silvia Sellán, Oded Stein
A library of general geometry processing Python research utility functions, including basic procedural meshes, differential geometric operators, bounding volume hierarchies and surface reconstruction from point clouds and SDFs.

Awards

DiDi Graduate Student Award in Computer Science *2024*
University of Toronto Department of Computer Science — *10,000 CAD*

Vanier Canada Doctoral Scholarship *2021-2024*
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) — *150,000 CAD*
Awarded to 166 graduate students across all of Canada and all academic disciplines.

Connaught International Scholarship for Doctoral Students *2019 - 2024*
University of Toronto School of Graduate Studies — *50,000 CAD*

EECS Rising Stars *2023*
Academic Career Workshop in EECS — *Travel Funding*

HLF Ernst Abbe Grant *2023*
Heidelberg Laureate Forum — *Travel Funding*

Beatrice "Trixie" Worsley Graduate Scholarship in Computer Science *2021, 2023*
University of Toronto Department of Computer Science — *8,000 CAD*
Awarded to a student who has taken an active role in promoting women in Computer Science.

Adobe PhD Fellowship *2022*
Adobe Inc. — *10,000 USD*

Dean's Doctoral Excellence Scholarship *2021*
University of Toronto Faculty of Arts & Science — *25,000 CAD*
Awarded to a single doctoral student across all the University of Toronto Faculty of Arts & Science disciplines.

Adobe Research Fellowship *2020 - 2021*
Adobe Inc. — *Honorable mention*

50th Anniversary Graduate Scholarship *2020*
University of Toronto Department of Computer Science — *2,000 CAD*

Graduate Program Award *2019 - 2020*
University of Toronto Department of Computer Science — *10,000 CAD*

Recognition of Excellence Award *2019 - 2020*
University of Toronto Department of Computer Science — *10,000 CAD*

Adobe Women in Technology Scholarship *2019*
Adobe Inc. — *Honorable Mention*

SenseTime Fellowship *2019*
MIT — *Granted but declined*

Scholarship for Academic Excellence *2014 - 2019*
María Cristina Masaveu Peterson Foundation — *50,000 EUR*

Academic Service

Summer Geometry Initiative *2023 - Present*
Steering Committee Member

ACM / Eurographics Symposium on Geometry Processing (SGP) *2024*
Graduate School Chair

ACM SIGGRAPH Women in Graphics Research Community Group *2022 - 2023*
Executive Committee Member

SIGGRAPH Research Career Development Committee *2021 - 2023*
Committee Member (in Undergraduate Mentorship Subcommittee)

ACM / Eurographics Symposium on Geometry Processing (SGP) *2023*
Session Chair: Representation and Learning

ACM / Eurographics Symposium on Geometry Processing (SGP) *2024*
International Program Committee Member

ACM / Eurographics Symposium on Geometry Processing (SGP) *2023*
International Program Committee Member

CVPR Deep Learning for Geometric Computing *2023*
Organizing Committee Member

Women in Computer Graphics Research (WiGRAPH) *2020 - 2022*
Executive Committee Member

CVPR Deep Learning for Geometric Computing *2022*
Organizing Committee Member

ICCV Deep Learning for Geometric Computing *2021*
Program Committee Member

Referee Service

ACM SIGGRAPH Technical Papers *2024*
ACM SIGGRAPH Asia Technical Papers *2023*
ACM / Eurographics Symposium on Geometry Processing (SGP) *2023*
ACM SIGGRAPH Technical Papers *2022 - 2023*
Eurographics Technical Papers *2021 - 2023*
ACM Transactions on Graphics (ToG) *2021 - 2023*
IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence *2023*
The Visual Computer (TVCJ) *2023*
CVPR DLGC Technical Papers *2022*
International Symposium on Robotics Research *2022*
Computer Aided Design Journal (CAD-J) *2022*
ACM SIGGRAPH Posters *2021 - 2022*
ICCV DLGC Technical Papers *2021*
Journal of Computer Graphics Techniques (JCGT) *2021*

Departmental Service

Faculty of Arts and Science Graduate Diversity Working Group *2022*
Invited Member

Dean's Advisory Search Committee - Department Chair, Computer Science *2021 - 2022*
Invited Member

DGP Working Group on Fostering a Safe and Inclusive Workplace *2021 - 2022*
Member

DCS Grad program talk for Ukranian undergraduate visiting students *2022*
Panelist

Graduate Applications Triager *2021*
16 hours of paid work on processing graduate school applications

Talks

Stochastic Computer Graphics
University of Waterloo Computer Science Seminar — *hosted by Prof. Craig Kaplan* — Waterloo (Canada) — *January 2024*
University of Victoria Computer Science Seminar — *hosted by Prof. Teseo Schneider* — Victoria (Canada) — *February 2024*
Max Planck Institute for Informatics Seminar — *hosted by Prof. Christopher Theobalt* — Saarbrücken (Germany) — *February 2024*
Johns Hopkins University Computer Science Seminar — *hosted by Prof. Misha Kazhdan* — Baltimore (United States) — *February 2024*
Institute of Science and Technology Austria — *hosted by Prof. Chris Wojtan* — Vienna (Austria) — *February 2024*
Caltech Computer Science Seminar — *hosted by Prof. Aaron Ames* — Pasadena (United States) — *March 2024*
Brown University Computer Science Seminar — *hosted by Prof. Daniel Ritchie* — Providence (United States) — *March 2024*
Columbia University Computer Science Seminar — *hosted by Prof. Changxi Zheng* — New York City (United States) — *March 2024*
MIT Computer Science Seminar — *hosted by Prof. William Freeman* — Cambridge (United States) — *March 2024*
Princeton University Computer Science Seminar — *hosted by Prof. Adam Finkelstein* — Princeton (United States) — *March 2024*

Uncertainty Quantification in 3D Geometric Synthesis
University of Zaragoza Graphics and Imaging seminar — *hosted by Prof. Ana Serrano* — Virtual — *November 2023*
Brown University Graphics seminar — *hosted by Prof. Daniel Ritchie* — Virtual — *October 2023*
Banff International Research Station 3D Generative Modeling Workshop — *Invited talk* — Banff (Canada) — *July 2023*

Geometry +: Uncertain Surface Reconstruction
École polytechnique Graphics seminar — *hosted by Prof. Maks Ovsjanikov* — Paris (France) — *July 2023*
INRIA seminar — *hosted by Profs. Bruno Lévy and Sylvain Lefebvre* — Nancy (France) — *June 2023*

CNRS seminar — *hosted by Dr. Julie Digne* — Lyon (France) — *June 2023*
University of Navarra Graphics and Vision seminar — *hosted by Prof. Asier Marzo* — Pamplona (Navarra) — *June 2023*
University of Edinburgh Geometry seminar — *hosted by Prof. Amir Vaxman* — Edinburgh (Scotland) — *June 2023*
Adobe Research seminar — *hosted by Dr. Valentin Deschaintre* — London (England) — *June 2023*
University College London Vision seminar — *hosted by Prof. Kaan Akşit* — London (England) — *June 2023*
University of British Columbia Graphics seminar — *hosted by Prof. Alla Sheffer* — Vancouver (Canada) — *June 2023*
Simon Fraser University Vision seminar — *hosted by Prof. Andrea Tagliasacchi* — Vancouver (Canada) — *June 2023*
EPFL Graphics seminar — *hosted by Prof. Mark Pauly* — Lausanne (Switzerland) — *May 2023*
ETH Graphics seminar — *hosted by Prof. Olga Sorkine-Hornung* — Zürich (Switzerland) — *May 2023*
University of Waterloo Graphics seminar — *hosted by Prof. Craig Kaplan* — Waterloo (Canada) — *April 2023*
University of Montreal Graphics seminar — *hosted by Prof. Mikhail Bessmeltsev* — Montréal (Québec) — *November 2022*
Johns Hopkins Graphics seminar — *hosted by Prof. Misha Kazhdan* — Baltimore (United States) — *November 2022*
Columbia University Graphics seminar — *hosted by Prof. Changxi Zheng* — New York City (United States) — *November 2022*
New York University Graphics seminar — *hosted by Prof. Daniele Panozzo* — New York City (United States) — *November 2022*
MIT Graphics seminar — *hosted by Prof. Justin Solomon* — Cambridge (United States) — *November 2022*
Dartmouth Graphics and Rendering seminar — *hosted by Prof. Wojciech Jarosz* — Hanover (United States) — *November 2022*
TomatoGRAPH — *Technical Talk* — Toronto (Canada) — *December 2021*

Mesh Math and Beyond: An introduction to shape representations
Summer Geometry Initiative — *Full-day tutorial* — Virtual — *July 2023*
Summer Geometry Initiative — *Full-day tutorial* — Virtual — *July 2022*
Summer Geometry Initiative — *Full-day tutorial* — Virtual — *July 2021*

Blender for Academic Papers
Graphics Interface — *Invited Course* — Victoria (Canada) — *June 2023*
Geometry and Architecture Summit — *Invited Talk* — Toronto (Canada) — *October 2022*
ACM / Eurographics SGP — *Invited Course* — Virtual — *June 2022*

Geometry +: Moving Fast, Breaking Things and Putting Them Back Together
University of Southern California Graphics seminar — *hosted by Prof. Oded Stein* — Los Angeles (United States) — *April 2023*
McGill University Graphics seminar — *hosted by Prof. Oded Stein* — Montréal (Québec) — *November 2022*
Ubisoft research seminar — *hosted by the LaForge team* — Montréal (Québec) — *November 2022*
Yale University Rising Stars seminar — *hosted by Prof. Theodore Kim* — New Haven (United States) — *November 2022*
Engineering and Applied Science Forum — *hosted by the EASF team* — Virtual — *November 2022*

Uncertain Surface Reconstruction
UCLA and CalTech's Grundfest Memorial Lecture — *hosted by Profs. Achuta Kadambi and Katie Bouman* — Virtual — *March 2023*

Research in Geometry Processing
University of Toronto Undergraduate Graphics Club — *Invited Talk* — Toronto (Canada) — *February 2023*

Stochastic Poisson Surface Reconstruction
ACM SIGGRAPH Asia — *Technical Paper presentation* — Daegu (South Korea) — *December 2022*

Breaking Good: Fracture Modes for Realtime Destruction
ACM SIGGRAPH Asia — *Technical Paper presentation* — Daegu (South Korea) — *December 2022*

Breaking Bad: A Dataset for Geometric Fracture Reassembly
NeurIPS — *Featured (oral) paper presentation* — New Orleans (United States) — *November 2022*

Virtual Bodies that Matter: A Trans Researcher"s Career in Computer Graphics
Georgetown's Gender and Media Seminar — *hosted by Prof. Amanda Phillips* — Washington, D.C. (United States) — *November 2022*

Sex and Gender in the Computer Graphics Literature
Queer in AI @ NeurIPS workshop — *Invited Talk* — New Orleans (United States) — *November 2022*
UNC Chapel Hill — *hosted by Prof. Roni Sengupta* — New Orleans (United States) — *November 2022*
ACM SIGGRAPH — *Talk presentation* — Vancouver (Canada) — *August 2022*

A Deep Dive into Implicit Swept Volumes
University of Toronto Undergraduate Graphics Club — *Invited Talk* — Toronto (Canada) — *March 2022*
INRIA MFX research seminar — *hosted by Prof. Sylvain Lefebvre* — Virtual — *June 2021*
MIT Graphics research seminar — *hosted by Prof. Justin Solomon* — Virtual — *June 2021*

GraphQUON — *Technical presentation* Virtual — *December 2020*

Swept Volumes via Spacetime Numerical Continuation
ACM SIGGRAPH — *Technical Paper presentation* Virtual (originally Los Angeles) — *August 2021*

An Introduction to GP Programming in MATLAB with Gptoolbox
ACM / Eurographics SGP — *Invited Course* Virtual — *July 2021*

Developable Surfaces: A Case Study in Discrete Differential Geometry
Lancaster University Pure Mathematics Postgraduate Forum — *Invited Talk* Virtual — *March 2021*
Technion research seminar — *hosted by Prof. Mirela Ben-Chen* Virtual — *December 2020*
Carnegie Mellon University Geometry seminar — *hosted by Prof. Keenan Crane* Virtual — *November 2020*

Seamless Integration of Virtual and Real World
Eurographics 2021 — *Doctoral Consortium talk* Virtual (originally Vienna) — *May 2021*
University of Toronto — *PhD Qualifying Exam* Toronto (Canada) — *September 2020*

Opening and Closing Surfaces
ACM SIGGRAPH Asia — *Technical Paper presentation* Virtual (originally Daegu) — *December 2020*
Epic Games — *hosted by Dr. Ryan Schmidt* Virtual — *November 2020*
Fields Institute Undergraduate Summer Research Program — *End-of-summer research talk* Toronto (Canada) — *August 2017*
University of Toronto DCS Summer Research Program — *Mid-summer research talk* Toronto (Canada) — *July 2017*

Developability of Heightfields via Rank Minimization
Toronto Geometry Colloquium — *Opener talk for Prof. Olga Sorkine-Hornung* Virtual — *October 2020*
SIGGRAPH 2020 — *Technical Paper presentation* Virtual (originally Washington, D.C.) — *August 2020*

Solid Geometry Processing on Deconstructed Domains
Stanford University Graphics seminar — *hosted by Prof. Doug James* Stanford (United States) — *October 2019*
ACM / Eurographics SGP — *Technical Paper presentation* Milan (Italy) — *July 2019*
Toronto-Montreal Area Graphics workshop — *Technical talk* Toronto (Canada) — *December 2017*
Fields Institute Undergraduate Summer Research Program — *End-of-summer research talk* Toronto (Canada) — *August 2017*
University of Toronto DCS Summer Research Program — *Mid-summer research talk* Toronto (Canada) — *July 2017*

Applications of Geometry Processing to Computer Graphics
University of Oviedo — *B.Sc. in Mathematics Thesis Defense* Oviedo (Spain) — *June 2019*

An Introduction to Primal Inflation
University of Oviedo — *B.Sc. in Physics Thesis Defense* Oviedo (Spain) — *June 2019*

News

What Do Food and Research Have in Common? More Than You Might Think *January 2024*
Spektrum.de, written by Nina Beier

Computer graphics researcher Silvia Sellán is awarded two prestigious scholarships *July 2021*
A&S News, written by Chris Sasaki

Silvia Sellán on Virtual Colloquium Planning *June 2021*
Q&A with WiGRAPH, written by Kate Salesin

Organizing

ACM SIGGRAPH Women in Graphics Research Community group *2023*
Undergraduate Outreach Coordinator

CVPR Deep Learning for Geometric Computing Workshop *2023*
Organizing Committee Member

ACM SIGGRAPH Women in Graphics Research Community group *2022*
Event Coordinator: Symposium on Geometry Processing

Toronto Geometry Colloquium *2020 - 2023*
Founder, organizer and art director

SIGGRAPH Graduate Applications Mentorship Program *2022*
Founder and organizer

Summer Geometry Institute *2022*
Admissions committee member and session planner

CVPR Deep Learning for Geometric Computing Workshop *2022*
Organizing Committee Member

Women in Graphics Research *2020 - 2021*
Event Coordinator: Symposium on Geometry Processing

SIGGRAPH Graduate Applications Mentorship Program *2021*
Founder and organizer

Summer Geometry Institute *2021*
Admissions committee member and session planner

Symposium on Geometry Processing (SGP) *2021*
Student volunteer working on tech support full time during the conference and in Spanish-language outreach

Toronto-Montreal-Waterloo Graphics Workshop (TomatoGRAPH) *2021*
Student volunteer

Teaching

Summer Geometry Initiative *Summer 2021, 2022, 2023*
Instructor of a full-day tutorial including lectures, coding demos and exercises

Graphics Interface *Summer 2023*
Lecturer of the course Blender for Academic Papers

Symposium on Geometry Processing (SGP) *Summer 2022*
Lecturer of the SGP course Blender for Academic Papers

Symposium on Geometry Processing (SGP) *Summer 2021*
Co-lecturer of the SGP course An introduction to geometry processing programming in MATLAB with gptoolbox

CSC165: Mathematical Expression and Reasoning for Computer Science *Winter 2020*
Teaching Assistant (120 hours) for Prof. David Liu

Individual High School Tutoring *2015-2018*
Weekly paid mathematics and physics tutoring

Teaching Feedback

Summer Geometry Institute *2021*
During the summer of 2021, I planned, prepared and conducted a 6-hour long tutorial session on the topic of shape representations for undergraduate students of underrepresented communities, as part of MIT's Summer Geometry Institute (SGI). A representative sample of the anonymous feedback collected by professor Justin Solomon about my teaching is reproduced below, each quotation corresponding to different student.

> *Silvia Sellán's presentation was idyllic, it gave the feeling of being a duck in a pond being fed delicious crumbs of bread, the students being the duck and Silvia the feeder throwing in one after another the information that we like the ducks devoured. The presentation itself was amazing to go beyond analogy it was clear and concise towards learning the topic, the information did not feel too overwhelming, nor too brief. The exercises as well as giving focus upon them and breaking them apart into which to do at what times, they felt like the perfect amount of material in order to have us learn and test our knowledge of the topics.*
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> *I just wanted to say that I really enjoyed Silvia's programme. Cutting out all the formulas definitely made her material really accessible and easy to follow without worrying about the precise details of what is going on. I think leaving these details for us to figure out by doing the exercises is really good for developing understanding, rather than having a perhaps more technical talk which is harder to follow and then not quite knowing how to approach the exercises.*
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> *Silvia's lecture was the easiest to follow and the most approachable.*
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> *Silvia's tutorial: Lively and engaging, I liked how a narrative that tied in everything together neatly was presented.*
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> *I really liked Silvia Sellan's tutorial day because for the presentations she gave us a story illustrating the motivation behind the concepts and theory and the actual coding assignments were very accessible and did not require a lot of background material.*

I think a very good example of this was Silvia Sellán's tutorial day. She approached the advanced topics from a big picture perspective and all of the coding exercises needed "basic" MATLAB and knowledge of calculus and a small amount of linear algebra.

I thoroughly enjoyed Silvia's talk and the associated exercises.

I also found Silvia's talk very valuable, not only for the geometry processing material offered (which was undoubtedly great, well-structured and very accessible), but also for increasing our awareness about potential nefarious uses of geometry processing. Also the brief digressions on true diversity when talking about fonts/letters were in my opinion very welcome – I (unfortunately) tend to think in a very "westernized" way, and it's always good to bring awareness to things outside of our intellectual comfort zone.

I really liked Silvia Sellán's day of the tutorial week. I think she did a really good job of creating presentations and exercises that met me where I am as a student without a formal experience in geometry processing. The mathematics and computer science that she talked as well as exercises she designed were accessible to me as someone who has undergraduate majors in mathematics and computer science as well as had participated in larger projects with programming computer graphics components. I also think she did a really good job of telling and motivating a story, which was really important to staying engaged throughout the day. I also really appreciate that she spoke about ethics in computing and the need to think critically about academic work. It's definitely something that is not spoken enough about and that needs to be spoken about more.

YOU GUYS ARE WONDERFUL! Not gonna lie, I started looking at PhD opportunities to pursue this field after attending this program.

Mentoring

Summer Geometry Initiative *2023*
Served as the mentor for two two-week long geometry processing research projects for eight undergraduate students.

Graduate School Applications *2020 - 2023*
Volunteer mentoring of dozens of prospective Computer Graphics students from underrepresented groups with their graduate school application package and decisions. Successful applicant destinations include MIT, UCSD, University of Toronto, UBC and others.

Canada-Wide Science Fair *Spring 2022*
Mentored grade 11 students with their project as part of University of Toronto's Pursue STEM

Canadian Black Scientists Network Youth Science Fair *Winter 2022*
Mentored grade 11 students with their project as part of University of Toronto's Pursue STEM

University of Toronto DCS Graduate Applications Mentorship Program *Fall 2021*
Mentor for several prospective graduate students.

SIGGRAPH Graduate Applications Mentorship Program *Fall 2021*
Mentor for several prospective graduate students.

Fields Undergraduate Summer Research Program *Summer 2021*
Graduate research mentor for a group of four undergraduate researchers.

Creating a better summer experience: A DEI workshop *Spring 2021*
DEI workshop for mentors of undergraduate students, organized by the Center for Minorities in the Mathematical Sciences.

Fields Undergraduate Summer Research Program *2020 - 2021*
Graduate research mentor for a group of four undergraduate researchers.

Mentoring Feedback

Summer Geometry Institute *2021, 2023*
During the summers of 2021 and 2023 (the latter together with my colleague Ana Dodik), I worked as a mentor for MIT's Summer Geometry Intiative, founded by Professor Justin Solomon. In it, I directed two projects for two groups of undergraduate students from underrepresented communities new to geometry processing. Below is a representative sample of the anonymous feedback collected by Prof. Solomon

Ana and Silvia built a collaborative, safe, open environment for new ideas. Both taught us a lot about how to research and approach problems with different approaches. They are outstanding researchers that I admire even more now.

Ana and Silvia are both absolutely fantastic mentors!

This week has been great! Ana and Silvia are excellent mentors. They created an excellent environment for us to learn and collaborate

I still have no idea what Silvia's role was, but she went above and beyond to help out with everything. She made us all feel welcome in the Slack channel before SGI even started and continued to dole out advice and support throughout the whole of SGI. She also patiently answered my millions of questions almost as quickly as I could ask them.

Silvia ensured we all felt welcome right from the beginning of the Slack channel. When we introduced ourselves, I noticed she found something nice to say to each of us, and it felt very welcoming to have that display of friendliness right from the get-go.

Silvia Sellán, I would like to thank you specifically for the SGP & Siggraph 2021 WiGraph event, sharing your thoughts in grad school event and being accessible.

Volunteering

General election worker *July 2023*
Day-long volunteer helping citizens vote on the day of the Spanish General Elections.

Reading Partners *August 2020*
Translation of documents into Spanish for literacy non-profit

General election worker *April 2019*
Day-long volunteer helping citizens vote on the day of the Spanish General Elections.

General election worker *June 2016*
Day-long volunteer helping citizens vote on the day of the Spanish General Elections.