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ACADEMIC CAREER

- **Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, USA**   Aug 2020 – present
  Assistant Professor in Quantitative Methods, Mitch Daniels School of Business
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- **Fields Institute, Toronto, Canada**   Mar – Jul 2019 & Mar – Jul 2020
  Fields Research Fellow

- **ShanghaiTech University, Shanghai, China**   Sep 2018 – Jun 2020
  Assistant Professor of Mathematics

- **University of Oxford, Oxford, UK**   Oct 2016 – Aug 2018
  Postdoctoral Research Assistant

- **Technische Universität Wien, Vienna, Austria**   May – Sep 2016
  Postdoctoral Research Assistant

- **University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada**   Sep 2011 – May 2016
  PhD in Mathematics

- **Citizenship: Republic of Korea | Permanent Residency: United States**

RESEARCH INTERESTS

(i) (Martingale–) Optimal Transport in multi-dimensions and its applications to Economics, Finance and Statistics, (ii) Analysis of Variational problems arising in Physics, Geometry and Data Science, and (iii) Hodge Theory on graphs and its connection with Stochastic Calculus and Game Theory.

PUBLICATIONS

- **On the structure of optimal martingale transport in higher dimensions**. *PhD thesis*. Link

- with N. Ghoussoub and Y-H. Kim. **Structure of optimal martingale transport in general dimensions**. *Annals of Probability*, 2019. Journal

- with M. Beiglböck and J. Obłój. **Dual attainment for the martingale transport problem**. *Bernoulli*, 2019. Journal

- **Optimal martingale transport between radially symmetric marginals in general dimensions**. *Stochastic Processes and their Applications*, 2020. Journal

- with N. Ghoussoub and Y-H. Kim. **Optimal Brownian stopping when the source and target are radially symmetric distributions**. *SIAM Journal on Control and Optimization*, 2020. Journal

- with S. Eckstein, G. Guo and J. Obłój. **Robust pricing and hedging of options on multiple assets and its numerics**. *SIAM Journal on Financial Mathematics*, 2021. Journal arXiv

- with K. Kang, H. Kim and G. Seo. **Uniqueness and characterization of local minimizers for the interaction energy with mildly repulsive potentials**. *Calculus of Variations and Partial Differential Equations*, 2021. Journal arXiv

- with R.J. McCann. **Isodiametry, variance, and regular simplices from particle interactions**. *Archive for Rational Mechanics and Analysis*, 2021. Journal arXiv

- with R.J. McCann. **On Fejes Tóth's conjectured maximizer for the sum of angles between lines**. *Applied Mathematics and Optimization*, 2021. Journal arXiv

· with R.J. McCann. **Geometrical bounds for the variance and recentered moments**. *Mathematics of Operations Research*, 2022. Journal arXiv

· with R.J. McCann. **Maximizing expected powers of the angle between pairs of points in projective space**. *Probability Theory and Related Fields*, 2022. Journal arXiv

· with R.J. McCann. **On the cardinality of sets in Rd obeying a slightly obtuse angle bound**. *SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics*, 2022. Journal arXiv

· with C. Davies and R.J. McCann. **Classifying minimum energy states for interacting particles: Spherical shells**. *SIAM Journal on Applied Mathematics*, 2022. Journal arXiv

· with C. Davies and R.J. McCann. **Classifying minimum energy states for interacting particles: Regular simplices**. *Communications in Mathematical Physics*, 2023. Journal Github arXiv

· **Maximal monotonicity and cyclic involutivity of multiconjugate convex functions**. *SIAM Journal on Optimization*, 2023. Journal Github arXiv

· **Geometry of vectorial martingale optimal transportations and duality**. *Mathematical Programming* (series A), 2024. Journal Github arXiv

· with E. Koo. **Node classification in networks via simplicial interactions**. *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems*, 2025. Journal Github arXiv

· with E. Koo. **Node classification via simplicial interaction with augmented maximal clique selection**. *Neurocomputing*, 2025. Journal Github arXiv

· with J. Hiew, B. Pass and M. Souza. **Data denoising with self consistency, variance maximization and the Kantorovich dominance**. Github arXiv

· with K. Nam and J. Sohn. **Monotone curve estimation via convex duality**. Github arXiv

· with D. Jeong and E. Shin. **Robust intervention in networks**. Github arXiv

WORK IN PROGRESS

· with W. Ha and K. Nam. **Estimating covariate associations via duality principles**.

· with E. Koo and J. Sohn. **Improving prediction power by sourcing unlabeled data via statistical matching**.

· with E. Koo. **Adaptive distribution transformation approach for time series forecasting**.

· **Cooperative networks and Hodge-Shapley value**. Github arXiv

· with J. Hiew, B. Pass and M. Souza. **Geometry of vectorial martingale optimal transport and robust option pricing**. Github arXiv

· **Replication of financial derivatives under extreme market models given marginals**. Github

· **Optimal exercise decision of American options under model uncertainty**. Github arXiv

· with G. Seo. **Geometry of minimizers of free energy functionals with mild repulsion**.

INVITED TALKS & LECTURES

· Aug 2025. *Workshop on Quantum Analysis & Geometry.* Lakai Sandpine Resort, Korea. Link

· May 2025. *Workshop on Mathematical Finance at Seoul.* Seoul National University, Korea. Link

· Jul 2024. *Applied Mathematics seminar.* Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.

· Jun 2024. *Optimal Transport, Stochastic Analysis and Machine Learning.* KAIST, Korea. Link

· May 2024. *Workshop on Mathematical Finance at Jeju.* Jeju Island, Korea. Link

· Mar 2024. *Financial and Actuarial Mathematics seminar.* University of Michigan, USA. Link

· May 2023. *Conference on Approximation Theory and Beyond.* Vanderbilt University, USA. Link

· Apr 2023. *Midwest International Trade & Theory Conference.* University of Tennessee, USA. Link

· Mar 2023. *Finance seminar.* College of Business, Stony Brook University, USA.

· Mar 2023. *Eighth annual conference on network science and economics.* Virginia Tech, USA. Link

· Feb 2023. *Quantitative Methods seminar.* School of Business, Purdue University, USA.

· Feb 2023. *Analysis & PDE seminar.* Department of Mathematics, Purdue University, USA.

· Jan 2023. *2023 Joint Mathematics Meetings (JMM 2023).* Boston, USA. Link

· Jul 2022. *AI seminar.* Center for AI and Natural Sciences, KIAS, Korea. Link

· Jun 2022. *Colloquium seminar.* Kyungpook National University, Korea.

· May 2022. *Colloquium seminars I & II.* Pusan National University, Korea.

· May 2022. *AI seminar.* Center for AI and Natural Sciences, KIAS, Korea. Link

· Mar 2022. *Stochastic Mass Transports.* Banff International Research Station. Link Video

· Dec 2021. *Analysis & PDE seminar I & II.* Yonsei University, Korea.

· Oct 2021. *Game theory seminar.* College of business, KAIST, Korea.

· Sep 2021. *Mathematics & Economics joint seminar.* Washington University in St. Louis, USA. Link

· Dec 2020. *Canadian Mathematical Society Winter Meeting.* online. Link Video

· Oct 2020. *Four lecture series.* online. Link

· Feb 2020. *Colloquium.* Krannert School of Management, Purdue University, USA.

· Oct 2019. *Korean Mathematical Society (KMS) Annual Meeting.* Hong-Ik University, Seoul, Korea.

· Oct 2019. *Analysis & PDE Seminar.* Georgia Institute of Technology, USA. Link

· Apr 2019. *Analysis & Applied Math Seminar.* University of Toronto, Canada.

· Mar 2019. *Colloquium Seminar.* Pusan National University, Korea.

· Aug 2018. *Mathematics Seminar.* Seoul National University, Korea.

· Jun 2018. *Mathematical Finance Internal Seminar.* University of Oxford, UK.

· May 2018. *CMO Workshop 18w5080: Stochastic Analysis and its Applications.* Mexico. Link Video

· May 2018. *Mathematics Seminar.* University of Bath, UK.

· Apr 2018. *Mathematics Seminar.* University of Central Florida, USA.

· Dec 2017. *Vienna Seminar in Mathematical Finance and Probability.* University of Vienna, Austria.

· Dec 2017. *Mathematics Seminar.* Dublin City University, Ireland.

· Sep 2017. *Martingale Optimal Transport (and Friends).* University of Oxford, UK. Link

· Jul 2017. *Stochastic Processes and their Applications (SPA) 2017.* Moscow, Russia. Link

· May 2017. *Oxford-Princeton Workshop on Financial Mathematics & Stochastic Analysis.* UK. Link

· Jan 2017. *Mathematics Seminar.* Strasbourg University, France.

· Jan 2017. *Advances in Financial Mathematics.* Paris, France. Link

· Jan 2017. *Mathematics Seminar.* Ecole Polytechnique, Palaiseau, France.

· Jan 2017. *Paris Bachelier Seminar.* Paris, France. Link

· Nov 2016. *Mathematical Finance Internal Seminar.* University of Oxford, UK. Link

· Nov 2016. *Model Uncertainty & Robust Finance.* University of Milan, Italy.

· Jul 2016. *Mathematics Seminar.* Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, Italy.

· Jun 2016. *Mathematics Seminar.* Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea.

· Apr 2016. *Optimal Transportation, Equilibrium, and Applications to Economics.* NYU, USA. Link

· Mar 2016. *Skorokhod embeddings, Martingale Optimal Transport and their applications.* UK. Link

· Feb 2016. *Vienna Seminar in Mathematical Finance and Probability.* TU Wien, Austria. Link

· Sep 2015. *Mathematics Seminar.* Ecole Polytechnique, Palaiseau, France.

· Sep 2015. *European Summer School In Financial Mathematics.* Le Mans, France. Link

· Aug 2015. *KIAS CMC minischool on Analysis, Geometry, and Optimal Transport.* KIAS, Korea. Link

ACADEMIC SERVICE & CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

· Organizer for *ShanghaiTech-Yonsei Mathematics Conference* Link   15-16 Nov 2019

RESEARCH STUDENTS AND ALUMNI

PhD supervision
· Marcelo Cruz de Souza (Defended in July 2024)
· Joshua Zoen-Git Hiew (Defended in 2025 at Univ. of Alberta. supervised jointly with Brendan Pass)
· Junhyeok Kil (Starting in January 2026)

MSc supervision
· Cameron Davies (currently PhD student at Univ. of Toronto, supervised jointly with Robert McCann)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

| **Daniels School of Business, Purdue University** | 2020 – present |
| *Assistant Professor in Quantitative Methods* | *West Lafayette, IN, USA* |

· MGMT 69000 : Optimal Transport and Unsupervised Learning   Spring 2025
· MGMT 47400–001,002 : Predictive Analytics   Fall 2024
· MGMT 47400–001 : Predictive Analytics   Spring 2024
· MGMT 47400–001,002 : Predictive Analytics   Fall 2023
· MGMT 47400–001 : Predictive Analytics   Spring 2023
· MGMT 47400–001,002 : Predictive Analytics   Fall 2022
· MGMT 69000 : Advanced Problems in Management – Optimal Transport Problems   Spring 2022
· MGMT 47400–001 : Predictive Analytics   Spring 2022
· MGMT 47400–001,002 : Predictive Analytics   Fall 2021
· MGMT 47400–001,002 : Predictive Analytics   Spring 2021

| **ShanghaiTech University** | 2018 – 2020 |
| *Assistant Professor of Mathematics* | *Shanghai, China* |

· Stochastic Processes (for 3rd & 4th grades)   2019
· Linear Algebra (for 2nd grades)   2018

| **University of Oxford** | 2018 |
| *Class Tutor* | *Oxford, UK* |

· Class Tutor for B8.3 – Mathematical Models of Financial Derivatives   2018

University of British Columbia   2011 – 2016

Teaching Assistant and Instructor   *Vancouver, BC, Canada*

· Instructor for MATH 101 – Integral Calculus with Applications to Physics and Engineering   2016
· Instructor for Workshops – Direct student groups towards solving math problems   2015
· TA for MATH 121 – Honours Integral Calculus   2015
· TA for MATH 441 – Mathematical Modeling: Discrete Optimization Problems   2014
· TA for MATH 424 – Classical Differential Geometry   2012 – 2013

HONOURS & AWARDS

· Fields Research Fellowship. 2019 & 2020. University of Toronto, Canada.
· Four Year Doctoral Fellowship (4YF) recipient. 2011 – 2015. University of British Columbia, Canada.
· Kwanjeong Scholarship recipient. 2011 – 2016. Kwanjeong Educational Foundation, Seoul, Korea.