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## **EDUCATION**

# M.A. Mathematics

June 2022

University of California-Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA Thesis: "Stable ∞-categories and their Homotopy Categories"

# **B.S. Physics, Mathematics**

June 2009

University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

# WORK **EXPERIENCE**

# AI Trainer + Reviewer

May 2023 - present

"K-12 STEM Education Project", Scale AI

- Interacted with an AI chatbot based on various guidance (e.g. explain a concept, solve this problem, ...) relating to various concepts from K-12 STEM courses, and then following up responses with subsequent prompts based on certain guidance
- Edited chatbot answers to be factual, thorough, and grammatically correct, as well as following a style guide
- As a reviewer: reviewed submissions of exchanges with the chatbot and judged based on adherence to guidance and quality of responses, edited when necessary/possible

#### AI Trainer, Math

April 2023 - present

"AMC12 Math Creation Project", Scale AI

- Reviewed example questions for the AMC12 Mathematics contest
- Checked for mathematical soundness, accuracy, novelty, LaTeX formatting
- Rewrote when necessary and provided feedback

#### Directed Reading Program Mentor March - June 2022 (Spring quarter) U.C. Santa Cruz, Mathematics Department, Santa Cruz, CA

- Paired with an undergraduate student mentee, with whom I developed a suitable reading/research plan that was accessible and relevant to their interests
- Met weekly to gauge progress, provide readings, structure, perspective, feedback, and mentorship
- Assisted the mentee in developing a talk about the readings given at the end of the quarter

# Teaching Assistant

November 2019 - June 2022

U.C. Santa Cruz, Mathematics Department, Santa Cruz, CA

- Classes (by quarter, F := Fall, W := Winter, Sp := Spring, Su := Summer):
  - MATH 19A (Calculus for STEM)

F 20, W 21

- MATH 19B (Calculus for STEM)

Sp 22, F 19, F 21

- MATH 23A (Vector Calculus)
- W 22, W 20, Sp 20, Sp 21
- MATH 24 (Ordinary Differential Equations)

Su 21

- CMMU 30 (Numbers and Social Justice)

- Su 20
- Held section 1-3 times a week, and weekly office hours
- Graded homework, guizzes, and exams

# Lead Teaching Assistant

November 2020 - Mar 2022

U.C. Santa Cruz, Mathematics Department, Santa Cruz, CA

- Classes: MATH 19A, 19B, 23A, various quarters
- Managed 3-5 other TA's: organize a weekly schedule of sections and office hours; divide grading, reviews and other duties; communicate between TA's, professors, and students
- Tech support for other TA's and students (Zoom, Canvas, Google suite, online e-book/HW portal (MacMillan Launchpad, Achieve))
- Organized, moderated, and facilitated participation in online discussion forums for students (Piazza, Discord Slack, Zulip, etc.)

**Tutor** 

November 2019 - March 2020

Prison Inmate Education Project, Santa Cruz County Jail, Santa Cruz, CA

 Tutored inmates at the Santa Cruz County Jail: implemented diagnostics to determine level of education, collaborated with students to set goals and a plan of study, and taught Pre-Algebra and Algebra

#### Contractor

September - October 2021

Code and Cursor, Oakland, CA

- Collaborated on adapting a version of the "Boids" program (a bird flocking simulator) in the Processing language, for use in an art installation at Chicago O'Hare Airport
- Worked as a team to design, build, and troubleshoot a polished, working program, using math/physics knowledge (vectors, mechanics, etc.) to develop a life-like bird flocking motion
- Wrangled data, balancing aesthetics without losing statistical meaning, and to output intelligible information (positions, sizes, units) for use in assembling the physical exhibit

## Recreation Leader I

June - August 2019

Oakland Parks, Recreation & Youth Development, Dimond Park, Oakland, CA

- With other Rec Leaders and Aides, lead groups of 15-20 kids (ages 5-10) through summer camp activities such as: outdoor and indoor games, hikes, educational activities, arts and crafts, visiting guests, field trips, etc.
- Set up, served, and cleaned up breakfast, lunch, supervised free-play, and facilitated use of park equipment and facilities

After-School Education & Safety (ASES) Tutor August - December 2018

Oakland Charter Academy, Oakland, CA

- Led After School tutoring classes and Study Hall daily
- Organized and taught an enrichment Chess & Puzzles class
- Substitute ASES Supervisor (administrate ASES program: transition students and teachers from end-of-school to snack-time to ASES program, monitor campus to make sure all after-school programs ran smoothly)

# Paraprofessional Tutor

May 2016 - August 2018

Oakland Charter Academy, Oakland, CA

- Tutored small groups, both in-class and out of class, during the school day
- Collected student data to inform targeted academic support and intervention
- Substituted for teachers of all grade levels (6th 8th grade) and subjects
- Led after-school tutoring and enrichment classes daily
- Helped set up and organize community events such as Posada, Harvest Festival, Winter/Spring Formals, and 8th grade graduation

# **Engineering Tech**

September 2014 - May 2016

Contra Costa County Public Works Dept, Martinez, CA

- Used GIS (mapping software) to screen industrial sites for pollutants
- Created and maintained spreadsheets for street sweeping maps, schedules, and collected trash level data
- Communicated with public and other departments by email and phone regarding municipal operations and illegal dumping complaints
- Set up and conducted public outreach at community and school events for education of clean water and watershed programs

# TALKS, **ORGANIZING**

# "What (the Heck) is a Higher Category?"

May 2, 2022

UC Santa Cruz, Mathematics Department Graduate Colloquium

# "What (the Heck) is a Spectrum?"

February 14, 2022

UC Santa Cruz, Mathematics Department Graduate Colloquium

# Community Category Theory Seminar

Winter - Spring 2022

UC Santa Cruz

- Co-organized (with 2 other grad students) this unofficial learning seminar for graduate and undergraduate students.
- In Winter 2022, gave lectures and supervised weekly problem sessions.
- In Spring 2022, a weekly problem session.

# CONFERENCES, Faculty Diversity Internship Program Intern

January - May 2023

West Valley-Mission Community College District, San Jose, CA SEMINARS, SCHOOLS,

#### WORKSHOPS... Summer School on Chromatic Homotopy Theory and Higher (Infinity-Aug 15-26, 2022 Categorical) Algebra

(online) https://iwoat.github.io/

## PCMI Graduate Summer School

July 12-23, 2021

(online) IAS Park City Mathematics Institute

- Week 1: "An Introduction to Motivic Homotopy and its Applications"
- Week 2: "Illustrating Mathematics"

# ¡Viva Talbot! 2021

June 1-6, 2021

(online) MIT

# Cornell Topology Festival

May 20-21, 2021

(online) Cornell University

# Graduate Student Topology & Geometry Conference

April 9-11, 2021

(online) Indiana University - Bloomington

# Dualities in Topology and Algebra

February 1-13, 2021

(online) International Centre for Theoretical Sciences

## **Inclusive Teaching Workshop**

September 2019

Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning (CITL), U.C. Santa Cruz

# **AMPS Summit**

Summer 2016 - 2017 - 2018

Amethod Public Schools, Richmond, CA