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EDUCATION

Bowdoin College

Brunswick, ME

New York City, NY

B.A. Mathematics & Minor in Classical Greek (Leave 2020-21)

August 2019 - Exp. May 2024

Columbia University in the City of New York

Visiting Student, Dept. of Mathematics

August 2020 - June 2021

Mont' Kiara International School

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

High School Diploma & IB Diploma

August 2017 - May 2019

Research

Dept. of Applied Mathematics – Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

Research Collaboration with A. Seigal

October 2022 - Present

o Ongoing research on the characterization of the discriminant variety of polynomial systems.

Nonlinear Algebra – Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in the Sciences Leipzig, Germany Visiting Researcher (Mentor: P. Breiding) May 2022 - August 2022

- Proved several results relating to the intersection theory of plane conics.
- Developed computational methods for investigating the real geometry of enumerative problems.

The Xena Project – Imperial College London

London, United Kingdom

Independent Contributor

June 2021 - August 2021

o Formalized Chapter 1 of Hardy and Wright's An Introduction to the Theory of Numbers in the Lean Automated Theorem Prover.

Karanicolas Lab – Fox Chase Cancer Center & Temple Medical School

Philadelphia, PA

Researcher (Mentor: J. Karanicolas)

May 2020 - June 2021

- o Developed deep learning models to process large-scale biological data for the identification of lead compounds with a view to kinase inhibitors.
- o Assisted principal investigator in preparing grants for the National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation.
- Presented research at several academic conferences.

Publications

- P. Breiding, J. Lindberg, W. Ong, L. Sommer. "Real Circles Tangent to 3 Conics" In submission at Experimental Mathematics, online ahead of print at arXiv:2211.06876
- G. Andrianov, W. Ong, I. Serebriiskii, and J. Karanicolas. "Efficient Hit-to-Lead Searching of Kinase Inhibitor Chemical Space via Computational Fragment Merging." J. Chemical Information and Modeling, Vol. 61, No. 12. doi.org/10.1021/acs.jcim.1c00630
- W. Ong[†], P. Kirubakaran[†], J. Karanicolas. "How Current Neural Network Models for Kinase-Inhibitor Affinity Predictions Generalize Poorly." In Preparation.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

A full list of presentations is available at wgabrielong.github.io/talks.

- W. Ong. "Real Circes Tangent to Three Conics." Algebraic Geometry Northeastern Series, UMass Amherst, November 2022.
- W. Ong. "Group Equivariant Neural Networks in Computer Vision." Presented to the Algebraic Vision Network at Czech Technical University – Prague, May 2022.
- W. Ong. "Sentences and Strings: An Introduction to Model Theory." Presented to the Undergraduate Mathematics Society at Columbia University as part of the Summer Learning Seminar 2021.

[†] Indicates equal contribution.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholar (2022): (Dean's List) For exceptional academic performance.
- Smyth Mathematics Prize (2022): For most exceptional performance in mathematics coursework.
- $100\pi \varepsilon$ **Prize (2020):** For extraordinary inspiration and joy for the pursuit of mathematics.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Minicourse on Convex Geometry Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in the Sciences, July 2021
- Real Algebraic and Convex Geometry Technische Universität Braunschweig, July 2021
- Macaulay2 Polymake Workshop Technische Universität Berlin, January 2022
- Arizona Winter School in Arithmetic Geometry University of Arizona, March 2022
- Summer Ringvorlesung III International Max Planck Research School (Leipzig), June 2022
- Algebraic Geometry, Combinatorics, and Machine Learning Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in the Sciences, August 2022
- Algebraic Geometry Northeastern Series (AGNES) University of Massachusetts Amherst, November 2022
- Joint Mathematics Meetings Hynes Convention Center (Boston), January 2023

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- Bowdoin Science Experience (Fall 2021 & 2022): Organized an orientation trip introducing students historically underrepresented in the sciences to the Bowdoin science departments and other academic support services.
- Mathematics Department Visiting Faculty Search (Summer 2020): Assisted in small-group student interviews for the visiting assistant professor search in Summer 2020.
- Mathematics Department Tenure-Track Faculty Search (Spring 2020): Assisted in small-group student interviews for the tenure-track faculty search in Spring 2020.

Memberships: Mathematical Association of America; Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers; American Mathematical Society

SKILLS

- Programming: Python (TensorFlow, SKLearn, Pandas, NumPy); Julia; Wolfram Mathematica; Lean
- Computational Skills: Google Suite, Microsoft Office, LATEX
- Languages: English (Native), Classical Greek (Scholarly), Spanish (Working), Mandarin (Spoken), Malay (Spoken)
- Certificates and Training: WMA Wilderness First Responder (exp. 2023), PADI Master SCUBA Diver