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Research Interests Representation theory, integrable systems, and applications to probability theory and

random matrices.

EMPLOYMENT Columbia University

New York, NY

Simons Fellow (2016–present).

Massachusetts Institute of Technology EDUCATION

Cambridge, MA

Cambridge, UK

Ph.D., Mathematics (2011–2016), advised by Pavel Etingof.

University of Cambridge

M.A.St., Mathematics, with distinction (2010–2011).

Harvard University Cambridge, MA

A.M., Mathematics (2006–2010).

A.B., Mathematics, magna cum laude, with secondary field in Economics (2006–2010).

Phi Beta Kappa (one of 24 juniors inducted)

Fellowships AND AWARDS

Simons Junior Fellowship, 2016–2019.

NSF Mathematical Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, 2016–2019 (declined).

Johnson Prize for best research paper by MIT graduate student in mathematics, 2016.

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, 2012–2015.

MIT Praecis Presidential Fellowship, 2011–2012.

Churchill Scholarship for study at Cambridge, 2010–2011.

William Lowell Putnam Competition, 10th Place, 2009.

COMAP Math Contest in Modeling, Outstanding Winner, SIAM Prize, 2008 and 2009.

Intel Science Talent Search, 2nd Place, 2006.

International Mathematical Olympiad, Silver Medal, 2006.

Asian Pacific Mathematics Olympiad, Gold Medal, 2005.

International Physics Olympiad, Gold Medal, 2004.

MATHEMATICS Research

- 12. Affine Macdonald conjectures and special values of Felder-Varchenko functions (with E. Rains and A. Varchenko), preprint, 2016. arXiv:1610.01917
- 11. Laquerre and Jacobi analogues of the Warren process (single author), preprint, 2016. arXiv:1610.01635
- 10. Traces of intertwiners for quantum affine algebras and difference equations (after Etingof-Schiffmann-Varchenko) (single author), submitted, 2016. arXiv:1609.09038
- 9. Matrix models for multilevel Heckman-Opdam and multivariate Bessel measures (single author), submitted, 2016. arXiv:1609.09096
- 8. Traces of intertwiners for quantum affine \$\mathbf{s}\mathbf{l}_2\$ and Felder-Varchenko functions (single author), Communications in Mathematical Physics 347 (2016), 573-653. arXiv:1508. 03918
- 7. The polynomial representation of the type A_{n-1} rational Cherednik algebra in characteristic p | n (with S. Devadas), Communications in Algebra, to appear. arXiv: 1505.07891
- 6. A representation-theoretic proof of the branching rule for Macdonald polynomials (single author), Mathematical Research Letters 23 (2016), 887–927. Extended abstract in FPSAC 2015. arXiv:1412.0714
- 5. A new integral formula for Heckman-Opdam hypergeometric functions (single author), Advances in Mathematics 289 (2016), 1157-1204. arXiv:1406.3772
- 4. Finite dimensional representations of the rational Cherednik algebra for G₄ (single

author), Journal	of Algebra	323	(2010).	2864-2887.	arXiv:0910.5	5527

OTHER RESEARCH

- 3. From random walks to distances on unweighted graphs (with T. Hashimoto and T. Jaakkola), NIPS 2015. arXiv:1511.00573
- 2. Metric recovery from directed unweighted graphs (with T. Hashimoto and T. Jaakkola), NIPS 2014 workshop (Best Student Paper), AISTATS 2015. arXiv:1411.5720
- 1. Axiomatic attribution for multilinear functions (with M. Sundararajan), ACM Conf. on Electronic Commerce 2011. arXiv:1102.0989

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

- 19. IESC: QIS's, CFT's, and Stochastic Processes (poster)

 Laguerre and Jacobi analogues of the Warren process

 September 2016
- 18. MIT: Infinite-Dimensional Algebra Seminar March 2016 Traces of intertwiners for quantum affine \mathfrak{sl}_2 and Felder-Varchenko functions
- 17. MIT: Integrable Probability Seminar February 2016
 Laguerre and Jacobi analogues of the Warren process
- 16. HCM: Asymptotic Analysis in Strongly Coupled Systems (poster) January 2016 Laguerre and Jacobi analogues of the Warren process
- 15. NIPS 2015 (poster) December 2015 From random walks to distances on unweighted graphs
- 14. ETH Zurich: ITS Talks in Theoretical Sciences 2015
 Random matrices and representation theory
- 13. UC Berkeley: RTGC Seminar November 2015 Traces of intertwiners for quantum affine \mathfrak{sl}_2 and Felder-Varchenko functions
- 12. ETH Zurich: Mathematical Physics Seminar October 2015
 Traces of intertwiners for quantum affine \$\mathbf{l}_2\$ and Felder-Varchenko functions
- 11. NEU: Geometry, Physics and Representation Theory Seminar October 2015
 Traces of intertwiners for quantum affine \$\mathbf{l}_2\$ and Felder-Varchenko functions
- 10. Columbia: Mathematical Physics Seminar October 2015 Traces of intertwiners for quantum affine \mathfrak{sl}_2 and Felder-Varchenko functions
- 9. Yale: Geometry, Symmetry, and Physics Seminar September 2015 Traces of intertwiners for quantum affine \mathfrak{sl}_2 and Felder-Varchenko functions
- 8. FPSAC 2015 (poster) July 2015
 A representation-theoretic proof of the branching rule for Macdonald polynomials
- 7. Clay Math Inst.: Random Polymers and Algebraic Combinatorics May 2015
 A representation-theoretic proof of the branching rule for Macdonald polynomials
- 6. AISTATS 2015 (poster) May 2015 Metric recovery from directed unweighted graphs
- 5. ICERM: Workshop on Limit Shapes (poster) April 2015
 A representation-theoretic proof of the branching rule for Macdonald polynomials
- 4. NIPS 2014: Workshop on Networks (poster)

 Metric recovery from directed unweighted graphs

 December 2014
- 3. UC Berkeley: GRASP Seminar November 2014
 A representation-theoretic proof of the branching rule for Macdonald polynomials
- 2. IHP: Workshop on Macdonald Processes and Hecke Algebras May 2014 A new integral formula for Heckman-Opdam hypergeometric functions
- 1. MIT: Integrable Probability Seminar April 2014 A new integral formula for Heckman-Opdam hypergeometric functions

August 2016

OUTREACH PRESENTATIONS

7. Summer Program in Applied Rationality and Cognition 2016

Problem Solving: Contests vs. Real Life

1. Math Olympiad Summer Program 2012

Random partitions and Fock space

v -	ummer Program 2016 ng: Is this die fair?	June 2016
5. MIT Open House Universality: Math	2016 hematics in the real world	April 2016
4. Math Olympiad Stair coin flips from	ummer Program 2015 n unfair coins	June 2015
3. Math Olympiad Strate The Ising model	ummer Program 2014	June 2014
2. Math Olympiad Services Random matrices	ummer Program 2013	June 2013

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 6. 54th International Mathematical Olympiad (with J. Berman and Z. Feng), Mathematics Magazine **86** (2013), 309–313.
- 5. 53^{nd} International Mathematical Olympiad (with Z. Feng), Mathematics Magazine 85 (2012), 312–317.
- 4. 52^{nd} International Mathematical Olympiad (with Z. Feng), Mathematics Magazine 84 (2011), 316–319.
- 3. 51st International Mathematical Olympiad (with Z. Feng and P. Loh), Mathematics Magazine 83 (2010), 320–323.
- 2. A simulation based model of traffic circles (with C. Chang and Z. Fan), The UMAP Journal **30** (2009), 225–244.
- 1. hsolve: A difficulty metric and puzzle generator for Sudoku (with C. Chang and Z. Fan), The UMAP Journal 29 (2008), 303–324.

Teaching

MIT MathROOTS

Summers 2015–2016

June 2012

Academic Coordinator. Design curriculum, give lectures, and manage academic team, guest lectures, website, and sponsorships for first two years of outreach program teaching problem solving to underrepresented minority students. Program received media coverage on MIT homepage and in Notices of the AMS.

US National Math Olympiad Summer Program Summers 2007–2016 Instructor (2010, 2012–2016); Assistant (2007–2009). Design curriculum, give lectures, and personally coach US team to International Mathematical Olympiad.

MIT Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Fall 2012–2015 Mentor two undergraduate research projects, leading to published research paper.

- Sheela Devadas (rational Cherednik algebras in char $p \leq n$), 2014–2015.
- Ryan Yoo (characters of rational Cherednik algebras in char p > n), 2012–2014.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Spring 2015

Teaching Assistant for Differential Equations. Evaluations: 6.2 (7.0)

MIT Directed Reading Program

January 2011

Mentor reading project on representation theory of the symmetric group.

Harvard University

Spring 2009

Course Assistant for Probability Theory. Evaluations: 4.3 (5.0)

Professional Activities

Columbia Probability Seminar

Fall 2016–Present

Co-organize weekly probability seminar.

MIT Interacting Particle Systems Learning Seminar

2012-2013

Organize learning seminar on recent developments in interacting particle systems.

Google Research Summer 2010

Research intern. Research attribution and cost-sharing methods, leading to paper pub-

lished in EC 2010. Mentor: Mukund Sundararajan

Languages Mandarin (native), French (conversational)

COMPUTER Sage, Magma, Mathematica, LATEX, C++, Python

References Pavel Etingof (advisor), Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, etingof@

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Alexei Borodin, Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, borodin@math.mit.

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Vadim Gorin, Assistant Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, vadicgor@math.mit.edu.

Eric Rains, Professor, California Institute of Technology, rains@caltech.edu.

 $\textbf{Valerio Toledano-Laredo}, Professor, Northeastern~University, {\tt V.ToledanoLaredo@neu.}$

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Po-Shen Loh (teaching), Associate Professor, Carnegie Mellon University, ploh@cmu.

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