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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Representation theory, integrable systems, and applications to probability theory and random matrices.
EMPLOYMENT	<b>Columbia University</b> New York, NY Simons Fellow (2016–present).
EDUCATION	<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b> Cambridge, MA Ph.D., Mathematics (2011–2016), advised by Pavel Etingof. <b>University of Cambridge</b> Cambridge, UK M.A.St., Mathematics, with distinction (2010–2011). <b>Harvard University</b> Cambridge, MA A.M., Mathematics (2006–2010). A.B., Mathematics, <i>magna cum laude</i> , 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, 10 <sup>th</sup> Place, 2009. COMAP Math Contest in Modeling, Outstanding Winner, SIAM Prize, 2008 and 2009. Intel Science Talent Search, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place, 2006. International Mathematical Olympiad, Silver Medal, 2006. Asian Pacific Mathematics Olympiad, Gold Medal, 2005. International Physics Olympiad, Gold Medal, 2004.
MATHEMATICS RESEARCH	12. <i>Affine Macdonald conjectures and special values of Felder-Varchenko functions</i> (with E. Rains and A. Varchenko), submitted, 2016. <a href="#">arXiv:1610.01917</a> 11. <i>Laquerre and Jacobi analogues of the Warren process</i> (single author), preprint, 2016. <a href="#">arXiv:1610.01635</a> 10. <i>Traces of intertwiners for quantum affine algebras and difference equations (after Etingof-Schiffmann-Varchenko)</i> (single author), Transformation Groups, to appear. <a href="#">arXiv:1609.09038</a> 9. <i>Matrix models for multilevel Heckman-Opdam and multivariate Bessel measures</i> (single author), submitted, 2016. <a href="#">arXiv:1609.09096</a> 8. <i>Traces of intertwiners for quantum affine <math>\mathfrak{sl}_2</math> and Felder-Varchenko functions</i> (single author), Communications in Mathematical Physics <b>347</b> (2016), 573–653. <a href="#">arXiv:1508.03918</a> 7. <i>The polynomial representation of the type <math>A_{n-1}</math> rational Cherednik algebra in characteristic <math>p \mid n</math></i> (with S. Devadas), Communications in Algebra <b>45</b> (2016), 1926–1934. <a href="#">arXiv:1505.07891</a> 6. <i>A representation-theoretic proof of the branching rule for Macdonald polynomials</i> (single author), Mathematical Research Letters <b>23</b> (2016), 887–927. Extended abstract in FPSAC 2015. <a href="#">arXiv:1412.0714</a> 5. <i>A new integral formula for Heckman-Opdam hypergeometric functions</i> (single author), Advances in Mathematics <b>289</b> (2016), 1157–1204. <a href="#">arXiv:1406.3772</a>

OTHER RESEARCH	4. <i>Finite dimensional representations of the rational Cherednik algebra for <math>G_4</math></i> (single author), Journal of Algebra <b>323</b> (2010), 2864–2887. <a href="#">arXiv:0910.5527</a>	
	3. <i>From random walks to distances on unweighted graphs</i> (with T. Hashimoto and T. Jaakkola), NIPS 2015. <a href="#">arXiv:1511.00573</a>	
	2. <i>Metric recovery from directed unweighted graphs</i> (with T. Hashimoto and T. Jaakkola), NIPS 2014 workshop (Best Student Paper), AISTATS 2015. <a href="#">arXiv:1411.5720</a>	
	1. <i>Axiomatic attribution for multilinear functions</i> (with M. Sundararajan), ACM Conf. on Electronic Commerce 2011. <a href="#">arXiv:1102.0989</a>	
RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS	33. Perimeter Institute: Mathematical Physics Seminar TBD	May 2017
	32. Rochester: Probability Seminar TBD	April 2017
	31. Rutgers: Lie Group / Quantum Mathematics Seminar TBD	April 2017
	30. Columbia-Princeton Probability Day TBD	March 2017
	29. ESI: Workshop on Elliptic Hypergeometric Functions TBD	March 2017
	28. Columbia: Probability Seminar Laguerre and Jacobi analogues of the Warren process	November 2016
	27. Columbia: Mathematical Physics Seminar Affine Macdonald conjectures and special values of Felder-Varchenko functions	October 2016
	26. IESC: QIS's, CFT's, and Stochastic Processes (poster) Laguerre and Jacobi analogues of the Warren process	September 2016
	25. MIT: Infinite-Dimensional Algebra Seminar Traces of intertwiners for quantum affine $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ and Felder-Varchenko functions	March 2016
	24. MIT: Integrable Probability Seminar Laguerre and Jacobi analogues of the Warren process	February 2016
	23. HCM: Asymptotic Analysis in Strongly Coupled Systems (poster) Laguerre and Jacobi analogues of the Warren process	January 2016
	22. NIPS 2015 (poster) From random walks to distances on unweighted graphs	December 2015
	21. ETH Zurich: ITS Talks in Theoretical Sciences 2015 Random matrices and representation theory	November 2015
	20. UC Berkeley: RTGC Seminar Traces of intertwiners for quantum affine $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ and Felder-Varchenko functions	November 2015
	19. ETH Zurich: Mathematical Physics Seminar Traces of intertwiners for quantum affine $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ and Felder-Varchenko functions	October 2015
	18. NEU: Geometry, Physics and Representation Theory Seminar Traces of intertwiners for quantum affine $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ and Felder-Varchenko functions	October 2015
	17. Columbia: Mathematical Physics Seminar Traces of intertwiners for quantum affine $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ and Felder-Varchenko functions	October 2015
	16. Yale: Geometry, Symmetry, and Physics Seminar Traces of intertwiners for quantum affine $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ and Felder-Varchenko functions	September 2015
	15. FPSAC 2015 (poster) A representation-theoretic proof of the branching rule for Macdonald polynomials	July 2015

	14. Clay Math Inst.: Random Polymers and Algebraic Combinatorics	May 2015
	A representation-theoretic proof of the branching rule for Macdonald polynomials	
	13. AISTATS 2015 (poster)	May 2015
	Metric recovery from directed unweighted graphs	
	12. ICERM: Workshop on Limit Shapes (poster)	April 2015
	A representation-theoretic proof of the branching rule for Macdonald polynomials	
	11. NIPS 2014: Workshop on Networks (poster)	December 2014
	Metric recovery from directed unweighted graphs	
	10. UC Berkeley: GRASP Seminar	November 2014
	A representation-theoretic proof of the branching rule for Macdonald polynomials	
	9. IHP: Workshop on Macdonald Processes and Hecke Algebras	May 2014
	A new integral formula for Heckman-Opdam hypergeometric functions	
	8. MIT: Integrable Probability Seminar	April 2014
	A new integral formula for Heckman-Opdam hypergeometric functions	
OUTREACH	7. Summer Program in Applied Rationality and Cognition 2016	August 2016
PRESENTATIONS	Problem Solving: Contests vs. Real Life	
	6. Math Olympiad Summer Program 2016	June 2016
	Distribution Testing: Is this die fair?	
	5. MIT Open House 2016	April 2016
	Universality: Mathematics in the real world	
	4. Math Olympiad Summer Program 2015	June 2015
	Fair coin flips from unfair coins	
	3. Math Olympiad Summer Program 2014	June 2014
	The Ising model	
	2. Math Olympiad Summer Program 2013	June 2013
	Random matrices	
	1. Math Olympiad Summer Program 2012	June 2012
	Random partitions and Fock space	
OTHER	6. 54 <sup>th</sup> <i>International Mathematical Olympiad</i> (with J. Berman and Z. Feng), <i>Mathematics Magazine</i> <b>86</b> (2013), 309–313.	
PUBLICATIONS	5. 53 <sup>rd</sup> <i>International Mathematical Olympiad</i> (with Z. Feng), <i>Mathematics Magazine</i> <b>85</b> (2012), 312–317.	
	4. 52 <sup>nd</sup> <i>International Mathematical Olympiad</i> (with Z. Feng), <i>Mathematics Magazine</i> <b>84</b> (2011), 316–319.	
	3. 51 <sup>st</sup> <i>International Mathematical Olympiad</i> (with Z. Feng and P. Loh), <i>Mathematics Magazine</i> <b>83</b> (2010), 320–323.	
	2. <i>A simulation based model of traffic circles</i> (with C. Chang and Z. Fan), <i>The UMAP Journal</i> <b>30</b> (2009), 225–244.	
	1. <i>hsolve: A difficulty metric and puzzle generator for Sudoku</i> (with C. Chang and Z. Fan), <i>The UMAP Journal</i> <b>29</b> (2008), 303–324.	
TEACHING	<b>MIT MathROOTS</b>	Summers 2015–2016
	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.	
	<b>US National Math Olympiad Summer Program</b>	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.

**Summer School in Probability** Summer 2017

Co-organize graduate summer school “Dyson-Schwinger equations, topological expansions, and random matrices” at Columbia.

**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 published in EC 2010. Mentor: Mukund Sundararajan

LANGUAGES

Mandarin (native), French (conversational)

COMPUTER

Sage, Magma, Mathematica,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , C++, Python

REFERENCES

**Pavel Etingof (advisor)**, Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, [etingof@math.mit.edu](mailto:etingof@math.mit.edu).

**Alexei Borodin**, Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, [borodin@math.mit.edu](mailto:borodin@math.mit.edu).

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**Po-Shen Loh (teaching)**, Associate Professor, Carnegie Mellon University, [ploh@cmu.edu](mailto:ploh@cmu.edu).