

Curriculum Vitae

Yifeng Huang, 2/14/2026

Positions

- 2024–present **Assistant Professor (RTPC)**, *University of Southern California (USC)*
2022–2024 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, *University of British Columbia (UBC)*

Education

- Apr 2022 **Ph.D. in Mathematics**, *University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (U of M)*, Advisor: Michael Zieve, Co-advisor: Jeffery Lagarias
Thesis: Topics on Polynomial Equations in Noncommutative Rings and Motivic Aspects of Moduli Spaces
2015 **B.Sc. in Mathematics, with First Class Honors**, *Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)*

Research Interest

I am interested in algebraic geometry and number theory, especially the combinatorial aspects. My main expertise lies in zero-dimensional enumerative geometry, q -series, discrete random matrix theory, and Diophantine equations on noncommutative algebras.

Publications

- [13] Yifeng Huang, Borys Kadets, and Olivier Martin. “Low degree subvarieties of universal hypersurfaces”. In: *J. Reine Angew. Math.* (2026). Accepted. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2506.08848>.
- [12] Jason Bell, Dragos Ghioca, and Yifeng Huang. “A Mordell-Lang-type problem for GL_m ”. In: *Bull. Aust. Math. Soc.* 111.3 (2025), pp. 433–444.
- [11] Dragos Ghioca and Yifeng Huang. “A non-abelian variant of the classical Mordell-Lang conjecture”. In: *Manuscripta Math.* 176.5 (2025), Paper No. 71.
- [10] Yifeng Huang and Ruofan Jiang. “Lattices in $\mathbb{F}_q[[T]]^d$ and spiral shifting operators”. In: *Adv. in Appl. Math.* 171 (2025), Paper No. 102950, 29.
- [9] Yifeng Huang. “Cokernels of random matrix products and flag Cohen-Lenstra heuristic”. In: *Forum Math.* 37.5 (2025), pp. 1325–1332.
- [8] Gilyoung Cheong and Yifeng Huang. “The cokernel of a polynomial push-forward of a random integral matrix with concentrated residue”. In: *Math. Proc. Cambridge Philos. Soc.* 178.2 (2025), pp. 229–257.
- [7] Yifeng Huang, Ken Ono, and Hasan Saad. “Counting matrix points on certain varieties over finite fields”. In: *Contemp. Math.* 818 (2025), pp. 181–195.

- [6] Alexander Clifton, Bishal Deb, Yifeng Huang, Sam Spiro, and Semin Yoo. "Continuously increasing subsequences of random multiset permutations". In: *European J. Combin.* 110 (2023), p. 103708.
- [5] Yifeng Huang. "Mutually annihilating matrices, and a Cohen–Lenstra series for the nodal singularity". In: *J. Algebra* 619 (2023), pp. 26–50.
- [4] Yifeng Huang. "Counting on the variety of modules over the quantum plane". In: *Algebr. Comb.* 5.3 (2022), pp. 583–592.
- [3] Gilyoung Cheong and Yifeng Huang. "Betti and Hodge numbers of configuration spaces of a punctured elliptic curve from its zeta functions". In: *Trans. Amer. Math. Soc.* 375.9 (2022), pp. 6363–6383.
- [2] Gilyoung Cheong and Yifeng Huang. "Cohen–Lenstra distributions via random matrices over complete discrete valuation rings with finite residue fields". In: *Illinois Journal of Mathematics* 65.2 (2021), pp. 385–415.
- [1] Yifeng Huang. "Unit equations on quaternions". In: *Q. J. Math.* 71.4 (2020), pp. 1521–1534.

Preprints

- [10] Shane Chern and Yifeng Huang. "Multiple Rogers–Ramanujan type identities for inert quadratic orders". Preprint. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2511.09452>.
- [9] Asvin G, Yifeng Huang, Ruofan Jiang, and Yifan Wei. "Matrix points on varieties". Preprint. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2510.13380>. 2025.
- [8] Yifeng Huang, Hoi H. Nguyen, and Roger Van Peski. "Cohen–Lenstra flag universality for random matrix products". Preprint. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2508.10127>. 2025.
- [7] Yifeng Huang. "Coh zeta functions for inert quadratic orders". Preprint. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2507.21966>. 2025.
- [6] Yifeng Huang and Eric Ramos. "Hilbert series for configuration spaces of punctured surfaces". Preprint. <https://www.arxiv.org/abs/2507.09746>. 2025.
- [5] Yifeng Huang. "Commuting matrices via commuting endomorphisms". Preprint. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2404.19483>. 2024.
- [4] Yifeng Huang and Ruofan Jiang. "Motivic Coh and Quot zeta functions of singular curves". Preprint. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.12528>.
- [3] Yifeng Huang and Ruofan Jiang. "Punctual Quot schemes and Cohen–Lenstra series of the cusp singularity". Preprint. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.06411>. 2023.
- [2] Tianyu Wang, Yifeng Huang, and Didong Li. "From the Greene–Wu Convolution to Gradient Estimation over Riemannian Manifolds". Preprint. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2108.07406>. 2021.
- [1] Yifeng Huang. "Cohomology of configuration spaces on punctured varieties". Preprint. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.07153>. 2020.

Grants Submitted and Awarded

2022,2023 (Submitted) NSF Mathematical Science Postdoctoral Research Fellowship

- 2022 (Awarded) AMS-Simons Travel Grant
- 2019 (Awarded) Math Department Summer Research Grant, funded by Indu and Gopal Prasad Family Fund

Mentoring

- 2024–present USC, Directed Reading and Research
- 2024–2025 Harvey Mudd College, Advisor of undergraduate thesis
- 2023 University of Virginia, Research mentor of REU in Number Theory led by Ken Ono

Invited Talks

- 2026 Ohio State, Mini-course on Cohen-Lenstra-type heuristics for random matrices (1-hour lecture)
- 2026 Boston College, AMS Spring Eastern Sectional, Special Session “Configuration Spaces and Applications” (45-minute talk)
- 2025 AMS Fall Virtual Eastern Sectional, Special Session “Representations of p-adic Groups and Noncommutative Geometry” (50-minute talk)
- 2025 UC Irvine, Number Theory Seminar
- 2025 Montréal, Third Joint SIAM/CAIMS Annual Meetings (AN25), “Hypergeometric Series and Their Applications” (25-minute talk)
- 2025 HKUST, Algebra and Geometry Seminar
- 2025 UCSD, Algebra Seminar
- 2025 Seattle, AMS Joint Mathematics Meeting, Special Session “Quaternions” (20-minute talk)
- 2024 UMass Amherst, Valley Geometry Seminar
- 2024 Claremont McKenna, ANTC Seminar
- 2023 UCSD, Combinatorics Seminar
- 2023 Southern California Number Theory Day
- 2023 UCSD, Algebraic Geometry Seminar
- 2023 Simon Fraser University, Number Theory and Algebraic Geometry Seminar
- 2023 Boston, Joint Mathematics Meeting, Special Session “Quaternions”
- 2023 Boston, Joint Mathematics Meeting, Special Session “Combinatorics and Geometry of Jordan Type and Lefschetz Properties”
- 2022,2023 Virginia Tech, Algebra Seminar
- 2022 University of Virginia, Algebra Seminar
- 2022 University of Massachusetts, Amherst, AMS Eastern Sectional, Special Session “Young Voices in Combinatorics”
- 2022 University of California, Irvine, Number Theory Seminar
- 2022 University of Southern California, Combinatorics Seminar
- 2022 Rutgers University, Graduate Algebra and Representation Theory Seminar
- 2021 St Johns University, New York City, NYC Noncommutative Geometry Seminar

- 2021 *U of M*, RTG Seminar on Number Theory
- 2020 *UBC*, Discrete Mathematics Seminar
- 2020 *UBC*, Algebraic Geometry Seminar
- 2020 *University of Waterloo*, Algebra Seminar
- 2020 *Rutgers University*, Algebra Seminar
- 2020 *University of Minnesota*, Combinatorics and Commutative Algebra Seminar

Talks in local seminars

- 2025 *USC*, Combinatorics Seminar
- 2025 *USC*, Topology Seminar
- 2025 *Caltech*, USC/Caltech Joint Algebra and Geometry Seminar
- 2025 *USC*, Algebra Seminar
- 2025 *Caltech*, Number Theory Seminar
- 2024 *USC*, Combinatorics Seminar
- 2023 *UBC*, Algebraic Geometry Seminar
- 2023 *UBC*, Number Theory Seminar
- 2023 *UBC*, Discrete Mathematics Seminar
- 2023 *UBC*, Algebraic Geometry Seminar
- 2022 *UBC*, Number Theory Seminar
- 2021 *U of M*, RTG Seminar on Number Theory
- 2020 *U of M*, RTG Seminar on Number Theory

Teaching

- 2025 *USC*, MATH 430 (Theory of Numbers), Lecturer of a class of 30
- 2025 *USC*, MATH 118 (Calculus for Business and Economics), Lecturer of a class of 60
- 2024, 2025 *USC*, MATH 432 (Applied Combinatorics), Lecturer of a class of 30
- 2024 *USC*, MATH 225 (Linear Algebra and Differential Equations), Lecturer of a class of 50
- 2023 *UBC*, MATH 221 (Matrix Algebra), Lecturer of a class of 90
- 2023 *UBC*, MATH 101 (Integral Calculus), Instructor of 3 interactive classes of 60
- 2022 *UBC*, MATH 100 (Differential Calculus), Instructor of 4 interactive classes of 60
- 2020 *U of M*, EECS 203 (Discrete Mathematics for computer science students), Lecturer of a class of 200
- 2017–2019 *U of M*, MATH 116 (Calculus II), Instructor of an interactive class of 20
- 2018 *U of M*, MATH 676 (Algebraic Number Theory) taught by M. Zieve, Grader
- 2016, 2021 *U of M*, MATH 115 (Calculus I), Instructor of an interactive class of 20
- 2015 *U of M*, MATH 105 (Precalculus), Instructor of an interactive class of 20

Reviewing

Reviewer MathSciNet

Referee Americal Journal of Mathematics, Annals of Probability, Electronic Communications in Probability, Forum Mathematicum, Advances in Mathematics, Linear Algebra and Applications, Linear and Multilinear Algebra, Journal of Algebra, Journal of Symbolic Computation, and “Combinatorics, Probability, and Computing”

Organizations

2024–present *USC and Caltech*, Organizer of USC/Caltech Joint Algebra and Geometry Seminar

2022–2024 *UBC*, Organizer of Algebraic Geometry Seminar

Outreach

2024–2025 *UCLA*, Olga Radko Endowed Math Circle (ORMC), Advanced III lead instructor

2023 *Virginia Tech*, Blacksburg Math Circle, 1-hour lecture on Pólya enumeration theorem to grades 4–8 students

Skills

Languages English (fluent), Chinese Mandarin (native), Cantonese (native), Spanish (reading), French (reading)

Coding C++, Python, Mathematica, Sage