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Research interests

algebraic statistics, nonlinear algebra, convex geometry

Education

University of California, Berkeley 2019–present
PhD in Mathematics
Advisors: Bernd Sturmfels and Serkan Hoşten

Wesleyan University Class of 2019
BA in Mathematics with High Honors, class rank: 1
Advisor: Karen Collins
Thesis: *Combinatorial Nullstellensatz: Various Proofs, Extensions & Applications*

Awards and fellowships

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship	2020
Chancellor's Graduate Fellowship (UC Berkeley)	2019
Phi Beta Kappa (Connecticut Gamma Chapter)	2019
Rice Prize (Wesleyan University)	2019
awarded to a senior for excellence in mathematics	
Rae Shortt Prize (Wesleyan University)	2018
awarded to a junior for excellence in mathematics	
Twin Cities REU at the University of Minnesota	2018
DIMACS REU at Rutgers University and Charles University (Prague)	2017
Treespace REU at Lehman College	2016

Papers

Moment varieties for mixtures of products
with Joe Kileel and Bernd Sturmfels.
Submitted. Available on *arXiv*, 2023.

Decomposable context-specific models
with Eliana Duarte and Julian Vill.
Submitted. Available on *arXiv*, 2022.

Logarithmic Voronoi cells for Gaussian models
with Serkan Hoşten.
Presented at MEGA 2022 in Kraków, submitted. Available on *arXiv*, 2022.

Logarithmic Voronoi polytopes for discrete linear models
Submitted. Available on *arXiv*, 2021.

Logarithmic Voronoi cells
with Alexander Heaton.

Published in *Algebraic Statistics* **12** (2021), no. 1, 75-95.

Computing a logarithmic Voronoi cell
with Alexander Heaton and Sascha Timme.
Published online at *HomotopyContinuation.jl*, 2019.

Recovering Conductances of Resistor Networks in a Punctured Disk
with Brian Burks, Sunita Chepuri, and Patricia Commins.
REU project. Available on *arXiv*, 2019.

Deformations of the Weyl Character Formula for $SO(2n+1,\mathbb{C})$ via Ice Models
with P. Commins, A. Embry, S. Frank, Y. Li, and A. Vetter.
REU project. Available on *arXiv*, 2018.

Growth of Meandric Numbers
with Kayla Cummings and Edgar Jaramillo Rodriguez.
Transcription in *DIMACS-DIMATIA REU booklet (pp. 33-36)*, 2017.

Teaching

Graduate student instructor (UC Berkeley)
MATH 10B: Methods of mathematics — Spring 2023
MATH 54: Linear algebra and differential equations — Fall 2022

Directed reading program mentor (UC Berkeley)
Topics: algebraic combinatorics and graph theory — Spring 2020

Teaching assistant (Wesleyan University)
MATH 231: Probability theory — Fall 2018
MATH 274: Graph theory — Spring 2018
MATH 231: Probability theory — Fall 2017

Talks

key: ★=invited/colloquium; †=contributed; △=seminar/lecture.

Moment varieties for mixtures of products
★ SFSU Algebra, Geometry, and Combinatorics day — March 2023

Computing logarithmic Voronoi cells
★ AMS special session on polynomial systems, homotopy continuation and applications at the JMM — January 2023

Decomposable context-specific models
★ CEG Workshop in Warwick (virtual) — September 2022

Logarithmic Voronoi Cells

★ Santa Clara University math and CS colloquium — October 2022
△ Discrete Math & Geometry seminar at TU-Berlin (virtual) — October 2022
△ SFSU Algebra, Geometry, and Combinatorics Seminar — October 2021
△ Berkeley Combinatorics Research Seminar (virtual) — April 2021
△ Nonlinear Algebra Seminar Online (virtual) — April 2020

Logarithmic Voronoi polytopes
△ Mathematical Methods in Data Analysis in Tirana, Albania — July 2022

Combinatorics of logarithmic Voronoi cells
△ Algebra and Geometry seminar at University of Magdeburg — July 2022

Logarithmic Voronoi cells for Gaussian models
† Effective Methods in Algebraic Geometry in Kraków, Poland — June 2022
△ Applied CATS seminar at KTH (virtual) — May 2022

Logarithmic Voronoi polytopes for discrete linear models
† Algebraic Statistics at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa — May 2022
★ AMS Spring Central Sectional Meeting (virtual) — March 2022

Introduction to SAGE
† Mathematical computing virtual workshop by UCB and UBC — Apr 2022

Linear Spaces and Grassmannians
△ Nonlinear Algebra course at MPI MiS (Leipzig, Germany) — June 2019

Caratheodory, Radon, and Helly theorems in convex geometry
△ Minicourse on Convex Geometry at MPI MiS (Leipzig, Germany) — July 2021

Ice Models for Types A and B (two talks)
△ Berkeley Combinatorics Reading Seminar — October 2019

Combinatorial Nullstellensatz
Wesleyan University Thesis Defense — January 2019

Visibility Graphs of Staircase Polygons
† Berkeley Undergraduate Number Theory Conference — April 2018

Skills

Programming
Macaulay2, SAGE, Mathematica, Singular, C, C++, LaTeX, OCaml, SML, HTML, Python

Languages
English (native), Russian (native), Hebrew (intermediate)

Service and outreach

Berkeley nonlinear algebra seminar, co-organizer	Fall 2022
STEMinist club, invited speaker, *Berkeley High School*	Nov 2021
Noetherian Ring, member, *UC Berkeley*	2019–present
Math Club graduate school panel, panelist, *Wesleyan University*	2020
Directed reading program (DRP), mentor, *UC Berkeley*	2020
Unbounded Representation (URep), officer, *UC Berkeley*	2019–2020