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#### EDUCATION

Claremont Graduate University

Claremont, CA

May 2019

Ph.D. in Mathematics | GPA: 3.81

Dissertation: "The Distribution of Betweenness Centrality in Exponential Random Graph Models"

University of Washington Seattle, WA

Master's in Applied Mathematics | GPA: 3.74

June 2013

Swarthmore College Swarthmore, PA

Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics, Computer Science Minor | GPA: 3.2

May 2012

# PUBLICATIONS AND TECHNICAL REPORTS

Durón, C., Pan, Y., D. Gutmann, Hardin, J., and Radunskaya, A. Variability of Betweenness Centrality and Its Effect on Identifying Essential Genes, *Bulletin of Mathematical Biology*, doi:10.1007/s11538-018-0526-z, 2018.

Pan, Y., Durón, C., Bush, E., Sims, P., Hardin, J., Radunskaya, A., and Gutmann, D. **Graph Complexity Analysis Identifies an ETV5 Tumor-Specific Network in Human and Murine Low-Grade Glioma**, *PLOS ONE*, 13(5): e0190001, 2018.

D. Burkow, C. Durón, K. Heal, A. Vargas, L.A. Melara, A Mathematical Model of the Emission and Optimal Control of Photochemical Smog. Technical Report, MTBI-08-07M, Mathematical and Theoretical Biology Institute, Arizona State University, 2011.

#### AWARDS AND GRANTS

# The Jean E. Miller Excellence in Teaching Award

Claremont, CA

The Webb Schools of California

June 2018

• Presented annually to a full-time teacher, who has taught over three years at the Webb Schools, to recognize excellence in teaching and an outstanding impact on the schools

Daniel Pick Fellowship Claremont, CA

Claremont Graduate University

Oct 2017

Awarded \$10,000 to an IMS doctoral student who is conducting promising research in the area of molecular biology

TDA-BIO NSF Grant Seattle, WA

ACM-BCB

Oct 2016

 Supported the participation and travel of graduate students in the ACM conference on Bioinformatics, Computational Biology, and Health Informatics

#### Joseph and Elizabeth Peeler Fellowship

Claremont, CA

Claremont Graduate University

Aug 2015 - June 2017

Presented annually to a graduate student based on merit who is studying in the fields of mathematics and science

# The Thompson and Vivian Webb Excellence in Teaching Award

Claremont, CA

The Webb Schools of California

June 2015

• Presented annually to a full-time teacher during their first three years at the Webb Schools to recognize excellence in teaching and an outstanding impact on the schools

#### The Heinrich W. Brinkmann Mathematics Prize

Swarthmore, PA

June 2012

Swarthmore College

 Presented annually by the Mathematics and Statistics Department to the student or students who submit the best paper on a mathematical subject Postdoctoral Research Associate

Tucson, AZ

University of Arizona August 2019 - present

• Will teach nine units per year while maintaining an active research program

# High School Mathematics Teacher

Claremont, CA Aug 2013 – June 2019

The Webb Schools of California

- Faculty in both the Mathematics and Computer Science departments
- Taught 5 courses, each meeting a minimum of twice per week for 80-minutes
- Engaged in all elements of instructional planning, implementation, and assessment
- Developed a complete solution manual, lecture series, applications, and projects to supplement the mathematics curriculum.
- Developed a lecture series, labs, and assignments to supplement the computer programming curriculum
- Developed curricula include Integrated Mathematics 2, Precalculus, Honors Precalculus, Introduction to Computer Programming with Python, and Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles
- Served yearly as an advisor for a group of 6-9 students, providing guidance in academic, extracurricular, social, and personal areas

Laboratory Assistant

Seattle, WA

University of Washington

Oct 2013 - June 2013

 Led two 2.5-hour study sessions per week to facilitate students in their development and application of numerical methods and MATLAB programming

#### Linear Algebra Teaching Assistant

Swarthmore, PA

Swarthmore College

Jan 2012, Jan 2011

• Attended lectures and led weekly 2-hour study sessions to assist students in their understanding of the material and to provide help with homework

# Computer Science Teaching Assistant

Swarthmore, PA

Swarthmore College

Jan 2010

• Attended weekly lectures and led weekly 1.5-hour group sessions to aid students in their development of logic, documentation, debugging, and coding skills for assignments and in their preparation for exams

#### RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

Claremont, CA

Pomona College

Jan 2017 – June 2018

Funded by a NIH grant, analyzed RNASeq data on a mouse model and identified important genes to target in Optic Glioma

# Math Summer Workshop Coordinator

Claremont, CA

Claremont Graduate University

June 2016 - June 2018

• Recruited and enrolled high school students for a 2-week summer workshop that focused on developing programming skills by modeling real-world applications

#### Math Summer Workshop Instructor

Claremont, CA

Claremont Graduate University

June 2017

 Recruited, enrolled, organized, and co-instructed a 2-week summer workshop for high school students to learn Python programming and model the behavior of photogenic bacteria

# Math Summer Workshop Instructor

Claremont, CA

Claremont Graduate University

June 2016

• Recruited, enrolled, organized, and co-instructed a 2-week summer workshop developed for high school students to learn MATLAB and write programs for SVD, noise reduction, GUIs, and k-means clustering

#### Jet Propulsion Laboratory Intern

Pasadena, CA

California Institute of Technology

June 2015

Participated in a 10-week, full-time summer internship that focused on the incorporation of inter-robot measurements, such as
accelerometer, wheel odometry, visual odometry, and GPS, into the Extended Kalman Filter (EKF) to produce a more accurate
state estimate for autonomous vehicles

# Mathematical and Theoretical Biology Institute Researcher

Tempe, AZ

California Institute of Technology

June 2011

• Participated in an 8-week program that focused on mathematical modeling and analysis techniques for tracking air pollution in Los Angeles

#### ACTIVITIES

#### Math Club Faculty Advisor

Claremont, CA

The Webb Schools of California

Aug 2017 - June 2019

Scheduled speakers to deliver talks to high school students throughout the year that emphasized real-world mathematical
applications

Assisted with fundraising and enrollment in competitions such as AMC, California Math League, Math Day at the Beach, and Interstellar

#### Women's Basketball Team Member

Swarthmore, PA

Swarthmore College

Aug 2008 - June 2012

Participated at the Division III level and selected as a co-captain during senior year

#### Mathematics and Statistics Student Advisory Committee Member

Swarthmore, PA

Swarthmore College

Jan 2012, Jan 2011

• Offered input on hiring decisions, suggestions on the mathematics curriculum, served as a conduit for student concerns, and assisted with the recruitment of majors and minors

#### Community Based Learning Math Tutor

Swarthmore, PA

Swarthmore College

Jan 2011

• Tutored children in kindergarten through 12th grade who participated in an after-school program

# AFFILIATIONS

- American Mathematical Society
- SIAM
- Association for Women in Mathematics

# SKILLS

# **Programming Languages**

- C
- C++
- MATLAB
- Python
- R<sup>´</sup>
- Maple

# Scientific Applications

- GitHub
- LaTex
- RSweave

# Languages

- English
- Spanish