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Curriculum Vitae

Assistant Professor
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Education and Employment

Assistant Professor, Oberlin College, 2006-present.

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of California, Berkeley, 2005-2006.

NSF Postdoctoral Fellow in Mathematics, University of California, Berkeley, 2004-2006.

Ph.D. in Mathematics, University of Michigan, Alexander Barvinok, advisor, 2004.

B.S., Summa cum Laude, with Honors in Mathematics, Wake Forest University, 2000.

Publications (available at <http://www.oberlin.edu/math/faculty/woods/research.html>)

Parametric inference of HIV recombinant genomes (with Niko Beerenwinkel and Colin Dewey), preprint.

An implementation of the Barvinok-Woods integer projection algorithm (with Matthias Koeppel and Sven Verdoolaege), *International Conference on Information Theory and Statistical Learning* (workshop on “Information-Theoretic Aspects of Integer-Point Enumeration in Polyhedra”), 2008.

Maximal periods of (Ehrhart) quasi-polynomials (with Matthias Beck and Steven Sam), *Journal of Combinatorial Theory*, 115 (2008), 517-525.

Counting with generating functions (with Sven Verdoolaege), *Journal of Symbolic Computation* 43 (2008), 75–91.

The probability of choosing primitive sets (with Sergi Elizalde), *Journal of Number Theory*, 125 (2007), 39-49.

Bounds on the number of inference functions of a graphical model (with Sergi Elizalde), *Statistica Sinica*, 17 (2007), 1395-1415.

Parametric alignment of Drosophila genomes (with Colin Dewey, Peter Huggins, Bernd Sturmfels, and Lior Pachter), *PLoS Computational Biology*, 2 (2006), 606-614.

Neighborhood complexes and generating functions for affine semigroups (with Herbert Scarf), *Discrete and Computational Geometry*, 35 (2006), 385 – 403.

Computing the period of an Ehrhart quasi-polynomial, *The Electronic Journal of Combinatorics*, 12 (2005), #R34.

Short rational generating functions and their applications to integer programming (with Ruriko Yoshida), *SIAG/OPT Views and News*, 16 (2005), 15-19.

Parametric Sequence Alignment (with Colin Dewey). In *Algebraic Statistics for Computational Biology*, Lior Pachter and Bernd Sturmfels, eds, Cambridge University Press (2005), 193-205.

The minimum period of the Ehrhart quasi-polynomial of a rational polytope (with Tyrell McAllister), *Journal of Combinatorial Theory, Series A*, 109 (2005), 345-352.

Rational Generating Functions and Lattice Point Sets, Ph.D. thesis, University of Michigan (2004).

Short rational generating functions for lattice point problems (with Alexander Barvinok). *Journal of the American Mathematical Society*, 16 (2003), 957-979.

Teaching

At Oberlin College:

Math 113, Statistical Methods for the Social Sciences, Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2008.

Math 131, Calculus Ia, Fall 2006.

Math 220, Discrete Mathematics, Spring 2008 (2 sections), Fall 2008 (2 sections).

Math 335, Probability, Fall 2007.

Math 345, Information Theory, Spring 2007.

Math 348, Graphical Models, Spring 2008.

FYSP 179, Symmetry in Science, Art, and Life (First Year Seminar), Fall 2008.

At the University of California, Berkeley:

Math 113, Abstract Algebra, Spring 2006.

Math 172, Combinatorics, Fall 2005.

At the University of Michigan:

Instructor, Math 115, Calculus I. Instructor for class of approximately 30 students, Winter 2001.

Instructor, Math 105, Data, Functions, and Graphs. Instructor for class of approximately 30 students, Fall 2001.

Undergraduate Research Students Mentored

Steven Sam, University of California, Berkeley, 2005-2007.

Honors Students

Nicholas Lowery, 2008.

Teaching Interests

Combinatorics, Linear Algebra, Abstract Algebra, Probability.

Statistics, Calculus, Discrete Mathematics.

Topics courses such as Convexity, Information Theory, Discrete Probability Models, Theory of Algorithms, and Computational Biology.

Interdisciplinary or broad audience courses such as Symmetry, Fair Division, Game Theory, and Voting Theory.

Research Interests

Discrete and Computational Geometry.

Computational biology from a combinatorial perspective.

Algorithms, generating functions, lattice points in polyhedra, integer programming (including test sets), geometry of numbers, complexity theory.

Applications in combinatorics, commutative algebra, logic, theoretical computer science.

Grants, Fellowships, and Scholarships

Project NeXT Fellowship, 2006-2007.

NSF Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2004-2007.

Clay Liftoff Fellowship, August 2004.

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, 2000-2004.

VIGRE Graduate Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2000-2004.

Reynolds Scholarship, Wake Forest University, 1996-2000.

Raynor Scholarship in Mathematics, Wake Forest University, 1999-2000.

National Merit Scholarship, 1996.

Professional Activities

Member AMS, MAA.

Co-organizer, Special Session on the Linear Diophantine Problem of Frobenius, AMS-MAA Joint Meetings, January 2008.

Co-organizer, Combinatorics Seminar, University of California, Berkeley, 2004-2006.

Organizer, VIGRE/Undergraduate Colloquium 2003-2004.

Member, Committee on Academic Affairs, Wake Forest University, 1998-2000.

Journals refereed for:

College Mathematics Journal (2008)
Journal of Combinatorial Theory – Series A (2005, 2007, 2008)
Discrete and Computational Geometry (2003, 2007, 2008)
Journal of Pure and Applied Algebra (2008)
Communications in Algebra (2008)
Linear Algebra and its Applications (2008)
Mathematics of Operations Research (2003, 2007)
Snowbird Research Conference Proceedings (2007).
Algorithmica (2005, 2006)
Journal of Number Theory (2006)
Discrete Mathematics (2004)
Australasian Journal of Combinatorics (2004)
Combinatorica (2003)
Discrete Applied Mathematics (2003)

Mathematical Reviews (the primary journal and database containing written summaries/reviews of mathematical articles):

Bey, Christian; Henk, Martin; Wills, Jörg M., “Notes on the roots of Ehrhart polynomials,” *Discrete and Computational Geometry* 38 (2007), 81-98.
Verdoolaege, Sven; Seghir, Rachid; Beyls, Kristof; Loechner, Vincent; Bruynooghe, Maurice, “Counting integer points in parametric polytopes using Barvinok’s rational functions,” *Algorithmica* 48 (2007), 37-66.
Patras, Frédéric; Solé, Patrick, “The coordinator polynomial of some cyclotomic lattices,” *European Journal of Combinatorics* 28 (2007), 17-25.
Braun, Benjamin, “An Ehrhart Series Formula For Reflexive Polytopes,” *Electronic Journal of Combinatorics* 13 (2006), N 15.
Leemans, Dimitri, “Almost simple groups of Suzuki type acting on polytopes” *Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society* 134 (2006), 3649-3651.

Presentations

Squooshing the Cube

Student/Faculty Lunch, Oberlin College, March 2008.

Generating Functions and the Two Stamp Problem

Undergraduate Colloquium, Kent State University, November 2007.
Colloquium, Kenyon College, March 2007.
Colloquium, Bard College, January 2006.
Colloquium, Carleton College, February 2005.
Colloquium, Bucknell University, February 2005.
Colloquium, Washington and Lee University, January 2005.
Session on Combinatorics, AMS-MAA Joint Meetings, January 2005.
Colloquium, Wake Forest University, January 2005.

Parametric Inference for Graphical Models

Algebraic Statistics Seminar, Ohio State University, November 2007.

Solving Lattice Point Problems Using Rational Generating Functions

Colloquium, Cleveland State University, November 2007.

Colloquium, Kent State University, November 2007.

BAD (Bay Area Discrete) Math Day, October 2004.

Geometry Seminar, Georgia Institute of Technology, February 2004.

Microsoft Research, Redmond, WA, January 2004.

Workshop on Combinatorial and Discrete Geometry, MSRI, November 2003.

Combinatorics Seminar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, October 2003.

Integer points in Polyhedra, AMS-IMS-SIAM Joint Summer Research Conference, Snowbird, Utah, July 2003.

Combinatorics/Geometry Seminar, University of Washington, Seattle, April 2003.

Cowles Foundation, Yale University, March 2003.

Discrete Mathematics Seminar, University of California, Davis, January 2003.

Miniworkshop on Algebraic Statistics, University of California, Berkeley, January 2003.

Combinatorics Seminar. University of Michigan, January 2003.

VIGRE Seminar, University of Michigan, September 2003.

Cubing the Pyramid: or, Why We Need Calculus

Student / Faculty Lunch, Oberlin College, March 2007.

Periods of Ehrhart quasi-polynomials

Integer points in Polyhedra, AMS-IMS-SIAM Joint Summer Research Conference, Snowbird, Utah, August 2006.

Special Session on Enumerative Aspects of Polytopes, AMS Western Sectional, April 2006.

Using Neighborhood Complexes to Compute Rational Generating Functions

Session on Combinatorics, AMS-MAA Joint Meetings, January 2006.

Discrete Mathematics and Representation Theory Seminar, University of California, Davis, April 2005.

Algebra-Geometry-Combinatorics Seminar, San Francisco State University, April 2005.

MSRI post-doc seminar, November 2004.

Computing the Period of an Ehrhart Quasi-polynomial

Mini-workshop on Ehrhart Quasipolynomials, Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach, August 2004.

Various topics:

Summer School on Computing the Continuous Discretely, August 2005.

Mathematics Undergraduate Student Association Lecture Series, University of California, Berkeley, May 2005.

Student Combinatorics Seminar, University of Michigan, November 2001, November 2002, October 2003.

Student Theoretical Computer Science Seminar, University of Michigan, October

2003.

Mathematics Awareness Day. North Carolina A&T State University. April 2000.
Special Session on Undergraduate Research, Joint Meetings, Washington DC,
January 2000 (with J. DeBlois, N. Boethe, L. Powell).
Poster Presented. Poster Session on Undergraduate Research, Joint Meetings,
Washington DC, January 2000.

Conferences Attended

External Support Received:

MAA MathFest, San Jose, August 2007.
Data Analysis in Law Enforcement and Homeland Security, DyDAn Reconnect
Conference, Rutgers University, August 2007.
Inquiry-Based Learning Workshop, Orange County, California, June 2007.
R.L. Moore Legacy Conference, Austin, TX, April 2007.
AMS-MAA Joint Meetings, New Orleans, January 2007.
MAA MathFest, Knoxville, August 2006.
Integer points in Polyhedra, AMS-IMS-SIAM Joint Summer Research Conference,
Snowbird, Utah, June 2006.
Summer School on Computing the Continuous Discretely, August 2005.
Mini-workshop on Ehrhart Quasipolynomials, Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut
Oberwolfach, August 2004.
Integer points in Polyhedra, AMS-IMS-SIAM Joint Summer Research Conference,
Snowbird, Utah, July 2003.

Other:

Special Session on the Linear Diophantine Problem of Frobenius, AMS-MAA Joint
Meetings, January 2008 (Co-organizer).
Special Session on Enumerative Aspects of Polytopes, AMS Western Sectional, April
2006.
AMS-MAA Joint Meetings, San Antonio, January 2006.
AMS-MAA Joint Meetings, Atlanta, January 2005.
Workshop on Combinatorial and Discrete Geometry, MSRI, November 2003.
Miniworkshop on Algebraic Statistics, University of California, Berkeley, January
2003.

Honors and Awards

Horace H. Rackham Distinguished Dissertation Award (given to eight theses university-
wide), University of Michigan, 2005.
Sumner Myers Prize (“for the best Ph.D. dissertation in mathematics”), University of
Michigan, 2004.
Wirt and Mary Cornwell Award (“to a student who, during the four previous years, has
demonstrated the greatest intellectual curiosity and has given the most promise of
original study and creative work in mathematics”), University of Michigan, 2004.

William and Ruth Archie Award (“for the student who best exemplifies the ideals of a liberal arts education”), Wake Forest University, 2000.

The John Y. Phillips Prize in Mathematics, Wake Forest University, 2000.

Outstanding Winner of the Mathematical Contest in Modeling, and SIAM Prize Recipient, 2000 (with D. Durand and J. Kline).

Participated in the Rose Hulman REU program in mathematics, 1999 (under S.A. Broughton).

Honorable Mention (Top 50) in the Putnam Mathematical Competition, 1999.