

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Institute for Theoretical Studies – ETH Zurich

2016 - present

Junior Fellow
(postdoctoral research position)

EDUCATION

Princeton University

2016

Ph.D. in Mathematics
Advisor: Nicholas M. Katz
Topic: A Tannakian Category and a Horizontal Equidistribution Conjecture for Exponential Sums

Yale University

2011

B. S. in Mathematics and Economics with Honors

PUBLICATIONS

- *Ramanujan Coverings of Graphs*, Advances in Mathematics, **323**, (2018) (with Chris Hall and Doron Puder) (also appearing in STOC 2016)
- *Bilinear Forms with Kloosterman Sums and Applications* Annals of Mathematics, **186**, (2017) (with Emmanuel Kowalski and Philippe Michel)
- *Upper Bounds for Sunflower-Free Sets*, Forum of Mathematics Sigma, **5**, (2017) (with Eric Naslund)
- *On Capsets and the Group-Theoretic Approach to Matrix Multiplication*, Discrete Analysis (2017) (with Jonah Blasiak, Thomas Church, Henry Cohn, Joshua A. Grochow, Eric Naslund, and Chris Umans)
- *Non-Existence of Smooth Rational Cohomology Tori of General Type* – appendix to *Rational Cohomology Tori* by Olivier Debarre, Zhi Jiang, and Martí Lahoz, Geometry & Topology, **21**, (2017)
- *Kloosterman Paths and the Shape of Exponential Sums*, Compositio Mathematica, (2016) (with Emmanuel Kowalski)
- *Ordinary Primes for Abelian Surfaces*, Comptes Rendus Mathematique, **354**, No. 6 (2016)
- *Notes on Commutation of Limits and Colimits*, Theory and Applications of Categories, **30** (2015) (with Marie Bjerrum, Peter Johnstone, and Tom Leinster)
- *Certifying the Restricted Isometry Property is Hard*, IEEE Transactions on Information Theory, **59**, No. 6 (June 2013) (with Afonso S. Bandeira, Edgar Dobriban, and Dustin G. Mixon)

To Appear:

- *The Growth Rate of Tri-Colored Sum-Free Sets*, to appear in Discrete Analysis (with Robert Kleinberg and David E. Speyer)

Submitted:

- *A Geometric Version of the Circle Method* (with Tim Browning)
- *Bilinear Forms with Generalized Kloosterman Sums* (with Emmanuel Kowalski and Philippe Michel)
- *Improved Estimates for Polynomial Roth Type Theorems in Finite Fields* (with Dong Dong and Xiochun Li)
- $\overline{M}_{1,n}$ is Usually not Uniruled in Characteristic p
- *Bounds for Matchings in Nonabelian Groups*

Preprints:

- *The Equidistribution of L-functions of Twists by Witt Vector Dirichlet Characters over Function Fields*
- *On the Support of the Kloosterman Paths* (with Emmanuel Kowalski)

CONFERENCE TALKS

- **Canadian Number Theory Association XV** – July 2018 – Université Laval – TBD
- **Perspectives on the Riemann Hypothesis** – June 2018 – University of Bristol / Heilbronn Institute – *More on Zeroes of L-functions over Function Fields*
- **Workshop on Additive Combinatorics** – October 2017 – Harvard – *Constructions of Additive Matchings*
- **Analytic Number Theory** – September 2017 – MFO, Oberwolfach – *On the Ramanujan Conjecture for Automorphic Forms over Function Fields*
- **Recent Developments in Analytic Number Theory** – May 2017 – MSRI – *Applications of Exponential Sums*
- **Introductory Workshop on Analytic Number Theory** – February 2017 – MSRI – *Trace Functions and Special Functions*
- **Workshop on Expanders and Extractors** – January 2017 – UC Berkeley – *Ramanujan Covers*
- **4th Israeli Algebra and Number Theory Day** – December 2016 – Tel Aviv University – *The Distribution of L-functions of Character Twists*
- **Recent Breakthroughs in the Polynomial Method** – September 2016 – Heilbronn Institute – *Slice Rank and Sunflowers and Lower Bounds for Slice Rank* (workshop talks)
- **Geometric and Analytic Number Theory** – September 2016 – ETH Zurich – *The Slice Rank Method in Additive Combinatorics*
- **AMS Summer Institute in Algebraic Geometry** – July 2015 – University of Utah – *Applications of Algebraic Geometry to Analytic Number Theory* (contributed lecture)

SEMINAR TALKS

- **University of Gothenburg (algebraic geometry and number theory seminar)** – May 2018 – The circle method and free rational curves on hypersurfaces
- **University of Amsterdam (arithmetic and algebraic geometry seminar)** – April 2018 – The cohomology of the moduli spaces of rational curves on hypersurfaces
- **University of Basel (number theory seminar)** – April 2018 – The circle method and free rational curves on hypersurfaces
- **EPFL (algebraic geometry seminar)** – March 2018 – A geometric version of the circle method

- **University of Zürich (algebraic geometry seminar)** – March 2018 – The geometric circle method and the cohomology of moduli spaces of rational curves
- **University of Bristol (Linfoot number theory seminar)** – December 2017 – Equidistribution of L-functions over function fields
- **Université Paris 13 (séminaires de géométrie arithmétique et motivique)** – November 2017 – Tannakian categories and automorphic forms over function fields
- **Institut Henri Poincaré (Rencontres de théorie analytique et élémentaire des nombres)** – September 2017 – *Relatives of Progression-Free Sets*
- **University of Michigan (algebraic geometry seminar)** – November 2016 – *On the Unirationality of $\overline{M}_{1,n}$ and Modular Forms*
- **EPFL (algebraic geometry and number theory seminar)** – October 2016 – *On the Unirationality of $\overline{M}_{1,n}$ and Modular Forms*
- **EPFL (combinatorics seminar)** – October 2016 – *Slice Rank and Sunflowers*
- **Stanford University (number theory seminar)** – April 2016 – *Exponential Sums and Modular Forms*
- **Yale University (algebraic geometry seminar)** – January 2016 – *Quasi-random Graphs from Varieties over Finite Fields*
- **University of Michigan (algebraic geometry seminar)** – December 2015 – *Frobenius Arithmetic for Frobenius Geometry*
- **MIT (number theory seminar)** – November 2015 – *The Distribution of the Newton Polygon of a K3 Surface*
- **University of Utah (algebraic geometry seminar)** – November 2015 – *Frobenius Arithmetic for Frobenius Geometry*
- **ETH Zurich (number theory seminar)** – October 2014 – *A Tannakian Category and a Horizontal Equidistribution Conjecture for Exponential Sums*
- **EPFL (analytic number theory seminar)** – October 2014 – *A Tannakian Category and a Horizontal Equidistribution Conjecture for Exponential Sums*
- **ETH Zurich (ITS Members' Seminar)** – October 2016 – *Cap Sets*
- **Princeton University / Institute for Advanced Studies (number theory seminar)** – February 2016 – *Vanishing Cycles and Bilinear Forms*
- **Institute for Advanced Studies (working group on expander graphs and monodromy groups)** – May 2015 – *Exponential sums and expansion of generalized Paley graphs*
- **Princeton University (working group in Diophantine analysis)** – May 2015 – *Ordinary Primes of Abelian Surfaces*
- **Princeton University (working group in Diophantine analysis)** – December 2014 – *Kloosterman Paths*
- **Princeton University (algebraic geometry preprint seminar)** – April 2014 – *Vanishing Theorems for Constructible Sheaves on Abelian Varieties*
- **Princeton University (junior faculty number theory seminar)** – November 2013 – *Equidistribution of Exponential Sums*

- **Princeton University (graduate student seminar)** – four talks, 2011-2015: *Toric Geometry*, *Belyi's Theorem*, Λ -Rings, and *Riemann-Hurwitz*

TEACHING

- Instructor for Number Theory over Function Fields – Spring 2018
- TA for Arizona Winter School – Spring 2016 (led sessions where graduate students worked on research problems, including lecturing, answering technical questions, and providing advice)
- Instructor for Linear Algebra and Applications – Spring 2015 (planned and taught 3 lectures/week, held office hours, helped write problem sets and exams)
- TA for Set Theory and Logic – Spring 2013 (led problem sessions, planned and taught 2 lectures, helped write problem sets and exams)
- TA for Abstract Algebra – Fall 2013 (led problem sessions)

SERVICE

- Co-organized Princeton Graduate Student Seminar – 2012-2013
- Mentored undergraduates in Mentoring Möbius – 2011-2013
- Led Putnam Practice Sessions – 2011-2013

OTHER PUBLIC MATHEMATICS

- Wrote *On the Slice Rank of Tensors* with Terence Tao, which appeared on Tao's blog "What's new"