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Employment

Professor, University of Oregon, 2017-present
Associate Professor, University of Oregon, 2011-17
Assistant Professor, University of Oregon, 2007-11
Visiting Assistant Professor, Columbia University, 2006-07
Bing Instructor, University of Texas, 2004-06

Education

Ph.D. in Mathematics, U.C. Berkeley, 2004
A.B. Magna cum Laude with Highest Honors in Mathematics, Harvard, 2000

Grants

NSF grant DMS-2344861 (\$214,687), 2024-27
NSF FRG grant DMS-2053243 (\$295,664), 2021-24
NSF RTG grant DMS-2039316 (\$2,260,768, co-PI), 2021-26
NSF grant DMS-1954050 (\$200,000), 2020-24
NSF grant DMS-1565036 (\$200,000), 2016-20
NSF conference grant DMS-1201580 (\$47,160), 2012
NSF CAREER grant DMS-0950383 (\$400,000), 2010-16
NSF grant DMS-0738335 (\$120,000), 2007-10

Awards

Visiting Fellowship, All Souls College, University of Oxford, 2024-25
Fund for Faculty Excellence, University of Oregon, 2018-19
NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, 2004-07
Clay Mathematics Institute Summer Lift-Off Fellowship, 2004
Runner-up, American Institute of Mathematics Five-Year Fellowship, 2004
Herbert Alexander Prize for Outstanding Dissertation in Pure Mathematics, U.C. Berkeley, 2004
Charles B. Morrey, Jr., Award, U.C. Berkeley, 2001
Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard University, 2000
Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, 1998

Postdoctoral Advisees

Colin Crowley (2024-2026, postdoc at University of Western Ontario)
Galen Dorpalen-Barry (2023-24, tenure-track at Texas A&M)
George Nasr (2021-2023, tenure-track at Augustana University)
Jacob Matherne (2019-2021, postdoc at University of Bonn and MPI, now tenure-track at NCSU)
Eric Ramos (2018-2021, tenure-track at Bowdoin College, now tenure track at Stevens)

Ph.D. Students

Shreeya Moghe (current)
Ben Homan (current)
Michael Feigen (current)
Dane Miyata (2023, now a data scientist)
Lorenzo Vecchi (visiting from the University of Bologna 2021-2022, now a postdoc at KTH)
Jayden Wang (transferred to the University of Texas in 2021)
Patrick Durkin (left in 2019)
Katie Gedeon (2018, Senior Lecturer at the University of The Gambia)
Max Kutler (2017, postdoc at Yale University, now at Punahou School)
Justin Hilburn (2016, postdoc at the University of Pennsylvania, now at the Perimeter Institute)
Christin Bibby (2015, postdoc at the University of Western Ontario, now tenure-track at LSU)
Matthew Arbo (2015, Summit Benefit and Actuarial Services)
Daniel Moseley (2012, tenure-track at Jacksonville University, now a data scientist at Crowley)

Undergraduate Students

Jiaqiang Hu (visiting from Nankai University 2026)
Chris Dunstan (supervised research 2023)
Natalie Weaver (honors thesis 2020)
Kevin Nguyen (supervised research 2019)
Travis Scholl (honors thesis 2013)

Workshops Co-organized

Arrangements in Oregon, University of Oregon, 2026
Western Algebraic Geometry Symposium, University of Oregon, 2025
Combinatorial Aspects of Algebraic Geometry, Summer Research Institute in Alg. Geom., CSU, 2025
Western Algebraic Geometry Symposium, University of Oregon, 2018
Representation Theory and Symplectic Algebraic Geometry, Luminy, 2012
WARTHOG (Workshop on Algebra and Representation Theory Held on Oregonian Grounds): I have organized a workshop at the University of Oregon since 2010, with Ben Elias taking over as the lead organizer in 2016. A list of topics for these workshops can be found at <https://pages.uoregon.edu/belias/WARTHOG/index.html>.

Other Extramural Service

Editor for *Combinatorial Theory*, 2025-present
Referee for various journals
Reviewer for *Mathematical Reviews*
NSF panelist ($\times 5$)
Reviewer for the NSA, the ERC, the ESF, and the SRNSF (Republic of Georgia)
Instructor and Guest Lecturer at USA/Canada Mathcamp for high school students, 2009 and 2011
Instructor at the Columbia Science Honors Program for high school students, 2006-07

Departmental Service

2025-26: EC, Appointments Committee (**AC**), Post-Tenure Review Committee (**PTR**)
2024-25: (full year sabbatical)
2023-24: DH, PPA
2022-23: DH
2021-22: Department Head (**DH**), TE
2020-21: ADH, EC, DGS, PPA, TE
2019-20: ADH, EC, DGS, PPA, SC, Neuroscience Search
2018-19: ADH, EC, DGS, PPA, SC
2017-18: Associate Department Head (**ADH**), Teaching Effectiveness (**TE**), EC, PPA, DGS, SC
2016-17: EC, PPA, DGS, SC, Undergraduate Advising
2015-16: EC, PPA, DGS
2014-15: (two quarter sabbatical), PPA, Director of Graduate Studies (**DGS**)
2013-14: EC, PPA, PhD
2012-13: EC, PPA, PhD
2011-12: EC, Open Search, PPA, Ph.D. Committee (**PhD**)
2010-11: CO, Pre-Ph.D. Advising (**PPA**)
2009-10: EC, CO, Travel Committee, French Language Exams
2008-09: Executive Committee (**EC**), Colloquium Organizer (**CO**)
2007-08: Basic Notions Organizer, Scholarships Committee (**SC**)

University Service

2025-26: CAS Budget Advisory Committee
2024-25: (full year sabbatical)
2023-24: HP, SAIL
2022-23: HP, Summer Session Revisioning Project, SAIL volunteer (**SAIL**)
2021-22: University Hall Heritage Project (**HP**)
2020-21: Graduate School Slate Project Champions Team
2019-20: SGC
2018-19: SGC, GC
2017-18: GC, Honorary Degree Committee, GTFF Faculty Workgroup, Grad School Dean Search
2016-17: LC (chair), Ombudsman Advisory Committee, Graduate Council (**GC**), Academic Council
2015-16: Library Committee (**LC**)
2014-15: (two quarter sabbatical) SGC
2013-14: SGC, Faculty Personnel Committee
2012-13: SGC (chair)
2011-12: SGC
2010-11: US, Off-Campus Scholarships and Grants Committee (**SGC**)
2009-10: University Senate (**US**)
2008-09: SCCSC
2007-08: Student Conduct and Community Standards Committee (**SCCSC**)

Invited Talks

International Congress of Mathematicians, Philadelphia, 2026 (scheduled)
Algebraic Geometry Seminar, Imperial College, 2025
Geometry and Analysis Seminar, Oxford, 2025
Algebraic Geometry Seminar, Warwick, 2025
MaP-Trop III, University of Oslo, 2025
Algebra Seminar, Oxford, 2025
Algebra, Geometry and Number Theory Seminar, Bath, 2024
All Souls Visiting Fellow Colloquium, Oxford, 2024
Topology Seminar, Oxford, 2024
Hodge Seminar, Edinburgh, 2024
Combinatorics Seminar, SUNY Binghamton (Zoom), 2024
Combinatorics Seminar, KTH, 2024
COW Seminar, Queen Mary University of London, 2024
Plenary Lecture at FPSAC'24, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, 2024
BLT Seminar (Zoom), 2024
TATERS Seminar, Boise State University (Zoom), 2024
Seminar, Nankai University Center for Combinatorics, 2023
Algebraic Aspects of Matroid Theory, Banff, 2023
Representation and Number Theory Seminar, Chinese University of Hong Kong (Zoom), 2023
LMS-Bath Symposium on Combinatorial Algebraic Geometry, University of Bath (Zoom), 2022
Arrangements and Symmetries Oberseminar, Ruhr-Universität Bochum (Zoom), 2021
Colloquium, University of Minnesota (Zoom), 2021
 $\mathcal{P}$ -positivity in Matroid Theory and Related Topics (two lectures), RIMS (Zoom), 2021
TAPIRS Seminar (Zoom), 2021
Topology Seminar, Northeastern (Zoom), 2021
Categorification Learning Seminar (Zoom), 2021
Geometry Seminar, University of Texas (Zoom), 2020
Algebra and Topology Seminar, Australian National University, 2020
Colloquium, Australian National University, 2020
Configuration Spaces of Graphs, American Institute of Mathematics, 2020
Geometric, Algebraic, and Topological Combinatorics, Oberwolfach, 2019
KIAS Workshop on Algebra-Geometry-Combinatorics, Korea Institute for Advanced Study, 2019
Colloquium, U.C. Riverside, 2019
Texas Algebraic Geometry Symposium, University of Texas, 2019
Summer School on Geometric Representation Theory (three lectures), IST Austria, 2018
Summer School on Combinatorics and Hodge Theory (six lectures), Nordfjordeid, 2018
Topology Seminar, University of Minnesota, 2018
AMS special session on Toric Geometry, Northeastern, 2018
AMS special session on Arrangements of Hypersurfaces, Northeastern, 2018
Algebra and Geometry Seminar, University of Toronto, 2018
Algebraic Geometry Seminar, University of British Columbia, 2018
Algebraic Geometry Seminar, U.C. Davis, 2017
Advances in Geometric Representation Theory, University of Michigan, 2016
Representation Theory and Geometry of Symplectic Resolutions, Northeastern, 2015
Combinatorial Methods Seminar, Université de Fribourg, 2015
Geometry Working Group (four lectures), École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, 2015
Algebra Seminar, University of Virginia, 2015
Algebraic Geometry Seminar, Columbia University, 2015

Workshop on Geometric Representation Theory (two lectures), MSRI, 2014
 Lie Theory Workshop, University of Oregon, 2013
 Algebraic Geometry Seminar, University of Colorado, 2012
 Minicourse at Columbia University (two lectures), 2012
 Lie Groups Seminar, Cornell University, 2012
 Colloquium, Cornell University, 2012
 Western Algebraic Geometry Seminar, University of Washington, 2012
 Advances in Hyperkähler and Holomorphic Symplectic Geometry, Banff, 2012
 Algebra Seminar, University of Washington, 2011
 Minicourse at Higher Structures in China II, Jilin University, 2011
 Geometry Seminar, Boston University, 2010
 Algebraic Geometry Seminar, Colorado State University, 2010
 Algebraic Geometry Seminar, University of British Columbia, 2009
 Southern Ontario Groups and Geometry Workshop, Fields Institute, 2009
 Representation Theory, Geometry, and Combinatorics Seminar, UC Berkeley, 2009
 AMS special session on Matroids in Algebra and Geometry, San Francisco State University, 2009
 Western Algebraic Geometry Seminar, University of Utah, 2008
 Colloquium, Reed College, 2008
 Geometry Seminar, University of Texas, 2008
 Undergraduate Math Club, University of Texas, 2008
 Geometry and String Theory Seminar, University of Texas, 2008
 Workshop on Moment Maps, Centre Interfacultaire Bernoulli, Lausanne, 2008
 Colloquium, Northern Arizona University, 2008
 Bellingham Algebraic Geometry Seminar, Western Washington University, 2008
 Algebraic Geometry Seminar, University of Oxford, 2007
 Workshop on D-bundles and Integral Hierarchies, University of Michigan, 2007
 Undergraduate Math Club, University of Connecticut, 2007
 AMS special session on Combinatorial Algebraic Geometry, Stevens Institute of Technology, 2007
 Colloquium, Swarthmore College, 2007
 Colloquium, City College of New York, 2007
 Topology Seminar, University of Oregon, 2007
 Colloquium, University of Oregon, 2007
 Algebra Seminar, University of Ottawa, 2007
 Colloquium, University of Ottawa, 2007
 Colloquium, Wesleyan University, 2007
 Colloquium, University of Illinois, 2007
 Colloquium, University of Notre Dame, 2007
 Colloquium, University of Western Ontario, 2007
 Symplectic Geometry Seminar, University of Toronto, 2007
 Colloquium, UC San Diego, 2006
 Topology Seminar, University of Oregon, 2006
 AMS special session on Equivariant Topology, University of Connecticut, 2006
 Algebraic Geometry Seminar, Princeton University, 2006
 International Conference on Toric Topology, Osaka University, 2006
 Colloquium, Northeastern University, 2006
 Colloquium, Texas Christian University, 2006
 GRASP Seminar, University of Texas, 2006
 AMS special session on Combinatorics and Algebraic Geometry, UC San Diego, 2005
 Representation Theory, Geometry, and Combinatorics Seminar, UC Berkeley, 2005

Symplectic Geometry Seminar, University of Toronto, 2005
 Workshop on Moment Maps in Various Geometries, Banff, 2005
 Valley Geometry Seminar, University of Massachusetts, 2004
 Moment Maps and Surjectivity in Various Geometries, American Institute of Mathematics, 2004
 IAS/Park City Mathematics Institute in Geometric Combinatorics, Park City, UT, 2004
 Presentations by Young Researchers in Algebraic Geometry, Snowbird, UT, 2004
 16th Annual International Conference on Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics, UBC, 2004
 Geometry Seminar, University of Texas, 2003
 Combinatorics Seminar, University of North Carolina, 2003
 Algebraic Geometry Seminar, University of Michigan, 2003
 Geometry and Topology Seminar, Université de Genève, 2003
 AMS special session on Algebraic and Topological Combinatorics, New York University, 2003
 Conference on Quotients in Symplectic and Algebraic Geometry, University of Arizona, 2002

Published or Accepted Papers

54. Singular Hodge theory for combinatorial geometries (with Braden, Huh, Matherne, and B. Wang)
To appear in the *J. Amer. Math. Soc.*, 120 pp.
53. Intersection cohomology of Popov–Vinberg varieties (with Dancer and Martens)
To appear in *Transformation Groups*, 22 pp.
52. The geometry of zonotopal algebras II: Orlik–Terao algebras and Schubert varieties (with Crowley)
Proceedings of the LMS 132 (2026), 28 pp.
51. Intersection cohomology without spaces (but with Braden)
To appear in the *Proceedings of the ICM 2026*, 20 pp.
50. Convergence of integrals on moduli spaces of curves and cographical matroids (with Polishchuk)
To appear in the *Canadian Mathematical Bulletin*, 11 pp.
49. Categorical valuative invariants of matroids (with Elias, Miyata, and Vecchi)
Duke Math. J. 174 (2025), 2067–2131.
48. On the enumeration of series-parallel matroids (with Xu and Young)
Adv. Appl. Math. 163 (2025), 13 pp.
47. The combinatorics behind the leading Kazhdan–Lusztig coefficients of braid matroids
(with Gao, Yang, and Zhang) *Electronic J. Comb.* 31 (2024), Paper No. 3.21, 16 pp.
46. What is...the Dowling–Wilson Conjecture (with Braden and Matherne)
Not. Amer. Math. Soc. 71 (2024), 1197–1201.
45. K-rings of wonderful varieties and matroids (with Larson, Li, and Payne)
Adv. Math. 441 (2024), Paper No. 109554, 43 pp.
44. Equivariant cohomology and conditional oriented matroids (with Dorpalen-Barry and J. Wang)
Int. Math. Res. Not. (2024), 9292–9322.
43. Equivariant Kazhdan–Lusztig theory of paving matroids (with Karn, Nasr, and Vecchi)
Alg. Comb. 6 (2023), 677–688.
42. A semi-small decomposition of the Chow ring of a matroid (with Braden, Huh, Matherne, and B. Wang)
Adv. Math. 409 (2022), Paper No. 108646, 49 pp.
41. A type B analogue of the category of finite sets with surjections
Electronic J. Comb. 29(3) (2022), Paper No. P3.34, 19 pp.
40. The contraction category of graphs (with Ramos)
Representation Theory 26 (2022), 673–697.
39. Equivariant log concavity and representation stability (with Miyata, Matherne, and Ramos)
Int. Math. Res. Not. (2023), 3885–3906.
38. Equivariant incidence algebras and equivariant Kazhdan–Lusztig–Stanley theory
Alg. Comb. 4 (2021), 675–681.

37. Stability phenomena for resonance arrangements (with Ramos)
Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. Ser. B 8 (2021), 219-223.
36. The quantum Hikita conjecture (with Kamnitzer and McBreen)
Adv. Math. 390 (2021), Paper No. 107947, 53 pp.
35. Functorial invariants of trees and their cones (with Ramos)
Selecta Math. 25 (2019), 28 pp.
34. Equivariant Kazhdan-Lusztig polynomials of q -niform matroids
Alg. Comb. 2 (2019), 613-619.
33. The algebraic geometry of Kazhdan-Lusztig-Stanley polynomials
EMS Surveys in Mathematical Sciences 5 (2018), 99-127.
32. The Z -polynomial of a matroid (with Xu and Young)
Electronic J. Comb. 25(1) (2018), Paper No. P1.26, 21 pp.
31. Configuration spaces, $\mathrm{FS}^{\mathrm{op}}$ -modules, and Kazhdan-Lusztig polynomials of braid matroids (with Young)
New York Journal of Mathematics 23 (2017), 813-832.
30. Kazhdan-Lusztig polynomials of matroids: a survey of results and conjectures (with Gedeon and Young)
Séminaire Lotharingien Combinatoire 78B (2017), Art. 80, 12.
29. The equivariant Kazhdan-Lusztig polynomial of a matroid (with Gedeon and Young)
Journal of Combinatorial Theory, Series A 150 (2017), 267-294.
28. The Orlik-Terao algebra and the cohomology of configuration space (with Moseley and Young)
Experimental Math. 26 (2017), 373-380.
27. Quantizations of conical symplectic resolutions II: category $\mathcal{O}$ and symplectic duality
(with Braden, Licata, and Webster) *Astérisque* 384 (2016), 75-179.
26. Quantizations of conical symplectic resolutions I: local and global structure (with Braden and Webster)
Astérisque 384 (2016), 1-73.
25. Hypertoric varieties and zonotopal tilings (with Arbo)
Int. Math. Res. Not. 23 (2016), 7268-7301.
24. Intersection cohomology of the symmetric reciprocal plane (with Wakefield and Young)
J. Alg. Comb. 43 (2016), 129-138.
23. The Kazhdan-Lusztig polynomial of a matroid (with Elias and Wakefield)
Adv. Math. 299 (2016), 36-70.
22. Poisson-de Rham homology of hypertoric varieties and nilpotent cones (with Schedler)
Selecta Math. 23 (2017), 179-202.
21. Intersection cohomology and quantum cohomology of symplectic resolutions (with McBreen)
Alg. Geom. 2 (2015), 623-641.
20. Hypertoric Poisson homology in degree zero
Alg. Geom. 1 (2014), 261-270.
19. Hypertoric category $\mathcal{O}$ (with Braden, Licata, and Webster)
Adv. Math. 231 (2012), 1487-1545.
18. Localization algebras and deformations of Koszul algebras (with Braden, Licata, Phan, and Webster)
Selecta Math. 17 (2011), 533-572.
17. All the G.I.T. quotients at once
Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. 363 (2011), 1687-1698.
16. Resolving toric varieties with Nash blow-ups (with Atanasov, Lopez, Perry, and Thaddeus)
Experimental Math. 20 (2011), 288-303.
15. Gale duality and Koszul duality (with Braden, Licata, and Webster)
Adv. Math. 225 (2010), no. 2, 2002-2049.
14. The hypertoric intersection cohomology ring (with Braden)
Inv. Math. 177 (2009), no. 2, 337-380.

13. Moduli spaces for Bondal quivers (with Bergman)
Pacific J. Math. 237 (2008), 201-221.
12. Intersection cohomology of hypertoric varieties (with Webster)
J. Alg. Geom. 16 (2007), 39-63.
11. A non-Hausdorff model for the complement of a complexified arrangement
Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. 135 (2007), 3989-3994.
10. A survey of hypertoric geometry and topology
Toric Topology, Contemp. Math. 460, AMS, Providence, RI, 2006.
9. Moduli spaces for D-branes at the tip of a cone (with Bergman)
Journal of High Energy Physics 03 (2006), 073.
8. A broken circuit ring (with Speyer)
Beitrage zur Algebra und Geometrie 47 (2006), no. 1, 161-166.
7. Hyperplane arrangements and K-theory
Top. Appl. 153 (2006), 2866-2875.
6. The equivariant Orlik-Solomon algebra
J. Algebra 305 (2006), 1186-1196.
5. Abelianization for hyperkahler quotients (with Hausel)
Topology 44 (2005), 231-248.
4. Geometric invariant theory and projective toric varieties
Snowbird Lectures in Algebraic Geometry, Contemp. Math. 388, AMS, Providence, RI, 2005.
3. Hyperpolygon spaces and their cores (with Harada)
Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. 357 (2005), 1445-1467.
2. Properties of the residual circle action on a hypertoric variety (with Harada)
Pacific J. Math. 214 (2004), 263-284.
1. Parallel connections and bundles of arrangements (with Falk)
Topology and its Applications 118 (2002), no. 1-2, 65-83.

Preprints

Cleanliness and the Varchenko–Gelfand algebra (with Denham and Dorpalen-Barry)
 Salvetti complexes for conditional oriented matroids (with Dorpalen-Barry and Dugger)
 The geometry of zonotopal algebras I: cohomology of graphical configuration spaces
 (with Crowley, Dorpalen-Barry, and Henriques)

In Preparation

The parity module of a matroid (with Braden, Huh, Matherne, and B. Wang)
 The equivariant intersection cohomology of a matroid (with Braden, Huh, Matherne, and B. Wang)
 Partial symplectic resolutions of hypertoric varieties (with Hubbard, Kaplan, and Schedler)
 The categorical graph minor conjecture is false, but that's okay (with Ramos)
 Canonical forms and the Whitehouse representation (with Crowley)

Courses Taught

I have taught 29 different courses at the University of Oregon, or 51 when counted with multiplicity. The following includes classes scheduled for the 2026-2027 academic year.

231: Elements of Discrete Mathematics I
232: Elements of Discrete Mathematics II ($\times 5$)
233: Elements of Discrete Mathematics III
241: Calculus for Business and Social Science I
251: Differential Calculus
261-2-3: Calculus with Theory ($\times 2$)
281: Several-Variable Calculus I

346: Fundamentals of Number Theory

411-2: Functions of a Complex Variable
456: Networks and Combinatorics ($\times 4$)
461: Introduction to Mathematical Methods of Statistics I

531: Introduction to Topology I ($\times 3$)
532: Introduction to Topology II ($\times 5$)
510: de Rham Cohomology
510: Introduction to Manifolds
544: Introduction to Abstract Algebra I

634-5-6: Algebraic Topology

692: What Every Topologist Should Know
607: Sheaf Theory ($\times 3$)
607: Symplectic Geometry ($\times 2$)
607: Toric Varieties ($\times 3$)
607: Combinatorial Commutative Algebra
607: Cluster Algebras and Canonical Bases
607: The Wonderful Geometry of Matroids ($\times 2$)