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Education

- 2020-Present **Cornell University**
PhD Candidate. Mathematics MS 2022.
- 2016-2019 **University of Michigan**
Honors Mathematics, BS.

Publications and Preprints

- [1] **Dynamical Moduli Spaces and Polynomial Endomorphisms of Configurations**
Arnold Mathematical Journal: Volume 8, Issue 2 (2022). With T. Blum, J.R. Doyle, T. Hyde, H. Talbott, and M. Weinreich. [\[Journal\]](#) [\[ArXiv\]](#)

Grants and Awards

- 2023 **Cornell Graduate Student Travel Grant.** (\$700)
- 2022 **Cornell AWM Emerging Mathematicians Travel Grant.** (\$500)
- 2020-2025 **NSF Graduate Research Fellowship.** (\$138,000)
- 2020-2021 **Cornell Deans Excellence Fellowship.** (\$32,000) Recruitment fellowship and DEI programming.
- 2020 **Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics.** Awarded by the University of Michigan department of mathematics.
- 2020 **Outstanding Poster.** MAA Undergraduate Student Poster Session at JMM.
- 2018 **Outstanding Presentation.** MAA Student Paper Sessions at MathFest.

Talks

- Oct. 2024 **AMS Northeastern Sectional Special Session on GGT: Modifications of Higher Dimensional Hyperbolic Manifolds and Group Theoretic Consequences.**
- May 2024 **Cornell Topology Festival: Workshop pre-talk for Bruno Martelli's talk.**
- Nov. 2023 **Vassar College Math Colloquium: The Mathematics of Tilings.**
- Sept. 2023 **Ventotene Lightning Talk Session: Filling the Ratcliffe-Tschantz Hyperbolic 5-Manifold.**
- Dec. 2022 **Morse Theory Student Seminar at Cornell: PL Morse Theory and Finiteness Properties of Groups.**
- Nov. 2022 **Olivetti Club (graduate student seminar) at Cornell: The Figure 8 Knot and Volumes.**
- Dec. 2021 **Olivetti Club (graduate student seminar) at Cornell: Why is Geometric Group Theory?**
- Dec. 2021 **Michigan Math Circle: Set (the Game) Theory.**

Teaching

- Spring 2024 **Teaching Development Fellow.**

- Spring 2024 **Instructor.** *Math 1110: Calculus I.*
- Fall 2023 **Head Teaching Assistant.** *Math 1910: Calculus II for Engineers.*
- Summer 2022 **Teaching Assistant.** *Math 1110: Calculus I.*
- Summer 2021 **Course design.** *Math 4520: Classical Geometries and Modern Applications.*
Collaborated with Katie Mann and another graduate student to redesign Math 4520 to be an active learning course.
- 2020-Present **Directed Reading Program mentor.**
Facilitated four projects in complex analysis, introductory proof-based math, shape theory, and hyperbolic groups.

Conferences and Workshops Attended

- Jan. 2025 **IMPA: Hyperbolic Manifolds, their Submanifolds and Fundamental Groups.**
- Oct. 2024 **AMS Northeastern Sectional Special Session on GGT.**
- July 2024 **Canaryfest 6.2.**
- May 2024 **Cornell Topology Festival.**
- Mar. 2024 **Bielefeld University: Topological and Homological Methods in Group Theory.**
- Sept. 2023 **Ventotene: Groups and Rigidity around the Zimmer Program.**
- Aug. 2023 **Tufts University: Groups, Actions, and Geometries.**
- May 2023 **Université de Montréal: Geometry of Subgroups.**
- July 2022 **Georgia Tech: Topology Students Workshop.**
- June 2022 **UT Austin: Geometry, Arithmetic, and Groups.**
- May 2022 **ICMAT - Madrid: Agol Lab Summer School.** *GGT and low-dimensional topology.*
- July 2021 **Park City Mathematics Institute: Illustrating Mathematics.** *Workshop on creating mathematical graphic novels.*

Service

- 2021-Present **Mentor.** *Cornell's AWM mentorship program for undergraduate gender minorities in math.*
- 2021-Present **Mentor.** *Cornell graduate student mentorship program for new math PhD students.*
- Fall 2023 **Seminar Co-organizer.** *Olivetti Club—Cornell's graduate student seminar.*
- March 2023 **Module Co-leader for Math Explorer's Club.** *Outreach for local middle and high schoolers to learn extracurricular math.*
- Spring 2022 **Seminar Co-organizer.** *Olivetti Club—Cornell's graduate student seminar.*
- Fall 2020 **Seminar Co-organizer.** *"What is...?" Seminar: accessible talks by faculty aimed at early graduate students meant to aid in the advisor search.*

Miscellaneous

- 2021-Present **Cornell Outdoor Education Instructor.** *Taught cross country skiing and rock climbing.*