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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Mathematical logic; computability theory, and in particular, computable structure theory and interactions with algebra.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Logic and the Methodology of Science. University of California, Berkeley, 2017.

Advisor: Antonio Montalbán. Thesis title: *The Complexity of Countable Structures*.

B.Math in Pure Mathematics. University of Waterloo, 2012.

EMPLOYMENT (POST PHD)

2018–current. **Post-doctoral Fellow** at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand (with Rod Downey) and Massey University, New Zealand (with Alexander Melnikov).

2017–2018. **Banting Post-doctoral Fellow** at the University of Waterloo, Canada (with Barbara Csima).

HONORS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Sacks Prize 2017. Awarded by the Association for Symbolic Logic for the most outstanding thesis in mathematical logic worldwide.

Herb Alexander Prize 2017. Awarded for an outstanding dissertation in pure mathematics at the University of California, Berkeley.

Banting Post-doctoral Fellowship 2017. Canada's most prestigious post-doctoral fellowship. Awarded to the top seventy applicants in all areas of research across Canada.

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award 2016. University of California, Berkeley.

NSERC Postgraduate Scholarship (Doctoral) 2014. Awarded to the top Canadian Ph.D. students in the natural sciences and engineering.

NSERC Julie Payette Research Scholarship 2012. The most prestigious NSERC scholarship at the Master's level; awarded to twenty-four Masters and Ph.D. students across Canada in the natural sciences and engineering.

Berkeley Fellowship 2012. Awarded to the top 4% of applicants to doctoral programs in all fields.

Alumni Gold Medal (Faculty of Mathematics) 2012. Awarded to one graduating student in each faculty at the University of Waterloo in recognition of their academic achievements.

Jessie W.H. Zou Memorial Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research 2012. Awarded to one undergraduate student for excellence in research at the University of Waterloo.

Mike Vangoch Memorial Scholarship 2012. Awarded annually to an outstanding fourth-year undergraduate student in Pure Mathematics.

Edwin Anderson National Scholarship 2008. One of sixteen national scholarships awarded to entering students in the Faculty of Mathematics at the University of Waterloo.

PUBLICATIONS

1. *The tree of tuples of a structure* (with Antonio Montalbán).
Submitted for publication.
2. *Describing finitely presented algebraic structures*.
Submitted for publication.
3. *Some questions of uniformity in algorithmic randomness* (with Laurent Bienvenu and Barbara Csima).
Submitted for publication.
4. *Graphs are not universal for online computability* (with Rod Downey, Iskander Kalimullin, Alexander Melnikov, and Daniel Turetsky).
Submitted for publication.
5. *The logic of comparative cardinality* (with Yifeng Deng and Wesley Holliday).
Manuscript.
6. *Which classes of structures are both pseudo-elementary and $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1\omega}$ -elementary?* (with Barbara Csima and Nancy Day).
Submitted for publication.
7. *Degrees of categoricity above limit ordinals* (with Barbara Csima, Michael Deveau, and Mohammad Hamdy).
Submitted for publication.
8. *Optimal bounds for single-source Kolmogorov extractors* (with Laurent Bienvenu and Barbara Csima).
Submitted for publication.
9. *Automatic and polynomial-time algebraic structures* (with Nikolay Bazhenov, Iskander Kalimullin, Alexander Melnikov, and Keng Meng Ng).
Submitted for publication.
10. *A short note on constructing decidable graphs from other structures* (with Nikolay Bazhenov).
Submitted for publication.
11. *Finitely generated groups are universal* (with Meng-Che Ho).
Submitted for publication.
12. *A representation theorem for possibility models*.
Submitted for publication.
13. *First-order possibility models and finitary completeness proofs*.
Submitted for publication.
14. *Characterizations of cancellable groups* (with Meng-che Ho).
Proceedings of the AMS, to appear.
15. *Effective aspects of algorithmically random structures* (with Bakh Khoussainov and Daniel Turetsky).
Computability, to appear.
16. *A first-order theory of Ulm type*.
Computability, to appear.
17. *There is no classification of the decidable presentable structures*.
Journal of Mathematical Logic, to appear.
18. *Borel functors and infinitary interpretations* (with Russell Miller and Antonio Montalbán).
Journal of Symbolic Logic, to appear.
19. *On optimal Scott sentences of finitely generated algebraic structures* (with Meng-Che Ho).
Proceedings of the AMS, 146 (2018), no. 10, 4473–4485.
20. *Degree spectra of relations on a cone*.
Memoirs of the AMS, 253 (2018), no. 1208.
21. *Computable valued fields*.
Archive for Mathematical Logic, 57 (2018), no. 5–6, 473–495.
22. *Some new computable structures of high rank* (with Gregory Igusa and Julia Knight).
Proceedings of the AMS, 146 (2018), no. 7, 3097–3109.

23. *Scott ranks of models of a theory.*
Advances in Mathematics, 330 (2018), 109–147.
24. *Left-orderable computable groups.*
Journal of Symbolic Logic, 83 (2018), no. 1, 237–255.
25. *Inferring probability comparisons* (with Wesley Holliday and Thomas Icard).
Mathematical Social Sciences, 91 (2018), 62–70.
26. *On computable field embeddings and difference closed fields* (with Alexander Melnikov and Russell Miller).
Canadian Journal of Mathematics, 69 (2017), no. 6, 1338–1363.
27. *The Gamma question for many-one degrees.*
Annals of Pure and Applied Logic, 168 (2017), no. 7, 1396–1405.
28. *Preferential structures for comparative probabilistic reasoning* (with Wesley Holliday and Thomas Icard).
AAAI, (2017), 1135–1141.
29. *Computable functors and effective interpretability* (with Alexander Melnikov, Russell Miller, and Antonio Montalbán).
Journal of Symbolic Logic, 82 (2017), no. 1, 77–97.
30. *Degrees of categoricity on a cone via η -systems* (with Barbara Csima).
Journal of Symbolic Logic, 82 (2017), no. 1, 325–346.
31. *A note on cancellation axioms for comparative probability* (with Wesley Holliday and Thomas Icard).
Theory and Decision, 80 (2016), no. 1, 159–166.
32. *Independence in computable algebra* (with Alexander Melnikov and Antonio Montalbán).
Journal of Algebra, 443 (2015), 441–468.
33. *Differential-algebraic jet spaces preserve internality to the constants* (with Zoé Chatzidakis and Rahim Moosa).
Journal of Symbolic Logic, 80 (2015), no. 3, 1022–1034.
34. *Nonstandard methods for bounds in differential polynomial rings* (with Jack Klys and Rahim Moosa).
Journal of Algebra, 360 (2012), 71–86.

INVITED TALKS

1. **Logic Colloquium.** Prague, Czech Republic. August 2019. (*Plenary talk.*)
2. **Malcev Meeting.** Novosibirsk, Russia. August 2019. (*Plenary talk.*)
3. **University of Wisconsin–Madison Logic Seminar.** Madison, WI. March 2018.
There is no natural construction of a structure of Scott rank ω_1^{CK} .
4. **Oberwolfach Workshop on Computability Theory.** Oberwolfach, Germany. January 2018.
When is a property expressed in infinitary logic also pseudo-elementary?
5. **Notre Dame Logic Seminar.** South Bend, IN. November 2017.
When is a property expressed in infinitary logic also pseudo-elementary?
6. **New England Recursion and Definability Seminar.** Wellesley, MA. October 2017.
Scott ranks of computable structures.
7. **Mid-Atlantic Mathematical Logic Seminar.** New York, NY. October 2017.
Some computable structure theory of finitely generated structures.
8. **Cornell Logic Seminar.** Ithaca, NY. October 2017.
Some computable structure theory of finitely generated structures.
Scott ranks of computable structures.
9. **Aspects of Computation.** Singapore. September 2017.
Some computable structure theory of finitely generated structures.
10. **UCLA Logic Seminar.** Los Angeles, CA. May 2017.
Describing finitely generated structures.
11. **AMS Spring Central Sectional Meeting.** Bloomington, IN. April 2017.
Optimal Scott sentences for finitely generated groups.

12. **University of Wisconsin–Madison Logic Seminar.** Madison, WI. March 2017.
There is no classification of the decidable presentable structures.
13. **ASL North American Annual Meeting.** Boise, ID. March 2017.
Some results on characterizing structures using infinitary formulas.
14. **AMS Spring Southeastern Sectional Meeting.** Charleston, SC. March 2017.
Extending automorphisms of normal algebraic fields.
15. **Southeastern Logic Symposium.** Gainesville, FL. March 2017.
Optimal Scott sentences for finitely generated groups.
16. **Workshop on Computability.** Ghent, Belgium. July 2016.
Computable structures of high Scott rank.
17. **CUNY Model Theory Seminar.** New York, NY. December 2015.
Scott ranks of models of a theory.
18. **Kolchin Seminar in Differential Algebra.** New York, NY. December 2015.
Differential-Algebraic Jet Spaces and Internality.
19. **Notre Dame Logic Seminar.** South Bend, IN. September 2015.
Scott ranks of models of a theory.
20. **CSLI Workshop on Logic, Rationality, and Intelligent Interaction.** Stanford, CA. May 2015.
First-order possibility models and worldizations.
21. **Sets and Computations.** Singapore. April 2015.
Computable structures on a cone.
22. **AMS Spring Eastern Sectional Meeting.** Washington D.C. March 2015.
Computable functors and effective interpretability.
23. **CMS Winter Meeting.** Hamilton, Canada. December 2014.
Independence in computable algebra.
24. **McMaster Model Theory Seminar.** Hamilton, Canada. November 2011.
Jet spaces are C -Moishezon.
25. **Kolchin Seminar in Differential Algebra.** New York, NY. October 2011
Non-standard methods for bounds in differential polynomial rings.

OTHER CONFERENCE TALKS

1. **Computability in Europe.** Paris, France. June 2016.
Borel functors and interpretations.
2. **ASL North American Annual Meeting.** Storrs, CT. May 2016.
Scott ranks of models of a theory.
3. **ASL North American Annual Meeting.** Urbana-Champaign, IL. March 2015.
Computable structures relative to a cone.
4. **Logic Colloquium.** Vienna, Austria. July 2014.
Degree spectra of relations on a cone.
5. **ASL North American Annual Meeting.** Boulder, CO. May 2014.
Degree spectra of relations on a cone.
6. **Graduate Student Conference in Logic.** Madison, WI. April 2014.
Degree spectra of relations on a cone.

MEETINGS ORGANIZED OR CO-ORGANIZED

1. Workshop on Computability Theory and its Applications, Waterloo, June 2018.

STUDENTS MENTORED

PhD:

1. Michael Deveau, University of Waterloo. 2017-2018. (Advisor: Barbara Csima.)
2. Mohammad Mahmoud, University of Waterloo. 2017-2018. (Advisor: Barbara Csima.)

Undergraduate:

1. Wentao Yang, University of Waterloo. 2018. (Supervisor: Barbara Csima.)

TEACHING

As **Instructor**, Victoria University of Wellington:

- Coding Theory and Cryptography, first half, Trimester 2 2018.

As **Graduate Student Instructor (GSI)**, UC Berkeley:

- Multivariable Calculus, Spring 2017;
- Linear Algebra and Differential Equations, Fall 2016;
- Multivariable Calculus, Fall 2015.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Referee: *Journal of Symbolic Logic*; *Computability*; *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*; *Mathematical Structures in Computer Science*.

Member of Pure Mathematics Chair Nominating Committee. Faculty of Mathematics, University of Waterloo, 2011.