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EDUCATION

University of Washington

September 2023 - Present

- PhD student in Mathematics
- Honors: McFarlan Fellowship, Provost's Fellowship, Tseng Fellowship, Simpsons Center DH Fellowship

University of Pennsylvania

August 2020 - May 2023

- Master of Arts (Applied Math and Computer Science)
- Bachelor of Arts (Mathematics, Linguistics)
- Honors: Summa Cum Laude, Dean's lists (21-23), Distinction in Mathematics, Freiwald Scholars Award (2020)

PUBLICATION

- 1. Appendix. M. Harada and M. Precup. "Torus fixed point sets of Hessenberg Schubert varieties in regular semisimple Hessenberg varieties." Osaka J. Math. 60 (2023), 637–652. https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2112.13250.
- 2. Quantitative Orthographic Analysis of the Ogura Shikishi, with Paul Atkins. 86 pages, 2025. Submitted.
- 3. Brackets and Projective Geometry in Macaulay2, with D. Bidleman, T. Duff, and J. Kendrick. 9 pages, 2025. Submitted.
- 4. C_p -Mackey Functors in Macaulay2, with T. Brazelton et. al. 13 pages, 2025. Submitted.
- 5. The Grothendieck Group of the Variety of Spanning Line Configurations. In preparation.

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

Summer Research Institute in Algebraic Geometry at Colorado State University	July 2025
Macaulay2 Workshop at University of Wisconsin-Madison	July 2025
CMND Thematic Program in Discrete Groups in Topology and Algebraic Geometry	June 2025
Western Algebraic Geometry Symposium at University of British Columbia	April 2025
Macaulay2 Workshop at Tulane University	April 2025
Western Algebraic Geometry Symposium at University of Arizona	November 2024
• Park City Math Institute 2024: Motivic Homotopy Theory	July 2024
• iWoAT: International Workshop on Algebraic Topology at Fudan University	June 2024
• iWoAT: International Workshop on Algebraic Topology at SUSTech	December 2023
Western Algebraic Geometry Symposium at WUSTL	October 2023
• iWoAT: International Workshop on Algebraic Topology at Peking University	July 2023
Macaulay2 Workshop at the University of Minnesota	June 2023

June 2022

TEACHING

MATH 208 C Matrix Algebra	SU 2025
• Instructor of record. In-person lectures with Panopto recordings, 84 enrolled students.	
MATH 581 C Intersection Theory	SP 2024
• Supervised by Sándor Kovács, gave lectures on intersection theory with Arkamouli Debnath.	
• Notes, class schedule, and more details are available at sites.google.com/view/uwmath583cintersectiontheory.	
University of Washington Experimental Math Lab (WXML)	
• Mentor for Creating 3D Prints and Animations to Help Teach Calculus (with Andrew Loveless) Gallery	SP 2025
• Mentor for What mathematical functions can neural networks learn? in the Math AI Lab (with Jarod Alper)	WI 2025
University of Washington Directed Reading Program (WDRP)	
• Mentor for An Excursion in Representation Theory	SP 2025
• Mentor for Enumerative Geometry, Incidence Geometry, Projective Geometry	SP 2024
Mentor for Lie groups are not a lie: they are everywhere	WI 2024
University of Washington	
Grader for MATH 327 Introduction to Real Analysis	SP 2025
TA for MATH 111 AA Algebra with Applications	WI 2025
TA for MATH 111 AB Algebra with Applications	WI 2025
TA for MATH 126 CE Calculus with Analytic Geometry III	FL 2024
TA for MATH 126 CF Calculus with Analytic Geometry III	FL 2024
Grader for MATH 300 Introduction to Mathematical Reasoning	SU 2024
TA for MATH 126 BA Calculus with Analytic Geometry III	SP 2024
TA for MATH 126 BB Calculus with Analytic Geometry III	SP 2024
TA for MATH 125 CD Calculus with Analytic Geometry II	WI 2024
TA for MATH 125 CC Calculus with Analytic Geometry II	WI 2024
TA for MATH 125 CE Calculus with Analytic Geometry II	FL 2023
TA for MATH 125 CF Calculus with Analytic Geometry II	FL 2023
University of Pennsylvania	
• TA for CIS 5150 Linear Algebra for Computer Science	FL 2022
Washington University in St. Louis	
TA for MATH 429 Linear Algebra	FL 2019

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Writing Milestone Seminar (with Zawad Chowdhury)	SP 2025
Algebraic Curves Learning Seminar (with Giovanni Inchiostro)	WI 2025
Intersection Theory (with Sándor Kovács and Arkamouli Debnath)	SP 2024
I participated in	
eCHT Quadratic Curve Counting Seminar	FL 2024
eCHT Kan Seminar	FL 2024
eCHT Algebraic Vector Bundles Seminar	FL 2023

TALKS

Research Talks

• Japan Association for Digital Humanities 2025, University of Osaka	September 2025
• Simpsons Center Digital Humanities Scholars, University of Washington	June 2025
Macaulay2 Workshop at Tulane University: Lightning Talks	April 2025
Combinatorics and Geometry Seminar: Lightning Talks, University of Washington	March 2025
Expository Talks	
• Student AG Seminar: The Chow Ring of the Stack of Smooth Plane Cubic Curves	June 2025
• Writing Milestone Seminar: Flags, Spanning Lines, and Grothendieck Shenanigans	April 2025
• 1-2-3 Seminar: Chow Groups, Quotients, and Equivariant Intersection Theory	January 2025
• 1-2-3 Seminar: 27 Lines on a Cubic Surface — via Classifying Spaces?	February 2024
Student AG Seminar: A Leisurely Introduction to Algebraic K-Theory	December 2023

RELEVANT SKILLS

Software & programming

Python, C++, Java, R, LaTEX Mathematica, Macaulay2, SageMath

Blender, ArcGIS

Modern languages

Chinese—Mandarin (native), Cantonese (professional)

English (professional)

Japanese (professional) German (intermediate)

Russian (basic conversations) Korean (basic conversations)

Ancient languages

Classical Chinese (advanced)

Classical Japanese (advanced)

Ancient Greek (basic) Old English (intermediate)