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## Research Interests

I am primarily interested in combinatorics. Specifically, I work on topics related to *dimer models*, especially those that also involve

- cluster algebras
- enumerative and algebraic combinatorics
- Poisson geometry, symplectic geometry, and integrable systems
- Teichmüller spaces and character varieties

## Publications & Preprints

### Eigenvalues of Matrix Products

(with Richard Kenyon)  
Arxiv preprint (2024), arXiv:2407.10786

### Noncommutative Networks on a Cylinder

(with Semeon Arthamonov and Michael Shapiro)  
Communications in Mathematical Physics, Volume 405 (2024)

### Some Aspects of Higher Continued Fractions

(with Anuj Sakarda and Etan Basser)  
Arxiv preprint (2024), arXiv:2401.12859

### Higher-Rank Dimer Models

(with Richard Kenyon)  
Arxiv preprint (2023), arXiv:2312.03087

### Higher Dimer Covers on Snake Graphs

(with Gregg Musiker, Ralf Schiffler, and Sylvester Zhang)  
Arxiv preprint (2023), arXiv:2306.14389

### $q$ -Rational and $q$ -Real Binomial Coefficients

(with John Machacek)  
Advances in Applied Mathematics (2023)

### Matrix Formulae for Decorated Super Teichmüller Spaces

(with Gregg Musiker and Sylvester Zhang)  
Journal of Geometry and Physics, Volume 189 (2023)

### $q$ -Rationals and Finite Schubert Varieties

Comptes Rendus Mathématique, Volume 361 (2023)

### Double Dimer Covers on Snake Graphs from Super Cluster Expansions

(with Gregg Musiker and Sylvester Zhang)  
Journal of Algebra, Volume 608 (2022)

### Discrete Dynamical Systems from Real Valued Mutation

(with John Machacek)  
Experimental Mathematics (2022)

**An Expansion Formula for Decorated Super-Teichmüller Spaces**  
(with Gregg Musiker and Sylvester Zhang)  
SIGMA, Vol 17 (2021)

**Non-Commutative Integrability of the Grassmann Pentagon Map**  
Advances in Mathematics, Volume 373 (2020)

**Log-Canonical Coordinates for Poisson Brackets and Rational Changes of Coordinates**  
(with John Machacek)  
Journal of Geometry and Physics, Volume 121 (2017)

Employment	<b>Gibbs Assistant Professor</b> Yale University	2024 ~ Present
	<b>Postdoctoral Associate</b> Yale University	2022 ~ 2024
	<b>RTG Postdoc</b> University of Minnesota	2019 ~ 2022
	<b>Graduate Teaching Assistant</b> Michigan State University	2013 ~ 2019
Education	<b>Ph.D. in Mathematics</b> Michigan State University Advisor: Michael Shapiro Thesis: <i>Log-Canonical Poisson Structures and Non-Commutative Integrable Systems</i>	May 2019
	<b>B.S. in Computer Science</b> Michigan State University Minor in Mathematics	December 2012
Invited Talks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Max Planck Institute Geometry Seminar (remote)</li><li>• University of Illinois Algebra-Geometry-Combinatorics Seminar</li><li>• Selected Topics in Mathematics (online UK seminar)</li><li>• Dimers: Combinatorics, Rep Theory and Physics, New York City</li><li>• JMM session on Cluster Algebras, Boston</li><li>• Michigan State University Cluster Algebras Seminar</li><li>• University of Arizona Algebra Seminar</li><li>• University of Connecticut Algebra Seminar</li><li>• Gone Fishing Poisson Geometry Conference, Savannah GA</li><li>• Workshop on Supergeometry, Fields Institute, Toronto</li><li>• Paris Algebra Seminar (online)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>May 2024</li><li>Mar 2024</li><li>Feb 2024</li><li>Aug 2023</li><li>Jan 2023</li><li>Nov 2022</li><li>Nov 2022</li><li>Sep 2022</li><li>Apr 2022</li><li>Mar 2022</li><li>Dec 2021</li></ul>

- Quantum Curves, Integrability, and Cluster Algebras, Melbourne Dec 2021
- Online Cluster Algebra Seminar May 2021
- Michigan State Combinatorics and Graph Theory Seminar Feb 2021
- Yale Clusters and Geometry Seminar (online) Oct 2020
- AMS Sectional, Penn State (online) Oct 2020
- University of Arizona Hamiltonian Systems Seminar (online) Oct 2020
- University of Wisconsin-Madison Combinatorics Seminar Mar 2020
- Michigan State University Cluster Algebras Seminar Feb 2020
- Notre Dame Cluster Algebras Seminar Oct 2019
- KUMUNU Jr, Student Comm. Alg. Conference, U of Nebraska Mar 2019
- York University Combinatorics Seminar Jan 2019
- University of Minnesota Combinatorics Seminar Nov 2018
- AMS Sectional, University of Michigan Oct 2018
- Grad Student Topology/Geometry Conference, Michigan State Apr 2017

## Teaching Experience

### Yale University

2022 ~ Present

- Discrete Mathematics
- Combinatorics
- Linear Algebra
- Poisson Geometry (graduate topics course)

### University of Minnesota

2019 ~ 2022

- Enumerative Combinatorics
- Graph Theory
- Abstract Algebra
- Cryptology and Number Theory
- Multivariable Calculus

### Michigan State University

2013 ~ 2019

- Transitions and Proofs
- Calculus I, II, and III
- Survey of Calculus
- College Algebra

<b>Mentoring Experience</b>	<b>Supervised Undergraduate Independent Study</b> Yale University	2024
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student: Etan Basser Project: Lie Algebras and Representation Theory</li> </ul>	
	<b>Minnesota Research Workshop in Algebra and Combinatorics</b> University of Minnesota	2024
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Problem mentor</li> <li>• Research problem: local statistics for higher dimer models</li> <li>• led to ongoing collaboration with grad students, currently in progress</li> </ul>	
	<b>Supervised Undergraduate Research</b> Yale University	2023
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students: Etan Basser and Anuj Sakarda Project: Higher analogs of continued fractions Resulted in Preprint – arXiv:2401.12859</li> </ul>	
	<b>Supervised Undergraduate Capstone &amp; Honors Theses</b> University of Minnesota	2019 ~ 2022
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student: Grace Ditmar Project: Representation Theory of Symmetric Groups</li> <li>• Student: Isaac Martin Project: <math>q</math>-Analogues of Rational Numbers</li> <li>• Student: Antonio Turley Project: Elliptic Curve Cryptology</li> </ul>	
	<b>Mentor for Summer REU</b> University of Minnesota	2020
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project: Unimodality conjecture for <math>q</math>-rational numbers</li> </ul>	
	<b>Center for Instructional Mentoring</b> Michigan State University Lead TA / Mentor for:	2015 ~ 2019
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey of Calculus</li> <li>• Calculus II and III</li> <li>• all courses (during summer semester)</li> </ul>	
<b>Organization</b>	<b>AMS Sectional, Special Session on Cluster Algebras</b> University of Cincinnati	April 2023
	<b>Combinatorics Seminar</b> University of Minnesota	2020 ~ 2022

**Student Algebra Seminar**  
Michigan State University

2017 ~ 2019

## Conferences Attended

<b>Journeys in Mathematics</b> (conference in honor of Jim Propp) MIT	June 2024
<b>Enumerative and Algebraic Combinatorics</b> (conference in honor of Bruce Sagan) University of Florida	Feb 2024
<b>Dimers: Combinatorics, Representation Theory, and Physics</b> New York City	Aug 2023
<b>Cluster Algebras and Poisson Geometry</b> (conference in honor of M. Gekhtman, M. Shapiro, and A. Vainshtein) Levico Terme, Italy	June 2023
<b>Gone Fishing Poisson Geometry Conference</b> Amherst College	March 2023
<b>Joint Mathematics Meeting</b> Boston, MA	January 2023
<b>Open Problems in Algebraic Combinatorics</b> University of Minnesota	May 2022
<b>Gone Fishing Poisson Geometry Conference</b> Georgia Southern University	April 2022
<b>Workshop on Supergeometry and Bracket Structures in Math &amp; Physics</b> Fields Institute, Toronto	March 2022
<b>AMS Sectional Meeting</b> Penn State (online)	October 2020
<b>KUMUNU Jr Commutative Algebra Conference</b> University of Nebraska	March 2019
<b>Combinatorics &amp; Beyond: the Many Facets of Sergey Fomin's Mathematics</b> (conference in honor of Sergey Fomin) University of Michigan	November 2018
<b>AMS Sectional Meeting</b> University of Michigan	October 2018
<b>Retakh Fest: Non-commutative Structures, Cluster Algebras, and Applications</b>	June 2018

(conference in honor of Vladimir Retakh)  
University of Angers, France

<b>Combinatorics of Moduli Spaces, Cluster Algebras, and Topological Recursion</b> Steklov Mathematical Institute, Moscow, Russia	June 2018
<b>Cluster Algebras and Math Physics</b> Michigan State University	May 2018
<b>Algebra Extravaganza</b> Temple University	July 2017
<b>Cluster Algebra Spring School</b> University of Connecticut	May 2017
<b>“Gone Fishing” Poisson Geometry Conference</b> Notre Dame	May 2017
<b>Midwest Algebraic Geometry Graduate Conference</b> University of Illinois, Chicago	April 2017
<b>Graduate Student Topology and Geometry Conference</b> Michigan State University	April 2017
<b>AMS Sectional Meeting</b> Loyola University, Chicago	October 2015
<b>AMS Sectional Meeting</b> Michigan State University	March 2015