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Professional History:

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: Professor of Mathematics, 2018–present. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: Associate Professor of Mathematics, 2007–2018. Caltech: Associate Professor of Mathematics, 2003–2007. Harvard: Benjamin Peirce Assistant Professor of Mathematics, 1999–2003. University of Chicago: Ph.D. in Mathematics, 1999.

Selected Grants, Awards, and Honors:

Fellow of the American Mathematical Society (inducted in 2013).

Simons Fellowship in Mathematics, Fall 2013 and Spring 2021.

Alfred P. Sloan Fellow, 2004–2008.

Currently sole PI on NSF grant DMS-2303572, \$400,000, 2023-2026.

Career grant total: \$2.2 million (\$1.9 million from NSF; \$300k from foundations).

LAS Dean's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, University of Illinois, 2014.

Faculty Teaching Award from the Associated Students of Caltech, 2006.

Selected Publications: Available on web page listed above, and at arXiv.org.

- Cyclic surgery, degrees of maps of character curves, and volume rigidity for hyperbolic manifolds. *Invent. Math.* **136** (1999), 623–657.
- (with Danny Calegari) Laminations and groups of homeomorphisms of the circle. *Invent. Math.* **152** (2003) 149–207.
- (with Frank Calegari) Automorphic forms and rational homology 3-spheres. *Geom. Topol.* **10** (2006) 295–329.
- (with William Thurston) Finite covers of random 3-manifolds. *Invent. Math.* **166** (2006) 457–521.
- (with Dylan Thurston) A random tunnel number one 3-manifold does not fiber over the circle. *Geom. Topol.* **10** (2006) 2431–2499.
- (with Anil Hirani) The Least Spanning Area of a Knot and the Optimal Bounding Chain Problem. Proceedings of the 27th ACM Symposium on Computational Geometry, SoCG 2011, 135–144.
- (with Jeffrey Brock) Injectivity radii of hyperbolic integer homology 3-spheres. *Geom. Topol.* **19** (2015), 497–523.
- (with Jeffrey Brock) Norms on the cohomology of hyperbolic 3-manifolds. *Invent. Math.* **210** (2017), 531–558.
- (with Marc Culler) Orderability and Dehn filling. *Geom. Topol.* **22** (2018), 1405–1457.
- Floer homology, group orderability, and taut foliations of hyperbolic 3-manifolds. *Geom. Topol.* **24** (2020), 2075–2125.
- (with Stavros Garoufalidis and J. Hyam Rubinstein) Counting essential surfaces in 3-manifolds. *Invent. Math.* **228** (2022), 717–775.

Teaching and Mentoring: I have taught more than 20 distinct courses ranging from a vector calculus class with 270 students to an advanced graduate class with only 5 students, and won teaching awards at both Illinois and Caltech. I have graduated nine PhD students; their first jobs include named postdocs at Harvard and Columbia. I have mentored numerous undergraduates in research projects and honors theses.