# **DREXEL UNIVERSITY**

# DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Annual Report

2017—18

### **DEPARTMENT DIRECTORY**

Department Leadership

Administration

Faculty

Visiting Faculty

Adjunct Faculty

Teaching Assistants and Research Assistants

#### **DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP**







Shari Moskow, PhD Department Head; Professor of Mathematics

J. Douglas Wright, PhD Associate Department Head; Professor of Mathematics

David Ambrose, PhD Associate Department Head; Professor of Mathematics

#### **ADMINISTRATION**











Paige Chmielewski, Undergraduate Program Coordinator Kenneth Hemphill, Budget Coordinator Gene Phan, Computer Specialist Sobha Philip, Graduate Program Manager (Math Resource Center) Amy Tiernan, Program Assistant (Math Resource Center)









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FACULTY MEMBERS









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RAYMOND FAVOCCI
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DMITRY K-VERBORETSKYI
GEORGI MEDVEDEV
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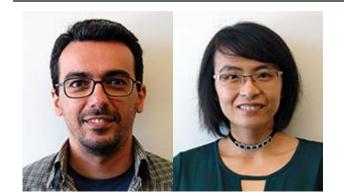


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#### **VISITING FACULTY**

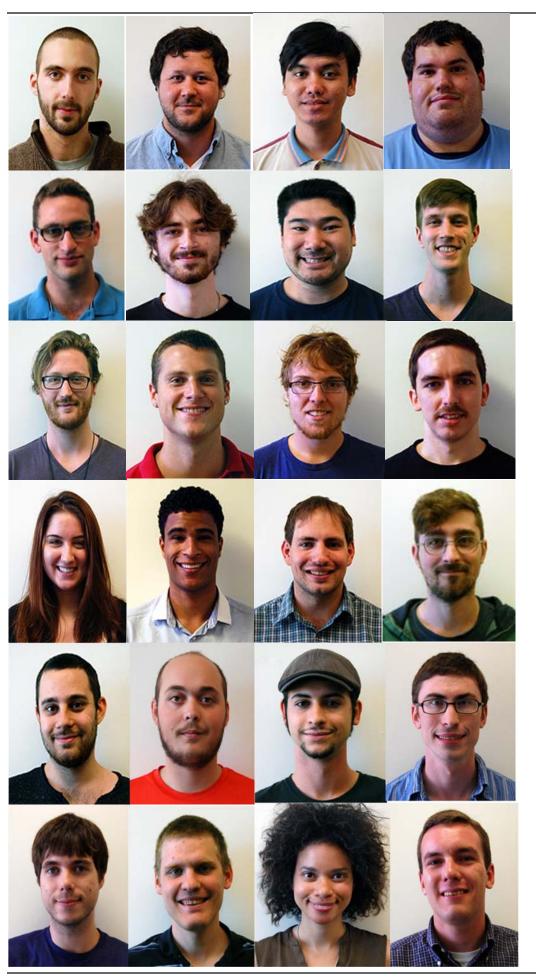
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#### **ADJUNCT FACULTY**

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# TEACHING & RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

Nathan Anderson Joshua Carmichael Kennett Dela Rosa A. J. Furia

Benjamin Grossmann Eammon Hart Ben Irwin Joshua Jackson

Felix Jones Dominick Macaluso Joshua McGinnis Andrew Pallotto

Taylor Pangburn Gabriel Pimentel Daniel Summers James Thomas

Aleksandr Yaroslavskiy Zac Gaskill Alexander Onderdonk David Sulon

Patrick Shields Leonard Stevenson Elisabeth Johnson Timothy Faver

# DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS TENURE, PROMOTION AND AWARDS

#### **Promotion to Professor**

J. Douglas Wright, PhD

#### **Promotion to Associate Professor**

Gideon Simpson, PhD

#### **Promotion to Teaching Professor**

Marna Mozeff

#### **Awarded Emeritus Status**

Justin Smith, PhD

### **2017 SERVICE RECOGNITION HONOREES**

### **FACULTY GRANTS**

**Ambrose, David,** National Science Foundation, DMS 1515849, Dynamics of Dispersive PDE, 2015-2018, \$269,987

Ambrose, David, PI, and Co-PIs Shari Moskow, Gideon Simpson, Xiaoming Song, and J. Douglas Wright, National Science Foundation, DMS 1613965, 2016 Gene Golub Summer School at Drexel University, 2016-2017, \$95,000

**Blasiak, Jonah,** National Science Foundation Grant, DMS 1600391, Tools for Positivity, 2016-2019, \$195,000

**Guo, Yixin,** National Science Foundation, DMS 1226180, Closed-loop Deep Brain Stimulation, Synchrony breaking and Chimera State, 2012-2016, \$164,996

**Hitczenko, Pawel,** Simons Foundation, Collaborative research in Combinatorics and Probability, 2011–2016, \$35,000

Hitczenko, Pawel, Drexel Scholarly and Creative Award, 2016-2017, \$4,060

**Medvedev, Georgi**, National Science Foundation, DMS 1412096, Dynamics of Large Networks, 2014-2017, \$150,000

**Morse, Jennifer**, National Science Foundation, Combinatorics in algebra, geometry, and physics, 2013-2016, \$290,000

**Morse, Jennifer,** National Science Foundation, Combinatorics of Macdonald polynomials and Schubert calculus, 2016-2019, \$285,000

**Moskow, Shari**, National Science Foundation, Heterogeneous Optical Media: Boundary Effects, Spectral Properties and Inversion, 2017-2020, \$339,999

**Moskow, Shari**, National Science Foundation, DMS 1411721, Nonlinear spectral problems in electromagnetics: asymptotics and inversion, 2014-2017, \$191,670

**Moskow, Shari**, National Science Foundation DMS: SIAM Optics and Photonics Workshop, 2016-2017, \$31,200.

### **FACULTY GRANTS**

Moskow, Shari, Timed for a Successful Career: NSF/AWM Travel Grants for

Women in the Mathematical Sciences 2016-2019, \$432,687

**Simpson, Gideon**, National Science Foundation, DMS 1409018, Computational and Analytical Challenges in Nonlinear Dispersive Wave Equations, 2014-2017, \$146,118

**Simpson, Gideon**, United States Department of Energy, DE-SC0012733, Theory and Computation for Mescopic Materials Modeling, 2014-2017, \$88,715.20

**Woerdeman, Hugo,** Simons Foundation, Collaborative grant, The multivariable Schur class and determinantal representations, 2015-2020, \$35,000

**Wright, J. Douglas,** National Science Foundation, DMS Applied Mathematics, Wave propagation in heterogeneous nonlinear dispersive systems, 2015-2018, \$340,446

**Yu, Pok Yin Thomas,** National Science Foundation, DMS 1522337, New Developments in Geometric and Multiscale Numerical Methods, \$230,000, 2015-2018

### **FACULTY PUBLICATIONS**

Acan, H. and **Pawel Hitczenko**, On random trees obtained from permutation graphs, Discrete Mathematics, 339, p. 2871-2883, 2016

Acan, H. and **Pawel Hitczenko**, On a memory game and preferential attachment graphs, Advances in Applied Probability, 48, p. 585-609, 2016

**Akin, Myles,** R. Dzakpasu, **Yixin Guo**, and **Alex Onderdonk** Functional Reconstruction of Dyadic and Triadic Subgraphs in Spiking Neural Network Models, Springer, 2016

**Ambrose, David** and **J. Douglas Wright**, Nonexistence of small doubly periodic solutions for dispersive equations, Analysis & PDE, 9, p. 15-42, 2016

Akers, B.F., **David Ambrose**, K. Pond, and **J. Douglas Wright**, Overturned internal capillary-gravity waves, European Journal of Mechanics - B/Fluids, 57, p. 143-151, 2016

### **FACULTY PUBLICATIONS**

Alvarado, E., S. Beres, V. Coufal, K. Hlavacek, **Joel Pereira**, and B. Reeves, Klein links and related torus links, Involve, 9(2), 347–359, 2016

Aristoff, D., S.T. Chill, **Gideon Simpson**. Analysis of estimators for adaptive Kinetic Monte Carlo, Communications in Applied Mathematics and Computational Science, 11(2), p. 171-186, 2016

**Ambrose, David,** Small strong solutions for time-dependent mean field games with local coupling. Comptes Rendus Mathématique Academie des Sciences, Paris, 354, p. 589-594, 2016

**Ambrose David.**, W.A. Strauss, and **J. Douglas Wright**. Global bifurcation theory for periodic traveling interfacial gravity-capillary waves. Annales de l'Institut Henri Poincaré C, Analyse non linéaire, 33, p. 1081-1101, 2016

**Blasiak, Jonah,** Haglund's conjecture on 3-column Macdonald polynomials, Mathematische Zeitschrift, 283, p. 601–628, 2016

**Blasiak, Jonah,** What makes a D0 graph Schur positive?, Journal of Algebraic Combinatorics, p. 1–51, 2016

**Blasiak, Jonah,** R. Liu, and K. M'esz'aros. Subalgebras of the Fomin-Kirillov algebra. J. Algebraic Combin., 1–45, 2016

**Blasiak, Jonah,** S. Fomin. Noncommutative Schur functions, switchboards, and Schur positivity, Selecta Mathematica, p. 1-40, 2016

**Bouchot, Jean-Luc, Simon Foucart**, and **Pawel Hitczenko**, Hard Thresholding Pursuit and variations: the number of iterations, Applied and Computational Harmonic Analysis, 41, p. 412-435, 2016

**Burnette, Charles** and **Eric Schmutz,** *Representing random permutations as the product of two involutions,* Online Journal of Analytic Combinatorics, 11(6), 2016

Chen, D., D.E. Henson, M.T. Hueman, A.M. Schwartz, **Li Sheng,** and H. Wang, Clustering Cancer Data by Areas between Survival Curves. Proceedings of 2016 IEEE First Conference on Connected Health: Applications, Systems and Engineering Technologies, p. 61-66, 2016

### **FACULTY PUBLICATIONS**

Chen, D., D.E. Henson, M.T. Hueman, A.M. Schwartz, **Li Sheng**, and H. Wang, An Algorithm for Creating Prognostic Systems for Cancer, Journal of Medical Systems, 40(7), p. 1-10, 2016

Clarke, Patrick, Dual fans and mirror symmetry, Advances in Mathematics, p. 902-933, 2016

Grinfeld, M., **Pavel Grinfeld**, The Gibbs method in thermodynamics of heterogeneous substances carrying electric charges, Results in Physics 6, p. 194–195, 2016

Grinfeld, M., **Pavel Grinfeld,** J. Niederhaus, A. Porwitzky, ALEGRA Based Computation of Magnetostatic Configurations, Aces Express Journal, 1(2), p. 40-43, 2016

M. Grinfeld, **Pavel Grinfeld**, A rigorous framework for the Landau-Lifshitz approach to Thomson Electrostatics, Journal of Geometry and Symmetry in Physics, 41, p. 69-75, 2016

**Grinshpan, Anatolii, Dmitry Kaliuzhnyi-Verbovetskyi,** V. Vinnikov, **Hugo J. Woerdeman**, Contractive determinantal representations of stable polynomials on a matrix polyball, Mathematische Zeitschrift, 283(1–2), p. 25–37, 2016

**Grinshpan, Anatolii, Dmitry Kaliuzhnyi-Verbovetskyi,** V. Vinnikov, **Hugo J. Woerdeman,** Stable and real-zero polynomials in two variables, Multidimensional Systems and Signal Processing. 27(1), p. 1–26, 2016

**Grinshpan, Anatolii, Dmitry Kaliuzhnyi-Verbovetskyi,** V. Vinnikov, **Hugo J. Woerdeman,** Matrix-valued Hermitian positivstellensatz, lurking contractions, and contractive determinantal representations of stable polynomials, Operator Theory: Advanced Applications, 255, p. 123–136, 2016

**Guo, Yixin** and **Kelly Toppin**, Multi-site delayed feedback stimulation in parkinsonian networks, BMC Neuroscience 2016, 17(1), p. 151, 2016

**Guo, Yixin** and **Aijun Zhang**, Existence and Nonexistence of Traveling Pulses in a Lateral Inhibition Neural Network. Discrete and Continuous Dynamical Systems - Series B, 21(6), 2016

Li, Huilan, Jennifer Morse, and Patrick Shields, Structure constants for K-theory of Grassmannians, revisited. Journal of Combinatorial Theory, Series A, p. 306-325, 2016

### **FACULTY PUBLICATIONS**

**Li, Huilan, Jennifer Morse, and Patrick Shields**, A dual approach to structure constants for K-theory of Grassmannians, Discrete Mathematics & Theoretical Computer Science, p. 767-778, 2016

**Hitczenko, Pawel** and **Amanda Lohss**, Probabilistic consequences of some polynomial recurrences, Proceedings of the 27th International Conference on the Probabilistic, Combinatorial, and Asymptotic Methods for the Analysis of Algorithms, 2016

**Hitczenko, Pawel** and **Amanda Lohss**, Corners in tree-like tableaux, Proceedings of the 27th International Conference on the Probabilistic, Combinatorial, and Asymptotic Methods for the Analysis of Algorithms, 2016

**Hitczenko, Pawel** and **Amanda Lohss**, On the asymptotic distribution of the parameters in weighted random staircase tableaux, Journal of Combinatorics, 17, p. 643-670, 2016

**Hitczenko, Pawel** and **Amanda Lohss**, Corners in tree-like tableaux, Electronic Journal of Combinatorics, 24, p. 4.26, 2016

Luskin, M., **Gideon Simpson**, and D.J. Srolovitz. A Theoretical Examination of Diffusive Molecular Dynamics, SIAM Journal on Applied Mathematics, 76(6), p. 2176-2196, 2016

**Shari Moskow**, **David M. Ambrose**, Jayadeep Gopalakrishnan, and Scott Rome. Scattering of electromagnetic waves by thin high contrast dielectrics ii: asymptotics of the electric field and a method for inversion. Commun. Math. Sci., 15(4):1041–

1053, 2017.

Kimberly Kilgore, **Shari Moskow**, and John C. Schotland. Convergence of the born series for electromagnetic waves. Appl. Anal., 96(10), 2017.

**Perline, Ronald**, Y. Starosvetsky, A. Vainchtein, and **J. Douglas Wright**, Solitary Waves in DiaTomic Lattices, Physical Review E, 93(4), 2016

Perline, R. and **Ronald Perline**, Two Universality Properties Associated with the Monkey Model of Zipf's Law, Entropy, 18(3), p. 89, 2016

Woerdeman, Hugo J., Advanced Linear Algebra. Boca Raton, Florida: CRC Press, 2016. Print.

Grohs, P., M. Sprecher, and **Pok Yin Thomas Yu**, Scattered Manifold-Valued Data Approximation, Numerische Mathematik, 2016

**Ambrose, David,** "Sufficiently strong dispersion removes ill-posedness in truncated series models of water waves," BIRS Workshop on Theoretical and Computational Aspects of Nonlinear Surface Waves, Banff International Research Station for Mathematical Innovation and Discovery, Banff, Alberta, November 2016, Invited

**Ambrose, David,** "On vortex sheets and mean field games," Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon, November 2016. Invited

**Ambrose, David,** "Traveling waves in interfacial fluid dynamics with multi-valued height," 13<sup>th</sup> Franco -Romanian Colloquium on Applied Mathematics, Special Session of Free Boundary Problems, August 2016, Invited

**Ambrose, David,** "Convergence of a boundary integral method for 3D interfacial flow with surface tension," SIAM Annual Meeting, Minisymposium on High-Fidelity Modeling for Cellular Flows, Boston, MA, July 2016, Invited

**Ambrose, David,** "Convergence of a boundary integral method for 3D interfacial flow with surface tension," International Conference on Scientific Computing and Applications, Session on Scientific and High-Performance Computing, Toronto, Canada, June 2016, Invited

**Ambrose, David,** "On vortex sheets and mean field games," Analysis of Partial Differential Equations Using Dynamical Systems Techniques conference, Boston, MA, June 2016, Invited

**Ambrose, David,** "Convergence of a boundary integral method for 3D interfacial flow with surface tension," CSCAMM Workshop on Mixing and Mixtures in Geo- and Biophysical Flows, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, May 2016, Invited

**Ambrose, David,** "Ill-Posedness of truncated series models of water waves," 2<sup>nd</sup> KUMU Conference on PDE, Dynamical Systems, and Applications, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, April 2016, Invited

**Ambrose, David,** "Traveling waves in interfacial fluid dynamics with multi-valued height," PDE & Analysis Seminar, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, April 2016, Invited

**Ambrose, David,** "A convergent boundary integral method for 3D interfacial flow with surface tension," Analysis and Applied Mathematics Seminar, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL, April 2016. Invited

**Blasiak, Jonah, "**Kronecker coefficients and noncommutative super Schur functions," Fall Eastern AMS Sectional Meeting, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME, September 2016, Invited

**Grinshpan, Anatolii,** "Nested subclasses of the Schur class," International Workshop on Operator Theory and Applications, St Louis, MO, July 2016

**Grinshpan, Anatolii,** "Determinantal representations of stable polynomials," Southeastern Analysis Meeting, Tampa, FL, March 2016

**Hitczenko, Pawel,** "On the game of memory," Workshop on Probabilistic and Analytic Combinatorics held at the BIRS Center, Banff, Canada, October 2016, Invited

**Kaliuzhnyi-Verbovetskyi,** "Contractive determinantal representations of stable polynomials on a matrix polyball," Workshop in Noncommutative Analysis, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, June 2016

**Kaliuzhnyi-Verbovetskyi,** Rational inner functions on a square-matrix polyball," special session Multivariable Operator Theory of the IWOTA 2016 conference, Washington University, St. Louis, MO, July 2016

**Kaliuzhnyi-Verbovetskyi,** "Integrability of Free Noncommutative Functions," CIMI workshop on noncommutative functions and complex analysis, University of Toulouse, France, October 2016

**Morse, Jennifer,** "Discrete affairs with Macdonald and Gromov-Witten," Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics, Vancouver, Canada, July 2016

**Morse, Jennifer, "**Combinatorics of affine Schubert calculus," Southeastern Lie Theory Workshop, Charlottesville, VA May 2016

**Odintsova, Oksana,** "Technology in Teaching Mathematics," International conference Krasnoyarsk, Russia, November 2016

**Medvedev, Georgi,** Gene Golub SIAM Summer School on Stochastic Differential Equations, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, July 2016 Invited

**Medvedev, Georgi,** Workshop on Synchronization and Oscillators with Generalized Coupling, University of Exeter, Exeter, UK, April 2016, Invited

**Medvedev, Georgi,** MBI Workshop on Generalized Network Structures and Dynamics, Ohio State University, March 2016, Invited

**Medvedev, Georgi,** MBI Workshop on Dynamics in Networks with Special Properties, Ohio State University, January 2016, Invited

**Moskow, Shari,** Invited minisymposium speaker, "Equivalence of Galerkin methods and spectrally matched grids.", Model Reduction in Inverse Problems, SIAM Annual meeting, Boston, MA, July 2016.

**Moskow, Shari,** "Homogenization of a Transmission Problem," Oberwolfach Workshop on Inverse Scattering, Oberwolfach, Germany, September 2016, Invited

**Moskow, Shari,** "Homogenization of a Transmission Problem," Workshop on homogenization theory, Corsica, France, November 2016, Invited

**Moskow, Shari, "**Inverse Problems: Determining the Equation from the Solution," Haverford College, Haverford, PA, November 2016, Invited

**Pok Yin Thomas Yu** "Subdivision Methods of Biomembranes"- SIAM Conference on Industrial and Applied Geometry, Pittsburg, PA, July 2017

**Pok Yin Thomas Yu** "Numerical Solution and Uniqueness of the Canham-Evans-Helfrich Model for Biomembranes", European Conference on Numerical Mathematics and Advanced Applications, Voss, Norway, September 2017

**Simpson, Gideon,** "Mathematical Formalisms for Molecular Dynamics" colloquium at University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, March 2016

**Simpson, Gideon,** "Application to McKenzie model," workshop on "From the Grain to the Continuum: Two Phase Dynamics of a Partially Molten, Polycrystalline Aggregate," Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK, April 2016

**Simpson, Gideon,** "Stochastic Processes and Diffusive Molecular Dynamics" SIAM Conference on Mathematical Aspects of Materials Science minisymposium on Computational Methods for Materials Science, Philadelphia, PA, May 2016

**Simpson, Gideon, "Stochastic Processes and Diffusive Molecular Dynamics," Frontiers in Applied and Computational Mathematics, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ, June 2016** 

**Woerdeman, Hugo,** "Rational Schur-Agler functions on polynomially-defined domains," International Workshop Operator Theory and Analysis, St. Louis, MO July 2016, Invited

**Woerdeman, Hugo,** "Rational Schur-Agler functions on polynomially-defined domains," Analysis Seminar, Department of Pure Mathematics, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada, September 2016

**Woerdeman, Hugo,** "The 2xM separability problem investigated via semidefinite programming and normal completions," Quantum Information and Computation Theory Seminar, Institute for Quantum Computing, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada, December 2016

**Wright, J. Douglas,** "Overhanging traveling gravity capillary waves," Joint Mathematical Meetings, Seattle, WA, January 2016

**Wright, J. Douglas,** "Traveling waves for diatomic FPUT lattices," SIAM Conference on Nonlinear Waves and Coherent Structures, Philadelphia, PA, August 2016

**Xiaoming Song** "Admission Control for Multidimensional Workload Input with Heavy Tails and Fractional Ornstein-Uhlenbeck Process" - Poster Presentation & Seminar on "Stochastic Processes", University of Maryland, March 2016

**Xiaoming Song** "A Mathematical Model of file Uploads and Download"-Dean's Seminar, Drexel University, April 2016

**Xiaoming Song** "An Implicit Numerical Scheme for a Class of BDSDEs"- SIAM Conference on Control and its Applications, July 2017

## **EDITORIAL POSITIONS**

Ambrose Division Editor of Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications

Hitczenko, Pawel, Editorial Board Member, Open Journal of Discrete Mathematics

Kaliuzhnyi-Verbovetskyi, Dmitry, Associate Editor, Journal Complex Analysis and Operator Theory

Morse, Jennifer, Managing editor, Journal of Combinatorics

Woerdeman, Hugo J., Associate Editor, Indagationes Mathematicae

Woerdeman, Hugo J., Associate Editor, Annals of Functional Analysis'

# FACULTY APPOINTMENTS & CONFERENCE ORGANIZATIONS

**Ambrose, David** and **Gideon Simpson,** co-organizer of session, "Analysis of numerical methods for dispersive and fluid equations", The Tenth IMACS International Conference on Nonlinear Evolution Equations and Wave Phenomena: Computation and Theory, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, March -April 2017

**Ambrose, David,** co-organizer, Summer school on Mean Field Games and Applications, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, June 2018

**Blasiak, Jonah,** scientific committee member, Mid-Atlantic Algebraic Geometry and Combinatorics Workshop, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, April 2016

**Hitczenko, Pawel,** program committee member, Meeting on Analytic Algorithmics and Combinatorics, New Orleans, LA, January 2018

**Morse, Jennifer, e**xecutive officer, Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics, Vancouver, Canada, July 2016

**Morse, Jennifer,** scientific committee member, Mid-Atlantic Geometry & Combinatorics Conference, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, May 2016

**Morse, Jennifer,** organizer, Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics, London, England, July 2017

**Simpson, Gideon,** organizer of minisymposium, on "Materials Science," Frontiers in Applied and Computational Mathematics, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ, June 2016

**Simpson, Gideon,** co-organizer of workshop, "From the Grain to the Continuum: Two Phase Dynamics of a Partially Molten, Polycrystalline Aggregate," Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK, April 2016

**Song, Xiaoming, David Ambrose, Shari Moskow, Gideon Simpson, J. Douglas Wright,** coorganizer, "Gene Golub Summer School on Stochastic Differential Equations and Wave Propagation." Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, July-August 2016

# <u>FACULTY PAPPOINTMENTS &</u> CONFERENCE ORGANIZATIONS

**Woerdeman, Hugo J.**, member of the scientific organizing committee, 2016 International Linear Algebra Society (ILAS) meeting, Leuven, Belgium, July 2016

**Woerdeman, Hugo J.**, organizer of a minisymposium, "Multivariable Operator Theory," 2016 International Workshop on Operator Theory and its Applications, St. Louis, MO, July 2016

**Woerdeman, Hugo J.**, Member of the International Program Committee, 2016 International Symposium on the Mathematical Theory of Networks and Systems (MTNS), Minneapolis, MN July 2016

**Wright, J. Douglas,** co-organizer, Conference on the Analysis of Partial Differential Equations using Dynamical Systems Techniques, Gene Wayne's 60th Birthday Conference, Boston University, Boston, MA, June 2016

**Wright, J. Douglas,** co-organizer of minisymposium, Lattice Dynamics: Wave Propagation and Continuum Approximation at SIAM Conference on Nonlinear Waves and Coherent Structures in Philadelphia, PA. August 2016

**Woerdeman, Hugo J.**, board member, International Research Center for Tensor and Matrix Theory of Shanghai University

**Woerdeman, Hugo J.**, vice president, Steering Committee, International Workshop on Operator Theory and its Applications

Woerdeman, Hugo J., vice president, International Linear Algebra Society

**Woerdeman, Hugo J.**, Organizer of the mini-symposium 'Multivariable Operator Theory' at the International Workshop on Operator Theory and its Applications, St. Louis, July 2016

### PHD DEGREE AWARDED



#### Myles Akin with his advisor Dr. Yixin Guo.

His thesis title is "Multiplex Network Analysis of Local Topology in Simulated and In Vitro Spiking Neural Networks"



#### **<u>Tim Faver</u>** with advisor **Dr. Douglas Wright**

His thesis title is "Nanopteron –stegoton traveling waves in mass and spring dimer Fermi-Pasta-Ulam –Tsingou Lattices"



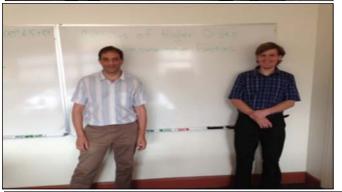
#### <u>David Sulon</u> with his advisor **Dr. David Ambrose**

His thesis title is "Analysis for periodic travelling interfacial Hydroelastic waves"



#### Alexander Onderdonk with advisor Dr. Yixin Guo

His thesis title is "Activity patterns in Lateral –Inhibition type Neural Fields with Asymmetric Excitatory Distal Components"



# <u>Leonard Stevenson</u> with advisor **Dr. Dmitri V-Verbovetskyi**

His thesis title is "Calculus of Non-Commutative Functions"

### GRADUATE AWARDS



**Joshua Carmichael**, won the Teaching Excellence Award for his exemplary commitment to student learning, reflective teaching practices, innovative teaching methods, leadership and a commitment to their professional growth and development as a teacher.

**Ben Grossman** received an honorable mention as a Teaching Assistant for his exemplary commitment to student learning, reflective teaching practices, innovative teaching methods, leadership and a commitment to their professional growth and development as a teacher.





**Kennett Paul Dela Rosa** received a Research Excellence award for his work on Matrix Factorization results for orthogonal and symplectic matrices and the Location of Ritz values in the numerical range of normal matrices



### Undergraduate Awards



The winners are with CoAS dean Donna M. Murasko, PhD and math undergraduate advisor Dr. Ron Perline

**Robert J. Bickel Scholarship**—Presented in honor of Dr. Robert J. Bickel who was a member of the mathematics department from 1946 to 1987. The winners are:

Curtis Bechtel, Maria Boerlin, Joseph Nuyannes, Rishi Patel, Guruansh Singh, Zhilang Zhang, Yuwei Zhou

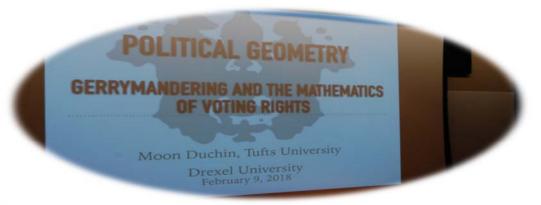
**Frank H. M. Williams** Prize in Mathematics—Presented annually in recognition of academic achievement in mathematics. The winner is:

**Preetham Mohan** 



### **DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER**

**Moon Duchin**, Tufts University was the distinguished speaker and she talked to the Drexel audience on February 9th, 2018 about the geometry of Gerrymandering and the discrete curvature in redistricting and group theory.







Dr. Duchin is the Director of the Science, Technology, and Society Program at Tufts University. She launched the Metric Geometry and Gerrymandering Group (or MGGG), which coordinates a national network of mathematicians working to provide geometric and computational innovations for redistricting reform in the United States. Her research involves geometric group theory and geometric topology; the history, philosophy, and culture of science; and gerrymandering and civil rights. She holds an NSF CAREER Award and has been named a Fellow of the American Mathematical Society and a Senior Fellow of the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life at Tufts.



## FACULTY AWARD

### **COLLOQUIA**

#### **Concentration of Information for Log-Concave Measures**

November 8, 2017

Speaker: Mokshay Madiman, University of Delaware

#### **Large Time Behavior of Randomly Perturbed Dynamical Systems**

November 15, 2017

Speaker: Lenoid Koralov, University of Maryland

#### **Nodal Statistics of Graph Eigenfunctions**

January 31, 2018

Speaker: Gregory Berkolaiko, Texas A & M University

#### **Solutions of a non-linear Field Theory**

February 14, 2018

Speaker: Peter Miller, University of Michigan

#### **Hierarchy of PDE Models of Cell Motility**

February 21, 2018

Speaker: Leonid Berlyand, Penn State University

#### **Homotopy Probability Theory in the Univalent Foundations**

April 11, 2018

Speaker: Harry Crane, Rutgers University

#### **Periodic Paths on the Pentagon**

April 25, 2018

Speaker: Diana Davis, Swarthmore College

### **COLLOQUIA**

#### Vanishing Vector – Valued Logarithmic Residues and Universal Cantor Sets

May 30, 2018

Speaker: Harm Bart, Erasmus University Rotterdam

### The Bounded Real Lemma for Infinite -Dimensional Discrete Time-Linear Input/Stae/ Output Linear Systems

June 6, 2018

Speaker: Joe Ball, Virginia Tech

### **PDE SEMINAR**

# Examining androgen-mediated disruption of the ovulatory cycle through mathematical modeling

October 20, 2017

Speaker: Erica J. Graham, Bryn Mawr

#### Phantom Traffic Jams, Autonomous Vehicles, and the Future of Traffic Modeling

October 6, 2017

Speaker: Benjamin Seibold, Temple University

#### Can I Borrow a Feeling?

November 3, 2017

Speaker: Scott Rome, Cadent

#### **TBD**

November 16, 2017

Speaker: Quinn Morris, Swarthmore

#### **TBD**

December 1, 2017

Speaker: Georgi Medvedev, Drexel University

### COMBINATORICS & ALGEBRA GEOMETRY SEMINARS

#### Combinatorial stability and representation stability

September 22, 2016 Thomas Church, IAS/Stanford

#### **Applying Representation Theory to Random Walks**

September 29, 2016

Angela Hicks, Lehigh University

# <u>Using Grassmann (or anti-commuting) variables in Combinatorics: Lindstrom-Gessel-Viennot lemma and Schur functions</u>

October 13, 2016 Adrian Tanasa, University of Bordeaux

#### Peak and descent polynomials

October 27, 2016 Alexander Diaz-Lopez, Swarthmore College

#### A Grassmann Algebra for Matroids

November 3, 2016 Noah Giansiracusa, Swarthmore College

#### K-Theory and Monodromy of Schubert Curves

November 10, 2016 Jake Levinson, Michigan

#### Splines, GKM theory, and non-GKM spaces

November 17, 2016 Elizabeth Drellich, Swarthmore College

#### An Introduction to Symplectic Duality

*December 1, 2016*Justin Hilburn, Penn

#### **Decompositions of Grothendieck polynomials**

January 26, 2017 Oliver Pechenik, Rutgers University

### COMBINATORICS & ALGEBRA GEOMETRY SEMINARS

#### Kohnert tableaux and quasi-key polynomials

February 2, 2017 Dominic Searles, USC

#### Rook and Wilf equivalence of integer partitions

*February 16, 2017* Jonathan Bloom, Lafayette College

#### **Colorings and Positivity**

February 28, 2017 Per Alexandersson, Penn and KTH

#### Stable bases and q-Fock space

March 2, 2017 Eugene Gorsky, UC Davis

## **Quantum cohomology of Grassmannians via Landau-Ginzburg potentials and combinatorics**

March 16, 2017 Kaisa Taipale, Univ. of Minnesota

#### Conjugacy Growth Series for Wreath Products of Finitary Permutation Groups

*March 30, 2017*Madeline Locus, Emory

#### Genus Two analogue of A\_1 spherical DAHA

April 13, 2017 Semeon Artamonov, Rutgers University

#### Puzzles and Cohomology of the Cotangent Bundle on Projective Space

April 20, 2017 Voula Collins, University of Connecticut

#### **Noncommutative Schur functions**

May 5, 2017 Sergey Fomin, University of Michigan

#### **Equivariant Pieri Rules for Isotropic Grassmannians**

May 11, 2017

Vijay Ravikumar, Chennai Mathematical Institute

### <u>ANALYSIS SEMINAR</u>

#### A uniqueness proof of Willmore minimizer with prescribed isoperimetric ratio

October 6, 2017

Dr. Thomas P. Yu, Drexel University

#### On Factorization, Indices and completely Decomposable Matrix Polynomials

October 20, 2017

Joshua Jackson, Drexel University

#### On the Preserves of Reversible Maps

November 3, 2017

Benjamin Grossman, Drexel University

#### <u>Tensor Decomposition—A Mathematical Tool for Data Analysis and Compression</u>

December 8, 2017

Tamara Kolda, Sandia National Labs

#### **Maximum Determinant Positive Definite Toeplitz Completions**

February 23, 2018

Dr. Hugo Woerdeman, Drexel University

#### Semi Groups on B (H) having an Invariant Faithful Normal State

March 9, 2018

Dr. Matthew Ziemke, Drexel University

#### **Sobolev Extension Domains**

April 2, 2018

Nahum Zobin, William and Mary

#### A Problem of Steinitz

April 13, 2018

Dr. Anatolii Grinshpan, Drexel University

#### The Cyclic Rank Completion Problem with Regular Blocks

May 25, 2018

Benjamin Grossman, Drexel University

#### Vanishing Vector - Valued Logarithmic Residues and Unusual Cantor Sets

May 30, 2018

Harm Bart, Erasmus University

### **ANALYSIS SEMINAR**

#### **Ritz Values of Normal Matrices**

June 1, 2018 Kennett Dela Rosa, Drexel University

#### **Realizations and Polynomials in Two Variables**

June 8, 2018 Joshua Jackson, Drexel University

#### More Tractable Alternatives to Sum of Squares and Semidefinite Optimization

June 13, 2018

Dr. Thomas P. Yu, Drexel University

### PDE & APPLIED MATHEMATICS SEMINAR

#### **Estimating Discrete Corrections to a Mesoscale, Free-Boundary Model of Crystal Growth**

November 17, 2016 Joshua Schneider, UCLA

#### Approximate Global Minimizers to Pairwise Interaction Problems by a Convex/Non-Convex Energy Decomposition

October 20, 2016 David Shirokoff, NJIT

#### **Modeling Waves: Towards Understanding the Role of Nonlinearity**

October 27, 2016 Katie Oliveras, Seattle University

#### **Examining Androgen-Mediated Disruption of the Ovulatory Cycle Through Mathematical Modeling**

October 6, 2017 Erica J. Graham, Bryn Mawr

#### Phantom Traffic Jams, Autonomous Vehicles, and the Future of Traffic Modeling

October 22, 2017 Benjamin Seibold, Temple University

#### **Can I Borrow a Feeling?**

November 3, 2017 Scott Rome, Cadent

November 16, 2017 Quinn Morris, Swarthmore

December 1, 2017 Georgi Medvedev, Drexel University

### PDE & APPLIED MATHEMATICS SEMINAR

#### <u>Accelerated Sampling and Sensitivity Analysis of Multiscale Reaction Networks</u>

January 19, 2017
Ting Wang, University of Delaware

#### **Existence of Propagators for Coulomb-Like Potentials in Density Functional Theory**

February 23, 2017 Eric Stachura, Haverford College

# <u>Almost Sure Scattering for the 4D Energy-Critical Defocusing Nonlinear Wave Equation</u> with Radial Data

April 6, 2017 Ben Dodson, John Hopkins University

#### <u>Transform Analysis for Markov Processes and its Applications in Finance</u>

*April 13, 2017* Chihoon Lee, Stevens Institute of Technology

#### Path-Differentiability BSDE driven by a Continuous Martingale

April 20, 2017 Kihun Nam, Rutgers University

# <u>High-Order Finite-Difference Time-Domain Simulation of Electromagnetic Waves at Complex Interfaces Between Linear Dispersive Media</u>

May 4, 2017 Michael Jenkinson, RPI

### **HONORS DAY**

#### Robert J. Bickel Scholarship

Presented in honor of Robert J. Bickel who was a member of the Mathematics Department from 1946 to 1987.

Patrick Brogan Yassine Terrab

Bradford Green Sanjana Venkat

Patrick Lombardo Jadzia Lynn Watsey

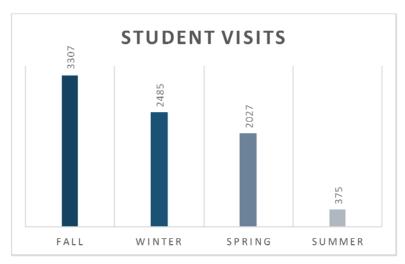
Preetham Mohan Jacob Woods

#### Frank H. M. Williams Prize in Mathematics

Presented annually in recognition of academic achievement in mathematics.

Yilin Yang

### **MATH RESOURCE CENTER**



The mission of the Math Resource Center is to assist the undergraduate students currently enrolled in courses offered by the Department of Mathematics.

The Student Visits graph illustrates the visits to the MRC over the different terms during the year for a total of 8,194.

The Math 102 students visited the center the most and was followed by MATH 122.

The Math Resource Center moved to the Library Learning Terrace in the winter quarter due to construction in the Korman Center. The Learning Terrace is located on 33rd and Race Street under Race Hall. Over the course of the year the MRC is always available to students currently enrolled in a mathematics course, however the hours of operation can vary. During Fall, Winter, and Spring terms the MRC is open Monday to Thursday from 10am-7pm and on Fridays from 10am-4pm. Over the Summer the MRC is open Monday to Thursday from 12pm-5pm. The MRC is also open during Finals Weeks.