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Personal information

Date of birth April 25, 1985
Place of birth San Francisco, CA
Nationality United States

Education and Employment

2012–Present **Postdoc**, *University of Tokyo*, Kashiwanoha, Japan.
Kavli Institute for the Mathematics and Physics of the Universe
2007–2012 **Ph.D. in Mathematics**, *University of Pennsylvania*, Philadelphia, PA.
adviser Prof. Ron Donagi
2003–2007 **B.S. in Mathematics**, *Rutgers University*, New Brunswick, NJ.
Graduated with highest honors

Honors and awards

2012 **Young Researcher Overseas Visits Grant**, *Kavli IPMU*.
Grant to spend Jan-Feb 2013 visiting Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
2009 **National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship**.
Awarded Honorable Mention
2007–2011 **Benjamin Franklin Fellowship**, *University of Pennsylvania*.
Full tuition, health insurance and a yearly stipend of \$21,000
2005–2007 **Weill Scholarship**, *Rutgers University*.
Scholarship on the basis of academic performance
2005 **Lawrence Corwin Scholarship**, *Rutgers University*.
Awarded for performance on a special examination.

Publications and Preprints

- Satoshi Kondo, Charles Siegel, Jesse Wolfson,
A Modular Operad of Curves Embedded in \mathbb{P}^∞ ,
In Preparation.
- Charles Siegel,
Schottky-Jung Relations for Higher Degree Cyclic Covers,
In Preparation.
- Satoshi Kondo, Charles Siegel, Jesse Wolfson,
Modular Operads of Embedded Curves,
arXiv:math/1407.6558, Submitted 2014/8/18
- Charles Siegel,
Strongly Cyclic Coverings of Cyclic Curves,
arXiv:math/1407.5191, Submitted 2014/8/19

- Charles Siegel,
The Moduli of Klein Covers of Curves,
arXiv:math/1407.3530, Submitted 2014/8/21
- Charles Siegel,
The Schottky problem in genus five,
arXiv:math/1302.5946, Submitted 2013/7/26
- Charles Siegel, Avy Soffer, Chris Stucchio,
Improved Error Bounds for Dirichlet-to-Neumann Absorbing Boundaries,
arXiv:math/0811.0765

Experience

Teaching

- Fall 2014-Present **Writer**, *Curious Stardust*, a group blog for the Kavli Foundation.
Writing about mathematics for the general public
- Fall 2013 **Minicourse on the Madsen-Weiss Theorem**, *Kavli IPMU*.
Series of lectures on the proof of the Madsen-Weiss Theorem
- Summer 2012 **Mirror Symmetry working group**, *University of Georgia Algebraic Geometry Summer School*.
Teaching Assistant in charge of problem sessions
- Spring 2012 **Math 104 (Calculus I)**, *University of Pennsylvania*.
Teaching Assistant in charge of recitations
- Fall 2011 **Math 370 (Abstract Algebra I)**, *University of Pennsylvania*.
Teaching Assistant in charge of recitations
- Summer 2010 **Math 170 (Ideas in Mathematics)**, *University of Pennsylvania*.
Lecturer in charge of course
- Spring 2010 **Math 370 (Abstract Algebra I)**, *University of Pennsylvania*.
Teaching Assistant in charge of recitations
- Fall 2009 **Math 116 (Honors Calculus II)**, *University of Pennsylvania*.
Teaching Assistant in charge of recitations and administration of weekly quizzes
- Summer 2009 **Math 104 (Calculus I)**, *University of Pennsylvania*.
Lecturer in charge of course
- Spring 2009 **Math 240 (Calculus III)**, *University of Pennsylvania*.
Teaching Assistant in charge of recitations and administration of weekly quizzes
- Fall 2008 **Math 371 (Abstract Algebra II)**, *University of Pennsylvania*.
Teaching Assistant in charge of recitations.
- Summer 2007-Present **Owner and Writer**, *Rigorous Trivialities Blog*.
rigtriv.wordpress.com
- Fall 2007 **Math 115 (Precalculus)**, *Rutgers University*.
Recitation Mentor in charge of recitations and administration of weekly quizzes
- Spring 2006 **Math 152 (Calculus II for Math and Physical Sciences)**, *Rutgers University*.
Teaching Assistant in charge of recitations and administration of weekly quizzes

- Fall 2005 **Math 151 (Calculus I for Math and Physical Sciences)**, *Rutgers University*.
Peer Mentor providing assistance to the Teaching Assistant during recitation and with grading
- Spring 2005–Spring 2007 **Rutgers Learning Center**, *Rutgers University*.
Tutoring mathematics courses at all levels, particularly Calculus and Abstract Algebra
- [Research](#)
- Jun 2007–Aug 2007 **Undergraduate Researcher**, *Rutgers University*, New Brunswick, NJ.
Project: Equivariant Cohomology of the Lagrangian Grassmannian
Under the direction of Prof. Anders Buch
- Jun 2007–Aug 2007 **Undergraduate Researcher**, *Mt. Holyoke College*, South Hadley, MA.
Project: Polynomial Representations of Knots
Under the direction of Prof. Alan Durfee and Prof. Donal O'Shea
- Jun 2005–Aug 2005 **Undergraduate Researcher**, *Rutgers University*, New Brunswick, NJ.
Project: Improved Error Bounds for Dirichlet-to-Neumann Absorbing Boundaries
Under the direction of Prof. Avraham Soffer
- [Service](#)
- Sep 2013–May 2014 **Organizer**, *Kavli IPMU*, Kashiwa, Japan.
Organizer for joint Math and Physics Conformal Blocks Seminar
- Mar 2013–Present **Reviewer**.
Zentralblatt MATH
- Sep 2009–Apr 2011 **Organizer**, *University of Pennsylvania*, Philadelphia, PA.
Organizer for Graduate Student Seminar
- Sep 2009–Apr 2010 **Organizer**, *University of Pennsylvania*, Philadelphia, PA.
Organizer for Undergraduate Math Seminar and Reading Program
- Jan 2008 **Organizer**, *University of Pennsylvania*, Philadelphia, PA.
Founded the Graduate Student Algebra Seminar
- Jan 2006 **Organizer**, *Rutgers University*, New Brunswick, NJ.
Organized an undergraduate String Theory course

Conference participation

- Fall 2014 **AGNES**, *University of Pennsylvania*, Philadelphia, PA.
- Fall 2014 **Georgia Algebraic Geometry Symposium**, *University of Georgia*, Athens, Athens, GA.
- Summer 2014 **International Congress of Mathematicians**, Seoul, South Korea.
- Summer 2013 **Conformal Blocks, Vector Bundles on Curves and Moduli of Curves**, *Sapienza University*, Rome, Italy.
- Summer 2013 **Conference on Moduli**, *RIMS*, Kyoto, Japan.
- Spring 2013 **Complex Geometry Conference**, *KIAS*, Seoul, South Korea.
- Spring 2013 **AGNES**, *Yale University*, New Haven, CT.
- Fall 2012 **Special Seminar on Theta Functions**, Kochi, Japan.
- Summer 2012 **GAeL XX**, Grenoble, France.
- Summer 2012 **Georgia Algebraic Geometry Symposium**, *University of Georgia*, Athens, Athens, GA.

- Summer 2012 **VIGRE Algebraic Geometry Summer School**, *University of Georgia, Athens, Athens, GA.*
- Spring 2012 **AGNES**, *University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Amherst, MA.*
- Fall 2011 **AGNES**, *Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY.*
- Jun 2011 **PCMI Summer School on Moduli Spaces of Riemann Surfaces**, *PCMI, Park City, UT.*
- Spring 2011 **AGNES**, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.*
- Fall 2010 **AGNES**, *University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.*
- Jun 2010 **ICTP Summer School on Hodge Theory**, *ICTP, Trieste, Italy.*
- Jun 2009 **RTG Graduate Summer School “Geometry of Quantum Fields and Strings”**, *University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.*
- Jun 2008 **Conference on vector bundles in honour of S. Ramanan**, *Miraflores de la Sierra (Madrid, Spain).*
- Mar 2008 **Workshop on Algebro-Geometric Derived Categories and Applications**, *Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ.*
- Nov 2007 **Gauge Theory and Representation Theory**, *Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ.*
- Aug 2007 **Young Mathematicians Conference 2007**, *Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.*
- July 2007 **Deformation Theory and Moduli in Algebraic Geometry**, *MSRI, Berkeley, CA.*
- Aug 2006 **Young Mathematicians Conference 2006**, *Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.*

Presentations

- Fall 2014 A Modular Operad of Embedded Curves
Topology Seminar at the University of Tokyo
- Fall 2014 A Modular Operad of Embedded Curves
Harvard/MIT Algebraic Geometry Seminar at Harvard University
- Fall 2014 A Modular Operad of Embedded Curves
Algebra Seminar at Rutgers University
- Fall 2014 A Modular Operad of Embedded Curves
Algebra Seminar and Math/Phys Seminar at University of Pennsylvania
- Fall 2014 A Modular Operad of Embedded Curves
Algebraic Geometry Seminar at University of California, San Diego
- Fall 2014 A Modular Operad of Embedded Curves
Geometry/Topology Seminar at University of California, Davis
- Fall 2014 A Modular Operad of Embedded Curves
Algebraic Geometry Seminar at University of Georgia, Athens
- Summer 2014 The Moduli of Klein Four Covers of Curves
Short Communication at the International Congress of Mathematicians, Seoul, Korea
- Summer 2014 Trees and an Affine Cover of $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n+1}$
Get Together Math Seminar, Kavli IPMU, Japan

- Summer 2014 Trees and an Affine Cover of $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n+1}$
Algebraic Geometry Seminar, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- Fall 2013 A Mathematical Introduction to Conformal Blocks
Conformal Blocks Seminar, Kavli IPMU, Japan
- Spring 2013 Conformal Blocks and the Moduli of Curves
String Lunch Seminar, Kavli IPMU, Japan
- Spring 2013 The Schottky Problem in genus 5
Algebraic Geometry Seminar, Research Institute for the Mathematical Sciences, Kyoto University
- Spring 2013 The Schottky Problem in genus 5
Algebra, Geometry and Physics Seminar, SUNY Stony Brook
- Spring 2013 The Schottky Problem in genus 5
Algebraic Geometry and Number Theory Seminar, Boston College
- Spring 2013 Prym Varieties of Cyclic Covers
Math-Physics Joint Seminar, University of Pennsylvania
- Spring 2013 Cyclic Covers, Prym Varieties and the Schottky-Jung Relations
Algebra Seminar, Rutgers University
- Spring 2013 Prym Varieties of Cyclic Covers
Algebraic Geometry Seminar, Johns Hopkins University
- Spring 2013 Prym Varieties of Cyclic Covers
Algebraic Geometry Seminar, University of Georgia, Athens
- Spring 2013 Cyclic Covers, Pryms and Moduli
Get Together Math Seminar, Kavli IPMU, Japan
- Spring 2013 The Schottky Problem in Genus Five
Research seminar Algebraic and Arithmetic Geometry, Leibniz Universität Hannover
- Spring 2013 The Schottky Problem in Genus Five
Algebraic Geometry Seminar, University of Warwick
- Spring 2013 The Schottky Problem in Genus Five
Seminar Geometria Algebraica, Universitat de Barcelona
- Spring 2013 The Schottky Problem in Genus Five
Algebraic Geometry Seminar, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- Fall 2012 The Schottky Problem in Genus Five
Special Seminar on Theta Functions, Kochi, Japan
- Summer 2012 The Schottky Problem in Genus Five
Mathematics - String Theory Seminar, Kavli IPMU, Japan
- Spring 2012 The Schottky Problem in Genus Five
GAeL XX, Grenoble, France
- Spring 2012 The Schottky Problem in Genus Five
Georgia Algebraic Geometry Symposium, University of Georgia, Athens
- Spring 2012 The Schottky Problem in Genus Five
AGNES Poster Session, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- Spring 2012 The Schottky Problem in Genus Five
Algebraic Geometry Seminar, University of Georgia, Athens

- Spring 2012 Curves and their Jacobians
Graduate Student Colloquium, University of Georgia, Athens
- Fall 2011 The Schottky Problem and Genus Five Curves
Algebra Seminar, Rutgers University
- Spring 2011 The Schottky Problem
Graduating Student Seminar, University of Pennsylvania
- Spring 2011 Theta Functions and Sums of Squares
Graduate Student Seminar, University of Pennsylvania
- Summer 2010 The Schottky Problem
ICTP Summer School in Hodge Theory
- Spring 2010 Toric Residues
GLSM Seminar, University of Pennsylvania
- Spring 2010 Kontsevich's Formula and Related Results
Graduate Student Algebra Seminar, University of Pennsylvania
- Spring 2010 What is Quantum Cohomology?
Graduate Student Algebra Seminar, University of Pennsylvania
- Spring 2010 Solving the Cubic with Invariant Theory
Graduate Student Seminar, University of Pennsylvania
- Spring 2009 Enumerative Geometry
Graduate Student Seminar, University of Pennsylvania
- Spring 2008 Molien's Theorem
Graduate Student Algebra Seminar, University of Pennsylvania
- Spring 2008 Quotients of Schemes by Finite Groups
Graduate Student Algebra Seminar, University of Pennsylvania
- Spring 2008 Polynomial Knots
Graduate Student Seminar, University of Pennsylvania
- Spring 2007 Uniformization of Surfaces via Ricci Flow
Graduate Student Geometry/Topology Seminar, Rutgers University
- Fall 2006 Polynomial Knots
Graduate Student Seminar, Rutgers University
- Fall 2006 Teichmuller Spaces I & II
Graduate Student Geometry/Topology Seminar, Rutgers University
- Aug 2006 On the Perturbation of Polynomial Knots
Young Mathematicians Conference 2006, with Emily List

Languages

- English Native Speaker
- Japanese Intermediate
- Spanish Beginner
- French Reading knowledge
- German Reading knowledge

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