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## Education

- **Bryn Mawr College** Bryn Mawr, PA  
*Ph.D Mathematics (in progress)* *Expected May 2018*  
*M.A. Mathematics* *May 2015*
- **Ramapo College of New Jersey** Mahwah, NJ  
*B.S. Mathematics* *May 2012*
  - Graduated Suma Cum Laude with honors and distinction, with a 3.99 GPA
  - Studied abroad at Kingston University in London, UK, July 2009
  - Honor Societies: Alpha Lambda Delta, Pi Mu Epsilon, Golden Key Honor Society

## Research Experience

- **Ph.D. Candidate** Bryn Mawr College  
*Immersed Lagrangian Fillings of Legendrian Knots* November 2015 - Present  
Advisor: Lisa Traynor
- **Master's Thesis** Bryn Mawr College  
*Minimal Genus Lagrangian Caps of Legendrian Knots* May 2014 - May 2015  
Advisor: Lisa Traynor
- **Undergraduate Research** Ramapo College of New Jersey  
*Minimal Degree Parameterizations of the Trefoil and Figure Eight Knots* May 2011 - August 2012  
Advisor: Donovan McFeron

## Teaching Experience

- **Adjunct Professor** Ocean County College  
*Calculus II* *Summer 2016*
- **Teaching Assistant** Bryn Mawr College  
*Undergraduate Courses* *2012-Present*
  - Taught a section of Calculus II (Spring 2017).
  - Courses TA-ed: Multivariable Calculus, Linear Algebra, Knot Theory, Probability, Analysis, Abstract Algebra, Combinatorics, Topology
    - \* Grade homework assignments and exams.
    - \* Lead multiple problem sessions each week.
    - \* Substitute teach and give occasional lectures.

- **Mathematics Tutor** Ramapo College  
2009-2012  
*Undergraduate Courses*
  - Courses: Elementary Algebra, Transitional Mathematics, Math for the Modern World, Calculus
  - Tutored students in mathematics both one-on-one and in small groups.
  - Ran review sessions along with Professor.
- **Reading and Writing Workshop Instructor** Ramapo College  
Fall 2011  
*High School English*
  - Weekly after-school program at Ramsey High School, in collaboration with Ramapo College, for students who seek extra help in reading and writing.
  - Planned and executed weekly lesson plans for my group of two students.

### Awards, Grants & Honors

- *McPherson Award for Excellence and Service to the Community* *May 2017*
- *Margaret LaFoy Rossiter and Mabel Gibson LaFoy Fellowship* *2016/17 Academic Year*
- *Bryn Mawr College Teaching Assistantship and Tuition Award* *September 2012-Present*
- *Dean's Certificate in Pedagogy* *May 2016*
- *Art Exhibitor at the Joint Mathematics Meeting*
  - Painting entitled *Square Root of Two* *January 2015*
  - Sculpture entitled *Legendrian Unknot* *January 2014*
- *Dean's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics* *April 25, 2012*
- *Ramapo College Presidential Scholarship* *September 2008-May 2012*
  - Full tuition, room, and board

### Presentations

- *Immersed Lagrangian Fillings of Legendrian Knots*
  - Graduate Student Geometry and Topology Conference, Michigan State *April 8, 2017*
- *Knot Polynomials and the Information they Encode*
  - EPaDel/NJ MAA Meeting, Kutztown University *April 1, 2017*
- *Legendrian Knots and their Fillings*
  - Graduate Student Research Symposium, Bryn Mawr College *March 29, 2017*
- *Immersed Lagrangian Fillings of Legendrian Knots*

- Tech Topology Conference, Georgia Tech *December 10, 2016*
- ***Lagrangian Fillings of Legendrian Knots***
  - EPaDel/NJ MAA Meeting, Villanova University *November 12, 2016*
- ***The Wizardry of Whitney’s Theorem II***
  - Part 1: PACT Seminar, Bryn Mawr College *January 26, 2016*
  - Part 2: PACT Seminar, Bryn Mawr College *February 2, 2016*
  - Distressing Math Collective, Bryn Mawr College *January 28, 2016*
- ***Minimal Genus Lagrangian Caps of Legendrian Knots***
  - Master’s Thesis Defense, Bryn Mawr College *May 7, 2015*
  - GSAS Poster Session, Bryn Mawr College *April 7, 2015*
- ***Honeycombs and Infinite Soccer Balls: Introduction to Non-Euclidean Geometries***  
*Workshop geared towards grade school and beginning college students.*
  - Math Teachers Circle, The Philadelphia School, Philadelphia, PA *March 24, 2015*
  - Guest Lecture, Westwood Regional High School, Westwood, NJ *June 9, 2014*
  - Temple Mathematics Circle, Temple University *March 29, 2014*
  - Guest Lecture, Ocean County College, Toms River, NJ *March 14, 2014*
  - Guest Lecture, Ramapo College, Mahwah, NJ *March 11, 2014*
  - CATALYST, Swarthmore College *March 24, 2013*
- ***The Wizardry of Whitney’s Theorem***
  - Distressing Math Collective, Bryn Mawr College *October 9, 2014*
  - EPaDel MAA Meeting, University of Scranton *April 26, 2014*
- ***The Braid Group and Other Tangled Topics***
  - Distressing Math Collective, Bryn Mawr College *January 30, 2014*
- ***What’s Behind Door Number One?: How not to get zonked in ‘Let’s Make a Deal’ and ‘Deal or No Deal’***
  - Distressing Math Collective, Bryn Mawr College *September 19, 2013*
- ***Math and Crafts: Fun with Non-Euclidean Geometry***
  - Distressing Math Collective, Bryn Mawr College *April 4, 2013*
- ***Minimal Degree Parameterizations of the Trefoil and Figure Eight Knots***
  - Distressing Math Collective, Bryn Mawr College *November 1, 2012*
  - Theoretical and Applied Sciences Research Symposium, Ramapo College *April 18, 2012*
  - Spuyten Duyvil Undergraduate Mathematics Conference, Ramapo College *April 14, 2012*
  - Honors Symposium, Ramapo College *April 4, 2012*
  - Joint Mathematics Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts *January 5, 2012*
- ***Models of the Hyperbolic Plane***

## Service

- **Graduate Student Association**  
*Co-Chair*  
*Mathematics Department Representative*  
Bryn Mawr College  
*September 2015–Present*  
*September 2014–May 2015*
- **GGSM Professional Development Seminars**  
*Organizer*  
Bryn Mawr College  
*September 2016–Present*
- **Math Awareness Week**  
*Organizer*  
Bryn Mawr College  
April 2016/2017
  - Performed a Mathematical Magic Show for undergraduate students.
  - Led a Mathematical Knitting Circle for the Distressing Math Collective.
  - Prepared and hosted a “Math Pictionary” game for undergraduate students.
- **Math Counts Competition**  
*Volunteer Grader*  
Ocean County College  
January 30, 2016
- **Outreach to high schools**  
*Biotechnology High School*  
September 24-25, 2015
  - Led discussions through Skype about whether math was invented or discovered as part of the school’s “Theory of Knowledge” class.  
*Westwood Regional High School*  
June 9, 2014
  - Led a hands-on workshop about Non-Euclidean geometries.
- **Math Teachers Circle**  
*Workshop Leader*  
The Philadelphia School  
March 24, 2015
  - Planned and led a workshop to teach math teachers about Non-Euclidean geometry.
- **Temple Mathematics Circle**  
*Workshop Leader*  
Temple University
  - Planned and led workshops for advanced 5th-8th graders:
    - \* “The Mathematics of Coloring” *March 29, 2014*
    - \* “Euclidean and Non-Euclidean Tessellations” *February 21, 2015*
- **Graduate Fair Representative**  
*San Antonio, TX*  
*Baltimore, MD*  
Joint Mathematics Meetings  
*January 2015*  
*January 2014*
- **CATALYST Conference**  
*Workshop Leader*  
Swarthmore College  
*March 24, 2013*
  - Program to encourage female middle school students to pursue STEM fields.
  - Planned and led a workshop entitled “Honeycombs and Infinite Soccer Balls: Euclidean and Non-Euclidean Tessellations”.

- **Spuyten Duyvil Undergraduate Mathematics Conference** Ramapo College  
*Conference volunteer and presenter* April 14, 2012
- **Pi Mu Epsilon Mathematics Honor Society** Ramapo College  
*Vice-President and Secretary* March 2011–March 2012

### Funded Workshops and Conferences

- **Graduate Student Geometry and Topology Conference** East Lansing, MI  
*Michigan State University* April 8-9, 2017
- **Tech Topology Conference** Atlanta, GA  
*Georgia Tech* December 9-11, 2016
- **Topology Students Workshop** Atlanta, GA  
*Georgia Tech* June 6-10, 2016
- **Dusa McDuff's 70th Birthday Conference** New York City, NY  
*Columbia University* March 17-20, 2016
- **AWM Research Symposium** College Park, MD  
*University of Maryland* April 11-12, 2015
- **Joint Mathematics Meeting** Various Locations  
*San Antonio, TX* January 10-13, 2015  
*Baltimore, MD* January 15-18, 2014  
*Boston, MA* January 4-7, 2012
- **Redbud Topology Conference** Fayetteville, AR  
*University of Arkansas* March 8-10, 2013
- **Women and Mathematics Program** Princeton, NJ  
*Institute for Advanced Study* May 14-25, 2012
- **Garden State Undergraduate Mathematics Conference** Newark, NJ  
*Essex County College* April 2, 2011

### Research Seminars

- **Philadelphia Area Contact Topology (PACT)** Bryn Mawr, PA  
*Bryn Mawr College* Weekly
- **Philadelphia Area Topology (Contact/Hyperbolic) Seminar (PATCH)** Philadelphia, PA  
*UPenn, Temple University, Haverford College and Bryn Mawr College* Monthly
- **EPaDel MAA Meetings** Various Locations  
*Kutztown University* April 1, 2017  
*Villanova University* November 12, 2016  
*Scranton University* April 26, 2014  
*St. Joseph's University* November 9, 2013