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## Education

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- 2007 Ph.D. **University of California Berkeley**, MATHEMATICS (advisor: Mark Haiman)  
2001 B.A. **University of Notre Dame**, HONORS MATHEMATICS AND PHILOSOPHY *summa cum laude*

## Employment

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- 2022 – **University of Southern California**, PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS  
2019 – 2022 **University of Southern California**, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS  
2012 – 2018 **University of Southern California**, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS  
2011 – 2012 **Berkeley Quantitative**, SENIOR QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH ANALYST  
2008 – 2011 **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, C.L.E. MOORE INSTRUCTOR  
Sp – 2008 **Mathematical Sciences Research Institute**, POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW  
2007 – 2008 **University of Pennsylvania**, NSF POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW

## Grant Support

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### RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2023–2026 **National Science Foundation, Individual Grant**, DMS-2246785 \$210,000  
2022–2027 **Simons Foundation, MPS-Collaboration Grants for Mathematicians**, Award 953878, S.A. \$42,000  
2018–2021 **National Science Foundation, Individual Grant**, DMS-1763336 \$150,000  
2017–2022 **Simons Foundation, MPS-Collaboration Grants for Mathematicians**, Award 524477, S.A. \$42,000  
2013–2015 **National Science Foundation, Individual Grant**, DMS-1265728 \$110,000  
2011 **National Science Foundation, Individual Grant**, awarded by NSF; declined by PI \$100,000  
2007–2011 **National Science Foundation, Mathematical Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowship**, DMS-0703567 \$108,000

### TRAVEL GRANTS

- 06/2017 **Association for Women in Mathematics Travel Grant**, London, UK \$3,000  
02/2012 **Association for Women in Mathematics Travel Grant**, Nagoya, Japan \$2,000  
05/2009 **Association for Women in Mathematics Travel Grant**, Valparaiso, Chile \$2,000  
05/2006 **King Juan Carlos I of Spain Travel Grant for the ICM 2006**, Madrid, Spain \$5,000

## Honors & Awards

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- 2024 **Dean's Leadership Fellow for Physical Sciences and Mathematics**, University of Southern California  
2024 **Mentoring Award for Faculty Mentoring Graduate Students**, University of Southern California  
2023 **Endowed Chair, Gabilan Distinguished Professor of Mathematics**, University of Southern California  
2017 **Mentoring Award for Faculty Mentoring Undergraduates**, University of Southern California  
2012 **Endowed Chair, Gabilan Assistant Professor of Mathematics**, University of Southern California  
2007 **Herb Alexander Prize, for an outstanding dissertation in pure math**, UC Berkeley  
2005 **Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award**, UC Berkeley  
2002 **National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Research Fellowship**, US DOD  
2001 **National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship**, National Science Foundation  
2001 **Koletis Award for Excellence in Mathematics**, University of Notre Dame  
2001 **Alice T. Schafer Prize, runner-up**, Association for Women in Mathematics

## Research Papers

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As is convention in mathematics, authors are listed alphabetically. Graduate students\* and postdoctoral scholars† are indicated.

### PREPRINTS (accessible via <http://arxiv.org>)

46. **Sami Assaf** and Nantel Bergeron. “A combinatorial formula for multiplying Schubert polynomials by Schur polynomials”
45. **Sami Assaf**. “An insertion algorithm for multiplying Demazure characters by Schur polynomials”. arXiv:2109.05651

### PUBLICATIONS

44. **Sami Assaf**, Anne Dranowski†, and Nicolle González†. “Extremal tensor products of Demazure crystals”. In: *Algebr. Represent. Theory* 27.1 (2024), pp. 627–638
43. **Sami Assaf** and Danjoseph Quijada\*. “Monk’s rule for Demazure characters of the general linear group”. In: *Electron. J. Combin.* 30.2 (2023), Paper No. 2.54, 39
42. Sam Armon\*, **Sami Assaf**, Grant Bowling\*, and Henry Ehrhard\*. “Kohnert’s rule for flagged Schur modules”. In: *J. Algebra* 617 (2023), pp. 352–381
41. **Sami Assaf**, Anne Dranowski†, and Nicolle González†. “Extremal tensor products of Demazure crystals are direct sums of Demazure crystals”. In: *Sém. Lothar. Combin.* 89B (2023), Art. 12, 11
40. **Sami Assaf**. “Queer dual equivalence graphs”. In: *J. Comb.* 14.1 (2023), pp. 21–51
39. **Sami H. Assaf**. “A bijective proof of Kohnert’s rule for Schubert polynomials”. In: *Comb. Theory* 2.1 (2022), Paper No. 5, 9pp
38. **Sami Assaf**. “Demazure crystals for Kohnert polynomials”. In: *Trans. Amer. Math. Soc.* 375.3 (2022), pp. 2147–2186
37. **Sami Assaf** and Stephanie van Willigenburg. “Skew key polynomials and a generalized Littlewood-Richardson rule”. In: *European J. Combin.* 103 (2022), Paper No. 103518
36. **Sami H. Assaf**. “Weak dual equivalence for polynomials”. In: *Ann. Comb.* 26.3 (2022), pp. 571–591
35. **Sami Assaf** and Dominic Searles†. “Kohnert polynomials”. In: *Experimental Mathematics* 31.1 (2022), pp. 93–119
34. **Sami Assaf** and Nicolle González\*. “Affine Demazure crystals for specialized nonsymmetric Macdonald polynomials”. In: *Algebr. Comb.* 4.5 (2021), pp. 777–793
33. **Sami H. Assaf**. “A generalization of Edelman-Greene insertion for Schubert polynomials”. In: *Algebr. Comb.* 4.2 (2021), pp. 359–385
32. **Sami Assaf** and Nicolle González\*. “Demazure crystals for specialized nonsymmetric Macdonald polynomials”. In: *J. Combin. Theory Ser. A* 182 (2021), pp. 105463, 75
31. **Sami Assaf** and Ezgi Kantarci Oğuz\*. “Toward a Local Characterization of Crystals for the Quantum Queer Superalgebra”. In: *Ann. Comb.* 24.1 (2020), pp. 3–46
30. **Sami H. Assaf** and David E. Speyer. “Specht modules decompose as alternating sums of restrictions of Schur modules”. In: *Proc. Amer. Math. Soc.* 148.3 (2020), pp. 1015–1029
29. **Sami Assaf** and Nantel Bergeron. “Flagged  $(P, \rho)$ -partitions”. In: *European J. Combin.* 86 (2020), p. 103085
28. **Sami Assaf** and Stephanie van Willigenburg. “Skew key polynomials and the key poset”. In: *Sém. Lothar. Combin.* 82B (2020), Art. 77, 12
27. **Sami Assaf** and Dominic Searles†. “Skew polynomials and extended Schur functions”. In: *Sém. Lothar. Combin.* 82B (2020), Art. 31, 12
26. **Sami Assaf**. “An inversion statistic for reduced words”. In: *Adv. in Appl. Math.* 107 (2019), pp. 1–21
25. **Sami Assaf** and Nicolle S. González\*. “Crystal graphs, key tabloids, and nonsymmetric Macdonald polynomials”. In: *Sém. Lothar. Combin.* 80B (2018), Art. 81, 12
24. **Sami Assaf** and Danjoseph Quijada\*. “A Pieri rule for key polynomials”. In: *Sém. Lothar. Combin.* 80B (2018), Art. 78, 12
23. **Sami Assaf** and Ezgi Kantarci Oğuz\*. “Crystal graphs for shifted tableaux”. In: *Sém. Lothar. Combin.* 80B (2018), Art. 26, 12
22. **Sami Assaf**. “Nonsymmetric Macdonald polynomials and a refinement of Kostka-Foulkes polynomials”. In: *Trans. Amer. Math. Soc.* 370.12 (2018), pp. 8777–8796
21. **Sami Assaf** and Anne Schilling. “A Demazure crystal construction for Schubert polynomials”. In: *Algebr. Comb.* 1.2 (2018), pp. 225–247
20. **Sami Assaf**. “Toward the Schur expansion of Macdonald polynomials”. In: *Electron. J. Combin.* 25.2 (2018), Paper 2.44, 20
19. **Sami Assaf**. “Shifted dual equivalence and Schur  $P$ -positivity”. In: *J. Comb.* 9.2 (2018), pp. 279–308

18. **Sami Assaf** and Dominic Searles<sup>†</sup>. “Kohnert tableaux and a lifting of quasi-Schur functions”. In: *J. Combin. Theory Ser. A* 156 (2018), pp. 85–118
17. **Sami Assaf**. “Tableau models for Schubert polynomials”. In: *Sém. Lothar. Combin.* 78B (2017), Art. 12, 12
16. **Sami Assaf** and Dominic Searles<sup>†</sup>. “Slide polynomials”. In: *Sém. Lothar. Combin.* 78B (2017), Art. 11, 12
15. **Sami Assaf** and Dominic Searles<sup>†</sup>. “Schubert polynomials, slide polynomials, Stanley symmetric functions and quasi-Yamanouchi pipe dreams”. In: *Adv. Math.* 306 (2017), pp. 89–122
14. **Sami Assaf**, Noah Forman, and Jim Pitman. “The quantile transform of simple walks and Brownian motion”. In: *Electron. J. Probab.* 20 (2015), no. 90, 39
13. **Sami H. Assaf**. “Dual equivalence graphs I: A new paradigm for Schur positivity”. In: *Forum Math. Sigma* 3 (2015), e12, 33
12. **Sami H. Assaf** and Sara C. Billey. “Affine dual equivalence and  $k$ -Schur functions”. In: *J. Comb.* 3.3 (2012), pp. 343–399
11. **Sami Assaf**, Persi Diaconis, and Kannan Soundararajan. “Riffle shuffles with biased cuts”. In: *24th International Conference on Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics (FPSAC 2012)*. Discrete Math. Theor. Comput. Sci. Proc., AR. Assoc. Discrete Math. Theor. Comput. Sci., Nancy, 2012, pp. 445–456
10. **Sami Assaf**, Persi Diaconis, and K. Soundararajan. “A rule of thumb for riffle shuffling”. In: *Ann. Appl. Probab.* 21.3 (2011), pp. 843–875
9. **Sami H. Assaf** and Peter R. W. McNamara. “A Pieri rule for skew shapes”. In: *J. Combin. Theory Ser. A* 118.1 (2011), pp. 277–290
8. **Sami H. Assaf**. “Cyclic derangements”. In: *Electron. J. Combin.* 17.1 (2010), Research Paper 163, 14
7. **Sami H. Assaf** and Peter R. W. McNamara. “A Pieri rule for skew shapes”. In: *22nd International Conference on Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics (FPSAC 2010)*. Discrete Math. Theor. Comput. Sci. Proc., AN. Assoc. Discrete Math. Theor. Comput. Sci., Nancy, 2010, pp. 133–144
6. **Sami Assaf** and Adriano Garsia. “A kicking basis for the two column Garsia-Haiman modules”. In: *21st International Conference on Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics (FPSAC 2009)*. Discrete Math. Theor. Comput. Sci. Proc., AK. Assoc. Discrete Math. Theor. Comput. Sci., Nancy, 2009, pp. 103–114
5. **Sami Assaf**, Persi Diaconis, and K. Soundararajan. “Riffle shuffles of a deck with repeated cards”. In: *21st International Conference on Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics (FPSAC 2009)*. Discrete Math. Theor. Comput. Sci. Proc., AK. Assoc. Discrete Math. Theor. Comput. Sci., Nancy, 2009, pp. 89–102
4. **Sami H. Assaf**. “A combinatorial realization of Schur-Weyl duality via crystal graphs and dual equivalence graphs”. In: *20th Annual International Conference on Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics (FPSAC 2008)*. Discrete Math. Theor. Comput. Sci. Proc., AJ. Assoc. Discrete Math. Theor. Comput. Sci., Nancy, 2008, pp. 141–152
3. **Sami H. Assaf**. “A generalized major index statistic”. In: *Sém. Lothar. Combin.* 60 (2008/09), Art. B60c, 14
2. **Sami Hayes Assaf**. *Dual equivalence graphs, ribbon tableaux and Macdonald polynomials*. Thesis (Ph.D.)—University of California, Berkeley. ProQuest LLC, Ann Arbor, MI, 2007, p. 78
1. **Sami Assaf**, Li-Chung Chen, Tegan Cheslack-Postava, Benjamin Cooper, Alexander Diesl, Thomas Garrity, Mathew Lepinski, and Adam Schuyler. “A dual approach to triangle sequences: a multidimensional continued fraction algorithm”. In: *Integers* 5.1 (2005), A8, 39

#### ADDITIONAL STUDENT PAPERS ADVISED (NOT CO-AUTHORED)

1. Ezgi Kantarcı Oğuz. “A note on Jing and Li’s type  $B$  quasisymmetric Schur functions”. In: *Ann. Comb.* 23.1 (2019), pp. 159–170
2. George Wang. “A cornucopia of quasi-Yamanouchi tableaux”. In: *Electron. J. Combin.* 26.1 (2019), Paper No. 1.10, 21
3. Nicolle S. González. “Categorical Bernstein operators and the boson-fermion correspondence”. In: *Selecta Math. (N.S.)* 26.4 (2020), Paper No. 51, 64
4. Ezgi Kantarcı Oğuz. “A shifted analogue to ribbon tableaux”. In: *J. Comb.* 11.1 (2020), pp. 169–202
5. Ezgi Kantarcı Oğuz. “Descent polynomials, peak polynomials and an involution on permutations”. In: *Sém. Lothar. Combin.* 82B (2020), Art. 41, 7
6. George Wang. “Locks fit into keys: a crystal analysis of lock polynomials”. In: *Ann. Comb.* 24.4 (2020), pp. 767–789
7. Peter Kagey. “Expected value of letters of permutations with a given number of  $k$ -cycles”. arXiv:2112.05281. 2021
8. Sam Armon. “A proof of the  $\frac{m!}{2}$  conjecture for hook shapes”. In: *Ann. Comb.* 27.4 (2023), pp. 819–832
9. Henry Ehrhard. “A crystal analysis of  $P$ -arrays”. arXiv:2205.01834. 2022
10. Sam Armon. “Foata-like bijections and science fiction”. In: *Sém. Lothar. Combin.* 89B (2023), Art. 78, 10
11. Peter Kagey. “Spinning switches on a wreath product”. In: *J. Combin. Theory Ser. A* 200 (2023), Paper No. 105795, 29
12. Grant Bowling. “A sliding algorithm for peelable tableaux”. arXiv: 2022

13. Peter Kagey. “Ranking and unranking restricted permutations”. In: *Discrete Appl. Math.* 355 (2024), pp. 247–261
14. Henry Ehrhard. “Complete flagged homogeneous polynomials”. arXiv:2305.03241. 2023

## Presentations

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### INVITED CONFERENCES

06/2023	<b>Schubert Summer School</b> , invited speaker	<i>Champaign, IL</i>
05/2023	<b>AMS Invited Address</b> , plenary address for AMS Western Section Meeting	<i>Fresno, CA</i>
05/2022	<b>Open Problems in Algebraic Combinatorics</b> , plenary speaker	<i>Minnesota, MN</i>
05/2022	<b>Southern California Discrete Mathematics Symposium</b> , selected speaker	<i>Claremont, CA</i>
05/2021	<b>Diagrammatic and Combinatorial Methods in Representation Theory</b> , AMS Western Meeting	<i>(virtual)</i>
10/2020	<b>Graduate Research Opportunities for Women</b> , key note speaker	<i>(virtual)</i>
04/2020	<b>Algebraic Combinatorics Online Workshop</b> , Mittag Leffler Institute	<i>(virtual)</i>
01/2020	<b>Representations of Finite Groups and Related Structures</b> , Joint Mathematics Meeting	<i>Denver, CO</i>
09/2019	<b>Integrability, Combinatorics, and Representations</b> , invited speaker	<i>Hyères, France</i>
07/2019	<b>Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics</b> , refereed presentation	<i>Ljubljana, Slovenia</i>
04/2019	<b>Graduate Student Combinatorics Conference</b> , key note speaker	<i>Philadelphia, PA</i>
03/2019	<b>Asymptotic Algebraic Combinatorics</b> , Banff International Research Station	<i>Banff, Canada</i>
01/2019	<b>Representation Theory Connections to <math>q,t</math>-Combinatorics</b> , Banff International Research Station	<i>Banff, Canada</i>
10/2018	<b>Combinatorial and Categorical Aspects of Representation Theory</b> , AMS Western Meeting	<i>San Francisco, CA</i>
07/2018	<b>Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics</b> , plenary speaker	<i>Hanover, NH</i>
11/2017	<b>Combinatorial Representation Theory</b> , AMS Western Meeting	<i>Riverside, CA</i>
07/2017	<b>Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics</b> , refereed presentation	<i>London, England</i>
04/2017	<b>Algebraic Combinatorics</b> , AWM Research Symposium	<i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
02/2017	<b>WimSoCal Symposium</b> , key note speaker	<i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
08/2015	<b>Positivity in Algebraic Combinatorics</b> , Banff International Research Station	<i>Banff, Canada</i>
05/2015	<b>Classification of Multiplicity-Free Kronecker Products</b> , Banff International Research Station	<i>Banff, Canada</i>
11/2014	<b>Combinatorics and Complexity of Kronecker Coefficients</b> , American Institute of Mathematics	<i>Palo Alto, CA</i>
03/2013	<b>SUMR Reunion Conference honoring Frank Connolly</b> , University of Notre Dame	<i>South Bend, IN</i>
01/2013	<b>Groups, Representations and Applications</b> , Joint Mathematics Meeting	<i>San Diego, CA</i>
01/2013	<b>Algebraic Combinatorics and Representation Theory</b> , Joint Mathematics Meeting	<i>San Diego, CA</i>
12/2012	<b>Rational Catalan Combinatorics</b> , American Institute of Mathematics	<i>Palo Alto, CA</i>
07/2012	<b>International conference on Schubert calculus</b> , Mathematical Society of Japan	<i>Osaka, Japan</i>
07/2012	<b>Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics</b> , refereed presentation	<i>Nagoya, Japan</i>
09/2011	<b>Symmetric Functions and Symmetric Group Characters</b> , AMS Southeast Meeting	<i>Winston-Salem, NC</i>
11/2010	<b>Quasisymmetric Functions</b> , Banff International Research Station	<i>Banff, Canada</i>
11/2010	<b>Algebraic and Topological Combinatorics</b> , AMS Central Meeting	<i>Notre Dame, IN</i>
09/2010	<b>Triangle Lectures in Combinatorics</b> , plenary speaker	<i>Durham, NC</i>
07/2010	<b>Affine Schubert Calculus</b> , Fields Institute	<i>Toronto, Canada</i>
06/2010	<b>Minisymposium on Combinatorial Representation Theory</b> , SIAM Discrete Math Conference	<i>Austin, TX</i>
04/2010	<b>Partition Theory and Combinatorics of Symmetric Functions</b> , AMS Central Meeting	<i>St Paul, MN</i>
04/2010	<b>Combinatorial Representation Theory</b> , AMS Central Meeting	<i>St Paul, MN</i>
03/2010	<b>Combinatorial representation theory</b> , Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach	<i>Oberwolfach, Germany</i>
03/2010	<b>Localization techniques in equivariant cohomology</b> , American Institute of Mathematics	<i>Palo Alto, CA</i>
01/2010	<b>Enumerative Combinatorics</b> , Joint Mathematics Meeting	<i>San Francisco, CA</i>
10/2009	<b>Algebraic Combinatorics</b> , AMS Eastern Meeting	<i>University Park, PA</i>
07/2009	<b>Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics</b> , refereed presentation	<i>Hagenberg, Austria</i>
01/2009	<b>Algebraic Geometry and Related Fields</b> , Mathematical Sciences Research Institute	<i>Berkeley, CA</i>
10/2008	<b>Combinatorial Representation Theory</b> , AMS Western Regional Meeting	<i>Vancouver, Canada</i>

06/2008	<b>Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics</b> , refereed presentation	Valparaiso, Chile
04/2008	<b>MIT Women In Mathematics: A Celebration</b> , Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Cambridge, MA
01/2008	<b>Combinatorial Representation Theory</b> , Mathematical Sciences Research Institute	Berkeley, CA
09/2007	<b>Applications of Macdonald Polynomials</b> , Banff International Research Station	Banff, Canada
07/2007	<b>Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics</b> , refereed presentation	Tianjin, P.R. China
05/2007	<b>Combinatorial Hopf Algebras and Macdonald polynomials</b> , Le Centre de Rescherches Mathematiques	Montreal, Canada
04/2007	<b>Algebraic Combinatorics</b> , AMS Western Regional Meeting	Tuscon, AZ
07/2005	<b>Generalized Kostka polynomials</b> , American Institute of Mathematics	Palo Alto, CA

## SEMINARS AND COLLOQUIA

10/2023	<b>CCMS Colloquium</b> , Claremont McKenna College	Claremont, CA
03/2023	<b>Combinatorics Seminar</b> , UC San Diego	San Diego, CA
03/2023	<b>Schubert Seminar</b> , Online Inter-University Seminar	(virtual)
04/2022	<b>Algebra Seminar</b> , University of Southern California	Los Angeles, CA
09/2020	<b>Algebraic Combinatorics Seminar</b> , Institute of Mathematical Sciences (IMSc)	(virtual)
11/2019	<b>Algebraic Combinatorics Seminar</b> , Fields Institute	Toronto, CA
04/2019	<b>Combinatorics and Algebraic Geometry Seminar</b> , University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia, PA
11/2018	<b>Rising Stars Colloquium</b> , Pacific Institute for Mathematical Sciences	Vancouver, Canada
11/2018	<b>Combinatorics Seminar</b> , University of British Columbia	Vancouver, Canada
10/2018	<b>Combinatorics Seminar</b> , University of California Berkeley	Berkeley, CA
10/2018	<b>Colloquium</b> , California Institute of Technology	Pasadena, CA
09/2018	<b>Algebra Number Theory, Combinatorics Seminar</b> , Claremont McKenna College	Claremont, CA
09/2018	<b>Algebra and Combinatorics Seminar</b> , North Carolina State University	Raleigh, NC
09/2018	<b>Geometry Seminar</b> , University of North Carolina	Chapel Hill, NC
09/2017	<b>Combinatorics Seminar</b> , Stanford University	Palo Alto, CA
05/2017	<b>Combinatorics Seminar</b> , UCLA	Los Angeles, CA
04/2016	<b>Combinatorics Seminar</b> , California Institute of Technology	Pasadena, CA
04/2014	<b>Lie Theory Seminar</b> , University of Notre Dame	South Bend, IN
02/2013	<b>Algebra, Number Theory, Combinatorics Seminar</b> , Pomona College	Claremont, CA
02/2013	<b>Combinatorics Seminar</b> , UCLA	Los Angeles, CA
10/2012	<b>Colloquium</b> , North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics	Durham, NC
05/2012	<b>Colloquium</b> , University of Cape Town	Cape Town, South Africa
05/2012	<b>Undergraduate colloquium</b> , University of Cape Town	Cape Town, South Africa
02/2012	<b>Colloquium</b> , University of Southern California	Los Angeles, CA
10/2011	<b>Colloquium</b> , San Jose State University	San Jose, CA
10/2011	<b>Combinatorics Seminar</b> , MIT	Cambridge, MA
10/2011	<b>Colloquium</b> , San Francisco State University	San Francisco, CA
10/2011	<b>Combinatorics Seminar</b> , UC Berkeley	Berkeley, CA
05/2011	<b>Colloquium</b> , Carleton College	Northfield, MN
03/2011	<b>Colloquium</b> , Center for Communications Research	La Jolla, CA
03/2011	<b>Women in Math Lectures</b> , Smith College	Northampton, MA
02/2011	<b>Geometry Seminar</b> , University of North Carolina	Chapel Hill, NC
01/2011	<b>Colloquium</b> , University of Texas at Austin	Austin, TX
01/2011	<b>Special Colloquium</b> , UC San Diego	La Jolla, CA
02/2010	<b>Colloquium</b> , University of Southern California	Los Angeles, CA
02/2010	<b>Colloquium</b> , Dartmouth College	Hanover, NH
01/2010	<b>Distinguished Visiting Professor Lectures</b> , Bucknell University	Lewisburg, PA
01/2010	<b>Combinatorics Seminar</b> , University of Minnesota	Minneapolis, MN
01/2010	<b>Colloquium</b> , University of Minnesota	Minneapolis, MN

11/2009	<b>Geometry-Algebra-Singularities-Combinatorics Seminar</b> , Northeastern University	Boston, MA
11/2009	<b>Algebra Seminar</b> , University of Connecticut	Storrs, CT
11/2009	<b>Combinatorics Seminar</b> , University of Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI
10/2009	<b>Algebra and Combinatorics Seminar</b> , North Carolina State University	Raleigh, NC
03/2009	<b>Undergraduate Mathematics Association Lecture Series</b> , MIT	Cambridge, MA
03/2009	<b>Combinatorics and Algebraic Geometry Seminar</b> , University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia, PA
01/2009	<b>Combinatorics Seminar</b> , UC San Diego	La Jolla, CA
10/2008	<b>Combinatorics Seminar</b> , MIT	Cambridge, MA
10/2008	<b>Probability Seminar</b> , MIT	Cambridge, MA
10/2008	<b>Combinatorics and Geometry Seminar</b> , University of Washington	Seattle, WA
04/2008	<b>Combinatorics Seminar</b> , MIT	Cambridge, MA
11/2007	<b>Combinatorics and Probability Seminar</b> , University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia, PA
11/2007	<b>Algebra Seminar</b> , North Carolina State University	Raleigh, NC
10/2007	<b>Colloquium</b> , UC San Diego	La Jolla, CA
04/2007	<b>Combinatorics Seminar</b> , University of Minnesota	Minneapolis, MN
04/2007	<b>Colloquium</b> , University of Notre Dame	South Bend, IN
12/2006	<b>Combinatorics Seminar</b> , MIT	Cambridge, MA
11/2006	<b>Combinatorics and Probability Seminar</b> , University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia, PA
11/2006	<b>Representation Theory, Geometry and Combinatorics Seminar</b> , UC Berkeley	Berkeley, CA
10/2006	<b>Discrete Mathematics and Representation Theory Seminar</b> , UC Davis	Davis, CA

## Students Advised

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### GRADUATED PH.D. STUDENTS

- 08/2023 Ph.D. **Henry Ehrhard**, University of Southern California  
 Thesis title: *Colors, Kohnert's Rule, and Flagged Kostka Coefficients*  
 First position:
- 05/2023 Ph.D. **Grant Bowles**, University of Southern California  
 Thesis title: *Characters of Flagged Schur Modules and Compatible Slides*  
 First position: Integra FEC, Data Scientist
- 08/2022 Ph.D. **Peter Kagey**, University of Southern California  
 Thesis title: *Permutations, Statistics, and Switches*  
 First position: Harvey Mudd College, Visiting Assistant Professor
- 08/2021 Ph.D. **Dan Joseph Quijada**, University of Southern California  
 Thesis title: *A Pieri rule for key polynomials*  
 First position: Art of Problem Solving, Instructor
- 05/2019 Ph.D. **Nicolas González**, University of Southern California  
 Thesis title: *Categorical operators and crystal structures on the ring of symmetric functions*  
 First position: UCLA, UC President's Postdoctoral Scholar
- 08/2018 Ph.D. **Ezgi Kantarcı Oğuz**, University of Southern California  
 Thesis title: *Advances in the combinatorics of shifted tableaux*  
 First position: KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Postdoctoral Scholar

### GRADUATED MASTERS STUDENTS

- 05/2024 M.A. **John Berger**, University of Southern California  
 Thesis title: *Bijection between reduced words and balanced tableaux*  
 First position: West Point Academy, Lecturer
- 05/2023 M.A. **Reena Somani**, University of Southern California  
 Thesis title: *A proposed bijection for the K-Kohnert rule for Grothendieck polynomials*  
 First position: University of Chicago, Ph.D. Student

## CURRENT GRADUATE STUDENTS

Ph.D. **Sam Armon**, University of Southern California

## POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS

2024-2025 **Josh Swanson**, University of Southern California  
2021-2024 **Anne Dranowski**, University of Southern California  
2018-2021 **Brendan Pawlowski**, University of Southern California  
2015-2018 **Dominic Searles**, University of Southern California

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

2022-2023 **Reena Somani**, University of Southern California B.S.-M.A. 2023  
Next position: Ph.D. student at University of Chicago  
2017-2018 **Sabrina Enriques**, University of Southern California B.A. 05/2018  
Next position: NSF Graduate Research Fellow in Mathematics at University of California, Davis  
2015-2016 **George Wang**, University of Southern California, B.S. 05/2016  
Next position: NSF Graduate Research Fellow in Mathematics at University of Pennsylvania  
2010-2011 **Jon Schneider**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

## Professional Activities

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### SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

2024-25 **Dean's Leadership Fellow for Physical Sciences and Mathematics**, USC Dornsife  
2022-25 **Women in Science and Engineering Advisory Committee**, USC Dornsife  
04/2018 **Mentoring Award Selection Committee**, USC Office of the Provost  
02/2018 **Internal Grant Reviewer**, USC Zumberge Individual Grants  
2014-15 **Candidate Interviewer**, USC Dornsife Trustee and Presidential Scholarships  
03/2014 **Visions and Voices interdisciplinary program**, "Truth Values"PIs: Sami Assaf, KC Cole

### SERVICE TO THE USC DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

2023– **Director of Graduate Studies**, Department of Mathematics  
2022–2023 **Associate Director of Graduate Studies**, Department of Mathematics  
2016– **Website Committee, Combinatorics page**, Department of Mathematics  
2012– **USC Combinatorics Seminar**, founder and ongoing organizer  
2011–2022 **Library services**, Department of Mathematics Faculty liaison  
2012–2013 **USC Undergraduate Math Club**, Faculty organizer for creation

### SERVICE TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS OF MATHEMATICS

2009–2011 **Organizer of the Combinatorics Seminar**, MIT  
2008–2008 **Organizer of the Postdoc Seminar**, Mathematical Sciences Research Institute  
2004–2005 **Member of the Mathematics Department Webpage Committee**, UC Berkeley  
2003–2004 **President of the Noetherian Ring**, UC Berkeley  
2001–2002 **Co-organizer of the Mentor Lecture Series**, UC Berkeley

### SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

2019–2021 **AMS Nominating Committee (chair in 2020)**, American Mathematical Society (elected)  
2013–2016 **AWM / AMS Noether Lecture Committee**, American Mathematical Society (appointed)

## CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

05/2023	<b>AMS Western Section Meeting</b> , Special Session organizer	<i>Fresno, CA</i>
05/2022	<b>Southern California Discrete Mathematics Symposium</b> , organizing committee	<i>Claremont, CA</i>
04/2021	<b>Southern California Discrete Mathematics Symposium</b> , organizing committee	<i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
07/2020	<b>Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics</b> , program committee	<i>Ramat-Gan, Israel</i>
05/2020	<b>AMS Western Section Meeting</b> , Special Session organizer	<i>Fresno, CA</i>
01/2020	<b>Southern California Discrete Mathematics Symposium</b> , organizer	<i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
05/2019	<b>Southern California Discrete Mathematics Symposium</b> , organizer	<i>Claremont, CA</i>
05/2018	<b>Southern California Discrete Mathematics Symposium</b> , organizer	<i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
11/2017	<b>AMS Western Section Meeting</b> , Special Session organizer	<i>Riverside, CA</i>
01/2011	<b>Joint Mathematics Meeting</b> , organizer for AWM Schafer Minisymposium	<i>New Orleans, LA</i>
04/2008	<b>Bay Area Discrete Math Day</b> , local organizer	<i>Berkeley, CA</i>

## OUTREACH FOR PRE-K TO 12 STUDENTS

- 2022–2025 **Venice Math Circle**, Founder and director, serving grades 5-8
- 2017–2020 **Venice Math Circle**, Founder and director, serving grades PreK–3
- 04/2017 **UCLA Math Circle**, Special Lecturer for grades 9–12
- 04/2014 **Mirman School Math Day**, Keynote speaker for grades K–8
- 10/2012 **North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics**, Colloquium speaker for grades 11–12