Employment

Fall 2022	MSRI/SLMATH, Research Professor
2019-	Durham University, Professor
2019-2020	Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology, Excellence Chair
2015-2019	Durham University, Associate Professor (Reader)
2011-2015	Durham University, Assistant Professor (Lecturer)
2009-2011	SUNY Stony Brook, Postdoc
Spring 2010	MSRI, Postdoc
2007-2009	Imperial College London, Chapman Fellow (postdoc)

Education

2002-2007 **PhD**, *Harvard*, (Kennedy Scholar 2002-2003)

1998-2002 **MMath**, *Oxford*

Prizes and honors

2022 LMS Shephard Prize.

2021 Work presented in Current Events Bulletin of the AMS.

Papers

- O Square pegs between two graphs (with Greene).
- Floer homology and square pegs (with Greene).
- A feeling for Khovanov homology,
 Notices Amer. Math. Soc. May 2024 621-631.
- Squeezed knots, (with Feller and Lewark), to appear in Quantum Topol.
- On values taken by slice-torus invariants, (with Feller and Lewark),
 Math. Proc. Cambridge Philos. Soc. 176(1) (2024) 55-63.
- Cyclic quadrilaterals and smooth Jordan curves, (with Greene),
 Invent. Math. 234(3) (2023) 931–935
- The rectangular peg problem, (with Greene),
 Ann. of Math. 194 (2021) 509–517.
- A refinement of Khovanov homology, (with Watson),
 Geom. Topol. 25 (2021) 1861–1917.
- Almost positive links are strongly quasipositive, (with Feller and Lewark),
 Math. Ann. 385, 481–510 (2023).

- A calculus for flow categories, (with Orson and Schuetz),
 Adv. Math. 409 (2022), Paper No. 108665, 58 pp..
- A counterexample to Batson's conjecture,
 Math. Res. Lett. 26(6) (2019) 1789-1789.
- O An \mathfrak{sl}_n stable homotopy type for matched diagrams (with Jones and Schuetz), **Adv. Math.** 356 (2019), 106816.
- On spectral sequences from Khovanov homology (with Zentner),
 Algebr. Geom. Topol. 20 (2020) 531–564.
- On the functoriality of Khovanov-Floer theories (with Baldwin and Hedden),
 Adv. Math. (2019) 345: 1162-1205
- O Upsilon-like concordance invariants from $\mathfrak{sl}(n)$ knot cohomology, (with Lewark), **Geom. Topol.** 23 (2019) 745-780.
- Khovanov homotopy calculations using flow category calculus, (with Orson and Schuetz),
 - **Experiment. Math.** 29(4) (2020) 465-500.
- Framed cobordism and flow category moves, (with Orson and Schuetz),
 Algebr. Geom. Topol. 18 (2018), 2821-2858.
- A Khovanov stable homotopy type for colored links (with Orson and Schuetz),
 Algebr. Geom. Topol. 17 (2017) 1261-1281.
- Morse moves in flow categories (with Jones and Schuetz),
 Indiana Univ. Math. J. 2017 66(5): 1603-1657
- New quantum obstructions to sliceness (with Lewark),
 Proc. Lond. Math. Soc. 112 (2016), No. 1, 81-114
- 2-strand twisting and knots with isomorphic quantum knot homologies,
 Geom. Topol. 18 (2014), 873-895.
- \circ The quantum \mathfrak{sl}_n graph polynomial and a moduli space (with Zentner), Int. Math. Res. Not. IMRN 2014, Vol. 2014, No. 7: 1956-1972.
- The Kanenobu knots and Khovanov-Rozansky homology,
 Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. 142 (2014), Number 4, 1447-1455
- A note on Gornik's perturbation of Khovanov-Rozansky homology,
 Algebr. Geom. Topol. 12 (2012), 293-305.
- Computable bounds for Rasmussen's concordance invariant,
 Compos. Math. 2011, Vol 147, Issue 02, 661-668.
- On Casson-type instanton moduli spaces over definite 4-manifolds (with Zentner), **Q. J. Math.**, 2011, Vol 62, Issue 2, 433-450.
- O A slice genus lower bound from $\mathfrak{sl}(n)$ Khovanov-Rozansky homology, **Adv. Math.**, 2009, Vol 222, Issue 4, 1220-1276.

Non-pure papers

 Threaded rings that swim in excitable media (with Elizabeth Bromley, Brette Chapin, Antonio Cincotti, David Evans, Kate Horner, Fabian Maucher, Jonathan Steed, and Paul Sutcliffe),

Phys. Rev. Lett., 2019, Vol. 123.

 Social learning errors and the evolution of material culture, (with Lauren Scanlon, Jeremy Kendal, and Jamie Tehrani),

Evolutionary Human Sci., 2019, Vol. 1.

Grants

- LMS grant and various smaller sums to support the British Mathematical Colloquium 2017.
- \circ **Principal Investigator** EPSRC EP/M000389/1, New homotopy-type invariants of knots, 2015-2017 £201000.
- **Co-Investigator** Leverhulme Programme Grant 2014-2020 £1700000.
- o LMS/EPSRC Grant to host a Summer School at Durham, 2013
- Principal Investigator EPSRC EP/K00591X/1 Knot homology: Theory and Computation, 2013-2014. £89000.

PhD students and postdocs

- 2024- Adam Barber, EPSRC funded graduate student.
- 2022- Michael Kohn, EPSRC funded graduate student.
- 2018-2019 Carlo Collari, Accademia dei Lincei funded postdoc.
- 2017-2021 Oliver Singh, EPSRC funded graduate student.
- 2015-2017 Patrick Orson, postdoc hired on EPSRC grant EP/M000389/1
- 2014-2018 Will Rushworth, EPSRC funded graduate student.
- 2014-2019 Lauren Scanlon, Leverhulme funded graduate student, joint supervision with Dr Jeremy Kendal (Anthropology)
- 2012-2016 Jonathan Grant, EPSRC funded graduate student
- 2011-2105 Daniel Jones, EPSRC funded graduate student, joint supervision with Dirk Schütz
- 2013-2014 Lukas Lewark, postdoc hired on EPSRC grant EP/K00591X/1.

Selected recent talks

- Dec 2024 ETH Zurich, Switzerland
- Oct 2024 Bochum, Germany
- Jul 2024 Banff, Canada
- Jul 2024 Budapest, Hungary
- Aug 2023 Okinawa, Japan
- Jun 2023 Pisa, Italy
- Apr 2023 Budapest, Hungary
- Feb 2023 Cambridge, UK

Dec 2022 MSRI, USA

Oct 2022 Berkeley, USA

May 2022 Georgia, USA

Jan 2022 Les Diablerets, Switzerland

Nov 2021 St Louis, USA

Aug 2021 Regensburg, Germany

Apr 2021 Knot Online Seminar

Nov 2020 Lisbon, Portugal

Oct 2020 Tel Aviv, Israel

Oct 2020 Imperial College, UK

Sep 2020 BC, Canada

Sep 2020 Stanford, USA

Sep 2020 Montreal, Canada

Jun 2020 Galway, Ireland

Mar 2020 Tokushima, Japan

Selected Service

- o Organizer Week-long conference, BIRS Banff, August 2024.
- Organizer Week-long conference, CMI Oxford, July 2023.
- Organizer Week-long conference, Oberwolfach, January 2023.
- o Organizer Week-long conference, CMO Oaxaca, Oct 2022.
- Organizer Week-long conference, OIST, Okinawa, March 2020
- Organizer Six week programme at Kavli Institute, UCSB, Nov-Dec 2018
- Organizer Week-long workshop at the Aspen Center for Physics, Mar 2018
- O Chairman British Mathematical Colloquium 2017
- O Principal Organizer Six month programme at Newton Institute, 2017
- Organizer Prospects in Mathematics, Durham, 2013
- o Organizer LMS-EPSRC Low-dim geometry summer school, Durham, 2013
- o Organizer Knot homologies conference, Stony Brook, 2010
- PhD committee member For Laura Marino (Paris), Michael Snape (Glasgow), Benjamin Bode (Bristol), Carlo Collari (Pisa), Paul Wedrich (Cambridge), Lukas Lewark (Paris).
- O Referee for various mathematics journals and reviewer for MathSciNet.

Academic References

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