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## — Education —

### ■ Ongoing **PhD Candidate Math.**

JOHNS HOPKINS, EXPECTED GRADUATION 2022

### ■ Spring 2020 **Programme Associate**

MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES RESEARCH INSTITUTE

*Higher Categories and Categorification*

### ■ 2018 **Masters Degree**

JOHNS HOPKINS, M.A. MATH.

*Completed written qualifying exams and oral speciality exam*

### ■ 2016-2018 **Principle Fulbright Scholar**

JOHNS HOPKINS

*Selected & funded to pursue PhD in Math., transferred from George Washington University*

### ■ 2015-2016 **Principle Fulbright Scholar**

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

*Graduate coursework*

### ■ 2015 **Masters Degree**

UNIV. CAPE TOWN, M.SC. MATH., WITH DISTINCTION

*Dissertation: "On the local and global properties of information manifolds"*

### ■ 2014-2015 **Research Group**

UNIV. CAPE TOWN, INFORMATION GEOMETRY

*Quantum Gravity and Strings Laboratory*

### ■ 2014 **Honours Degree**

UNIV. CAPE TOWN, PURE MATH., FIRST CLASS

### ■ 2011-2013 **Bachelor of Science**

UNIV. CAPE TOWN, DEGREE WITH DISTINCTION

*Majors: Pure Math., Applied Math., and Astrophysics, each with distinction*

## — Teaching Experience —

See my **website** for details, including my role as sole instructor, my role in administering the online homework system, and my work as a course development assistant and the products thereof.

### ■ 2018-2021 **Head T.A. & WeBWork administrator**

JOHNS HOPKINS

*Calculus III & ODE (twice & thrice, resp.) and online homework system*

### ■ Spring 2019 **Course development**

JOHNS HOPKINS

*Introduction to Proofs, assisted Prof. Riehl in course development*

### ■ Fall 2017 **Sole Instructor**

JOHNS HOPKINS

*Introduction to Calculus*

### ■ Jan. 2017 **Primary Instructor**

JOHNS HOPKINS

*Intersession Course: Recreational Math. for All*

### ■ 2017-'19, '21 **DRP Mentor**

JOHNS HOPKINS

*Mentored projects in: General Topology, Braid Group Representations, Category Theory, Homotopy Type Theory*

### ■ Oct. 2014 **Invited Instructor**

UNIV. CAPE TOWN

*Introduction to Group Theory*

### ■ 2014-2021 **Teaching Assistant**

*Real Analysis, Introductory Abstract Algebra, Linear Algebra, Differential Equations, Calculus Sequence, String Theory*

## — Award —

### ■ April 2021 **William Kelso Morrill Award**

EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS

*For love of teaching, love of mathematics, and concern for students, nominated by undergraduates & selected by the department.*

## — Papers —

### ■ **Regular Calculi I: Graphical Regular Logic**

([arXiv 2109.14123](https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.14123))

*joint with B. Fong & D. I. Spivak, on the novel structure of regular calculi and their use as an ergonomic & graphical syntax for regular logic.*

### ■ **A common misinterpretation of Isbell's obstruction to monoidal strictification**

([arXiv 2106.03652](https://arxiv.org/abs/2106.03652))

*which shows that the widely disseminated obstruction to strictifying the associator is shown to be under-specified as stated, and the truth is more subtle.*

## ■ **Bi-representations and bi-initial objects are not so different** (arXiv 2009.05545)

*joint with L. Moser, on 2-categorical and double-categorical theorems characterising when pseudo-functors into Cat are representable, with applications to bi-adjunctions and 2-dimensional limits.*

## ■ **2-limits and 2-terminal objects are too different** (arXiv 2004.01313)

*joint with L. Moser, on the failure of all theorems of the form “a 2-dimensional limit is a 2-dimensional terminal object in a 2-dimensional slice category of cones”.*

## — Computer Science —

Prior to commencing graduate studies in mathematics, i organised, competed in, and taught the following:

### ■ 2011-2014 **Algorithm Circle**

THEORETICAL C.S. ORGANISATION, UNIV. CAPE TOWN  
*Lecturer (2011-2014), Vice Chairman (2012, 2014), Chairman (2013) for an organisation that gave free & open, weekly lectures on topics in theoretical computer science (data structures, complexity theory, programming language theory, cryptography) and helped attendees prepare for programming contests.*

### ■ Dec. 2012 **Top 10 in Southern Africa**

GOOGLE APP DEVELOPER CHALLENGE  
*Designed and implemented a website allowing for the easy, intuitive and visual organisation of free-form data into graphs and networks conveying relations and interconnections. Written in Python, Javascript, and using D3.js.*

### ■ 2011 & 2012 **Haskell Course**

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN  
*Organised and gave a free & open Haskell programming language course.*

In the period 2011-present, i have contributed code to several open-source projects, including:

■ **MikeOS**, a 16bit real-mode operating system written in x86 assembly

■ **DoomRetro**, a modern source port of ID Software's DOOM (II) game engine written in C using SDL2

■ **tiny-menu.el**, an Emacs minor mode to display interactive menus for quick actions written in Emacs Lisp

In the period 2016-present, i have created several medium-to-large projects of my own, including:

■ **Art-deco clock** [AVR C, OpenSCAD], a 3D-printed art-deco clock using an ATTiny24, RTC chip, and two OLED displays

■ **siege-mode.el** [elisp], an Emacs minor mode to surround the region with smart delimiters interactively

■ **msr** [C], a public-key signature verification tool using curve Ed25519, libsodium, GNU argp, and compatible with OpenBSD's signify

■ **TakWrap** [Rust], a TUI for local play of the abstract strategy game of Tak

■ **ctak** [C, ongoing], a line-mode interface for the game of Tak, complete with a computer opponent. This project was designed to learn about (convolutional) neural networks, adversarial tree search, & buildroot for cross-compiling and embedded computing on a Raspberry PI

■ **ZiRC** [Zig, ongoing], a project to learn the Zig programming language and the basics of 3D rendering by building a featureful raycaster engine

## — Notable Service —

### ■ 2019 **Primary organiser**

2019 CATEGORY THEORY OCTOBERFEST ([website](#)),  
JOHNS HOPKINS

### ■ 2018 **Chapter representative**

DIRECTED READING PROGRAM (DRP)  
*Represented the JHU DRP chapter at the Directed Reading Programme Network & Workshop, MIT*

### ■ 2017-2019 **Co-organiser**

DIRECTED READING PROGRAM (DRP), JOHNS HOPKINS  
*Individual pairing of undergraduates with graduates for independent studies ([website](#)). Mentor & co-organiser (2017-2019), primary organiser (2018-2019)*

### ■ 2015 **Organiser**

MATHS POSTGRAD. TEA PARTY, UNIV. CAPE TOWN  
*Founder of a biweekly meeting of graduates, comprising peer lectures and discussions over tea*

### ■ 2011-2015 **Various roles**

ALGORITHM CIRCLE – THEORETICAL COMP. SCI. CLUB,  
UNIV. CAPE TOWN

*Free and open lectures, and competition prep. Lecturer (2011-2015), Vice-chairman (2012, 2014), Chairman (2013)*

## ■ 2011 & 2012 **Organiser**

HASKELL PROGRAMMING COURSE, UNIV. CAPE TOWN  
*Organised and gave a free and open Haskell language programming course*

## — Talks —

See my [website](#) for slides.

### ■ Sept. 2021 **Category Theory 20→21**

*Representation presentation: to present a representative, 2-representative theorem*

### ■ 2021/08/10 **Topos Institute**

*Invitation to the next dimension: 2D doesn't mean double the work, only twice as much*

### ■ 2021/07/16 **Applied Cat. Theory 2021**

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

*Graphical Regular Logic: the complete 2D picture*

### ■ 2020/10/14 **Category Theory Seminar**

JOHNS HOPKINS (ONLINE, OPEN TO PUBLIC)

*2-lessons from Australian Category Theory: Mates and Doctrinal Adjunction*

### ■ 2020/09/11 **Category Theory Seminar**

JOHNS HOPKINS (ONLINE, OPEN TO PUBLIC)

*BI DOUBLing categories we'll see/ MULTIPLE morphisms acting weakly/ Two out of the four/ Have laws rather poor/ But the last is coherent VIRTUALLY!*

### ■ 2019/11/05 **Category Theory Seminar**

JOHNS HOPKINS

*Within and not without: an apology for internal languages (2 parts)*

### ■ 2019/09/17 **Category Theory Seminar**

JOHNS HOPKINS

*Induction & construction: the pointless theory of localic topox*

### ■ 2019/06/15 **Types 2019**

OSLO

*Towards proof relevant category theory, as modelled by globular T-categories*

### ■ 2019/06/06 **HoTT-UF Project**

CAS OSLO

*What is proof relevant category theory?*

### ■ 2019/04/02 **School and Workshop on Univalent Mathematics**

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

*The univalence axiom, a brief & incomplete tour*

### ■ 2019/02/19 **Category Theory Seminar**

JOHNS HOPKINS

*Polynomial functors, a degree of generality*

### ■ 2019/02/10 **Johns Hopkins Mathematics Tournament**

*"Fractions: ratio of two integers or universal machine?", audience of high-school students*

### ■ 2018/11/30 **University Seminar**

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIV.

*Homotopy Type Theory, the confluence of logic and space*

### ■ 2018/11/08 **Category Theory Seminar**

JOHNS HOPKINS

*What is an LCC?*

### ■ 2018/09/20 **Oral Speciality Exam**

JOHNS HOPKINS

*Type Theory and Categories, the unbearable likeness of being*

### ■ 2017/12/05 **Graduate Topics Course**

JOHNS HOPKINS

*'Rings Modules and Algebras in Infinite Loop Space Theory' at a glance*

### ■ 2017/11/15 **Graduate Topics Course**

JOHNS HOPKINS

*What do we mean when we say spectra?*

### ■ 2017/11/30 **University Seminar**

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIV.

*An Intuitive Description of Toposes, Toposes as a Description of Intuitionism*

### ■ 2017/10/12 **Category Theory Seminar**

JOHNS HOPKINS

*All good things must come to an end*

### ■ 2017/04/09 **Graduate Topics Course**

JOHNS HOPKINS

*The Calculus of Fractions and Homotopy Theory*

### ■ 2016/12/12 **Category Theory Seminar**

JOHNS HOPKINS

*A monad is just ... (with an eye to universal algebra)*

## — Conferences Attended —

### ■ 2021 CT 20→21 online, Genoa

### ■ 2021 ACT 2021 online, Cambridge

### ■ 2019 Category Theory Octoberfest, JHU

### ■ 2019 Homotopy Type Theory, CMU

### ■ 2019 Category Theory, Edinburgh

### ■ 2019 Types, Oslo

### ■ 2019 HoTT-UF Project, CAS Oslo

### ■ 2019 Summer School on Higher Topos Theory and Univalent Foundations, Leeds

### ■ 2019 School and Workshop on Univalent Mathematics, Birmingham



- 2018 Vladimir Voevodsky Memorial Conference, IAS
- 2018 Category Theory Octoberfest, CUNY
- 2018 Directed Reading Programme Network & Workshop, MIT
- 2017 Category Theory Octoberfest, CMU
- 2017 Category Theory 2017, UBC

## — Competencies —

- Proficient in C, Haskell, and Rust, with experience in Agda, (x86 & AVR) Assembly, Common Lisp, Coq, Java, Javascript, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Python, and Zig
- English (fluent), Hebrew (intermediate), Afrikaans (intermediate)

## — Personal Pursuits —

- [Electronics & 3D printing](#) Various projects leveraging micro-controllers and custom circuitry
- [Cellular automata](#) Exploration of rule sets and pattern engineering
- [Esoteric Programming Languages](#) Authored and implemented several languages ([url](#))
- [Fractal Art](#) Exploration of the media of iterated function systems, chaotic maps and attractors, and epicyclic generators
- [Digital Music](#) Leveraged trackers and other platforms to create a variety of compositions

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References available upon request