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Professional Experience and Education

Associate Professor (and Assistant Professor), Fall 2006 - present

Department of Applied Mathematics, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago.

Co-Director, Computational Decision Science and Operations Research (CDSOR) Program, IIT, 2015 - present.

Ph.D. Mathematics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2006.

Topics in Stochastic Combinatorial Optimization and Extremal Graph Theory

Advisors: Professors Sheldon H. Jacobson and Douglas B. West

Research Assistant, Simulation and Optimization Laboratory, UIUC, 2001 - 2006.

M.Sc. Mathematics, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, 1999.

B.Sc. (Honors) Mathematics, St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi, 1997.

Recognition and Support

Over 29 invited talks in conferences in USA, Canada, and South Korea, including 6 international conferences, 16 AMS and SIAM meetings, and 6 one-hour plenary talks.

Over 40 invited colloquium and seminar talks in universities in USA, Canada, South Korea, China, and India.

Board of Trustees Award for Excellence in Teaching 2019, University-wide award, IIT.

Excellence in Teaching Award 2017, College of Science, IIT.

Distinguished Teaching Fellow, College of Science, IIT, 2016-2019.

NSF grant 1559606, Extremal Combinatorics at Illinois III Conference, **PI**, \$32400, 2016-17.

NSA grant H98230-16-1-0056, Extremal Combinatorics at Illinois III Conf., **PI**, \$24900, 2016-17.

Invited Visiting Faculty, Gwangju Institute of Science and Tech, South Korea, Nov 2013.

Invited Visiting Faculty, Center for Discrete Math, Zhejiang Normal Univ, China, Oct 2013.

ERIF funding award for an interdisciplinary project in Transportation Networks with collaborators in Computer Science, and Transportation Engineering, IIT, 2009-2010.

AMS Project NExT Fellow, Mathematical Association of America, 2007-2008, selected as one of the six fellows of the American Mathematical Society for this professional development program of the MAA on instruction, advising, research, and academic citizenship.

Inter-disciplinary Research Award and Travel Grant, Applied Mathematics Program, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Spring 2006.

Invited to propose, develop, and teach, a new graduate course in advanced combinatorics, Department of Mathematics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Fall 2005.

Fellowship for Academic Excellence, National Board for Higher Mathematics, India, 1997-1998 and 1998-1999.

Merit Scholarship, Visiting Students Research Program, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Bombay, Summer 1998 and Summer 1999.

Research Interests

Discrete Mathematics and Data Science, especially Graph Theory, Network Optimization, and related models, algorithms, and interdisciplinary applications in Transportation Networks, Power Networks, and Computer Science. Also, ethical aspects of mathematical and optimization models, and particularly in equitable allocation of resources. *Recent topics* include: Enumerative and Extremal problems in Chromatic graph theory, including algebraic and probabilistic perspectives; Models and Algorithms for equitable allocation of resources and for interdependent networks.

Publications

Book

- *Advances in Interdisciplinary Applied Discrete Mathematics*, (co-editor with H.M. Mulder), Interdisciplinary Mathematical Sciences, Volume 11, World Scientific Publishing, 2010, 275pp.

Refereed Journal Papers

- *Global Optima Results for the Kauffman NK Model*, (with S.H. Jacobson), *Mathematical Programming*, 106 (2006), 319-338.
- *New Global Optima Results for the Kauffman NK Model: Handling Dependency*, (with S.H. Jacobson), *Mathematical Programming*, Special issue on ‘Optimization under Uncertainty’, 108 (2006), 475-494.
- *Extremal Graphs for a Graph Packing Theorem of Sauer and Spencer*, (with A. Kostochka), *Combinatorics, Probability and Computing*, 16 (2007), 409-417.
- *Analyzing the Performance of Simultaneous Generalized Hill Climbing Algorithms*, (with D.E. Vaughan, S.H. Jacobson), *Computational Optimization and Applications*, 37 (2007), 103-119.
- *On a Graph Packing Conjecture of Bollobas, Eldridge, and Catlin*, (with A. Kostochka, G. Yu), *Combinatorica*, 28 (2008), 469-485.
- *Long Local Searches for Large Bipartite Subgraphs*, (with D.B. West), *SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics*, 22 (2008), 1138-1144.
- *Distinguishing Chromatic Number of Cartesian Products of Graphs*, (with J. Choi[†] and S. Hartke), *SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics*, 24 (2010), 82-100.
- *Reductions for the Stable Set Problem*, (with E.C. Sewell, S.H. Jacobson), *Algorithmic Operations Research*, 6 (2011), 40-55.
- *Maximum Series-Parallel Subgraph: Approximation Algorithms*, (with G. Calinescu, C.G. Fernandes, A. Zelikovsky), *Algorithmica*, 63 (2012), 137-157.
A short refereed conference version in: *Graph-Theoretic Concepts in Computer Science 2009*, *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, 5911 (2010), 54-65.
- *Packing of Graphic n -tuples*, (with A. Busch, M. Ferrara, S. Hartke, M.S. Jacobson, D.B. West), *Journal of Graph Theory*, 70 (2012), 29-39.
- *New Methodology for Transportation Investment Decisions with Consideration of Project Interdependencies*, (with Z. Li, S. Kapoor, E. Veliou[†], B. Zhou[†], C. Lee[†]), *Transportation Research Record: J. of the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies*, 2285 (2012), 36-46.

[†]Student at the time of writing the paper

- *On Graph Fall-Coloring – Operators and Heredity*, (with C. Mitillos[†]), Journal of Combinatorial Mathematics and Combinatorial Computing, 106 (2018), 125-151.
- *Total Equitable Choosability of Graphs*, (with J. Mudrock[†], M. Pelsmajer), Graphs and Combinatorics, 34 (2018), 1637-1649.
- *On Graph Fall-Coloring – Existence and Constructions*, (with C. Mitillos[†]), Graphs and Combinatorics, 35 (2019), 1633-1646.
- *On Alon-Tarsi Number and Chromatic-choosability of Cartesian Products of Graphs*, (with J. Mudrock[†]), The Elect. Journal of Combinatorics, 26 (2019), article P1.3.
- *Proportional Choosability: a new list analogue of equitable coloring*, (with J. Mudrock[†], M. Pelsmajer, R. Reiniger), Discrete Mathematics, 342 (2019), 2371-2383.
- *List Coloring a Cartesian Product with a Complete Bipartite Factor*, (with J. Mudrock), Graphs and Combinatorics, 35 (2019), 1571-1583.
- *A Note on the Chromatic Number of the Square of Kneser Graph $K(2k+1, k)$* , (with JH. Kang), Discrete Mathematics, 343 (2020), article 111630.
- *A Simple Characterization of Proportionally 2-Choosable Graphs*, (with J. Mudrock[†], M. Pelsmajer, R. Reiniger), Graphs and Combinatorics, 36 (2020), 679-687.
- *Combinatorial Nullstellensatz and DP-Coloring of Graphs*, (with J. Mudrock), Discrete Mathematics, 343 (2020), article 112115.
- *Criticality, The List Color Function, and List Coloring the Cartesian Product of Graphs*, (with J. Mudrock[†]), J. of Combinatorics, 12 (2021), 479-514.
- *Partial DP-Coloring of Graphs*, (with J. Mudrock, M. Pelsmajer), Discrete Mathematics, 344 (2021), article 112306.
- *On the Chromatic Polynomial and Counting DP-Colorings*, (with J. Mudrock), Advances in Applied Mathematics, 123 (2021), article 102131.
- *On Equitable List Arboricity of Graphs*, (with J. Mudrock, M. Pelsmajer), The Australasian J. of Combinatorics, 80 (2021), 419-441.
- *Network Design of Public Transit with Social Access Objectives*, (with A. Rumpf^{††}), EAAMO '21: ACM Conference on Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimization 2021, Article 16, 2021, 1-17.
- *Equitable Choosability of Disjoint Unions of Stars*, (with J. Mudrock, T. Wagstrom[†]), Graphs and Combinatorics, 38 (2022), article 163.
- *The DP Color Function of Joins and Vertex-Gluings of Graphs*, (with J. Becker[†], J. Hewitt[†], M. Maxfield[†], J. Mudrock, D. Spivey[†], S. Thomason[†], T. Wagstrom[†]), Discrete Mathematics, 345 (2022), article 113093.
- *A Linear Input Dependence Model for Interdependent Networks*, (with A. Rumpf^{††}), European Journal of Operational Research, 302 (2022), 781-797.
- *A Generalization of the Graph Packing Theorems of Sauer-Spencer and Brandt*, (with B. Reiniger), Combinatorica, 42 (2022), 1347-1356.
- *Longitudinal network models and permutation-uniform Markov chains*, (with W. Schwartz[†], and S. Petrovic), Scandinavian Journal of Statistics, 50 (2023), 1201-1231.

- *DP-Coloring the Cartesian Product of Graphs*, (with J. Mudrock, G. Sharma[†], Q. Stratton[†]), J. of Graph Theory, 103 (2023), 285-306.
- *Non-chromatic-adherence of the DP Color Function via Generalized Theta Graphs*, (with M. Bui[†], M. Maxfield[†], J. Mudrock, P. Shin[†], S. Thomason[†]), Graphs and Combinatorics, Graphs and Combinatorics, 39 (2023), article 42.
- *Bounding the List Color Function Threshold from Above*, (with A. Kumar[†], A. Liu[†], J. Mudrock, P. Rewers[†], P. Shin[†], M.S. Tanahara[†], K. To[†]), Involve: A journal of mathematics, 16 (2023), 849-882.
- *On the List Color Function Threshold*, (with A. Kumar[†], J. Mudrock, P. Rewers[†], P. Shin[†], K. To[†]), J. of Graph Theory, 105 (2024), 386-397.
- *An Improved Algorithm for Finding Maximum Outerplanar Subgraphs*, (with Gruia Calinescu, and Bahareh Kudarzi[†]), Discrete Applied Mathematics, 342 (2024), 207-217.
- *An Algebraic Approach for Counting DP-3-colorings of Sparse Graphs*, (with S. Dahlberg and J. Mudrock), European Journal of Combinatorics, 118 (2024), article 103890.
- *The DP Color Function of Clique-Gluings of Graphs*, (with M. Maxfield[†], J. Mudrock, S. Thomason[†]), Enumerative Combinatorics and Applications, 4 (2024), article S2R11.
- *On Polynomial Representations of the DP Color Function: Theta Graphs and Their Generalizations*, (with C. Halberg[†], A. Liu[†], J. Mudrock, P. Shin[†], S. Thomason[†]), Journal of Combinatorics, to appear.
- *Flexible List Colorings: Maximizing the Number of Requests Satisfied*, (with R. Mathew, J. Mudrock, M. Pelsmajer), J. of Graph Theory, accepted for publication.
- *A Note on Fractional DP-Coloring of Graphs*, (with D. Dominik[†], J.Mudrock), submitted for publication.
- *DP-Coloring of Graphs from Random Covers*, (with A. Bernshteyn, D. Dominik[†], J.Mudrock), submitted for publication.
- *A Polynomial Method for Counting Colorings of S-labeled Graphs*, (with S. Dahlberg and J. Mudrock), submitted for publication.
- *Counting Packings of List-Colorings of Graphs*, (with J. Mudrock), submitted for publication.

Invited Conference and Seminar Talks

Graph Theory and Combinatorics Seminar, U. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Mar 2024.

Graph Theory Seminar, U. of Central Florida, Feb 2024.

International Conference on Graph Theory and its Applications, Amrita University, India, Dec 2023, Plenary speaker. (Declined)

Combinatorics and Graph Theory Seminar, Georgia Tech, Nov 2023.

Special Session on Topics in Combinatorics and Graph Theory, AMS Eastern meeting, SUNY Buffalo, Sept 2023.

Invited session on Generalizations of Chromatic Polynomial, Canadian Discrete and Algorithmic Mathematics Conference, CanaDAM 2023, June 2023.

Special Session on Advanced Topics in Graph Theory and Combinatorics, AMS SouthEastern meeting, Georgia Tech, Mar 2023.

Combinatorics and Graph Theory Seminar, Michigan State U., Feb 2023.

Graph Theory and Combinatorics Seminar, U. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 2022.

Discrete Mathematics Seminar, U. of British Columbia, Canada, February 2022.

ARCSIN (Algebra, Representations, Combinatorics and Symmetric functions in INdia) Seminar, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, January 2022.

PyData Chicago Colloquium, Chicago, December 2021.

GIST College Colloquium, Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology, South Korea, Dec 2021.

Mathematics Colloquium, U. of Colorado Denver, September 2021.

SoReMo (Socially Responsible Modeling and Design) Colloquium, Chicago, September 2021.

Graph Theory and Combinatorics Seminar, Illinois State University, Normal, October 2020.

Mathematics Colloquium, Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi, India, July 2020.

Special Session on Topics in Extremal Problems and Structural Graph Theory, AMS Western Meeting, U. of California Riverside, October 2019. (Declined)

Graph Theory and Combinatorics Seminar, Illinois State University, Normal, April 2019.

Special Session on Recent Developments in Graph Theory, AMS Southeastern Meeting, Auburn U., March 2019.

Special Session on Extremal and Probabilistic Combinatorics, AMS Central Meeting, U. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 2018.

Combinatorics Seminar, U. of Illinois at Chicago, October 2018.

International Workshop on Graph Theory, Ewha Women's U., Seoul, South Korea, Jan 2018.

Graph Theory and Combinatorics Seminar, U. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, October 2017.

GIST College Colloquium, Gwangju Inst of Science and Tech, South Korea, July 2017.

Special Session on Extremal, Probabilistic, and Structural Graph Theory, AMS Central Meeting, Indiana U., Bloomington, April 2017.

Discrete Mathematics Seminar, U. of West Georgia, January 2017.

Special Session on Extremal and Probabilistic Combinatorics, AMS Central Meeting, U. of Minnesota, Minneapolis, October 2016.

Special Session on Extremal Graph Theory, AMS Central Meeting, ND State U., Fargo, April 2016.

Special Session on Recent Advances in Graphs and Matroids, AMS Central Meeting, Loyola U., Chicago, October 2015.

Special Session on Graphs, Hypergraphs, and Set Systems, AMS Central Meeting, Loyola U., Chicago, October 2015.

GIST Workshop and Conference on Graph Theory, Gwangju Inst of Science and Tech, South Korea, July 2015.

Special Session on Graph and Hypergraph Theory, AMS Central Meeting, U. of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, September 2014.

Chicago Area SIAM Student Conference, Northwestern U., April 2014. (1-hour Plenary talk)

Mathematics Colloquium, National Institute of Mathematical Sciences, South Korea, November 2013.

KAIST Discrete Math Seminar, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, South Korea, November 2013.

GIST College Colloquium, Gwangju Inst. of Science and Tech., South Korea, November 2013.

60th KPPY Combinatorics Workshop, Kyungpook National U., South Korea, November 2013. (1-hour Plenary Talk)

Discrete Math Seminar, Yeungnam U., South Korea, November 2013.

Discrete Math Colloquium, Zhejiang Normal U., China, October 2013.

Special Session on Graph Theory, AMS-MAA Joint Math Meetings, San Diego, CA, January 2013.

Seminar on Computational Transportation Science, U. of Illinois, Chicago, March 2012.

Mathematics Colloquium, U. of Colorado, Denver, January 2012.

Special Session on Extremal and Probabilistic Combinatorics, AMS Central Meeting, U. of Nebraska, Lincoln, October 2011.

Special Session on Graph Theory, AMS Central Meeting, U. of Iowa, Iowa City, March 2011.

40th Kyungpook National U.-Pusan National U.-Pohang Math Institute Joint Symposium on Combinatorics, Daegu, South Korea, June 2010. (1-hour Plenary Talk)

Discrete Mathematics Seminar, U. of Colorado, Denver, June 2010.

Special Session on Graph Theory, AMS Eastern Meeting, Rutgers U., NJ, May 2010.

Mathematics Colloquium, U. of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE, February 2010.

Special Session on Graph Theory, AMS Southeastern Meeting, Boca Raton, FL, October 2009.

Mathematics Colloquium, Iowa State U., Ames, March 2008.

SIAM Minisymposium on Graph Coloring and Partitioning, AMS-MAA Joint Mathematics Meetings, San Diego, CA, January 2008.

Mathematics Colloquium, U. of Illinois, Chicago, April 2007.

86th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Section of the Mathematical Association of America, Western Illinois U., Macomb, March 2007. (1-hour Plenary Talk)

13th SIAM Conference on Discrete Mathematics, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, June 2006.

DIMACS/DIMATIA/Renyi Combinatorial Challenges Meeting, DIMACS Center, Rutgers U., New Jersey, April 2006.

Mathematics Colloquium, U. of Dayton, February 2006.

Mathematics Colloquium, Western Washington U., January 2006.

Mathematics Colloquium, Southern Illinois U., January 2006.

Mathematics Colloquium, U. of Central Florida, Orlando, November 2005.

Applied Math Seminar, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, October 2005.

Mathematics and Engineering Colloquium, U. of Georgia, Athens, March 2005.

Applied Math Colloquium, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, March 2005.

Industrial Engineering Colloquium, U. of Minnesota, Minneapolis-St.Paul, February 2005.

Graph Theory and Combinatorics Seminar, Dept. of Mathematics, UIUC, March 2005; March 2004; April 2003.

Nonlinear Dynamics and Complex Systems Seminar, Dept. of Physics, UIUC, December 2004.

Discrete Math Seminar, U. of Central Florida, Orlando, November 2004.

Teaching and Curriculum Experience

Faculty Member, Department of Applied Mathematics, IIT, Fall 2006 - present.

- Instructor for the following courses: *Introduction to the Profession* (Math 100), *Calculus I* (Math 151), *Calculus II* (Math 152), *Multivariate & Vector Calculus* (Math 251), *Elementary Linear Algebra* (Math 332), *Introduction to Math Modeling* (Math 380), *Real Analysis* (Math 400), *Number Theory* (Math 410), *Applied Abstract Algebra* (Math 430), *Linear Optimization* (Math 435 & 535), *Combinatorics* (Math 453), *Graph Theory and applications* (Math 454 & 553), *Mathematical Modeling* (Math 486 & 522), *Discrete Applied Math I* (Math 553), *Modern Methods in Discrete Applied Math* (Math 554).
- Undergraduate and graduate curriculum development -
 - M.Sc. in *Computational Decision Sciences and Operations Research*, new inter-disciplinary graduate program with CS, developed (with S. Kapoor, CS) in 2014-15, approved in 2015.
 - *M.Sc. program in Applied Math*, modernized and completely restructured in 2018-19 (as chair

of the committee), approved in 2019.

– Particular courses like:

Elementary Linear Algebra (Math 332), revised the existing course to better suit students from Applied Math, CS, and Engineering by creating an exciting mix of rigorous proofs, algorithms, and applications.

Mathematical Modeling (Math 380; Math 486 & 522): developed a new course to build understanding of applied mathematics as a thought-process and a toolbox for the study of real-world phenomenon with an emphasis on the modeling process using concepts and tools from continuous, discrete, and probabilistic mathematics. A semester-long project on open-ended real-world problems that utilize their comprehensive mathematical knowledge to formulate, modify, justify, and computationally analyze models. Math 380 is now a required course for Applied Math majors and also attracts students from CS and other majors.

Real Analysis (Math 400), developed new flipped version of the course with pre-recorded video lectures, lecture notes, weekly problems for in-class discussion, HW problems with content related to extracurricular historical and analytic content as well as connections with other parts of mathematics. This course transformation was very well received by the students, despite online teaching during the pandemic.

Number Theory (Math 410), developed a new course on fundamentals of number theory and its modern applications in cryptography, which has attracted undergraduate students from Applied Math, CS, and ECE.

Linear Optimization (Math 435 & 535): developed a new course incorporating the geometric and linear algebraic basis of algorithms, duality, integer programming, and applications to large scale optimization, which has attracted graduate and undergraduate students from Applied Math, CS, Physics, ECE, Chem. Engg., Data Science, CDSOR.

Graph Theory and Applications (Math 454): revised an existing joint undergrad-grad course to make it an appropriate course for undergraduate students from various backgrounds with an emphasis on building a strong foundation in discovering and communicating discrete mathematics. It attracts students from Applied Math, CS, ECE, and Physics.

Graduate Graph Theory (Math 553): replaced an existing joint undergrad-grad course with a core-course for graduate students with advanced topics that incorporate modern probabilistic and algebraic techniques. It has attracted students from Applied Math, CS, and ECE.

Modern Methods in Discrete Math (Math 554): developed a new course in Combinatorics applying modern methods from probability, abstract algebra, linear algebra, entropy, MCMC, etc. that has attracted graduate and talented undergraduate students from Applied Math, CS, and ECE.

Teaching Assistant, Department of Mathematics, UIUC, Fall 1999-Spring 2006.

- Proposer, developer, and instructor for a semester-long graduate course, *Topics in Probabilistic Methods for Discrete Mathematics*, which attracted faculty and students from Math, CS, Physics, and ECE, Fall 2005.
- Independent Instructor for: *Introductory Linear Algebra, Calculus and Analytic Geometry II*.
Teaching Assistant for : *Linear programming, Graph Theory, Introduction to Combinatorics, Combinatorial Mathematics*.
- Co-author, successful proposal for graduate course on *Discrete and Convex Geometry*, 2003.

Student Advising and Mentorship

Student Awards

- **Menger Student Award**, 2018, IIT, to my PhD student Jeffrey Mudrock.
- **Honorable mention, NSF Graduate Fellowship**, 2016, to my PhD student William Schwartz.
- **Meritorious Winners** in MCM (Mathematical Modeling Contest) 2016 and 2019, awarded to the team of 3 IIT undergraduates, advised by me, for placing in the 99.5 percentile among 10000+ teams from universities around the world.
- **Outstanding Undergraduate Research in Mathematics** by the Illinois Section of Mathematics Association of America, awarded to my students YoungJu Jo (1st prize) and Chris Mitillos (2nd prize), April 2009.

Ph.D. Students

- *Alaittin Kirtisoglu*, Ph.D. in Applied Math, current.
Network design for equitable allocation of resources.
- *Bahareh Kudarzi*, Ph.D. in Applied Math, current.
Algorithmic and Spectral problems on graphs.
- *Daniel Dominik*, Ph.D. in Applied Math, current.
Probabilistic and other problems on DP-coloring of graphs.
- *Gunjan Sharma*, Ph.D. in Applied Math, current.
DP-coloring of graphs and related chromatic and enumerative problems.
- *William Schwartz*, Ph.D. in Applied Math, graduated Dec 2021 (joint adviser Sonja Petrovic).
Optimization and Statistics on Temporal Network Models: including Permutation-uniform Markov chains of networks, temporal stochastic block models, Dynamic optimization algorithms.
Associate Director, Secretariat Economists. Co-founder, Ingraham and Schwartz Auction Advisers.
- *Adam Rumpf*, Ph.D. in Applied Math, graduated May 2020.
Mathematics of Civil Infrastructure Network Optimization: including Network simplex algorithm for interdependent network flows, Network design of public transit with social access objectives, Trilevel network interdiction game for interdependent networks.
Assistant Professor of Teaching in Applied Math, Florida Polytechnic University, FL, USA.
- *Jeffrey Mudrock*, Ph.D. in Applied Math, graduated May 2018.
The List Coloring problem and its Equitable Variants: including Alon-Tarsi number and Chromatic-Choosability of graphs, Criticality and list-color function for graph choosability, Equitable list coloring and proportional choosability.
Professor of Mathematics at the College of Lake County, Illinois, USA.
- *Christodoulos Mitillos*, Ph.D. in Applied Math, graduated July 2016.
Fall-Coloring of Graphs: including existence conditions for and construction of graphs with arbitrary Fall colorings, Fall coloring with regard to unary and binary graph operators.
Lecturer of Mathematics at the University of Cyprus, Cyprus.
- *Jinyu Huang*, Ph.D. in Applied Math, graduated July 2015.
Approximation Algorithms for Matroid Optimization: including Online algorithms for matroid secretary problem, results towards Matroid Expansion Conjecture, complexity of linear matroid intersection and linear matroid parity problems.
Assistant Professor of Computer Science at the Sichuan University of Science and Engineering, China.
- *Ph.D. Thesis Committee member, IIT*: Amirreza Eshraghi (Math, 2024+), Yi Zhang (CS, 2023+),

Miles Bakenhus (Math, 2022+), Mohit Hota (CS, 2024), Xiaolang Wang (CS, 2023), Jin Zhang (Chemical Engg., 2019), Praneeth Tota (CS, 2019), Dane Wilburne (Math, 2018), Razane Tajjedine (ECE, 2018), Gergely Balint (Math, 2014), Junghwan Shin (CS 2013), Syed Q. Ahmad (ECE 2013), Brindha Hariharane (CS 2012), Oscar Ortega (Math 2008).

- *Ph.D. Thesis Committee member, External:* Jacob Dunham (Mathematics, University of Colorado Denver, 2024+), Meiqiao Zhang (Nanyang Tech Univ, Singapore, 2024), Rebecca Robinson (Mathematics, University of Colorado Denver, 2021), Lujia Wang (Mathematics, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2018), Justin Hilyard (Mathematics, University of Notre Dame, 2014), Rajmonda Caceres (Mathematics and CS, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2012), B. Bhattacharjya (Mathematics, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, 2009).

M.S. Students

- *Jason Cho*, M.Sc. in Applied Math, graduated Dec 2023.
Thesis on a graphical statistical model.
- *Christian Tomlins*, M.Sc. in Applied Math, graduated May 2022 (joint adviser Rob Ellis).
Thesis on Distinguishing List Colorings of Graphs.
Analyst at Dept. of Defense.
- *Quinn Stratton*, M.Sc. in Applied Math, graduated May 2020.
Research on DP-Coloring of Cartesian Products of Graphs.
Lecturer of Mathematics at Lewis University.
- *Hongwei Jin*, M.Sc. in Applied Math, graduated May 2015.
Thesis on new stochastic optimization models and algorithms for “Microgrid with Renewable Energy”.
PhD Candidate in Computer Science at UIC.
- *Mary Fidler*, M.Sc. in Applied Math, graduated July 2011.
Thesis on new algorithms for “The Simple Equal Flow Problem On Generalized Networks”.
Researcher in New Mexico Consortium for applications of discrete optimization.
- *Joseph Srigiri*, M.Sc. in Applied Math, graduated May 2009.
Thesis on original research in Computational Discrete Geometry and Optimization on “Stochastic Models for the Art Gallery Problem: A Computational Study”.
Commodities trader in Finance industry.
- *M.Sc. Thesis Committee member, IIT:* James Panek (Math 2017), Ben Grimmer (CS 2016), Melinda Bulin (Math 2015), Yunjiao Liu (Math 2014), Lujia Wang (Math 2013), James Williamson (Math 2011), Daniel Tietzer (Math 2011), Hong Liu (Math 2010).

Undergraduate Students

- Undergraduate students advised at IIT from 2008 to present:
 - *IIT Team advisor*, The Mathematical Contest in Modeling (MCM) (2015 to 2022 annually); Kryptos Cryptanalysis Competition (2014, 2015, 2016). Teams were awarded as Meritorious Winners (99.5 percentile) in MCM 2016 and 2019, with Honorable Mention (90 percentile) in MCM 2015, as Amateur Codebreakers in Kryptos 2015 and 2016.
 - *Advisor* for 7-9 different research projects in each Spring semester, 2014 to 2023 (excl. 2020). Research on open-ended real-world problems based on international MCM modeling contests for 10+ weeks. These research experiences form an integral part of education of Applied Math majors at IIT.
 - *5 CS and Engg. students* from Brazil sponsored by IIE under the BSMP program, Summer 2016. 2 original research projects using data from the City of Chicago to analyze real-world optimization and modeling problems related to transportation projects.

- *7 Math, CS, and Engg. students* from Brazil sponsored by IIE under the BSMP program, Summer 2017. 3 original research projects on real-world optimization and modeling problems related to transportation projects.
- *Unsuik Heo*, Undergrad in ECE, Fall 2011.
Readings and original research in optimization of assignment problems with ordinal preferences.
- *Cheng Chang*, Undergrad in Applied Math, Summer 2011-Fall 2011.
Readings and original research in coloring graph tensor products.
- *Cory Knapp*, Undergrad in Applied Math, Spring 2010 - Summer 2010.
Original research in Graph Theory on “Fall-coloring”; Supported by a Federal Work Study grant.
- *Christodoulos Mitillos*, Undergrad in Applied Math and CS, Summer 2008 - Summer 2009.
Original research in Graph Theory on “On Fall-coloring of Graphs”. Awarded Second prize for ‘Outstanding Undergraduate Research in Mathematics’ by the Illinois Section of Mathematics Association of America, April 2009; Awarded the IIT College of Science and Letters’ Summer Scholarship 2008.
- *YoungJu Jo*, Undergrad in Applied Math and ECE, Summer 2008 - Summer 2009.
Original research in Discrete Geometry that improves previous known bounds on a long-standing conjecture on “Guarding Orthogonal Art Galleries with Holes”. Awarded First prize for ‘Outstanding Undergraduate Research in Mathematics’ by the Illinois Section of MAA, April 2009.
- *Applied Math Freshmen*, Fall 2006 - Fall 2015.
Projects (expository report including self-discovered proofs and computer code) on topics like ‘Theory and Algorithms for Stable Matchings’ with groups of 2-3 students.
- Undergraduate students co-advised with J. Mudrock at College of Lake County (CLC) from 2019 to 2022:
 - *Jack Becker*, CLC, DePaul U. (MS). Summer 2020 and Spring 2021.
Original research on DP-color function of graph gluings.
 - *Manh Vu Bui*, CLC. Spring 2021.
Original research on DP-color function of graph gluings.
 - *Kyle Francq*, CLC. Spring 2022.
Original research on list color function of graphs.
 - *Charlie Halberg*, CLC & U. of Utah. Summer 2020.
Original research on DP-color function of theta graphs.
 - *Jade Hewitt*, CLC & IIT. Summer 2020.
Original research on DP-color function of joins of graphs.
 - *Akash Kumar*, CLC. Fall 2021.
Original research on list color function of graphs.
 - *Andrew Liu*, Stevenson High School, CLC & MIT. Summer 2020, and Spring 2022.
Original research on DP-color function of theta graphs, and list color function, list threshold function of graphs.
 - *Michael Maxfield*, CLC & U. Wisconsin at Madison. Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021.
Original research on DP-color function of graph gluings.
 - *Patrick Rewers*, CLC & Purdue. Summer 2021.
Original research on list color function of graphs.
 - *Paul Shin*, Stevenson High School, CLC & Dartmouth. Summer 2020 and Summer 2021.
Original research on: DP-color function of graph gluings, and of theta graphs; and on list color function of graphs.

- *David Spivey*, CLC. Summer 2020.
Original research on DP-color function of joins of graphs.
- *Michael Tanahara*, CLC. Spring 2022.
Original research on list color function of graphs.
- *Seth Thomason*, CLC & Southern Illinois U. Summer 2020, Spring 2021, and Summer 2021.
Original Research on DP-color function of graph gluings, joins of graphs, and theta graphs; and on asymptotics of DP-color function.
- *Khue To*, CLC. Fall 2021.
Original research on list color function of graphs.
- *Tim Wagstrom*, CLC & UIC, U. Rhode Island (PhD). Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2020.
Original research on: equitable choosability of graphs, and on DP-color function of graph gluings.

High School Students

- *Derek Hardin*, IMSA (Illinois Math and Science Academy), 2010 - 2011
Original research on the long-standing Hedetniemi-Lovasz Conjecture on coloring tensor product of graphs; Poster and presentation at IMSA Colloquium. Undergrad at MIT.
- *Andrew Liu* and *Paul Shin*, Stevenson High School, 2020-21. See above for their research projects and time-periods. Undergrad at MIT and Dartmouth, respectively.

Academic Service to the Profession

Review Panel Member, AAAS (American Association for Advancement of Science) international research grant proposals in Applied Math, 2014; National Science Center, Poland, research grant proposals in Computer Science and Informatics, 2020.

Member, MAA (Mathematical Association of America) National Committee on Minority Participation in Mathematics, 2009-2012.

Editor, Newsletter, SIAM Activity Group on Discrete Mathematics, 2012-2014.

Referee for the journals: Acta Mathematica Sinica, Algebraic Statistics, Ars Combinatoria, Bulletin of Korean Mathematical Society (multiple papers), Complexity, Discrete Mathematics (multiple papers), Discrete Applied Mathematics (multiple papers), Electronic Journal of Combinatorics (multiple papers), European Journal of Combinatorics, Journal of Combinatorial Mathematics and Combinatorial Computing (multiple papers), Journal of Combinatorial Theory Series B, Mathematical Finance, Mathematics of Computation, Naval Research Logistics (multiple papers), Order, SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics (multiple papers), Theoretical Computer Science, Operations Research.

Conference (Co-)Organizer:

- *Workshop on Algebraic, extremal, and structural methods and problems in graph coloring*, virtually hosted by Sparse Graphs Coalition (Europe), 19th-23rd Feb 2024. 45+ researchers in Algebraic and Extremal Combinatorics from USA, Canada, Europe, and Asia built long-term collaborations by working on open problems in small groups for a full week and continuing afterwards.
- *Special Session on Recent Progress in Chromatic Graph Theory*, AMS Virtual meeting, April 2023. 19 leading researchers in Algebraic and Extremal Combinatorics working in chromatic graph theory invited from USA, Canada, Europe, and Asia.
- *Special Session on Enumerative and Extremal Problems in Chromatic Graph Theory*, AMS meeting, May 2022, Online (originally at University of Denver). 18 leading researchers in Algebraic and Extremal Combinatorics working in chromatic graph theory invited from USA, Canada,

Europe, and Asia.

- *Extremal Combinatorics in Illinois (EXCILL III) Conference*, IIT, Chicago, August 2016. Over 140 researchers from all over the world attended and the invited speakers were the topmost international researchers in the field. Funded by grants from NSF and NSA.
- *Workshop in honor of Professor Douglas West's 60th Birthday*, Institute for Mathematics and its Applications, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, June 2014. Over 80 Leading researchers from 7 countries around the world participated.
- *Special Session on Graphs and Hypergraphs*, AMS Central Section Meeting, Notre Dame, November 2010. Over 22 leading researchers from around the US gave talks.
- *47th Midwest Graph Theory Conference (MIGHTY)*, IIT, Chicago, November 2008. Over 90 participants, including 38 speakers, from all over US.
- *Special Session on Graph Theory*, AMS Central Section Meeting, Bloomington, April 2008. Over 22 leading researchers from around the US gave talks.
- Project NExT panel discussion on ‘*Early Career Grants: possible sources and proposal writing*’, Joint Mathematics Meeting, San Diego, January 2008.
- *Special Session on Graph Theory*, AMS Central Section Meeting, Chicago, October 2007. Over 22 leading researchers from around the US gave talks.
- Joint DePaul University-IIT Reading Seminar in Discrete Mathematics, Fall 2006-Fall 2008. 5 faculty members and over 10 students from both universities participated.
- Chair, *Session on Special Topics in Networks and Graphs*, INFORMS annual meeting, November 2005.

Service to the Home Institution

Co-Advisor, SIAM Student Chapter, IIT, 2012-present. SIAM chapter is active in organizing activities, including talks, panel discussions on career advice, an annual student conference with participants from all over the midwest, and social events, including a series of talks introducing all mathematics research groups, and a new series of talks on ‘my favorite theorem’ to popularize mathematics, with funding from SIAM and the student government.

Mathematics Advising, Admissions, and Co-Director, M.Sc. CDSOR, 2015-present.

Member,

- Graduate Studies Committee, Applied Math, IIT, Fall 2016-present. (Also, representative to University Graduate Studies Committee, Spring 2023 and occasionally in other semesters.)
- University Undergraduate Research Committee, IIT, Fall 2019-present (Chair, 2023-present).
- Core faculty, Socially Responsible Modeling, Computation, and Design (SoReMo), 2020-present.
- Campus-wide JED Task Force for mental health resources, programming, and policies, IIT, 2024-present.
- College of Computing Dean review committee, IIT, Fall 2023.
- Applied Math Department Publicity and Visibility Committee, Fall 2020-present.
- Committee on Research & Joint Faculty Appointments, Applied Math, IIT, Fall 2020.
- Organizing committee (Chair), Virtual Departmental Graduation ceremony and social gathering, Applied Math, IIT, May 2020, and May 2021.
- University On-Site Provisional Admission Committee (OSPA), IIT, College of Science representative to India, 2018-2019.

- Distinctive Teaching Fellows Committee, College of Science, IIT, 2016-2018.
- Applied Math Department MS Program Reorganization Committee, Chair 2018.
- Applied Math Department Strategic Plan Committee, 2018.
- Faculty Teaching Evaluations Committee, Applied Math, IIT, Spring 2017-present.
- University Strategic Plan Assessment Advisory Board (SPAAB), IIT, College of Science representative, 2014-2016.
- University Library Committee, IIT, Department representative, 2007-2012.
- Applied Math Faculty Search Committee, IIT, 2012-13, 2023-24.
- Academic Unit Committee for Promotion and Tenure, IIT, Chair 2016-17.
- Academic Unit Review Committee for mid-term Tenure-track Faculty, IIT, 2013, Chair 2016.
- Academic Unit Review Committee for Senior Lecturers, IIT, 2012, 2013.
- Mathematics General Education Committee, IIT, 2009.

Organizer,

- Panel discussion on ‘How to prepare for and apply to graduate school’, 2019-present annually, (with D. Stasi and SIAM/AWM chapters).
- Panel discussion on ‘Research and Internship opportunities for undergrads’, 2023-present annually, (with SIAM chapter).
- Discrete Mathematics Research Seminar, IIT, 2007-08, 2010-2011, 2012-13, 2016-present, (with local and non-local speakers from universities in US, Canada, Europe, Asia).
- Undergraduate Math Competition, IIT, 2008-2013 annually, (with I. Cialenco, M. Pelsmajer, and SIAM chapter)
- Student Poster Competition, Menger Day, IIT, 2008-2013 annually.
- Department Colloquium, IIT, 2008-09.
- Pan-IIT Interdisciplinary Seminar Series on “Networks and Optimization”, IIT, Spring 2009 (with R. Ellis and M. Pelsmajer).

Department Representative, Local High School Students visit to IIT (multiple years); Graduate School Fair/ Open House/ Welcome/ Discovery Day at the AMS-MAA-SIAM Joint Math Meetings, and at the Chicago Area Undergraduate Research Symposium, and at IIT, (each multiple years); CAMRAS Scholarship interviews (multiple years); Menger Day Poster Competition Judge (multiple years); IIT Research Day Graduate Student Poster Competition Judge (multiple years).

IIT Liaison, Mathematical Association of America, 2007-2016.