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### EDUCATION

Ph.D. Mathematics, University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, California, May 1998.  
B.A. Mathematics and Statistics, Rice University, Houston, Texas, May 1994, Summa Cum Laude.

### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

City College of New York	Professor	9/2012–present
CUNY Graduate Center	Mathematics Graduate Faculty	1/2012–present
City College of New York	Associate Professor	9/2010–8/2012
University of Uppsala	Visiting Professor	5/2011
Carleton University	Associate Professor	7/2004–9/2011
University of Leipzig	DFG Mercator Visiting Professor	12/2008–8/2009
Carleton University	Assistant Professor	7/2002–6/2004
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The University of Porto	NSF-NATO Postdoctoral Fellow	12/1999–12/2000
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### AREAS OF INTEREST

Algebra, including semigroup theory, geometric group theory, and representation theory; applications to automata theory and computer science

### ACADEMIC HONORS/FELLOWSHIPS

Plenary Lecture for the 63<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Australian Mathematical Society 2019; Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award to Brazil 2018–2019; Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft Mercator Visiting Professorship at the University of Leipzig 2009; Nominee of the Carleton Faculty of Sciences for the Petro-Canada Young Innovators Award 2006; NSF-NATO Postdoctoral Fellowship 1999–2000; PRAXIS Postdoctoral Fellowship 1998–1999; NSF-NATO Postdoctoral Fellowship Honorable Mention 1998; U.C. Berkeley Nominee for Sloan Dissertation 1997; U.C. Berkeley Math. Dept. Block Grant, Spring 1996, Spring 1997; Graduate Student Instructorship 1994–1998; NSF Graduate Student Fellowship Nominee 1994–1995; DOD Fellowship Nominee 1994; Phi Beta

Kappa 1994; Summa Cum Laude 1994; Rice University Award for Best Science and Engineering Junior 1993; National Merit Scholar 1990–1994.

## LANGUAGES

English, Portuguese and French

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- (2) S. Margolis and B. Steinberg, *Projective indecomposable modules and quivers for monoid algebras*, *Comm. Algebra*, to appear.
- (3) S. J. van Gool and B. Steinberg, *Merge decompositions, two-sided Krohn-Rhodes, and aperiodic pointlikes*, *Canad. Math. Bull.*, to appear.
- (4) B. Steinberg, *Linear conjugacy*, *Canad. Math. Bull.*, to appear.

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- (1) B. Steinberg, *Diagonal-preserving isomorphisms of étale groupoid algebras*, *J. Algebra* **518** (2019), 412–439.
- (2) B. Steinberg, *Prime étale groupoid algebras with applications to inverse semigroup and Leavitt path algebras*, *J. Pure Appl. Algebra* **223** (2019), 2474–2488.
- (3) B. Steinberg, *Chain conditions on étale groupoid algebras with applications to Leavitt path algebras and inverse semigroup algebras*, *J. Aust. Math. Soc.* **104** (2018), 403–411.
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- (5) J. Almeida, M.H. Shahzamanian and B. Steinberg, *The pro-nilpotent group topology on a free group*, *J. Algebra* **480** (2017), 332–345.

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  - (7) A. Egri-Nagy, M. Jackson, J. Rhodes, B. Steinberg, *On the atoms of algebraic lattices arising in  $q$ -theory*, *Internat. J. Algebra Comput.* **27** (2017), 157–188.
  - (8) A. Costa and B. Steinberg, *A categorical invariant of flow equivalence of shifts*, *Ergodic Theory Dynam. Systems* **36** (2016), 470–513.
  - (9) B. Steinberg, *The global dimension of the full transformation monoid with an appendix by V. Mazorchuk and B. Steinberg*, *Algebr. Represent. Theory* **19** (2016), 731–747.
  - (10) B. Steinberg, *Simplicity, primitivity and semiprimitivity of étale groupoid algebras with applications to inverse semigroup algebras*, *J. Pure Appl. Algebra* **220** (2016), 1035–1054.
  - (11) S. W. Margolis, F. V. Saliola and B. Steinberg, *Combinatorial topology and the global dimension of algebras arising in combinatorics*, *J. Eur. Math. Soc* **17** (2015), 3037–3080.
  - (12) A. Ayyer, A. Schilling, B. Steinberg and N. Thiéry, *Directed nonabelian sandpile models on trees*, *Comm. Math. Phys.* **335** (2015), 1065–1098.
  - (13) A. Masuda, L. Quooos and B. Steinberg, *Character theory of monoids over an arbitrary field*, *J. Algebra* **431** (2015), 107–126.
  - (14) A. Ayyer, A. Schilling, B. Steinberg and N. Thiéry, *Markov chains,  $\mathcal{R}$ -trivial monoids and representation theory*, *Internat. J. Algebra Comput.* **25** (2015), 169–231.
  - (15) W. Hajji and B. Steinberg, *A parametrization of the irreducible representations of a compact inverse semigroup*, *Comm. Algebra* **43** (2015), 5261–5281.
  - (16) M. Lohrey, B. Steinberg and G. Zetsche, *Rational subsets and submonoids of wreath products*, *Inform. and Comput.* **243** (2015), 191–204.
  - (17) A. Costa and B. Steinberg, *The Schützenberger category of a semigroup*, *Semigroup Forum* **91** (2015), 543–559.
  - (18) D. Milan and B. Steinberg, *On inverse semigroup  $C^*$ -algebras and crossed products*, *Groups Geom. Dyn.* **8** (2014), 485–512.
  - (19) B. Steinberg, *On a conjecture of Karrass and Solitar*, *J. Group Theory* **17** (2014), 433–444.
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  - (22) M. V. Lawson, S. W. Margolis and B. Steinberg, *The étale groupoid of an inverse semigroup as a groupoid of filters*, *J. Aus. Math. Soc.* **94** (2013), 234–256.
  - (23) D. Handelman, W. Hajji and B. Steinberg, *On finite-dimensional representations of compact inverse semigroups*, *Semigroup Forum* **87** (2013), 497–508.
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  - (29) B. Steinberg, *Yet another solution to the Burnside problem for matrix semigroups*, *Canad. Math. Bull.* **55** (2012), 188–192.
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- (76) K. Auinger and B. Steinberg, *The geometry of profinite graphs with applications to free groups and finite monoids*, Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. **356** (2004), 805–851.
- (77) P. V. Silva and B. Steinberg, *A geometric characterization of automatic monoids*, Q. J. Math. **55** (2004), 333–356.
- (78) B. Steinberg, *On an assertion of John Rhodes and the finite basis and finite vertex rank problems for pseudovarieties*, J. Pure Appl. Algebra **186** (2004), 91–107.

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- (1) R. Skipper and B. Steinberg, *Lamplighter groups, bireversible automata and rational series over finite rings*, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.00433>, 2018.
- (2) R. Exel and B. Steinberg, *Higher rank graphs, k-subshifts and k-automata*, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1809.04932>, 2018
- (3) S. Margolis and B. Steinberg, *The algebra of the Catalan monoid as an incidence algebra: A simple proof*, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1806.06531>, 2018.
- (4) R. D. Gray and B. Steinberg, *Topological finiteness properties of monoids. Part 2: special monoids, one-relator monoids, amalgamated free products, and HNN extensions*, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1805.03413>, 2018.
- (5) M. H. Shahzamanian and B. Steinberg, *Simplicity of augmentation submodules for transformation monoids*, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1804.10943>, 2018.
- (6) R. Exel and B. Steinberg, *Representations of the inverse hull of a 0-left cancellative semigroup*, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1802.06281>, 2018.
- (7) S. J. v. Gool and B. Steinberg, *Pointlike sets for varieties determined by groups*, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1801.04638>, 2018.



- (8) K. Juschenko, B. Steinberg, P. Wesolek, *On elementary amenable bounded automata groups*, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1712.08418>, 2017.
- (9) A. Ayyer and B. Steinberg, *Random walks on rings and modules*, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1708.04223>, 2017.
- (10) R. D. Gray and B. Steinberg, *Topological finiteness properties of monoids. Part 1: Foundations*, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1706.04387>, 2017.
- (11) E. W. H. Lee, J. Rhodes and B. Steinberg, *Join irreducible semigroups*, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1702.03753>, 2016.
- (12) S. J. v. Gool and B. Steinberg, *Pro-aperiodic monoids via saturated models*, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1609.07736>, 2016.
- (13) B. Steinberg, *On the Burnside-Brauer-Steinberg theorem*, <http://arxiv.org/abs/1409.7632>, 2014.
- (14) B. Steinberg, *Topological dynamics and recognition of languages*, <http://arxiv.org/abs/1306.1468>, 2013.
- (15) J. McCammond, J. Rhodes and B. Steinberg, *Geometric semigroup theory*, arXiv:1104.2301, 2011.
- (16) B. Steinberg, *An elementary proof that subgroups of free groups are free*, arXiv:1006.3833, 2010.

#### Dissertation

- “Decidability and Hyperdecidability of Joins of Pseudovarieties,” University of California at Berkeley, 1998.
- Supervised by Professor John Rhodes.

#### GRANTS

- Dynamics, operator algebras and rings
  - Principal Investigators: Benjamin Steinberg (City College of New York)
  - Granting Agency: Fulbright Scholarship Board
  - Purpose: Visit to Brazil for four months
  - Dates: 2018–2019
  - Amount: \$20,000
- Etale groupoid algebras
  - Principal Investigators: Benjamin Steinberg (City College of New York)
  - Granting Agency: PSC-CUNY
  - Purpose: PSC-CUNY Traditional A Grant
  - Dates: 2017–2018
  - Amount: \$3,500
- The algebraic analysis of Markov chains
  - Principal Investigators: Anne Schilling (UC Davis – declined) and Benjamin Steinberg (City College of New York)
  - Granting Agency: NSA
  - Purpose: Mathematical Sciences Program Research Grant.
  - Dates: Spring 2016–2018.
  - Amount: \$61,565.
- The algebraic analysis of Markov chains
  - Principal Investigators: Benjamin Steinberg (City College of New York)
  - Granting Agency: PSC-CUNY
  - Purpose: PSC-CUNY Traditional A Grant
  - Dates: 2015–2016
  - Amount: \$3,500

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- On the growth of finitely presented inverse semigroups and languages forbidding finite number of words
    - Principal Investigators: Lev Shneerson (Hunter College) and Benjamin Steinberg (City College of New York)
    - Granting Agency: CUNY Collaborative Incentive Research Grant (CIRG) Program
    - Purpose: Collaboration Grant
    - Dates: 2014–2015
    - Amount: \$19,595
  - Representation theory of monoids and algebras arising in algebraic combinatorics
    - Principal Investigators: Stuart Margolis (Bar-Ilan) and Benjamin Steinberg (City College of New York)
    - Granting Agency: United States-Israel Binational Science Foundation
    - Purpose: Collaboration Grant
    - Dates: 2013–2017
    - Amount: \$136,800
  - Semigroups in automata, representation theory and probability
    - Principal Investigator: Benjamin Steinberg (City College of New York)
    - Granting Agency: Simons Foundation
    - Purpose: Collaboration Grant
    - Dates: 2012–2017
    - Amount: \$35,000
  - Geometric and Asymptotic Group Theory with Applications
    - Principal Investigator: Benjamin Steinberg (City College of New York)
    - CO-PI: Vladimir Shpilrain (City College of New York)
    - Granting Agency: NSF, Division of Mathematical Sciences (Topology)
    - Purpose: Conference Funding
    - Dates: 2013
    - Amount: \$25,000
  - Automata in semigroup theory, group theory and analysis
    - Principal Investigator: Benjamin Steinberg (Carleton University)
    - Granting Agency: NSERC
    - Purpose: Operating Grant
    - Dates: 2007–2012
    - Amount: 85,000 CAD
  - Algorithmic problems in semigroup and automata theory
    - Principal Investigator: Benjamin Steinberg (Carleton University)
    - Granting Agency: NSERC
    - Purpose: Operating Grant
    - Dates: 2003–2007
    - Amount: 54,000 CAD
  - Network efficiency, reliability and security
    - Principal Investigator: Irwin S. Pressman (Carleton University)
    - My role: Co-investigator
    - Granting Agency: NSERC
    - Purpose: Equipment Grant
    - Dates: 2003
    - Amount: 65,000 CAD
  - Carleton startup grant
    - Principal Investigator: Benjamin Steinberg (Carleton University)
    - Granting Agency: Carleton University

- Dates: 2002–2008
- Amount: 20,000 CAD
- Combinatorics and geometry in semigroup theory
  - Principal Investigator: Pedro V. Silva (University of Porto)
  - My role: Co-investigator
  - Granting Agency: Foundation of Science and Technology of Portugal
  - Purpose: Research Grant
  - Dates: 2001–2004
  - Amount: €30,000
- Algorithmic problems in finite semigroup theory
  - Principal Investigator: Jorge Almeida (University of Porto)
  - My role: Co-investigator
  - Granting Agency: Foundation of Science and Technology of Portugal
  - Purpose: Research Grant
  - Dates: 2000–2002
  - Amount: €20,808
- Combinatorial and geometric theory of groups and semigroups and its applications to computer science
  - Principal Investigator: Stuart Margolis (Bar-Ilan University)
  - My role: Co-investigator
  - Granting Agency: INTAS
  - Purpose: Research Grant
  - Dates: 1999–2002

Amount: €9,000 for our group in Portugal

## EDITORIAL WORK

- Managing Editor for International Journal of Algebra and Computation, 2015–present.
- Series Editor for SpringerBriefs in Mathematics, 2011–present.
- Communicating Editor for Semigroup Forum, 2003–present.
- Communicating Editor for *Discussiones Mathematicae - General Algebra and Applications*, 2016–present.
- Communicating Editor for International Journal of Algebra and Computation, 2011–2015.
- Reviewer for Math Reviews, 2003–present.
- Review for Zentralblatt, 2012–present.
- Reviewer for NSA, NSERC, EPSRC and several smaller international research foundations.
- Referee for: Duke J. Math., *Memoirs of the AMS*, *Trans. Amer. Math. Soc.*, *Bull. Lond. Math. Soc.*, *Proc. Lond. Math. Soc.*, *Algebra and Number Theory*, *Discrete Math.*, *Geom. Dedicata*, *J. Algebraic Combinatorics*, *Theory of Computing Systems*, *J. Algebra*, *Internat. J. Algebra Comput.*, *J. Pure Appl. Algebra*, *Comm. Algebra*, *Theoret. Comput. Sci.*, *L'Enseignement Mathématique*, *Monatsh. Math.*, *Semigroup Forum*, *Indian J. Math.*, *Studia Sci. Math. Hungar.*, *J. Inst. Math. Jussieu*, *Groups Geom. and Dyn.*, *Annales des sciences mathématiques du Québec*, *Glasgow Mathematical Journal*, *Canadian Math. Bull.*, *Czech Math. J.*, as well as for many conference proceedings in both Mathematics and Computer Science.

## PRESENTATIONS

Mini-courses

- “The representation theory of finite monoids,” London Mathematical Society – EPSRC Durham Symposium “Permutation groups and transformation semigroups,” Durham, England, July 2015.
- “Membership problems in groups,” Workshop on Topics in Algorithmic and Geometric Group and Semigroup Theory, part of the Thematic Semester “Geometric, Combinatorial and Computational Group Theory” of the CRM, August 2010.
- “Groups generated by automata,” Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic, May 4–6, 2009.

#### Presented Papers – 50+ minutes

- “Lamplighter Groups as Bireversible Automaton Groups”
  - Invited Speaker
  - The Elementary Theory of Groups and Group Rings and Related Topics, New York, USA, November 2018.
- “Diagonal preserving isomorphisms of étale groupoid algebras”
  - Invited Speaker
  - ICM Operator Algebras Satellite Conference - ICMOA, Florianopolis, Brazil, July 2018.
- “Reconstructing étale groupoids from their algebras”
  - Invited Speaker
  - Facets of Irreversibility: Inverse Semigroups, Groupoids, and Operator Algebras, Oslo, Norway, December 2017.
- “Random Walks on Rings and Modules”
  - Invited Speaker
  - All Kinds of Mathematics Remind Me of You, Conference to Celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Peter J. Cameron, Lisbon, Portugal, July 2017.
- “Étale groupoids, inverse semigroups and their algebras”
  - Invited Speaker
  - Workshop on Applications of Operator Algebras: Order, Disorder and Symmetry, Edinburgh, Scotland, June 2017.
- “Étale groupoid algebras”
  - Invited Speaker
  - III Workshop on Dynamics, Numeration, Tilings and Graph Algebras, Florianopolis, Brazil, March 2017.
- “Model theory, pseudofinite words and profinite completions of the free monoid”
  - Invited Speaker
  - Geometric and Asymptotic Group Theory with Applications 2016, Hoboken, USA, June 2016.
- “Model theory and the free pro-aperiodic monoid”
  - Invited Speaker
  - International Conference on Semigroups and Automata 2016, Lisbon, Portugal, June 2016.
- “Profinite groups in automata theory and monoid theory: a survey”
  - Invited Speaker
  - ALFA ’15, Bordeaux, France, June 2015.
- “Étale groupoid algebras”
  - Invited Speaker
  - Fields Institute Workshop on Groups, Rings and Group Rings, St. Catherines, Canada, July 2014.
- “Combinatorics, topology and homological invariants of finite dimensional algebras”

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- Invited Speaker
  - Advances in Representation Theory of Algebras (ARTA III), Montreal, Canada, June 2014.
  - “Associative algebras associated to étale groupoids and inverse semigroups”
    - Invited Speaker
    - Partial Actions and Representations Symposium, Gramado, Brazil, May 2014.
  - “Self-similar semigroups and finite state Markov chains”
    - Invited Speaker
    - Groups Acting on Rooted Trees and Around, Paris, France, February 2014.
  - “The Karoubi envelope and the classification of Markov Dyck shifts”
    - Invited Speaker
    - Flow Equivalence of Graphs, Shifts, and  $C^*$ -algebras, Copenhagen, Denmark, November 2013.
  - “Combinatorial topology and the global dimension of left regular bands”
    - Invited Speaker
    - International Conference on Geometric, Combinatorial and Dynamics aspects of Semigroup and Group Theory, Ramat Gan, Israel, June 2013.
  - “Quasivarieties and hyperplane arrangements”
    - Invited Speaker
    - The 4th Novi Sad Algebraic Conference, Novi Sad, Serbia, June 2013.
  - “Rational subsets and submonoids of groups: noncommutative integer programming”
    - Invited Speaker
    - Questions, Algorithms, and Computations in Abstract Group Theory, Braunschweig, May 2013.
  - “Inverse semigroup algebras and étale groupoid convolution algebras”
    - Invited Speaker
    - Semigroups and Applications, Uppsala University, Sweden, September 2012.
  - “Poset cohomology, Leray numbers and the global dimension of left regular bands”
    - Invited Speaker
    - XXII Brazilian Algebra Meeting, Salvador, Brazil, July 2012.
  - “Profinite groups associated to symbolic dynamical systems”
    - Invited Speaker
    - Manhattan Algebra Day, CUNY Graduate Center, NY, December 2011.
  - “Étale groupoids and inverse semigroups”
    - Invited Speaker
    - Fields Sponsored Extended Workshop on Groups and Group Actions in Operator Algebra Theory, Ottawa, July 2010.
  - “Semigroup representation theory and the Černý conjecture”
    - Invited Speaker
    - International Conference on Semigroups and Related Topics, Porto, Portugal, July 2009.
  - “Matrix mortality and the Cerny-Pin conjecture”
    - Invited Speaker
    - 13th International Conference on Developments in Language Theory, Stuttgart, Germany, June 2009.
  - “Symbolic dynamics, profinite groups and profinite monoids”
    - Invited Speaker
    - International Conference on Geometric and Combinatorial Methods in Group Theory and Semigroup Theory, Lincoln, Nebraska, May 2009.
  - “On the irreducible representations of inverse semigroups”

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- Invited Speaker
  - Workshop on Groups, Semigroups and Applications, Lisbon, Portugal, April 2009.
  - “Recent progress on the structure of free profinite monoids”
    - Invited Speaker
    - Equational Theory of Regular Languages, Brno, Czech Republic, on March 2009.
  - “Cerny’s conjecture and group representation theory”
    - Invited Speaker
    - School on Algebraic Theory of Automata, Lisbon, Portugal, September 2008.
  - “Marked products of languages and matrix representations”
    - Invited Speaker
    - 2nd International Conference on Language and Automata Theory and Applications, Tarragona, Spain, March 2008.
  - “Möbius functions and semigroup representation theory”
    - Invited Speaker
    - Conference on Representations of Algebras, Groups and Semigroups, Tel Aviv, Israel, January 2008.
  - “Submonoids and rational subsets of right-angled Artin groups”
    - Fields Workshop in Asymptotic Group Theory and Cryptography, Ottawa, December 2007.
  - “Möbius functions and semigroup representation theory”
    - Workshop on Group Embeddings, Banff, September 2007.
  - “The submonoid and rational subset membership problems for graph groups”
    - AMS Special Session on Languages and Groups Stevens Institute, Hoboken, NJ, April 2007.
  - “Rational codes and free clopen submonoids of free profinite monoids”
    - CRM Workshop: Recent Progress in Combinatorics on Words, Montreal, March 2007.
  - “Ordered 2-complexes and inverse semigroups”
    - Invited Speaker
    - Category Theory Octoberfest 2006, October 2006, Ottawa.
  - “The representation theory of inverse semigroups – revisited.”
    - Semigroups, categories and automata, October 2006, York, UK.
  - “Finite categories and the decomposition theory of finite monoids”
    - Invited Speaker
    - Categories and Semigroups Workshop, June 2006, Calgary.
  - “Profinite groups in automata and semigroup theory”
    - Fields Workshop on Profinite Groups and Applications, August 2005.
  - “Random walks on groups generated by automata”
    - Invited Speaker
    - International Conference on Semigroups and Languages in Honour of the 65th Birthday of Donald B. McAlister, Lisbon, Portugal, July 2005.
  - “The spectra of lamplighters and related groups via automata”
    - Geometric and Asymptotic Methods in Group Theory, Banff, Canada, June 2005.
  - “The Krohn-Rhodes theorem on decomposition of finite automata (I) and (II)”
    - “A class of automata groups generalizing lamplighter groups”
    - “Spectral theory”
      - Advanced Course on Automata Groups, Barcelona, Spain July 2004.
  - “The  $q$ -theory of finite semigroups”
    - Invited speaker
    - International Meeting on Semigroup Theory and Related Topics, Braga, Portugal, June 2003.

- “A constructive proof of  $\mathbf{PG} = \mathbf{BG}$ ”
  - Invited speaker
  - Workshop on Semigroups and Automata, Montreal, Canada, March 2003.
- “The  $q$ -theory of finite semigroups”
  - International Workshop on Semigroups, Automata, and Formal Languages, Crema, Italy, June 2002.
- “A topological approach to inverse semigroups”
  - Invited speaker
  - Thematic Term on Semigroups, Algorithms, Automata and Languages, Coimbra, Portugal, July 2001.
- “Categories as Algebra II”
  - Invited speaker
  - Colloquium on Semigroups, University of Szeged, Szeged, Hungary, July 2000.
- “Free products of LERF groups: Revisited”
  - Invited speaker
  - Conference on Geometric and Combinatorial Methods in Group Theory and Semigroup Theory, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, May 2000.
- “On the equation  $\mathbf{J} * \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} \circledast \mathbf{H}$  for pseudovarieties of groups  $\mathbf{H}$ ”
  - The Second Semigroup Conference of St. Petersburg, Russian State Hydrometeorological University, St. Petersburg, Russia, June 1999.
- “On iterated semidirect products of pseudovarieties of semigroups with applications to complexity”
  - Invited speaker
  - Conference on Algorithmic Problems in Groups and Semigroups, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, May 1998.

#### Presented Papers – Shorter talks

- “Primeness versus primitivity in étale groupoid algebras”
  - II Joint Meeting Spain-Brazil in Mathematics, Cadiz, Spain, December 2018.
- “Model theory and free pro-aperiodic monoids”
  - Spring Eastern Sectional Meeting of the AMS, New York, USA, May 2017.
- “Computing closures in the pro-nilpotent topology on a free group”
  - Spring Eastern Sectional Meeting of the AMS, New York, USA, May 2017.
- “Homological finiteness conditions for one-relator monoids and related monoids”
  - Spring Eastern Sectional Meeting of the AMS, New York, USA, May 2017.
- “Random walks on rings and modules”
  - Fall Western Sectional Meeting of the AMS, Denver, USA, October 2016.
- “The representation theory of the full transformation monoid”
  - Joint meeting of the AMS-EMS-SPM, Porto, Portugal, June 2015.
- “Algorithms for invertible transducers and automaton groups: a retrospective and problems”
  - Joint meeting of the AMS-EMS-SPM, Porto, Portugal, June 2015.
- “The decidability of flow equivalence for shifts of finite type and stable isomorphism for Cuntz-Krieger  $C^*$ -algebras”.
  - Joint Mathematics Meeting, San Antonio, January 2015.
- “Koszul Algebras associated to zonotopes and CAT(0) cube complexes”
  - Winter Meeting of the Canadian Mathematical Society, Ottawa, December 2013.
- “On a conjecture of Karrass and Solitar”
  - Winter Meeting of the Canadian Mathematical Society, Ottawa, December 2013.
- “Synchronizing groups: a survey”

- Joint Mathematics Meeting, San Diego, January 2013.
- “Poset topology and global dimension of algebras arising in combinatorics”
  - Fall Southeastern Sectional Meeting of the AMS, October 2012.
- “The submonoid membership problem for groups”
  - Joint Mathematics Meetings, Boston, January 2012.
- “Poset topology and left regular bands”
  - Winter meeting of the Canadian Mathematical Society, Toronto, December 2011
- “Combinatorial topology and the global dimension of left regular bands”
  - Winter meeting of the Canadian Mathematical Society, Toronto, December 2011
- “The averaging trick and the Černý conjecture”
  - Developments in Language Theory, London, August 2010.
- “Problems in permutation groups coming from automata theory”
  - Permutation Groups, Banff, July 2009.
- “On transitivity of sequential transducers”
  - Workshop on Automata and Algorithmic Logic, Stuttgart, June 2009.
- “Profinite groups, symbolic dynamics and profinite monoids”
  - Joint Meeting of the American Mathematical Society and the Brazilian Mathematical Society, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 2008.
- “On semigroups with basic complex algebra”
  - Winter Meeting of the Canadian Mathematical Society, London, Canada, December 2007.
- “Möbius inversion, groupoids and inverse semigroup algebras”
  - Summer Meeting of the Canadian Mathematical Society, Calgary, Canada, June 2006.
- “Algebraic combinatorics, semigroup representations and random walks on hyperplane chambers after Ken Brown”
  - Combinatorial and geometric group theory. Vanderbilt University, May 5-10, 2006.
- “Profinite groups, profinite trees, Stallings foldings and finite monoids”
  - Special Session on Geometric Methods in Group Theory and Semigroup Theory, AMS Fall meeting, Lincoln, Nebraska, October 2005.
- “Modular and threshold subword counting and matrix representations of finite monoids”
  - Words 2005, 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Words, 13-17 September 2005, Montreal.
  - Workshop on Semigroups and Automata, a satellite workshop to ICALP 2005, Lisbon, Portugal July 2005.
- “On the spectra of lamplighter groups and Cayley machines”
  - Winter Meeting of the Canadian Mathematical Society, Montreal, Canada, December 2004.
- “On the profinite monoid of closed subsets of a profinite group”
  - Summer Meeting of the Canadian Mathematical Society, Halifax, Canada, June 2004.
- “Join irreducible pseudovarieties, group mapping and Kovács-Newman semigroups”
  - LATIN 2004: Theoretical Informatics, Buenos Aires, Argentina April 2004.
- “The automata group of the Cayley machine of a group”
  - International Conference on Group Theory: combinatorial, geometric, and dynamical aspects of infinite groups, Gaeta, Italy, June 2003.
- “The  $q$ -theory of finite semigroups”
  - Joint meeting of the AMS-UMI, Pisa, Italy, June 2002.
- “Undecidability in extending partial permutations”
  - International Conference on Modern Algebra, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, USA, June 2002.
- “The delay theorem for pointlikes”



- Workshop on Combinatorics, Semigroups and Words, Kyoto-Sangyo University, Kyoto, Japan, March 2000.
- “Polynomial closure and topology”
  - Third International Colloquium on Words, Languages and Combinatorics, Kyoto-Sangyo University, Kyoto, Japan, March 2000.
- “Geometric automata theory and pseudovariety equations”
  - International Conference on Semigroups, Braga, Portugal, June 1999.
- “Hyperdecidability: examples and counterexamples”
  - First Meeting of the Project Algebra, Geometry, and Combinatorics, Braga, Portugal, June 1997.
- “Parallel computation: The join of pseudovarieties”
  - First International Conference on Semigroups and Algebraic Engineering, Aizu-Wakematsu, Japan, March 1997.

#### Participation in Workshops

- Applications of operator algebras: order, disorder and symmetry, ICMS, Edinburgh, Scotland, June 2017.
- Representation Theory, Mittag-Leffler Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, May 2015.
- Permutation Groups, Banff, Canada, July 2013.
- Permutation Groups, Banff, Canada, July 2009.
- Self-similarity and Branching in Group Theory, Banff, Canada, October 2008.
- Group Embeddings: Geometry and Representations, Banff, Canada, September 2007.
- Selfsimilar Groups and Conformal Dynamics, American Institute of Mathematics, Palo Alto, US, June 2006.
- Geometric and Asymptotic Methods in Group Theory, Banff, Canada, June 2005.
- Automata Groups, Barcelona, Spain, July 2004.
- Automata and Language Theoretic Methods in Combinatorial and Geometric Group Theory, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel, December 1999.
- Workshop on Inverse Semigroups and Quasicrystals, University of Essex, Colchester, England, July/August 1999.

#### Talks for Students and General Audiences

- “Groucho Marx, Bertrand Russell, Kurt Godel and Alan Turing: from self-referential paradoxes to undecidability,” Carleton Math Undergrad Colloquium, November 2009.
- “When is a number a sum of two squares,” Carleton Math Undergrad Colloquium, November 2007.
- “The Platonic Solids,” Carleton Math Undergrad Colloquium, March 2007.
- “Self-similarity and art,” Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, USA, November 2002.
- “Computability,” New Talents in Mathematics Meeting, Portugal, September 2001.
- “The theory of partial symmetry,” Forum of Portuguese Researchers, Faro, Portugal, April 2001.
- “Tricks with numbers,” University of Porto, Portugal, April 2000.

#### Seminars

A non-exhaustive list of places where I have given seminars or colloquia includes: University of California at Berkeley, Paris VI, Paris VII, the University of Porto, Simon Fraser, Texas A&M, Carleton University, McGill, University of Ottawa, Ben Gurion University, Bar-Ilan University, University of York (England), University of Newcastle, University of Bangor, University of Lisbon, Instituto Superior Técnico of Lisbon, Centre de Recerca Matemática at Barcelona, University of Brasília, Vanderbilt, University of Texas at El Paso, University of Leipzig, New York Group Theory Seminar, City College of New York, University of Coimbra, University of

Stuttgart, University of Tübingen, Université de Québec a Montréal, KTH, University of Uppsala, CUNY Graduate Center, University of South Florida, IMPA, Waterloo University, University of California, Davis, Georgia Tech, University of Colorado Colorado Springs, SUNY Binghamton.

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR ORGANIZATION

- Co-organizer with G. Bazerman, J. Funk, P. Hofstra and N. Yanofsky of “Category Theory Octoberfest 2018”, 10/2018.
- Member of the Program Committee for LATA 2018 (12th International Conference on Language and Automata Theory and Applications), April 2018, Ramat Gan, Israel.
- Co-organizer with A. Douglas, D. Kahrobaei, S. Smith of “the New York Applied Algebra Colloquium” at the CUNY Graduate Center, 2014–2018.
- Co-organizer with M. Kinyon of “Special Session on Recent Trends in Semigroup Theory” of Fall Western Sectional Meeting of the AMS, October 2016.
- Co-organizer with J. Meakin, E. Plotkin, M. Sapir, G. Soifer and P. Weil of “the International Conference on Geometric, Combinatorial and Dynamics aspects of Semigroup and Group Theory”, Tel-Aviv, June 2013.
- Member of the Program Committee for DLT 2013 (17th International Conference on Developments in Language Theory), June 2013.
- Co-organizer with O. Kharlampovich, A. Miasnikov, V. Shpilrain and A. Ushakov of GAGTA-7 (Geometric and Asymptotic Group Theory with Applications), June 2013.
- Co-organizer with M. Can, Z. Li and S. Wang of the Fields Institute Workshop on “Algebraic Monoids, Group Embeddings and Algebraic Combinatorics”, Toronto, July 2012.
- Co-organizer with O. Kharlampovich, R. Gilman, A. Miasnikov and N. Touikan of “Topics in Algorithmic and Geometric Group and Semigroup Theory,” a workshop in the CRM thematic semester “Geometric, Combinatorial and Computational Group Theory”, Montreal, August 2010.
- Co-organizer with P. Hofstra and J. Funk of the Fields Institute workshop on “Semigroups and Categories”, Ottawa, May 2010.
- Co-organizer with M. Neufang of the Canadian Mathematical Society Winter Meeting 2008, Ottawa, December 2008.
- Co-organizer with R. Grigorchuk and Z. Sunik of “Self-Similarity and Branching in Group Theory” Banff, October 2008.
- Co-organizer with E. Neher and V. Dlab of the Fields Institute sponsored “Algebra Week,” Ottawa, September 2008.
- Co-organizer with L. Renner of a Special Session on “Algebraic Combinatorics, Representations and Geometry” of the Canadian Mathematical Society Winter meeting, Toronto 2007.
- Member of the Programme Committee for Conference AutoMathA 2007 “Automata: from Mathematics to Applications,” Palermo, Italy, June 2007.
- Co-organizer with I. Bumagin of the Fields Institute sponsored “Workshop on Geometric Methods in Group Theory,” Ottawa, August 2006.
- Organizer of the first Fields-Carleton Lecture series given by D. Saari, Ottawa, April 2006.
- Co-organizer with L. Ribes of the Fields Institute sponsored “Workshop on Profinite Groups with Applications,” Ottawa, August 2005.
- Co-organizer of the Joint Carleton-Ottawa University Colloquium, 2005–2006.
- Organizer of the Joint Carleton-Ottawa University Colloquium, 2004–2005.
- Organizer of the Joint Carleton-Ottawa University Algebra Seminar, 2003–2005, 2009–2010.

- Co-organizer of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 57<sup>th</sup>, 59<sup>th</sup>, 61<sup>st</sup>, 63<sup>rd</sup> and 65<sup>th</sup> Joint Ottawa-Carleton Algebra Days 2003–2009.
- Co-organizer of the International Conference on Semigroups and Groups in Honor of the 65th Birthday of John Rhodes, Porto, Portugal, June 2002.
- Organizer of the Semigroup Seminar at the University of Porto, 1999–2001 and of the General Seminar, 2001–2002.

### MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- Member of the American Mathematical Society, 2012–present.
- Member of the New York Academy of Sciences, 2013.

### POSTDOCS SUPERVISED

- Sam van Gool, Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellow, 2016–2018. Currently at the University of Amsterdam.
- Mark Kambites, Leverhulme Postdoctoral Fellow, 2003–2005. Currently Professor and Head of Pure Mathematics at the University of Manchester.

### STUDENTS MENTORED

- Anastasiia Timashova, BS, Rich Scholarship Summer Research Project, 2017.
- Anastasia Khomenko, BS, Rich Scholarship Summer Research Project, 2016.
- Mason Soun, Princeton Undergrad, Summer Research Project, 2014.
- Jhevon Smith, MA, Rich Scholarship Summer Research Project, 2013.
- Bridget Brimacombe, Ph.D., Summer 2011, Carleton University. Thesis: *Quivers of incidence algebras of inverse semigroups*.
- Wadii Hajji, Ph.D. (co-supervised with David Handelman, University of Ottawa), Summer 2011, University of Ottawa. Thesis: *Representation theory of compact inverse semigroups*.
- Lynne Wolfson, M.Sc., Winter 2006, Carleton University. Thesis: *Isometries of  $Cat(0)$  metric spaces*.
- David Gains, M.Sc., Summer 2005 (co-supervised with John Poland, Carleton University), Carleton University. Thesis: *Monoid pictures and finite derivation type*.
- Fredrick Arnold, M.Sc., Winter 2005, Carleton University. Thesis: *A linear algebraic approach to synchronizing automata*.
- Christina Kevins, Honour's project, Summer 2010.
- Andrew Elkington, Honour's project, Fall 2005.
- James Overton, Honour's project, Summer 2005.
- Zeyu Deng, Honour's project, Winter 2005.
- Chen Lu, Honour's project, Winter 2005.
- Alastair Brockwell, Honour's project (won a prize for his project), Summer 2004.
- External examiner for the Ph.D. theses of: Juan Ignacio García García (University of Granada, Spain 2001); Pascal Tesson (McGill University, Canada 2003); Edite Cordeiro (Universidade do Porto, Portugal 2008), Porfírio Azevedo (University of Brasília, Brazil 2008).
- External examiner for the Master's theses of: Arkadev Chattopadhyay (McGill University, Canada 2004).
- Mentor to Andre Souto for the New Talents in Mathematics program of the Gulbenkian Foundation, Portugal 2001–2002.

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- Sunil Philip, Ph. D., 2015–.

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- City College of New York, Graduate Advisor, 2013–2018.
- City College of New York, Executive Committee, 2012–2017.
- City College of New York, Hiring Committee, 2012–2013.
- Panel for the PSC-CUNY Research Award Program, 2012–2014.
- Member of the Mathematics Evaluation Committee for the *Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la nature et les technologies* for research in teams, 2010.
- Member of Carleton School of Maths and Stats Hiring Committee 2010–2011.
- Chair of the Carleton School of Maths and Stats Research Committee 2010–2011.
- Chair of the Carleton School of Maths and Stats Math Program Committee 2009–2010.
- Vice-chair of Carleton School of Maths and Stats Math Retention Committee 2009–2010.
- Graduate Director of the Carleton School of Maths and Stats 2007–2008.
- Member of the Corporation, The Fields Institute 2004–2007.
- Search Committee for the Director of the School of Maths and Stats 2007.
- Chair of the Carleton School of Maths and Stats Planning Committee 2006–2007.
- Chair of the Carleton School of Maths and Stats Research Committee 2004–2006.
- Carleton University Representative to the Fields Institute 2004–2006.
- Member of Carleton School of Maths and Stats Hiring Committee 2003–2004.
- Member of Steering Committee of the *Centro de Matemática da Universidade do Porto*, a research center at the University of Porto, Portugal 2001–2002.
- Reviewed grant proposals for NSA and NSERC.

## COURSES TAUGHT

- Professor, City College of New York City/CUNY Graduate Center (Fall 2012–present)
  - Graduate Algebraic Topology, Spring 2018.
  - Elements of Modern Algebra, Spring 2018.
  - Elements of Combinatorics, Fall 2017.
  - Graduate Algebra II at the Graduate Center, Spring 2017.
  - Undergraduate Linear Algebra, Spring 2017.
  - Bridge to Advance Mathematics, Fall 2016.
  - Graduate Algebraic Topology, Spring 2016.
  - Undergraduate Abstract Algebra, Spring 2016.
  - Elements of Calculus, Fall 2015.
  - Undergraduate Abstract Algebra, Spring 2015.
  - Graduate Algebra I at the Graduate Center, Fall 2014.
  - Graduate Algebraic Topology, Spring 2014.
  - Graduate Algebra I, Fall 2013.
  - Graduate Algebra II, Spring 2013.
  - Graduate Algebra I, Fall 2012.
  - Elements of Combinatorics, Fall 2012.
- Associate Professor, City College of New York City (Fall 2011–Summer 2012):
  - Graduate Algebraic Topology, Spring 2012.
  - Calculus I, Spring 2012.
  - Graduate Combinatorial Analysis, Fall 2011.
- Associate Professor, Carleton University (Fall 2004–Winter 2011):
  - Algebraic Topology, Winter 2011.
  - Linear Algebra for Engineers, Winter 2011.

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- Group Theory, Fall 2011.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>-year Abstract Algebra, Fall 2011.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>-year Abstract Algebra, Winter 2010.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>-year Abstract Algebra for Computer Scientists, Winter 2010.
  - Theory of Automata, Fall 2009.
  - Graduate Algebra I, Fall 2009.
  - Algebraic Theory of Automata, Winter 2009, taught at the Computer Science Department of the University of Leipzig as a Mercator Visiting Professor.
  - Group Representation Theory, Winter 2008.
  - Group Theory, Fall 2008.
  - Algebraic Topology, Winter 2007.
  - Theory of Automata, Winter 2007.
  - Linear Algebra I (two sections), Fall 2006.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>-year Abstract Algebra, Winter 2006.
  - 1<sup>st</sup>-year Honours Algebra, Winter 2006.
  - 1<sup>st</sup>-year Honours Algebra, Fall 2005.
  - Graduate Algebra I, Fall 2005.
  - Ring Theory, Winter 2005.
  - Discrete Mathematics and Algorithms for Computational Sciences, Winter 2005.
  - Theory of Automata, Fall 2004.
  - Algebraic Theory of Automata and Semigroups, Fall 2004.
  - Visiting Professor, University of Leipzig (Fall 2008–Spring 2009):
    - The Algebraic Theory of Automata, Spring 2009.
  - Assistant Professor, Carleton University (Fall 2002–Winter 2004):
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>-year Abstract Algebra, Winter 2004.
    - Linear Algebra for Engineers, Winter 2004.
    - Theory of Automata, Fall 2003.
    - Graduate Level Group Theory, Fall 2003.
    - Ring Theory, Winter 2003.
    - Linear Algebra for Engineers, Winter 2003.
    - Theory of Automata, Fall 2002.
  - Auxiliary Professor, University of Porto (Spring 2001–Spring 2002):
    - 4<sup>th</sup>-year Algebra: Combinatorial Group Theory, Spring 2002.
    - Calculus I (two sections), Fall 2001.
    - Algebra I, Fall 2001.
    - Complex Analysis, Fall 2001.
    - 4<sup>th</sup>-year Algebra: Combinatorial Group Theory, Spring 2001.
    - Linear Algebra II, Spring 2001.
  - Lecturer, University of California at Berkeley (Summer 1998):
    - Introduction to Abstract Algebra, Summer 1998.
  - Graduate Student Instructor, University of California at Berkeley (Fall 1994–Spring 1998):
    - Linear Algebra and Differential Equations, Fall 1997/Spring 1995.
    - Theory of Computation, Spring 1997.
    - Discrete Mathematics, Fall 1996.
    - One Variable Calculus, Fall 1995.
    - One Variable Calculus, Fall 1994.
  - Summer School Teacher, Lowell High School, San Francisco (Summer 1996):
    - Geometry 1, Summer 1996.
    - Geometry 2, Summer 1996.