

EMPLOYMENT

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2021–present	Postdoctoral research associate, <a href="#">Boston University</a> , Boston, MA
2019–2021	NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellow, <a href="#">Boston University</a> , Boston, MA
2018–2019	Maternity leave/Visitor, <a href="#">Boston University</a> , Boston, MA
2017–2018	NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellow, <a href="#">Max Planck Institute (MPIM)</a> , Bonn, Germany
2016–2017	Postdoctoral fellow, <a href="#">Max Planck Institute (MPIM)</a> , Bonn, Germany
2015–2016	Institute Postdoctoral Fellow, <a href="#">ICERM</a> , Providence, RI

EDUCATION

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2008–2015	<a href="#">Brandeis University</a> , Waltham, MA Ph.D. in number theory, 2015. Advisor: <a href="#">Joël Bellaïche</a> . Thesis: <a href="#">Lower bounds on dimensions of mod-<math>p</math> Hecke algebras: The nilpotence method</a>
1996–2001	<a href="#">Harvard University</a> , Cambridge, MA: <i>AB cum laude</i> in mathematics, 2001.

PAPERS AND PREPRINTS

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- [An explicit universal Galois representation on the mod-3 Hecke algebra.](#)  
Preprint. Inspired by [work of Bellaïche](#), unpublished work of Serre on modular forms mod 2.  
*We analyze the space of mod-3 modular forms of level one and its big Hecke algebra, identifying a compatible  $(\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})^\times$ -grading on both. We construct a universal Galois representation on this Hecke algebra; study its localizations modulo prime ideals, identifying ideals of reducibility and dihedrality; and finally give an explicit matrix realization.*
- [Mod-2 Hecke algebras of level 3 and 5.](#) Joint with Shaunak Deo. Submitted.  
*We use deformation theory to prove that the big Hecke algebra acting on mod-2 modular forms of prime level 3 or 5 is, up to taking maximal reduced quotients, isomorphic to the corresponding universal deformation ring. We determine the explicit structure of this big mod-2 Hecke algebra, and prove an  $R = \mathbb{T}$  theorem for the related partially full Hecke algebra.*
- [Deep congruences + the Brauer-Nesbitt theorem.](#)  
Joint with Samuele Anni and Alexandru Ghitza. In preparation.  
*When are two finite free  $\mathbb{Z}_p[T]$ -modules isomorphic as semisimplified  $\mathbb{F}_p[T]$ -modules? We give a precise criterion, with torsion-free  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -algebras with divided-power ideals generalizing  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . The motivating application is establishing up-to-semisimplification Hecke-module isomorphisms between spaces of mod- $p$  modular forms in order to count congruent eigenforms.*
- [Big images of Galois pseudorepresentations.](#)  
Joint with Andrea Conti and Jaclyn Lang. *Mathematische Annalen* (2022).  
*We prove a purely algebraic result: under mild conditions, the image of a two-dimensional pseudorepresentation of a  $p$ -finite profinite group on a local pro- $p$  domain is “big” — as big as it can be. As a corollary we recover and extend known  $p$ -adic big-image theorems for Galois representations arising from classical, Hilbert, and Bianchi modular forms, and from  $p$ -adic Hida and Coleman families of classical and Hilbert modular forms.*
- [Newforms mod  \$p\$  in squarefree level, with applications to Monsky’s Hecke-stable filtration.](#) Joint with Shaunak Deo, and with an appendix by Alexandru Ghitza.  
*Transactions of the AMS*, Series B 6 (2019).  
*We propose an algebraic definition of the space of  $\ell$ -new mod- $p$  modular forms for  $\Gamma_0(N\ell)$  for  $\ell, N, p$  pairwise coprime. Along the way we renormalize the Atkin-Lehner involution to obtain an algebra automorphism of the algebra of modular forms that is well defined in characteristic  $p$ .*

- **Mod-2 dihedral Galois representations of prime conductor.** Joint with Kiran Kedlaya. *Proceedings of the 13<sup>th</sup> Algorithmic Number Theory Symposium*. Open Book Series 2 (2019).  
*For odd primes  $N$  up to  $500k$ , we compute the action of the Hecke operator  $T_2$  on weight-2 cuspforms of level  $N$ , and determine whether 0 and 1 appear as mod-2 eigenvalues. We then partially explain our observations in terms of class field theory and modular mod-2 Galois representations. Our methods recover and extend prior results of Setzer, Hadano, and Kida on the nonexistence of elliptic curves and modular forms with certain mod-2 reductions.*
- **Nilpotence index growth of recursion operators in characteristic  $p$ .**  
*Algebra and Number Theory* 12 (2018) no. 3.  
*We prove that the killing rate of certain degree-lowering “recursion operators” on a polynomial algebra over a finite field grows slower than linearly in the degree of the polynomial attacked. The motivating application is obtaining lower bounds on the Krull dimension of local components of big mod- $p$  Hecke algebras, here explained for  $p = 2, 3$  and level one.*

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#### FORTHCOMING WORK

- **$\bar{\rho}$ -Refined dimensions of Atkin-Lehner eigenspaces.** Joint with S. Anni and A. Ghitza.  
*We use the trace formula and our earlier work to count cuspidal eigenforms of weight  $k$  and level  $Np$  with prescribed Atkin-Lehner-at- $p$  eigenvalue and mod- $p$  Hecke eigenvalue system.*
- **Lower bounds on dimensions of mod- $p$  Hecke algebras in the genus-zero case.**  
*We use earlier work to obtain lower bounds on Krull dimensions of local components of mod- $p$  Hecke algebras of level  $N$  if the genus of  $X_0(Np)$  is zero, generalizing Ph.D. thesis to  $N > 1$ .*
- **Density of modular forms of level one modulo 3.**  
*We apply Bellaïche’s density results to prove that “half” of the generic forms of level one mod 3 have equidistributed prime Fourier coefficients. We also give explicit combinatorial formulas for the density of abelian and dihedral forms, generalizing unpublished work of Bellaïche on  $p = 2$ .*

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#### AWARDS AND HONORS

2022	(Canceled, Ukraine invasion) <a href="#">AMS-NSF-Simons-ICM Travel Grant</a> recipient for ICM 2022
2017–2021	<a href="#">DMS-1703834</a> NSF Mathematical Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (24 months research support; sponsoring scientists: Don Zagier, Jared Weinstein)
2016-2017	<a href="#">AMS-Simons Travel Grant</a> (funds for two years of research-related travel; stopped 2017 for NSF fellowship)
2015	<a href="#">Jerome Levine Thesis Prize</a> (department award for best dissertation)
2008–2010	<a href="#">GAANN Fellowship</a>
2006–2007	<a href="#">Math in Moscow Scholarship</a> (NSF/AMS)
2000, 1998	<a href="#">Certificate of Distinction and Excellence in Teaching</a> , Derek Bok Center, Harvard * Math 122 (abstract algebra), Fall 2000 * Math 25a (real analysis), Fall 1998

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#### SHORT-TERM STAYS (longer than a conference, shorter than a year)

2021 July	<a href="#">Max Planck Institute (MPIM)</a> , Bonn, Germany
2020 July	(Covid-canceled) Visit to <a href="#">Max Planck Institute (MPIM)</a> , Bonn, Germany
2015 Fall	<a href="#">Computational Aspects of the Langlands Program</a> participant, <a href="#">ICERM</a> , Providence, RI

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#### TEACHING

Spring 2023	(Scheduled) Boston University MA 542: Modern Algebra II (rings, fields, and Galois theory)
Fall 2022	Boston University MA 123: Calculus I (150-student lecture in coordinated course)
Spring 2022	Boston University <a href="#">MA 294: Applied abstract algebra</a> (requirement for joint math/CS majors)
Fall 2021	Boston University <a href="#">MA 541: Modern Algebra I</a> (group theory)

Fall 2020	Boston University <a href="#">MA 741: Algebra I</a> (graduate algebra)
Fall 2019	Boston University <a href="#">MA 541: Modern Algebra I</a> (group theory)
Fall 2011	Brandeis University Math 10B: Calculus II
Spring 2011	Brandeis University Math 10A: Calculus I
Fall 2010	Brandeis University Math 10A: Calculus I
Fall 2009	Brandeis University Math 10A: Calculus I

#### ORGANIZER/LECTURER ROLE

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2023 Jan/Feb	(Scheduled) <a href="#">Research school “Introduction to SAGA”</a> CIRM, Luminy, France Scientific committee: week-long course on modular forms and Galois representations
2016 May	AIM workshop for the <a href="#">LMFDB release</a> , San Jose, CA Organizer for the mod- $p$ modular forms working group

#### CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP TALKS

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2023 Feb	(Scheduled) Plenary talk, <a href="#">Symposium on Arithmetic Geometry and its Applications</a> , CIRM, Luminy, France
2023 Jan	(Scheduled) JMM talk in <a href="#">AMS special session on arithmetic geometry informed by computation</a>
2023 Jan	(Scheduled) JMM talk in <a href="#">AMS special session on women in automorphic forms</a>
2022 July	(Covid-derailed talk) <a href="#">Thematic Program in <math>p</math>-adic <math>L</math>-functions and Eigenvarieties</a> , University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN
2017 May 03	<a href="#">Bridges between automatic sequences, algebra, number theory</a> , CRM, Montréal, Canada
2016 Sept 09	<a href="#">Automorphic Forms: theory and computation</a> (workshop), King’s College, London, UK
2016 July	<a href="#">Building Bridges 3</a> , Sarajevo, Bosnia (contributed talk; <a href="#">speed talk</a> )
2016 March	<a href="#">30th Automorphic Forms Workshop</a> , Wake Forest University (contributed talk)
2015 Sept	<a href="#">BU-Keio Workshop in number theory</a> , Boston University (contributed talk; poster)
2015 April	<a href="#">Upstate Number Theory Conference</a> , Cornell University (contributed talk)

#### WORKSHOP INVITATIONS

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2023 June	(Scheduled) <a href="#">Research in pairs</a> , CIRM, Luminy, France (with <a href="#">Jean-Morlet Chair in Arithmetic Statistics</a> holders Peter Stevenhagen and Samuele Anni)
2023 Jan	(Scheduled) <a href="#">Arithmetic aspects of deformation theory</a> , online/BIRS
2022 June	<a href="#">Galois representations, automorphic forms and <math>L</math>-functions</a> , CIRM, Luminy, France

#### SEMINAR TALKS

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2022 Dec 5	<a href="#">Special colloquium</a> , University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
2022 Apr 13	<a href="#">Johns Hopkins Number Theory Seminar</a> , Baltimore, MD
2021 Oct 13	<a href="#">Dublin Algebra and Number Theory Seminar</a> , online
2021 May 26	<a href="#">London Number Theory Seminar</a> , online
2020 Dec 7	<a href="#">Boston University Number Theory Seminar</a> , online
2020 Nov 18	<a href="#">Michigan State University algebra seminar</a> , online
2018 Jan 30	<a href="#">Oberseminar Zahlentheorie</a> , Universität zu Köln, Cologne, Germany
2017 March 8	<a href="#">Heilbronn Number Theory Seminar</a> , University of Bristol, Bristol, UK
2017 Jan 27	<a href="#">University of Heidelberg number theory seminar</a> , Heidelberg, Germany
2016 Nov 30	<a href="#">Bielefeld Arithmetic Geometry Seminar [BAGS]</a> , Bielefeld, Germany
2016 Nov 23	<a href="#">Max Planck Institute number theory lunch seminar</a> , Bonn, Germany

2016 Nov 16 [University of Luxembourg number theory seminar](#), Luxembourg  
 2016 Apr 7 [Joint Columbia-CUNY-NYU Number Theory Seminar](#), NYC  
 2016 Feb 15 [Brown University Algebra Seminar](#), Providence, RI  
 2015 April 21 [Five College Number Theory Seminar](#), Amherst College, Amherst, MA  
 2015 Mar 17 [Brandeis University Everytopic Seminar](#), Waltham, MA  
 2015 Feb 21 [AMS Graduate Student Math Conference](#), Brown University, Providence, RI  
 2015 Feb 8 [University of Connecticut Algebra Seminar](#), Storrs, CT  
 2014 Dec 8 [Boston University Number Theory Seminar](#), Boston, MA

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#### SERVICE AND OUTREACH

2016–present Referee  
 ([Acta Arithmetica](#), [Research in Number Theory](#), the [Ramanujan Journal](#))  
 2022–present Math circle, grades 3–5, [Baldwin School](#), Cambridge, MA  
 2022 June 7 Guest lecture, [Connecticut Summer School in Number Theory](#), UConn, CT  
 2021 May Outdoor math circle activity, [Morse School](#), Cambridge, MA  
 2020 Spring (Covid-canceled after one meeting) Math circle leader (grade 2), [Morse School](#), Cambridge, MA  
 2015–2018 **LMFDB** contributor. Worked on a user-friendly database of mod- $p$  modular forms.  
 2015–2016 Math circle leader (grades K-3), Tobin Montessori School, Cambridge, MA  
 2015 Oct 28 [UConn Math Club talk](#) (undergraduates), UConn, CT  
 2010 Apr 10 Kaplan Math Circle talk (middle-schoolers), Boston, MA  
 2007 Summer Teacher counselor, **PROMYS**, Boston University, Boston, MA  
 2001 Summer Seminar instructor, **Ross Young Scholars Program**, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

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#### POSTER SESSIONS AND JUNIOR SEMINAR TALKS

2015 Nov 30 ICERM peer-to-peer seminar (postdoc seminar talk)  
 2015 Nov Computational aspects of  $L$ -functions, ICERM ([poster](#))  
 2015 Oct Explicit methods for modularity of K3 surfaces, higher weight motives, ICERM ([poster](#))  
 2015 Sept Modular forms and curves of low genus, ICERM ([poster](#))  
 2014 Oct 30 Graduate Student Seminar, Brandeis Mathematics Department (talk)  
 2014 Apr 3 Graduate Student Seminar, Brandeis Mathematics Department (talk)

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#### ADDITIONAL WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

2020 Feb [A Room of One's Own](#) initiative (supported focused research time)  
 2018 July [Galois representations](#) (workshop), Heidelberg, Germany  
 2018 July [Explicit and computational approaches in Galois representations](#) (summer school), Luxembourg  
 2018 March [Conf. on Arithmetic and Automorphic Forms](#) (Günter Harder's 80th birthday), Bonn, Germany  
 2017 May [Modular forms are everywhere](#) (conference in honor of Don Zagier), Bonn, Germany  
 2016 May [The  \$p\$ -adic Langlands Program and related topics](#), Indiana University, Bloomington, IN  
 2015 May  [\$p\$ -Adic methods in number theory](#) (conference inspired by Robert Coleman) UC Berkeley, CA  
 2015 Mar  [\$p\$ -Adic methods in the theory of classical automorphic forms](#), CRM Montréal  
 2015 Jan Joint Mathematics Meeting, San Antonio, TX  
 2014 Feb [Hot Topics: Perfectoid Spaces and their Applications](#), MSRI  
 2013 March [Arizona Winter School: Modular forms and modular curves](#)  
 Project group: Congruences between modular forms (Frank Calegari)

2012 Jan Joint Mathematics Meeting, Boston, MA  
 2011 May [Workshop on  \$L\$ -functions, Galois representations, and Iwasawa theory](#), Ann Arbor, MI  
 2011 March [Arizona Winter School: Stark-Heegner points](#).  
     Project group: Stark-Heegner points (Henri Darmon, Victor Rotger)  
 2010 May [Women and Mathematics:  \$p\$ -Adic Langlands](#), IAS, Princeton, NJ  
 2009 Summer PCMI Summer Session: Arithmetic of  $L$ -functions, Park City, UT

#### ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2008–2014 **Brandeis University**, Waltham, MA  
 Grader, section leader. Differential equations, algebra, multivariable calculus etc.  
 2000 Summer **PROMYS**, Boston University, Boston, MA, Boston University, Boston, MA  
 Counselor for flagship high-school student program  
 1997–2000 **Harvard University Mathematics Department**, Cambridge, MA  
 Course assistant: Led weekly review sections, graded problem sets  
 1999–2000 **Collège J. Vallès, Ecoles J. Macé, V. Hugo**, Choisy-le-Roi, France  
 Foreign assistant. Taught English as a foreign language in a suburb of Paris.  
 2002–2006 **SparkNotes LLC**, New York, NY  
 Editor, writer at educational publishing company. Published works include *For Whom the Bell Tolls* SparkNote, 2003 (writer).  
 1996 Summer **Ross Young Scholars Program**, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH  
 Junior counselor

#### PERSONAL

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- US citizen. Emigrated from Russia to the US as a child. Fully bilingual.
- Proficient in French and German.