Contact Information

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Education

• Ph.D. in Mathematics from UC Berkeley, 2014–2019

- Advisor: Lauren K. Williams

- Area: Algebraic Combinatorics and Commutative Algebra

- Dissertation Title: Matroids and Convex Geometry in Combinatorics and Algebra

• B.S. in Mathematics from University of Florida, 2010–2014

- Major GPA: 4.0 (with Summa Cum Laude)

- Undergraduate Thesis Title: Sub-deltas of Block Monoids with Cyclic Class Groups

Employment and Professional Experience

- NSF Ascend Postdoctoral Fellow at MIT, 2022-
- PRIMES Group Research Coordinator at MIT, 2022-
- Communication Editor for Communications in Algebra, 2022-
- NSF Postdoctoral Fellow at MIT, 2020–2022
- Instructor of Applied Mathematics at MIT, 2020–2022
- NSF Postdoctoral Associate at University of Florida, 2019–2020
- Research Assistant at University of Graz (Austria), Summer 2019
- Exchange Scholar at Harvard University, 2018–2019

Research Interest: Algebra and Combinatorics. In algebra, I am mostly interested in the study of the phenomenon of non-uniqueness of factorizations into irreducibles in integral domains and finite-rank monoids using techniques of linear algebra, combinatorics, and number theory. My research in combinatorics focuses on matroids and posets. I am also interested in cluster algebras and polyhedral geometry.

Scientific Publications

1. On the arithmetic of polynomial semidomains (with H. Polo)

Forum Mathematicum (to appear)

Preprint on arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.11478

2. On the atomic structure of torsion-free monoids

(with J. Vulakh)

Semigroup Forum (to appear)

Preprint on arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.08347

3. Atomic semigroup rings and the ascending chain condition on principal ideals (with B. Li)

Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society, Vol. 151 (2023) 2291–2302.

4. Integral domains and the IDF property

(with M. Zafrullah)

Journal of Algebra, Vol. **614** (2023) 564–591.

5. Hereditary atomicity in integral domains

(with J. Coykendall and R. Hasenauer)

Journal of Pure and Applied Algebra, Vol. 227 (2023) 107249.

 $6. \ \ On \ the \ subatomicity \ of \ polynomial \ semidomains$

(with H. Polo)

In: Algebraic, Number Theoretic, and Topological Aspects of Ring Theory (Eds. J. L. Chabert, M. Fontana, S. Frisch, S. Glaz, and K. Johnson). Springer International Publishing, Switzerland 2023.

7. On the additive structure of algebraic valuations of polynomial semirings (with J. Correa-Morris)

Journal of Pure and Applied Algebra, Vol. 226 (2022) 107104.

8. On semigroup algebras with rational exponents Communications in Algebra, Vol. **50** (2022) 3–18.

 $9. \ Divisibility \ in \ rings \ of \ integer-valued \ polynomials$

(with B. Li)

New York Journal of Mathematics, Vol. 28 (2022) 117–139.

10. Bounded and finite factorization domains

(with D. F. Anderson)

In: Rings, Monoids, and Module Theory (Eds. A. Badawi and J. Coykendall) pp. 7–57, Springer Proceedings in Mathematics & Statistics, vol. **382**, Singapore, 2022.

11. Length-factoriality in commutative monoids and integral domains

(with S. T. Chapman, J. Coykendall, and W. W. Smith)

Journal of Algebra, Vol. 578 (2021) 186–212.

12. Bi-atomic classes of positive semirings

(with N. R. Baeth and S. T. Chapman)

Semigroup Forum, Vol. 103 (2021) 1–23.

13. On strongly primary monoids, with a focus on Puiseux monoids (with A. Geroldinger and S. Tringali)
Journal of Algebra, Vol. **567** (2021) 310–345.

 When is a Puiseux monoid atomic? (with S. T. Chapman and M. Gotti)
 The American Mathematical Monthly, Vol. 128 (2021) 302–321.

15. Geometric and combinatorial aspects of submonoids of a finite-rank free commutative monoid

Linear Algebra and Its Applications, Vol. **604** (2020) 146–186.

 Factorization in upper triangular matrices over information semialgebras (with N. R. Baeth)
 Journal of Algebra, Vol. 562 (2020) 466–496.

17. The system of sets of lengths and the elasticity of submonoids of a finite-rank free commutative monoid

Journal of Algebra and its Applications, Vol. 19 (2020) 2050137.

Irreducibility and factorizations in monoid rings
 In: Numerical Semigroups (Eds. V. Barucci, S. T. Chapman, M. D'Anna, and R. Fröberg) pp. 129–139, Springer INdAM Series, vol. 40, Switzerland, 2020.

 On the molecules of numerical semigroups, Puiseux monoids, and Puiseux algebras (with M. Gotti)
 In: Numerical Semigroups (Eds. V. Barucci, S. T. Chapman, M. D'Anna, and R. Fröberg) pp. 141–161, Springer INdAM Series, vol. 40, Springer Nature, Switzerland, 2020.

20. The elasticity of Puiseux monoids (with C. O'Neill)

Journal of Commutative Algebra, Vol. 12 (2020) 319–331.

21. Factorization invariants of Puiseux monoids generated by geometric sequences (with S. T. Chapman and M. Gotti)
Communications in Algebra, Vol. 48 (2020) 380–396.

22. On the atomicity of monoid algebras (with J. Coykendall)Journal of Algebra, Vol. 539 (2019) 138–151.

23. Systems of sets of lengths of Puiseux monoids
Journal of Pure and Applied Algebra, Vol. **223** (2019) 1856–1868.

24. Increasing positive monoids of ordered fields are FF-monoids Journal of Algebra, Vol. **518** (2019) 40–56.

25. How do elements really factor in Z[√-5]?
(with S. Chapman and M. Gotti)
In: Advances in Commutative Algebra (Eds. A. Badawi and J. Coykendall) pp. 171–195,
Springer Trends in Mathematics, Birkhäuser, Singapore, 2019.

- 26. Puiseux monoids and transfer homomorphisms Journal of Algebra, Vol. **516** (2018) 95–114.
- 27. On positroids induced by rational Dyck paths (Extended Abstract) Séminaire Lotharingien de Combinatoire, Vol. 80B (2018) 12pp.
- 28. Minimal presentations of shifted numerical semigroups (with R. Conaway, J. Horton, C. O'Neill, R. Pelayo, M. Williams, and B. Wissman) International Journal of Algebra and Computation, Vol. 28 (2018) 53–68.
- 29. Dyck paths and positroids from unit interval orders (with A. Chavez)

 Journal of Combinatorial Theory Series A, Vol. **154** (2018) 507–532.
- 30. Atomicity and boundedness of monotone Puiseux monoids (with M. Gotti)
 Semigroup Forum, Vol. **96** (2018) 536–552.
- 31. Dyck paths and positroids from unit interval orders (Extended Abstract) (with A. Chavez)
 Séminaire Lotharingien de Combinatoire, Vol. **78B** (2017) 12pp.
- 32. On the atomic structure of Puiseux monoids
 Journal of Algebra and Its Applications, Vol. **16** (2017) 1750126.
- 33. Matroids and convex geometry in combinatorics and algebra Ph.D. Dissertation, University of California, Berkeley, 2019.
- 34. On delta sets and their realizable subsets in Krull monoids with cyclic class groups (with S. T. Chapman and R. Pelayo)
 Colloquim Mathematicum, Vol. 137 (2014) 137–146.

Submitted Manuscripts

35. Factoriality inside Boolean sublattices (with K. Ajran)

Preprint on arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.00413

- 36. Positroids induced by rational Dyck paths
 Preprint on arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/1706.09921
- 37. Tilings and matroids on the lattice points of a regular simplex (with H. Polo)
 Preprint on arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/1802.05633

38. Divisibility and a weak ascending chain condition on principal ideals (with B. Li)

Preprint on arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.06213

39. Hereditary atomicity and ACCP in abelian groups

Preprint on arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.01039

Further Research Experience

- Lead Mentor of CrowdMath, MIT-PRIMES/AoPS (2022–)
- Research Mentor at MIT PRIMES (2021–)
- Exchange Scholar (Ph.D. Dissertation Preparation), Harvard University (2018-2019).
- Research Assistant of PURE Math (Factorization Theory), University of Hawaii (2015).
- Undergrad Thesis: On Sub-deltas of Block Monoids with Cyclic Class Group (2014).
- PURE Math (Factorization Theory), University of Hawaii at Hilo (2013).
- Princeton Summer Program (Analysis and Geometry), Princeton University (2012).
- Student Researcher (REUT in Semigroup Theory), CSU at Chico (2012).

Invited Talks and Conferences

- Strong Types of Atomicity. Graz Conference on Rings and Factorizations, at Graz, Austria (Summer 2023).
 Plenary Speaker.
- 2. Divisibility and Factorization Theory. Interuniversity Seminar on Research in the Mathematical Sciences, SIDIM 28-th, at Mayagüez, Puerto Rico (Spring 2023). Plenary Speaker.
- 3. On the Ascent of Atomicity. Algebra and Number Theory Seminar, University of Graz, at Graz, Austria (Summer 2019).
- 4. Atomicity and the Ascending Chain Condition on Principal Ideals. Graz Conference on Rings and Polynomials, at Graz, Austria (Summer 2021).
- 5. Bounded and Finite Factorization Properties in Integral Domains. JMM Special Session: Factorization and Arithmetic Properties of Integral Domains and Monoids, Zoom Conference (Spring 2021).
- 6. On the Notion of Atomicity in Algebra and Combinatorics. MIT Lecture Series (Spring 2021).

7. Atomicity on Generalized Classes of Dedekind Domains. Algebra Seminar, University of Florida (Fall 2020).

- 8. On Strongly Primary Monoids, with a Focus on Puiseux Monoids. The Third International Conference on Mathematics and Statistics (3rd ICMS), at Dubai, United Arab Emirates (Spring 2020).
- 9. Application of Puiseux Monoids in Commutative Algebra. Algebra Seminar, Florida Atlantic University (Spring 2020).
- 10. Geometry and Combinatorics of Positive Lattice Submonoids. California Alliance Conference, Stanford University (Fall 2019).
- 11. Atomic Properties of Monoid Algebras. Algebra Seminar, University of Florida (Fall 2019).
- 12. The Elasticity of Atomic Monoids and Domains. Algebra Colloquium, Sam Houston State University (Fall 2019).
- 13. The Rational-infinite Elasticity Property and Some Related Conjectures. Algebra Seminar, University of Florida (Fall 2019).
- 14. Philosophical and Mathematical Notion of Atomicity. Bright Future Conference, Tokyo Institute of Technology, at Tokyo, Japan (Summer 2019).
- 15. A Class of Primary Monoids and the Atomicity of Their Monoid Algebras. Algebra and Number Theory Seminar, University of Graz, at Graz, Austria (Summer 2019).
- 16. On the Atomicity of Monoid Algebras of Finite Characteristic. AMS Sectional Meeting: Factorization and Arithmetic Properties of Integral Domains and Monoids, Honolulu HI (Spring 2019)
- 17. On Transfer Properties of Monoid Algebras. Discrete Mathematics Seminar, University of South Florida (Spring 2019).
- 18. A Question by Gilmer on the Atomicity of Monoid Domains. Algebra Seminar, University of Florida (Spring 2019).
- 19. Factorizations in Puiseux Algebras. Joint Mathematics Meetings (JMM), Baltimore MD (Spring 2019).
- 20. On Monoid Algebras with Rational Exponents. Algebra Seminar, University of Florida (Fall 2018).
- 21. On a None-finitely Generated Generalization of Semigroup Algebras. International Meeting on Numerical Semigroups (IMNS) at Cortona, Italy (Fall 2018).
- 22. Positroids Induced by Rational Dyck Paths. Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics (FPSAC), Dartmouth College (Summer 2018).

23. Generalized Affine Semigroups: Their Sets of Lengths and Elasticity. Algebra and Discrete Mathematics Seminar, UC Davis (Spring 2018).

- 24. Tilings and Matroids on the Lattice Points of a Two-dimensional Simplex. California Alliance Conference, UC Berkeley (Spring 2018).
- 25. Systems of Sets of Lengths of Puiseux Monoids. Conference of Rings and Factorizations at Graz, Austria (Spring 2018).
- 26. On Tilings and Matroids on the Lattice Points of a Regular Simplex. Combinatorics Seminar, University of Miami (Spring 2018).
- 27. Dyck Paths and Positroids from Unit Interval Orders. Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics (FPSAC) at London, United Kingdom (Summer 2017).
- 28. Positroids Induced by Unit Interval Orders. Combinatorics Seminar, University of Miami (Spring 2017).
- 29. Dyck Paths and Positroids from Unit Interval Orders. Combinatorics Seminar, UC Berkeley (Spring 2017).
- 30. Toric Algebra: Semigroup Rings. Combinatorial Commutative Algebra Seminar, UC Berkeley (Spring 2017).
- 31. Monomial Ideals: Stanley-Reisner Ideals. Combinatorial Commutative Algebra Seminar, UC Berkeley (Spring 2017).
- 32. Puiseux Monoids and Their Atomic Structure. International Meeting on Numerical Semigroups (IMNS) at Levico Terme, Italy (Summer 2016).
- 33. Algebra of Symmetric Functions. Student Combinatorics Seminar, UC Berkeley (Spring 2016).
- 34. Incidence Algebras and Möbius Inversion Formula. Student Combinatorics Seminar, UC Berkeley (Spring 2016).
- 35. A Friendly Introduction to Numerical Semigroups. PURE Math 2015 Symposium, University of Hawaii at Hilo (Summer 2015).
- 36. On Realizable Delta Sets of Block Monoids of Cyclic Class Groups. PURE Math 2013 Symposium, University of Hawaii at Hilo (Summer 2013).

Editorial Service

• Communicating Editor of Communications in Algebra (current)

Journals Refereed

• Acta Arithmetica • American Mathematical Monthly • Annali di Matematica Pura ed Applicata • Arkiv for Matematik • Australasian Journal of Combinatorics • Canadian

Journal of Mathematics • Carpathian Mathematical Publications • Communications in Algebra • Communications of the Korean Mathematical Society • Discrete Mathematics • Electronic Journal of Combinatorial Number Theory (Integers) • IEEE Access • International Electronic Journal of Algebra • Israel Journal of Mathematics • Journal of Algebra • Journal of Algebra and its Applications • Journal of Applied and Computational Topology • Journal of Applied Mathematics and Computing • Journal of Commutative Algebra • Journal of Pure and Applied Algebra • Lecturas Matemáticas • New York Journal of Mathematics • Semigroup Forum • World Scientific (book review)

Advising and Mentoring Activities

I have supervised the dissertation/thesis of the following students

- Harold Polo: Arithmetic of Polynomial-Like Semidomains PhD Dissertation, 2023.
- Pedro A. Rodriguez: Subatomicity in Lattice Monoids Undergraduate Thesis, 2022.

As a research mentor in MIT PRIMES, I have supervised six highly enthusiastic high school students, and they have completed the following research projects under my guidance:

- Ben Li (with F. Gotti): Divisibility in rings of integer-valued polynomials New York Journal of Mathematics, Vol. 28 (2022) 117–139. Preprint on arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.11752
- Sophie Zhu: Factorizations in evaluation monoids of Laurent semirings Communications in Algebra, Vol. **50** (2022) 2719–2730. Preprint on arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2108.11536
- Ben Li (with F. Gotti): Atomic semigroup rings and the ascending chain condition on principal ideals

Proceedings of the AMS, Vol. 151 (2023) 2291–2302. Preprint on arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.00170

• Nancy Jiang, Ben Li, and Sophie Zhu: On the primality and elasticity of algebraic valuations of cyclic free semirings

International Journal of Algebra and Computations, Vol. **33** (2023) 197–210. Preprint on arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.01245

- Alan Bu, Joseph Vulakh, and Alex Zhao: Length-factoriality and pure irreducibility. Communications in Algebra, Vol. **51** (2023) 3745–3755. Preprint on arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2210.06638
- Joseph Vulakh (with F. Gotti): On the atomic structure of torsion-free monoids. Semigroup Forum (to appear).

Preprint on arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.08347

• Ben Li (with F. Gotti): Divisibility and a weak ascending chain condition on principal ideals.

Submitted.

Preprint on arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.00170

During the past few years, I have supervised further research projects for undergrad/graduate students, finding appropriate research questions and guiding my mentees all the way through until the completion of the following papers.

• Harold Polo: On the set of lengths of Puiseux monoids generated by multiple geometric sequences, Communications of the Korean Mathematical Society, Vol. **35** (2020) 1057–1073.

Preprint on arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2001.06158

• Sofía Albizu-Campos, Juliet Bringas, and Harold Polo: On the atomic structure of exponential Puiseux monoids and semirings, Communications in Algebra, Vol. 49 (2021) 850–863.

Preprint on arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.07791

- Marcos Tirador (with M. Gotti): On the set of molecules of numerical and Puiseux monoids. In: Rings, Monoids, and Module Theory (Eds. A. Badawi and J. Coykendall) Springer Proceedings in Mathematics & Statistics Vol. 382, Singapore, 2022. Preprint on arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.09904
- Khalid Ajran, Juliet Bringas, Ben Li, Easton Singer, and Marcos Tirador: Factorization in additive monoids of evaluation polynomial semirings.
 Communications in Algebra (to appear).
 Preprint on arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2302.02321
- Cecilia Aguilera and Andre Hamelberg (with M. Gotti): Factorizations in reciprocal Puiseux monoids.

Preprint on arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.04048

Teaching Experience

- As an Applied Math Instructor at MIT:
 - 18.211: Combinatorial Analysis (Fall 2021)
 - Ideal Theory and Prüfer Domains (Winter/IAP 2021)
 - 18.02: Multivariable Calculus (Fall 2020)
- As a Graduate Student Instructor (GSI) at UC Berkeley:
 - Math 53W: Multivariable Calculus (Summer 2018)
 - Math 1A: Single Variable Calculus I (Spring 2017)
 - Math 1B: Single Variable Calculus II (Fall 2016)

- As a Teacher Assistant (TA) at University of Florida:
 - MAC 1105: College Algebra (Spring 2014)
 - MAC 1105: College Algebra (Fall 2013)
- As a Student Assistant at University of Havana:
 - Complex Variable (Fall 2008)
 - Mathematics for Biological Sciences (Fall 2007)

Honors and Awards

- MIT Math Department Outstanding Teaching Recognition, Spring 2021
- MIT/NSF Postdoctoral Fellow, 2020-2022
- NSF Postdoctoral Associate at UF, 2019-2020
- UC Berkeley Graduate Division Conference Travel Grant, Spring 2019
- California Alliance Research Exchange Grant, Spring 2019
- UC Dissertation-Year Fellowship, 2018-2019
- NSF-AGEP Fellowship, 2017-2018
- UC Berkeley Graduate Division Conference Travel Grant, Summer 2017
- UC Berkeley Chancellor Fellowship, 2014-2016
- UC Berkeley Department of Mathematics Supplemental Fellowship, 2014-2019

Further Learning/Professional Experiences

- Co-organizer of the Graduate Seminar in Category Theory at University of Florida (Spring 2020)
- Co-organizer of the Graduate Seminar in Algebraic Geometry at University of Florida (Fall 2019)
- Participant in the MSRI Summer Program in Toric Variety at National Center for Theoretical Sciences at Taipei, Taiwan (Summer 2019)
- Organizer of the Graduate Student Seminar in Combinatorial Commutative Algebra at UC Berkeley (Spring 2017)
- Software Developer at Ultimate Software (Summer 2014)

• Participant in the Summer Program in Analysis and Geometry at Princeton University (Summer 2012)

Professional Societies

- American Mathematical Society (AMS) Mathematical Association of America (MAA)
- \bullet Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (NSF-AGEP) $\,\bullet$ The California Alliance $\,\bullet$ Berkeley Science Network (BSN) $\,\bullet$ MIT Postdoctoral Association (MIT-PDA)