

Trevor Gunn

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EDUCATION

PhD	Georgia Institute of Technology
Aug 2017–May 2023 (expected)	Thesis: <i>Polynomial Equations over Pastures & Fully-Faithful Tropicalization of Curves</i> Advisor: Prof. Matthew Baker
Bachelor of Mathematics	University of Waterloo
June 2017	<i>Honours Pure Math & Combinatorics and Optimization (With Distinction – Dean’s Honours List)</i>

AREA OF INTEREST

I am interested in connections between combinatorics and algebraic geometry. In particular, tropical geometry, matroids, hyperfields and ordered blueprints. My current work involves studying polynomials over hyperfields/blueprints.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- ▶ Git source control management
<https://github.com/trevorgunn>
- ▶ R – used extensively in teaching Introduction to Probability and Statistics
- ▶ Python – for open source contributions (e.g. SageMath)
<https://trac.sagemath.org/ticket/33173>
- ▶ Javascript – for open source contributions (e.g. LaTeX Workshop)
<https://github.com/James-Yu/LaTeX-Workshop/commits?author=trevorgunn>
- ▶ HTML/CSS/PreTeXt – for my website and online notes
- ▶ LaTeX – for technical writing

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

2022	Outstanding TA Award
2020	FESTA Fellowship
2020	Outstanding Math Lab Tutor
2017	NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award Topic: <i>Tropical scheme theory</i>

- 2016 NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award
 Topic: *Enumerating maps via symmetric functions*
- 2013 University of Waterloo President's Scholarship

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2019–present	co-organizer	Georgia Tech Algebraic Student Seminar
2022–present	co-organizer	Graduate Student Colloquium
2022–present	member	Graduate Student Council
2022–present	co-organizer	Georgia Tech High School Math Day
2021–2022	lead organizer	Georgia Tech High School Math Competition
2017–2021	volunteer	Georgia Tech High School Math Competition
Nov. 11 & 18, 2021	co-organizer	Tropical Geometry Seminar
Fall 2019	co-organizer	Learning Seminar on Lorentzian Polynomials
Fall 2018 & Spring 2019	co-organizer	Georgia Tech Research Horizons Seminar

TEACHING AND OUTREACH

High School Math Competition Organizer, Georgia Tech Fall 2021–Summer 2022

Responsibilities:

- ▶ Create a syllabus for the competition based on public school curricula.
- ▶ Communicate to the volunteers the number of problems/level of difficulty/topic selection.
- ▶ Organize meetings with volunteer problem writers.
- ▶ Ensure that every problem has a level-appropriate solution written.
- ▶ Manage volunteer graders and communicate the solutions to them.
- ▶ Answer email questions regarding registration.
- ▶ Update the competition website and registration form.
- ▶ Create the online competition in Gradescope and make sure the participants have access to it.
- ▶ Run the competition: introduction and awards speeches, answer questions during exams.

High School Math Day Co-organizer, Georgia Tech Fall 2022–Present

The shift from “Math Competition” to “Math Day” represents a push to make the event more attractive and accessible to non-STEM students and underrepresented groups. In addition to the responsibilities associated to the competition, we are also in the process of redesigning the event from the ground up and advertising to a broader selection of schools in the Atlanta area.

Course Instructor, Georgia Tech

Responsibilities:

- ▶ Decide the textbook/syllabus/assessments.
- ▶ Plan and present lectures.
- ▶ Write and grade the problem sets/exams/course projects.
- ▶ Hold office hours, answer emails, answer Piazza.
- ▶ Manage the assistant grader/TA.

Class sizes of about 50–80 students.

(3215) Introduction to Probability and Statistics Summer 2022

(3012) Applied Combinatorics Summer 2021

Teaching Assistant, Georgia Tech

Responsibilities:

- ▶ Teach bi/triweekly exercise-focused classes.
- ▶ Hold weekly office hours—combined with tutoring center hours.
- ▶ Grade homeworks and exams.
- ▶ Work with the course instructor to stay up to date on the course schedule.
- ▶ For some classes, writing exercise sheets and solutions.

Class sizes of about 20–30 students

(3012) Applied Combinatorics Sp 2022, Sp 2020, Sp 2018, Fa 2018

(2603) Introduction to Discrete Mathematics Su 2018

(2551) Multivariable Calculus Sp 2019

(2550) Introduction to Multivariable Calculus Fa 2018

(1564) Linear Algebra with Abstract Vector Spaces Fa 2021

(1554) Linear Algebra Fa 2020

(1553) Introduction to Linear Algebra Su 2019, Fa 2019

(1552) Integral Calculus Sp 2018

(1803) Precalculus Su 2020

(1711) Finite Mathematics Fa 2017

Directed Reading Mentor, Georgia Tech

Fall 2019–Present

Our Directed Reading Program consists of weekly 1 hour meetings with one or two students (per semester) to guide them through extracurricular mathematics material. The students are expected to complete about 3 to 4 hours of reading outside of the weekly meetings. Projects I have mentored on include: algebraic number theory (over two semesters), additional topics in combinatorics, and an introduction to ordinary and exponential generating functions.

CONFERENCE TALKS

- August 2022 *Factoring Polynomials over Hyperfields* Universität Regensburg
August 2019 *Construction of Fully Faithful Tropicalizations for Curves* Universität Regensburg

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Trevor Gunn. *Tropical Extensions and Baker-Lorscheid Multiplicities for Idylls*. Nov. 2022. arXiv: [2211.06480](#) [[math.RA](#)].
- [2] Trevor Gunn and Philipp Jell. *Construction of Fully Faithful Tropicalizations for Curves in Ambient Dimension 3*. Dec. 2019. arXiv: [1912.02648](#) [[math.AG](#)].
- [3] Trevor Gunn. *A Newton Polygon Rule for Formally-Real Valued Fields and Multiplicities over the Signed Tropical Hyperfield*. Nov. 2019. arXiv: [1911.12274](#) [[math.RA](#)].

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

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| 2022 | Aug 1–5 | Young Researchers' Conference on Nonarchimedean and Tropical Geometry | Universität Regensburg |
| | Apr 1–3, 2022 | Georgia Algebraic Geometry Symposium | Emory University |
| 2021 | Nov 11 & 18 | Tropical Geometry Seminar | Georgia Tech |
| | Apr 12–16 | Algebraic Geometry and Polyhedra | ICERM (virtual) |
| 2020 | Mar 7–11 | Arizona Winter School (Non-Abelian Chabauty) | University of Arizona |
| 2019 | Fall (Weekly) | Learning Seminar on Lorentzian Polynomials | Georgia Tech |
| | Fall (Weekly) | Learning Seminar on Non-Abelian Chabauty | Emory University |
| | Jul 29–Aug 2 | Young Researchers' Conference on Nonarchimedean and Tropical Geometry | Universität Regensburg |
| | Apr 13 & 14 | Meeting on Applied Algebraic Geometry | Georgia Tech |
| | Mar 30–31 | Georgia Tech Tropical, Arithmetic and Combinatorial Algebraic-geometry | Georgia Tech |
| | Mar 2–6 | Arizona Winter School (Topology and Arithmetic) | University of Arizona |
| 2018 | June 28–29 | Summer School on Hyperbolic Polynomials, Sums of Squares, and Optimization | Georgia Tech |
| | Mar. 2–6 | Arizona Winter School (Iwasawa Theory) | University of Arizona |

