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Education

- 2010 Ph.D. in Computer Science, Duke University
Thesis: Separating Features from Noise with Persistence and Statistics
Advisor: Herbert Edelsbrunner
- 2010 Certificate in Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, Duke University
- 2003 B.S. in Computer Science and Mathematics, Minor in Psychology
Summa Cum Laude, University of Bridgeport

Professional Experience

- 2022 – Present Associate Professor, School of Computing, Univ. of Utah
- 2016 – Present Faculty Member, SCI Institute, Univ. of Utah
- 2019 – Present Adjunct Professor, Department of Mathematics, Univ. of Utah
- 2016 – 2022 Assistant Professor, School of Computing, Univ. of Utah
- 2011 – 2016 Research Computer Scientist, SCI Institute, Univ. of Utah
- 2010 – 2011 Postdoctoral Fellow, SCI Institute, Univ. of Utah
- 2009 – 2010 Visiting Researcher, Institute of Science and Technology, Austria

Awards

- **NSF CAREER** awardee, 2022 - 2027.
- **DOE Early Career Research Program (ECRP)** awardee, 2020-2025.
- **Visual Computer journal Cover of the Year 2023.**
- **Honorable Mention Paper Award** at IEEE Workshop on Topological Data Analysis and Visualization (TopoInVis), 2023.
- **Honorable Mention Paper Award** at IEEE Workshop on Topological Data Analysis and Visualization (TopoInVis), 2022.
- **Visual Computer Second Best Paper Award** at Computer Graphics International (CGI), 2022.
- **Best Paper Award** at Shape Modeling International (SMI), 2019.
- **Best Poster Award** at China Visualization and Visual Analytics Conference (ChinaVis), 2019.
- **Best Paper Award** at International Workshop on Connectomics in NeuroImaging (CNI) at MICCAI, 2018.
- **Best Paper Award** at IEEE Pacific Visualization (PacificVis), 2016.
- **Best Paper Award** at IEEE Pacific Visualization (PacificVis), 2014.

Publications¹

Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

1. Lin Yan, Xin Liang, Hanqi Guo, and Bei Wang. TopoSZ: Preserving topology in error-bounded lossy compression. *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (TVCG)*, 30:1302–1312, 2024.
2. Lin Yan, Hanqi Guo, Tom Peterka, Bei Wang, and Jiali Wang. TROPHY: A topologically robust physics-informed tracking framework for tropical cyclones. *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (TVCG)*, 30:1302–1312, 2024.
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4. Samir Chowdhury, Tom Needham, Ethan Semrad, Bei Wang, and Youjia Zhou. Hypergraph Co-Optimal transport: Metric and categorical properties. *Journal of Applied and Computational Topology (APCT)*, 2023.
5. Kevin G. Hicks, Ahmad A. Cluntun, Heidi L. Schubert, Sean R. Hackett, Jordan A. Berg, Paul G. Leonard, Mariana A. Ajalla Aleixo, Youjia Zhou, Alex J. Bott, Sonia R. Salvatore, Fei Chang, Aubrie Blevins, Paige Barta, Samantha Tilley, Aaron Leifer, Andrea Guzman, Ajak Arok, Sarah Fogarty, Jacob M. Winter, Hee-Chul Ahn, Karen N. Allen, Samuel Block, Iara A. Cardoso, Jianping Ding, Ingrid Dreveny, Clarke Gasper, Quinn Ho, Atsushi Matsuura, Michael J. Palladino, Sabin Prajapati, PengKai Sun, Kai Tittmann, Dean R. Tolan, Judith Unterlass, Andrew P. VanDemark, Matthew G. Vander Heiden, Bradley A. Webb, Cai-Hong Yun, PengKai Zhap, Bei Wang, Francisco J. Schopfer, Christopher P. Hill, Maria Cristina Nonato, Florian L. Muller, James E. Cox, and Jared Rutter. Protein-metabolite inter-actomics of carbohydrate metabolism reveal regulation of lactate dehydrogenase. *Science*, 379(6636):996–1003, 2023.
6. Jordan A. Berg, Youjia Zhou, Yeyun Ouyang, Ahmad A. Cluntun, T. Cameron Waller, Megan E. Conway, Sara M. Nowinski, Tyler Van Ry, Ian George, James E. Cox, Bei Wang, and Jared Rutter. Metaverse enables automated discovery and visualization of diverse metabolic regulatory patterns. *Nature Cell Biology*, 25:616–625, 2023.
7. Lin Yan, Paul Aaron Ullrich, Luke P. Van Roekel, Bei Wang, and Hanqi Guo. Multilevel robustness for 2D vector field feature tracking, selection, and comparison. *Computer Graphics Forum*, 42(6), 2023.
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23. Ashley Suh, Mustafa Hajij, Bei Wang, Carlos Scheidegger, and Paul Rosen. Persistent homology guided force-directed graph layouts. *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (TVCG)*, 26(1):697–707, 2020.
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5. Mingzhe Li, Sourabh Palande, Lin Yan, and Bei Wang. Sketching merge trees for scientific visualization. In *IEEE Workshop on Topological Data Analysis and Visualization (TopoInVis) at IEEE VIS*, pages 61–71, 2023.
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8. Paul Rosen, Mustafa Hajij, and Bei Wang. Homology-preserving multi-scale graph skeletonization using mapper on graphs. In *IEEE Workshop on Topological Data Analysis and Visualization (TopoInVis) at IEEE VIS*, pages 10–20, 2023.
9. Youjia Zhou, Arul Mishra, Himanshu Mishra, and Bei Wang. From flowchart to questionnaire: Increasing access to justice via visualization. In *2023 IEEE Workshop on Visualization for Social Good (VIS4Good)*, pages 11–15, 2023.
10. Mingzhe Li, Carson Storm, Austin Yang Li, Tom Needham, and Bei Wang. Comparing morse complexes using optimal transport: An experimental study. *IEEE Visualization and Visual Analytics (VIS) Short Paper*, pages 41–45, 2023.
11. Youjia Zhou, Yi Zhou, Jie Ding, and Bei Wang. Visualizing and analyzing the topology of neuron activations in deep adversarial training. *Topology, Algebra, and Geometry in Machine Learning (TAGML) Workshop at ICML*, 2023.
12. Nate Clause, Tamal K. Dey, Facundo Mémoli, and Bei Wang. Meta-diagrams for 2-parameter persistence. *International Symposium on Computational Geometry (SOCG)*, 2023.
13. Emilie Purvine, Davis Brown, Brett Jefferson, Cliff Joslyn, Brenda Praggastis, Archit Rathore, Madelyn Shapiro, Bei Wang, and Youjia Zhou. Experimental observations of the topology of convolutional neural network activations. *Proceedings of the 37th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, 2023.
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15. Daniel Klötzl, Tim Krake, Youjia Zhou, Jonathan Stober, Kathrin Schulte, Ingrid Hotz, Bei Wang, and Daniel Weiskopf. Reduced connectivity for local bilinear Jacobi sets. *IEEE Workshop on Topological Data Analysis and Visualization (TopoInVis) at IEEE VIS*, 2022.
16. Bhavana Doppalapudi, Bei Wang, and Paul Rosen. Untangling force-directed layouts using persistent homology. *IEEE Workshop on Topological Data Analysis and Visualization (TopoInVis) at IEEE VIS*, 2022.
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5. Ellen Gasparovic, Maria Gommel, Emilie Purvine, Radmila Sazdanovic, Bei Wang, Yusu Wang, and Lori Ziegelmeier. A complete characterization of the 1-dimensional intrinsic Čech persistence diagrams for metric graphs. In Erin Chambers, Brittany Terese Fasy, and Lori Ziegelmeier, editors, *Research in Computational Topology*, pages 33–56. Springer International Publishing, 2018.
6. Bei Wang and Ingrid Hotz. Robustness for 2D symmetric tensor field topology. In Thomas Schultz, Evren Özarslan, and Ingrid Hotz, editors, *Modeling, Analysis, and Visualization of Anisotropy*, pages 3–27. Springer International Publishing, 2017.

Peer-Reviewed Workshop Publications and Posters

1. Adam Brown, Primož Skraba, and Bei Wang. Learning homological stratifications from finite samples. *Algebraic Topology: Methods, Computation, & Science (ATMCS)*, 2022.
2. Youjia Zhou, Kevin Knudson, and Bei Wang. Visual demo of discrete stratified Morse theory (media exposition). *International Symposium on Computational Geometry (SoCG)*, 2020.
3. Sourabh Palande and Bei Wang. Learning with topological features of functional brain networks (poster abstract). *Algebraic Topology: Methods, Computation, & Science (ATMCS)*, 2020 (cancelled due to the pandemic).
4. Youjia Zhou, Janis Lazovskis, Michael J. Catanzaro, Matthew Zabka, and Bei Wang. A visual exploration and design of morse vector fields (poster abstract). *Algebraic Topology: Methods, Computation, & Science (ATMCS)*, 2020 (cancelled due to the pandemic).
5. Youjia Zhou, Janis Lazovskis, Michael J. Catanzaro, Matthew Zabka, and Bei Wang. Persistence-driven design and visualization of morse vector fields (poster and extended abstract). *China Visualization and Visual Analytics Conference (ChinaVis)*, 2019.
6. Zhe Wang, Paul Rosen, Bei Wang, and Carlos Scheidegger. TopoCubes: Interactive exploration of persistent homology of large datasets (poster). *IEEE Visualization Conference*, 2017.

7. Elizabeth Munch and Bei Wang. Reeb space approximation with guarantees. *Fall Workshop on Computational Geometry (FWCG)*, 2015.
8. Dan Maljovec, Avishek Saha, Peter Lindstrom, Peer-Timo Bremer, Bei Wang, Carlos Correa, and Valerio Pascucci. A comparative study of Morse complex approximation using different neighborhood graphs (presentation). *Topology-Based Methods in Visualization (TopoInVis)*, 2013.
9. Jeff M. Phillips and Bei Wang. Kernel distance for geometric inference. *Fall Workshop on Computational Geometry (FWCG)*, 2012.
10. Paul Bendich, Sayan Mukherjee, and Bei Wang. Towards stratification learning through homology inference. *AAAI Fall Symposium on Manifold Learning and its Applications (AAAI)*, 2010.

Other Publications

1. Michael Kerber, Vijay Natarajan, and Bei Wang. Report from Dagstuhl seminar 19212: Topology, computation and data analysis. *Dagstuhl Reports*, 9(5):110–131, 2019.
2. Hamish Carr, Michael Kerber, and Bei Wang. Report from Dagstuhl seminar 17292: Topology, computation and data analysis. *Dagstuhl Reports*, 7(7):88–109, 2018.
3. Brittany Terese Fasy and Bei Wang (with contributions by members of the WinComp-Top community). Open problems in computational topology. *SIGACT NEWS Open Problems Column*, 48(3), 2017.

Manuscripts Under Review/Revision

1. Theodore Papamarkou, Tolga Birdal, Michael Bronstein, Gunnar Carlsson, Justin Curry, Yue Gao, Mustafa Hajij, Roland Kwitt, Pietro Lio, Paolo Di Lorenzo, Vasileios Maroulas, Nina Miolane, Farzana Nasrin, Karthikeyan Natesan Ramamurthy, Bastian Rieck, Simone Scardapane, Michael T. Schaub, Petar Velickovic, Bei Wang, Yusu Wang, Guo-Wei Wei, and Ghada Zamzmi. Position paper: Challenges and opportunities in topological deep learning. arXiv preprint arXiv:2402.08871, 2024.
2. Mingzhe Li, Xinyuan Yan, Lin Yan, Tom Needham, and Bei Wang. Flexible and probabilistic topology tracking with partial optimal transport. arXiv preprint arXiv:2302.02895, 2023.
3. Brenda Praggastis, Davis Brown, Carlos Ortiz Marrero, Emilie Purvine, Madelyn Shapiro, and Bei Wang. The SVD of convolutional weights: A CNN interpretability framework. arXiv preprint arXiv:2208.06894, 2022.
4. Ellen Gasparovic, Elizabeth Munch, Steve Oudot, Katharine Turner, Bei Wang, and Yusu Wang. Intrinsic interleaving distance for merge trees. arXiv preprint arXiv:1908.00063, 2019.

Selected Funded Projects

Total funding: \$12,595,372

Total Utah funding: \$7,448,386

My share of funding since joining Utah: **\$6,326,454**

My share of funding since tenure-track (2016): **\$6,057,637**

External Projects

1. **NSF OAC Core: Topology-Aware Data Compression for Scientific Analysis and Visualization**
NSF 2313124 (Sep. 2023 - Aug. 2026)
Role: **PI**
Total: \$600,000; Utah share: \$198,234; My share: **\$198,234**.
2. **NSF DMS: Multiparameter Topological Data Analysis**
NSF 2301361 (Sep. 2023 - Aug. 2026)
Role: **PI**
Total: \$530,000; Utah share: \$130,000; My share: **\$130,000**.
3. **NSF CAREER: A Measure Theoretic Framework for Topology-Based Visualization**
NSF 2145499 (Jun. 2022 - May 2027)
Role: **single PI**
Total: \$599,369; Utah share: \$599,369; My share: **\$599,369**.
4. **NSF SCH: Geometry and Topology for Interpretable and Reliable Deep Learning in Medical Imaging**
NSF 2205418 (Sep. 2022 - Aug. 2026)
Role: **PI**
Total: \$1,193,094; Utah share: \$570,102; My share: **\$570,102**.
5. **DOE Implicit Continuous Representations for Visualization of Complex Data**
DOE DE-SC0023157. (Sep. 2022 - Aug. 2025)
Role: **PI**
Total: \$2,700,000; Utah share: \$450,000; My share: **\$450,000**.
6. **PNNL: Integrating Visual Analytics and Topological Data Analysis with DDP Workflow for Interpretability**
PNNL (Pacific Northwest National Laboratory) Subcontract. (Mar. 2022 - Sep. 2022)
Role: **PI**.
Total: \$26,990; Utah share: \$26,990; My share: **\$26,990**.
7. **Utah Commissioner of Higher Education (USHE): Bringing Fairness in AI to the Forefront of Education** (Nov. 2021 - Oct. 2024)
Role: **PI**
Total: \$343,483; Utah share: \$343,483; My share: **\$217,819**.
8. **NSF Collaborative Research: SCALE MoDL: Advancing Theoretical Minimax Deep Learning: Optimization, Resilience, and Interpretability**
NSF 2134223 (Sep. 2021 - Aug. 2024)
Role: **Co-PI**
Total: \$850,000; Utah share: \$576,113; My share: **\$291,259**.
9. **DOE Early Career Research Program (ECRP): Topology-Preserving Data Sketching for Scientific Visualization**
DOE DE-SC0021015. (Sep. 2020 - Aug. 2025)
Role: **single PI**
Total: \$832,466; Utah share: \$832,466; My share: **\$832,466**.
10. **PNNL: Topological Analysis of Machine Learning Model Activations for Interpretability**
PNNL (Pacific Northwest National Laboratory) Subcontract 562880. (Apr. 2021 - Oct. 2021)

- Role: **PI** for Utah.
Total: \$65,865; Utah share: \$65,865; My share: **\$65,865**.
11. **NSF III: Small: Visualizing Robust Features in Vector and Tensor Fields**
NSF IIS-1910733. (Sep. 2019 - Aug. 2022)
Role: **single PI**
Total: \$515,812; Utah share: \$515,812 (\$499,812 & REU \$16,000); My share: **\$515,812**.
 12. **NSF ABI: Collaborative Research: A Scalable Framework for Visual Exploration and Hypotheses Extraction of Phenomics Data Using Topological Analytics.** (Aug. 2017 - Jul. 2021)
Role: **PI** for Utah.
Total: \$1,249,561; Utah share: \$288,131; My share: **\$288,131**.
 13. **Carnegie Science: Extracting the Full Information Content of Astrophysical Data Cubes.**
Carnegie Institution for Science Venture Grant. (May 2018 - June 2021)
Role: **PI** for Utah.
Total: \$90,569; Utah share: \$90,569; My share: **\$90,569**.
 14. **Industrial research collaboration with ArchiFiction Inc.**
ArchiFiction Inc. (Sep. 2018 - May. 2019)
Role: **single PI**.
Total: \$62,953; Utah share: \$62,953; My share: **\$62,953**.
 15. **NIH R01: Beyond Diagnostic Classification of Autism.**
NIH 1R01EB022876-01. (Oct. 2016 - Jun. 2020)
Role: **PI** for Y3-Y4. **PI** for Y1-Y2: Tom Fletcher.
Total: \$1,137,500; Utah share: \$1,137,500; My share: **\$743,549**.
 16. **NSF III: Medium: Collaborative Research: Topological Data Analysis for Large Network Visualization.**
NSF IIS-1513616. (Sep. 2015 - Aug. 2020)
Role: **PI**.
Total: \$1,030,000; Utah share: \$793,089 (\$761,067 & REU: \$16,302, \$15,720); My share: **\$793,089**.
 17. **NRAO-NSF Feature Extraction and Visualization of ALMA Data Cubes through Topological Data Analysis.**
National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO): NSF subcontract. (Feb. 2016 - Feb. 2017)
Role: **PI** for Utah.
Total: \$185,133; Utah share: \$185,133; My share: **\$181,430**.
 18. **INL (DOD Battelle Energy Alliance): Reliability Analysis Using Topological Decomposition.**
Idaho National Lab (INL) LDRD Project, INL contract No. 00158804 . (Jun. 2015 - Sep. 2015)
Role: **Co-PI**. Total: \$100,076; Utah share: \$100,076; My share: **\$34,448**.
 19. **INL Exploratory Nuclear Reactor Safety Analysis and Visualization via Integrated Topological and Geometric Techniques.**
Idaho National Lab (INL) LDRD Project, INL contract No. 00115847. (Sep. 2011- Aug. 2013)
Role: **Senior Personnel** (Postdoc at the time of proposal submission), **PI**: Diego Mandelli (INL).
Total: \$482,501; Utah share: \$482,501; My share: **\$234,369**.

Internal Projects

- **SEED2SOIL**: *Telematic Data for Fleet Vehicles, A Data-Driven Solution Towards Optimal Fleet Management and Clean Vehicle Adoption.*
Univ. of Utah SEED2SOIL Spring 2022 Research Grant. (August 1, 2022 - July 31, 2023)
Role: **Co-PI**.
Total: \$88,436.
- **CORI**: *Network-aware databases and statistical methods for metabolic data analysis.*
Computational Oncology Research Initiative (CORI) seed-grant. (May, 2021 - April, 2022)
Role: **Co-PI**.
Total: \$30,000.
- **CORI**: *Sustaining Biodiversity: Combine Machine Learning with Molecular Networking in Drug and Natural Product Discovery.*
NEXUS Pilot Funding. (Aug., 2020 - July, 2021)
Role: **Co-PI**.
Total: \$12,500.

Travel/Service Proposals

- **NSF IIS**: *Student Travel Support for the Doctoral Colloquium at 2020 IEEE Visualization Conference* (Apr. 2020- Mar. 2022)
Role: **PI**.
The grant provides travel support for the Doctoral Colloquium at IEEE Visualization Conference 2020, which is a mentoring forum for young visualization researchers.
Award total: **\$25,000**.
- **MSRI Summer Research for Women in Mathematics (SWiM)**
Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (summer, 2021).
Role: **Investigator**.
The grant allowed a small group of six mathematicians and computer scientists to spend two weeks working on research problems at MSRI.
- **AIM SQuaREs grant**: *Persistence-Based Topological Summaries of Metric Graphs.* (Aug. 2017 - Aug. 2019)
American Institute of Mathematics (AIM), Structured Quartet Research Ensembles (SQuaREs).
Role: **Investigator**.
The grant allowed a small group of seven mathematicians and computer scientists to spend one week a year for three years working on research problems at AIM in San Jose, California.
- **NSF**: *Student Travel Grant: International Workshop on Topological Data Analysis in Biomedicine, Seattle, October 2, 2016*
Role: **Proposal writing/unofficial Co-PI**, workshop co-organizer.
The grant provided travel support for students to attend a workshop on Topological Data Analysis at the 7th ACM-BCB.
Award total: **\$8,000**.

Teaching at the University of Utah

Highlight: one of the **Dean of College of Engineering top instructors**, Spring 2018.

- Spring 2024: Sabbatical.
- Fall 2023: Sabbatical.
- Spring 2023: CS 3960 Algorithm Fairness in Machine Learning (undergraduate)
- Fall 2022: CS 2100 Discrete Structures (undergraduate)
- Spring 2022: COMP 5360 / MATH 4100 - Introduction to Data Science (undergraduate)
- Fall 2021: CS 6965 Advanced Data Visualization (graduate).
- Spring 2021: CS 6170 Computational Topology (graduate).
- Fall 2020: CS 2100 Discrete Structures (undergraduate).
- Spring 2020: CS 2100 Discrete Structures (undergraduate).
- Fall 2019: CS 6965 Advanced Data Visualization (graduate).
- Spring 2019: CS 6170 Computational Topology (graduate).
- Fall 2018: teaching release.
- Spring 2018: CS 6965 Advanced Data Visualization (graduate).
- Fall 2017: CS 2100 Discrete Structures (undergraduate).
- Fall 2017: CS 7941 Data Group Seminar (graduate).
- Spring 2017: CS 6170 Computational Topology (graduate).
- Fall 2016: CS 6210 Advanced Scientific Computing I (graduate).
- Fall 2016: CS 7941 Advanced Seminar (graduate).
- Spring 2016: CS 1060 Explorations in Computer Science (undergraduate).
- Spring 2016: CS 4960 Introduction to Computational Geometry (undergraduate).
- Fall 2015: CS 6210 Advanced Scientific Computing I (graduate).
- Spring 2011: Co-Instructor CS 6967 Computational Topology with Applications (graduate).

Students²

Student Awards

- Nithin Chalapathi: Finalist, Computing Research Association (CRA) Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Awards, 2021.
- Adam Brown: ISTplus Postdoctoral Fellowship Awardee from IST Austria, 2019-2021.
- Yiliang Shi: Honorable Mention, CRA Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Awards, 2018.
- Keri Anderson: School of Computing Outstanding Graduating Senior Award at the University of Utah, 2018.
- William Garnes: GEM fellowship from the National GEM Consortium, 2018.

²ABD: All but dissertation. RA: Research assistant.

Current Ph.D. Students

- Fangfei (Fei) Lan: CS Ph.D., Fall 2019 - present, expected graduation: Fall 2024. ABD.
- Mingzhe Li: CS Ph.D., Fall 2020 - present, expected graduation: Spring 2025.
- Xinyuan Yan: CS Ph.D., Fall 2021 - present, expected graduation: Spring 2026.
- Weiran (Nancy) Lyu: CS Ph.D., Fall 2021 - present, expected graduation: Spring 2026.
- Syed Ahmed: CS Ph.D., Fall 2022 present, expected graduation: Spring 2027.
- Guanqun Ma: CS Ph.D., Fall 2022 - present, expected graduation: Spring 2027.
- Nathaniel Gorski: CS Ph.D., Fall 2023 - present, expected graduation: Spring 2028.
- Dhruv Meduri: CS Ph.D., Fall 2023 - present, expected graduation: Spring 2028.

Current Ph.D. Students (Co-Advised)

- Zhichao Xu: CS Ph.D., Fall 2020 - present, expected graduation: Fall 2024. ABD.
Co-advised with Vivek Srikumar.

Former Ph.D. Students

- Youjia Zhou: CS Ph.D., graduated Spring 2023, first job @ Lucid Software, now Research Scientist @ meta.
- Archit Rathore: CS Ph.D., defended Summer 2022, graduated Spring 2023, first job @ Stripe, Inc.
- Lin Yan: CS Ph.D., graduated Spring 2022, postdoc @ Argonne National Laboratory, now Assistant Professor @ Iowa State University.
- Sourabh Palande: CS Ph.D., graduated Fall 2020, postdoc @ Michigan State, now Data Scientist II @ Donald Danforth Plant Science Center.
- Adam Brown (informally advising): Math Ph.D., graduated Spring 2019, postdoc @ IST Austria and University of Oxford, now @ Susquehanna International Group.

Former MS Students

- Gabrielius (Gabe) Aleksandras Kudirka: CS MS RA, graduated Spring 2023.
- Ilkin Safarli: CS MS Project, graduated Summer 2021.
- Michael Young: CS MS RA, graduated Spring 2021, work @ Built For Teams.
- Yulong Liang: CS MS Thesis, graduated Spring 2019, first job @ Microsoft.
- Avani Sharma: CS MS Thesis, graduated Spring 2018, first job @ Goldman Sachs.
- Yixuan (Eric) Wang: ECE/CS MS Project, graduated Spring 2017, now @ Amazon.
- Yaodong Zhao: CS MS RA, graduated Spring 2019, first job @ LeanTaaS.

Former Undergraduate Students

- Carson Storm: CS Undergraduate RA, graduated Spring 2023.
- Austin Yang Li: CS Undergraduate RA, Fall 2022 - Spring 2023, expected graduation: Spring 2025.
- Yi (Ama) Gan: CS Undergraduate RA, Fall 2022 - Spring 2023, expected graduation: Spring 2024.

- Nithin Chalapathi: CS Undergraduate Thesis, graduated Spring 2021, graduate school @ University of California, Berkeley.
- Yiliang Shi: CS Undergraduate Thesis, graduated Spring 2018, graduate school @ Columbia University.
- Keri Anderson: CS Undergraduate Thesis, graduated Spring 2018.
- William Garnes: CS Undergraduate REU, graduated Spring 2018, graduate school @ Clemson University.

Ph.D./MS Committee

Current Students

- Hasan Pourmahmoodaghababa: CS Ph.D., Advisor: Jeff Phillips.
- Shibo Li: CS Ph.D., Advisor: Shandian Zhe.
- Shikan Fang: CS Ph.D., Advisor: Mike Kirby and Shandian Zhe.
- Madison Cooley: CS Ph.D., Advisor: Mike Kirby and Shandian Zhe.
- Samuel Levental: CS Ph.D., Advisor: Valerio Pascucci.
- Benjamin Gibson: Physics and Astronomy, Ph.D., advisor: Gail Zasowski.
- Jackson Elowitz: Physical Chemistry Ph.D., Advisor: Aurora Clark
- Haoyu Chen: Math Ph.D., Advisor: Anna Little.

Former Students

- Benwei Shi: CS Ph.D., Advisor: Jeff Phillips.
- Mingxuan Han: CS Ph.D., Advisor: Jeff Phillips.
- Prince Aboagye: CS Ph.D., Advisor: Jeff Phillips.
- Pavol Klacansky: CS Ph.D., defended Spring 2022.
- Jordan Washington: CS MS project, graduated fall 2022.
- Petra Poklucar: KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden, graduated summer 2022.
- Saradha Rajamani: CS MS thesis, graduated spring 2022.
- Chiara Marie Hergl: Dipl-Math., Leipzig University, Germany, Dissertation Review Committee, graduated fall 2022.
- Jordan A. Berg: Biochemistry, Ph.D., graduated summer 2022.
- Saradha Rajamani: CS MS Thesis, graduated spring 2022.
- Kris Campbell: CS Ph.D., graduated December 2021.
- Torin McDonald: CS MS Project, graduated Summer 2021.
- Steven K. Kauwe: Material Science and Engineering, Ph.D., graduated Spring 2021.
- Sharvaree Vadgama: CS MS Project, graduated Spring 2020.
- Pingfan Tang: CS Ph.D., graduated Fall 2019.
- Dan Maljovec: CS Ph.D., graduate Spring 2019.
- Philip Shen: CS MS Project, graduated Spring 2019.
- Zahra Fahimfar: CS MS Thesis, graduated Spring 2018.

- Shusen Liu: CS Ph.D., graduated Fall 2016.
- Mustafa Youldash (external examiner of Ph.D. thesis): CS Ph.D., graduated Spring 2016, La Trobe University, Australia.

Research Project Mentoring

- Independent study/lab rotation: Milena Belianovich (CS Ph.D. Fall 2022), Xiaoya Tang (CS Ph.D. Fall 2022), Khawar Murad Ahmed (CS Ph.D., Spring 2022), Tripti Agarwal (CS Ph.D., Spring 2021), David Miller (CS Ph.D., Fall 2020), Paul Kristoffersen (CS Ph.D., Spring 2019), Adam Conkey (CS Ph.D., Spring 2017), Samuel Leventhal (CS Ph.D., Spring 2016), Soumya S. Mishra (CS MS, Fall 2014).
- RA: Michael Young (CS MS, Spring 2020); Sravan Neerati (CS MS, Fall 2017); Chetal Patil (CS MS, Fall 2017); Tim Sodergren (CS Ph.D., Fall 2016 - Summer 2017); Vipin Jose (CS MS, Spring 2017).
- Undergraduate REU: Matt Howa (Undergraduate REU, Spring 2017).
- Project mentoring as a Research Computer Scientist (2011-2016): Brian Summa (CS Ph.D.), Harsh Bhatia (CS Ph.D.), Yan Zheng (CS Ph.D.), Hoa Nguyen (CS Ph.D.), Wathsala Widanagamaachchi (CS Ph.D.), Liang He (CS MS).

Selected Invited Talks

1. MPI Geometry Seminar, Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in the Sciences, Berlin, Germany, Jan 23, 2024.
2. MATH+ Workshop on Small Data Analysis, Zuse Institute Berlin (ZIB), Leipzig, Germany, Jan 17, 2024.
3. Dagstuhl seminar on Computational Geometry of Earth System Analysis, August 21, 2023.
4. International Forum at the China Visualization and Visual Analytics Conference (ChinaVis), July 21, 2023.
5. AI Seminar at ScaDS.AI (Center for Scalable Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence), Leipzig University, May 15, 2023.
6. Dagstuhl seminar on Universals of Linguistic Idiosyncrasy in Multilingual Computational Linguistics, May 12, 2023.
7. Colorado State University Topology Seminar, April 18, 2023.
8. Northeastern Topology Seminar, April 11, 2023.
9. Institute for Mathematical and Statistical Innovation (IMSI), Randomness in Topology and its Applications workshop, March 21, 2023.
10. **Keynote:** Machine Learning on Higher-Order Structured data (ML-HOS) Workshop at ICDM 2022. Hypergraph Co-Optimal Transport, November 28, 2022.
11. Dagstuhl Seminar on Set Visualization and Uncertainty, Germany. Visualizing Hypergraphs With Connections to Uncertainty Visualization. November 13-18, 2022.
12. Stochastic Seminar, Department of Mathematics, University of Utah, November 4, 2022.
13. Mini Symposium on Statistics and Machine Learning in Topological and Geometric Data Analysis at SIAM Conference on Mathematics of Data Science (MDS22), September 29, 2022.

14. Department of Energy Computer Graphics Forum, August 30, 2022.
15. Utah Center for Data Science (UCDS) Data Science Seminar, August 24, 2022.
16. Applied Topology in Frontier Sciences. Applied, Combinatorial and Toric Topology. Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Singapore, July 18 to 22, 2022.
17. Spring Western AMS Sectional Meeting, special session on Computational Topology and Applications, May 14-15, 2022.
18. Women in Data Science Ames Regional Event at the Iowa State University, April 21, 2022.
19. University of Iowa Mathematical Biology Seminar, April 18, 2022.
20. Colloquium Talk at Department of Computational Mathematics, Science, and Engineering (CMSE), Michigan State University, April 4, 2022.
21. Joint Mathematics Meetings AMS Special Session on Combinatorial Approaches to Topological Structures and Applications, April 9, 2022.
22. Joint Mathematics Meetings AWS Special Session on Women in Computational Topology, April 9, 2022.
23. Visualization Seminar at the University of Utah, March 23, 2022.
24. Workshop on Algebraic Combinatorics and Category Theory in Topological Data Analysis, March 12, 2022.
25. Institute for Mathematical and Statistical Innovation (IMSI), the Mathematics of Soft Matter Structure and Dynamics workshop, February 28, 2022.
26. TDA Week, Japan, February 18, 2022.
27. **Distinguished Seminar Speaker** SIAM Pacific Northwest (PNW) Distinguished Seminar, February 15, 2022.
28. Computational Persistence Workshop, November 3, 2021.
29. Seminar GEOTOP-A: Applications of geometry and topology, August 20, 2021.
30. ILJU Pohang University of Science Technology (POSTECH) Mathematical Institute for Data Science (MINDS) Workshop on Topological Data Analysis and Machine Learning, South Korea, July 7, 2021.
31. SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems (DS21), Mini-symposium on Topological Signal Processing, May 26, 2021.
32. MSRI (Mathematical Sciences Research Institute) Hot Topics: Topological Insights In Neuroscience, May 2021.
33. Applied Algebraic Topology Research Network (AATRn) Vietoris-Rips Seminar, May 2021.
34. Geometry-Topology Seminar, Oregon State University, May 24, 2021.
35. Computational Mathematics, Science and Engineering (CMSE) Colloquiums, Michigan State University, April . 2021.
36. Meldrum Science Seminar Series, Westminster College, April . 2021.
37. CAM Colloquium, Committee on Computational and Applied Mathematics (CCAM), University of Chicago, Mar., 2021.
38. Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) Mathematics for Artificial Reasoning in Science (MARS) Seminar Series, Jan. 2021.

39. Joint Mathematics Meetings (JMM) AMS Special Session on Combinatorial Approaches to Topological Structures, Jan. 2021.
40. Applied Topology Seminar at Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), Nov. 2020.
41. Machine Learning Seminar at Florida State University, Oct. 2020.
42. High-Performance Computing (HPC) China Seminar, Sep. 2020.
43. MBI Optimal Transport Workshop: Optimal Transport, Topological Data Analysis and Applications to Shape and Machine Learning, Jul., 2020.
44. GAMES: Graphics And Mixed Environment Seminar, Jul., 2020.
45. Applied Algebraic Topology Research Network, May, 2020.
46. Joint Mathematics Meetings (JMM) Special Session on Applied Topology, Jan. 2020.
47. American Mathematical Society (AMS) Sectional Meeting at University of Florida in Gainesville FL, Nov. 2019.
48. Dagstuhl seminar: Topology, Computation and Data Analysis, May 2019.
49. JMM AMS-AWM Special Session on Women in Applied and Computational Topology, Jan., 2019.
50. VISA Research, Dec., 2018.
51. Dagstuhl seminar: Visualization and Processing of Anisotropy in Imaging, Geometry, and Astronomy, Nov. 2018.
52. ICERM TRIPODS Summer Bootcamp: Topology and Machine Learning, Aug. 2018.
53. CG Week 3rd Workshop on Geometry and Machine Learning, Jun. 2018.
54. IMA Workshop Bridging Statistics and Sheaves, May 2018.
55. NII Shonan Meeting Seminar 122 Analyzing Large Collections of Time Series, Feb. 2018.
56. Discrete Math Seminar Talk, University of South Florida, Oct. 2017.
57. Math Department Colloquium, University of South Florida, Oct. 2017.
58. Topology Seminar Talk, University of Florida, Oct. 2017.
59. Interdisciplinary Data Science Consortium, University of South Florida, Oct. 2017.
60. BIRS Workshop: Topological Data Analysis: Developing Abstract Foundations, Jul. 2017.
61. Dagstuhl seminar: Computational Geometry, April . 2017.
62. BIRS Workshop: Topological Methods in Brain Network Analysis, May. 2017.
63. Topological Data Analysis and Related Topics (TDART), AIMR Tohoku University Advanced Institute for Materials Research, Feb. 2017.
64. Excellence Center at Linköping - Lund on Information Technology (ELLIIT) distinguished lecture, Linköping University, Sweden, May. 2016.
65. Topology, Geometry, and Data Analysis Conference at Ohio State University, May. 2016.
66. Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, 2015.
67. SAMSI workshop on Topological Data Analysis, research program on Low Dimensional Structure in High Dimensional Systems, 2014.
68. Computer Science Department, Ohio State University, 2014.
69. Computer Science Department Colloquium, University of Connecticut, 2013.

70. Colloquium Series in School of Engineering, University of Bridgeport, 2013.
71. IMA Workshop on Modern Applications of Homology and Cohomology, 2013.
72. PSA Technical Workshop on Topological Data Analysis and Visualization for Large-Scale and High-Dimensional Science Discovery (Organizer and Speaker), 2013.
73. SIAM Conference on Applied Algebraic Geometry (AG), Mini-symposium on Applied and Computational Topology, 2013.
74. AMS-MAA Joint Mathematics Meeting (JMM), special session on Computational and Applied Topology, 2012.
75. Theory Lunch, School of Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon University, 2012.
76. Applied Math Seminar, Department of mathematics, University of Utah, 2012.
77. Yaroslavl International Conference Discrete Geometry Dedicated to Centenary of A.D.Alexandrov, Russia, 2012.
78. Summer school of the Delaunay Laboratory, Russia, 2012.
79. ACM Symposium on Computational Geometry (SOCG) Workshop on Computational Topology, 2012.
80. Fields Institute for Research in Mathematical Sciences, Thematic Program on Discrete Geometry and Applications, Workshop on Computational Topology, 2011.

Internal Service

CoE: College of Engineering. SoC: School of Computing.

Departmental Roles

1. SoC Associate Director of Graduate Studies (2021 - 2023, 2 Years).
2. Associate Director of Outreach, Utah Center for Data Science (2019 - 2023, 4 Years): approval of UCDS center members, organize Utah Data Science Day.
3. Computational Linguistics Hiring Committee (2022 - 2023, 1 year). Review applications for Department of Linguistics, College of Humanities.
4. SoC/SCI visualization faculty hiring committee, Spring 2022.
5. Chair: SoC Undergraduate Scholarship Committee (2020 - 2021, 1 Year). Review 100+ scholarship applications for SoC and CoE.
6. SoC Diversity Committee (2019 - 2021, 2 Years): Organization committee for Utah NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing (2019-2021, 2 Years).
7. CoE Academic Misconduct Committee (2018 - 2021, 3 Years).
8. SoC Faculty Hiring Committee, All Areas (2021, 1 Year).
9. SoC Scholarship Committee Member (2017 - 2020, 3 Years).
10. SoC Graduate Admissions Committee (2016 - 2020, 4 Years).
11. Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) Faculty Recruiting Committee (AI/ML/Data Science) (2019-2020, 1 Year).
12. Organizer, Utah and West Coast Joint Party at IEEE VIS Conference (SoC and SCI Institute), 2017 (1 Year).

External Service

Editor

- Associate Editor: IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (TVCG), 2023 - present.
- Review Editor on the Editorial Board of Computer Graphics and Visualization (specialty section of Frontiers in Computer Science), 2021 - 2023.
- Editor of a special issue of the Journal of Computational Geometry (JoCG), 2019-2021.
- Editor of Report from Dagstuhl Seminar: Topology, Computation and Data Analysis (Dagstuhl Seminar 19212), 2019.
- Editor of Report from Dagstuhl Seminar: Topology, Computation and Data Analysis (Dagstuhl Seminar 17292), 2018.

Chair and Paper Chair

- Chair: 33rd International Computational Geometry Media Exposition (CG:ME) at the 40th International Symposium on Computational Geometry (SoCG), 2024.
- Paper Chair: EuroVis 2024 Short Paper Track.
- Paper Chair: EuroVis 2023 Short Paper Track.
- Chair: Topology in Visualization (TopoInVis) Steering Committee (2021-2023, 2 Years).
- Chair: IEEE VIS 2021 Doctoral Colloquium Chairs.
- Chair: IEEE VIS 2020 Doctoral Colloquium Chair.
- Paper Chair: EuroVis 2021 STARs (State-of-the-art reports).
- Paper Chair: EuroVis 2020 STARs (State-of-the-art reports).

Program Committees

1. IEEE Visualization Conference (VIS), 2017, 2018, 2019, 2023.
2. EG/VGTC Conference on Visualization (EuroVis), 2017, 2018, 2022, 2023.
3. Eurographics Symposium on Parallel Graphics and Visualization (EGPGV), 2022.
4. SIAM Symposium on Algorithm Engineering and Experiments (ALENEX), 2022.
5. 2nd Workshop on Energy Data Visualization at ACM e-Energy, 2021.
6. China Visualization and Visual Analytics Conference (ChinaVis), 2021.
7. 18th IEEE International Conference on Machine Learning and Applications (ICMLA), 2019.
8. Scientific Visualization & Data Analytics Showcase at Super Computing (SC), 2019.
9. International Symposium on Computational Geometry (SOCG), 2019.
10. Symposium on Visualization in Data Science (VDS) at IEEE VIS, 2017, 2018, 2019.
11. IEEE Symposium on Large Data Analysis and Visualization (LDAV), 2016, 2017.
12. Spring Conference on Computer Graphics (SCCG), 2017.
13. High-Performance Computing (HPC) China, Scientific Visualization, 2016.
14. Topology-Based Methods in Visualization (TopoInVis), 2015, 2017, 2019.
15. Grace Hopper Conference Gaming/Graphics/Animation (GFX) track committee, 2016.
16. EG/VGTC Conference on Visualization (EuroVis), Short Paper Track, 2016.

Other Organizational Committees

- EuroVis Ombuds Committee 2023.
- Eurographics Medical Prize Committee 2023.
- VGTC Visualization Dissertation award committee 2023.

Workshop/Tutorial/Panel

1. Workshop organizer: Dagstuhl seminar: Topology, Computation and Data Analysis, May 8-12, 2023.
2. Tutorial organizer: Topological Analysis of Ensemble Scalar Data with TTK at IEEE Visualization Conference (VIS), October 17, 2022.
3. Workshop organizer: Topological Data Visualization Workshop, May, 2022.
4. AWM Research Symposium Special Session on Topological Data analysis, June, 2022.
5. Tutorial organizer: Topological Analysis of Ensemble Scalar Data with TTK at IEEE Visualization Conference (VIS), 2021.
6. Workshop organizer: A Visual Tour of Bias Mitigation Techniques for Word Representations at KDD, 2021.
7. Workshop organizer: Geometric and Topological Methods in Biomedical Image Analysis, co-located with International Symposium on Computational Geometry, 2021.
8. Workshop organizer: A Visual Tour of Bias Mitigation Techniques for Word Representations at AAAI Tutorial Forum, 2021.
9. Panelist: Why should I stay in Academia? Bridging Generations of Researchers in Visualization at IEEE VIS, 2020.
10. Workshop organizer: Visualization in Astrophysics: Developing New Methods, Discovering Our Universe, Educating the Earth at IEEE VIS, 2020.
11. Workshop organizer: Application Spotlights: Challenges in the Visualization of Bioelectric Fields for Cardiac and Neural Research at IEEE VIS, 2020.
12. Workshop organizer: Visualization in Astrophysics: Carnegie + SCI Mini-Workshop at SCI, 2020.
13. Workshop organizer: 8th Annual Mini-Symposium on Computational Topology, co-located with International Symposium on Computational Geometry, 2019.
14. Workshop organizer: Dagstuhl seminar: Topology, Computation and Data Analysis, 2019.
15. Workshop organizer: Dagstuhl seminar: Topology, Computation and Data Analysis, 2017.
16. Workshop organizer: 6th Annual Mini-Symposium on Computational Topology, co-located with International Symposium on Computational Geometry, 2017.
17. Workshop organizer and speaker: Topological Data Analysis in Biomedicine at the 7th ACM Conference on Bioinformatics, Computational Biology, and Health Informatics (ACM-BCB), 2016.
18. Tutorial organizer and speaker: Recent Advancements of Feature-based Flow Visualization and Analysis at IEEE Visualization Conference (VIS), 2016.
19. Tutorial organizer and speaker: Topological Data Analysis and Visualization for Large-Scale and High-Dimensional Science Discovery. International Topical Meeting on Probabilistic Safety Assessment and Analysis (PSA), 2013.

Proposal Panelist

- Four NSF review panels since 2016.
- One NIH review panel since 2020.
- One DOE review panel since 2022.
- Two grant reviews for DOE since 2020.

Journal/Conference Referee

- Journals: Nature Communications, Parallel Computing, IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems (TPDS), Journal of Applied and Computational Topology (APCT), Transactions on Medical Imaging (TMI), Discrete & Computational Geometry (DCG), Computational Geometry Theory and Applications (CGTA), International Journal of Computational Geometry & Applications (IJCGA), Journal of Computational Geometry (JoCG), IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics (TCBB), IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (TVCG), Applied and Numerical Harmonic Analysis Series (Birkhauser/Springer), etc.
- Conferences: IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS), AMS Short Course in Joint Math Meetings (JMM), ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC), ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA), (ACM) Symposium on Computational Geometry (SOCG), European Symposium on Algorithms (ESA), SIAM Algorithm Engineering and Experiments (ALENEX), IEEE Conference on Visualization (VIS), Eurographics Conference on Visualization (EuroVis), Topology-Based Methods in Visualization (TopoInVis), IEEE Symposium on Large Data Analysis and Visualization (LDAV), High-Performance Computing (HPC) China, etc.

Community Engagement

- Lecturer/Module Designer at Hi-GEAR (Girls Engineering Abilities Realized) Camp, 2016, 2018-2023 (6 years). Hi-GEAR is part of Engineering Summer Camps at the Univ. of Utah. It is designed to expose young women (currently in 9th-12th grade) to a variety of engineering and computer science careers with hands-on experiential learning and collaborative team projects.
- Invited Speaker at HackTheU, Oct. 2017. HackTheU is Utah's largest hackathon where students from across the state and nation develop their solutions to the various prompts through augmented reality, virtual reality, IoT, and many other kinds of applications.
- Invited speaker at the Future in Review (FiRe) Conference, 2017. The FiRe conference exposes world experts and participants to new ideas in a manner that produces an accurate portrait of the future in technology, including the global economy, cloud computing, biology and medical diagnostics, policy, netbooks, space travel, sustainability, and other fields that contribute to technology outcomes.