

EMPLOYMENT

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2024–present	Assistant professor, <a href="#">University of Arizona</a> , Tucson, AZ
2023–2024	Postdoc, <a href="#">Max Planck Institute (MPIM)</a> , Bonn, Germany
2021–2023	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: Joël Bellaïche. 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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- [Euler-Kronecker constants of modular forms: beyond Dirichlet  \$L\$ -series.](#)  
Preprint. Joint with [Steven Charlton](#) and [Pieter Moree](#).  
*We compute the Euler-Kronecker constant for the Dirichlet series associated to the coefficients of  $\Delta_{16} \bmod 59$ , solving a problem posed by Ciolan, Languasco, and Moree in 2023.*
- [On the parity of eta powers.](#)  
Preprint. Joint with [Steven Charlton](#) and [Lukas Mauth](#).  
*We study a new notion of mod- $p$  twisted density for a modular form  $f$  supported on an arithmetic progression, focusing on  $p = 2$  and  $f$  a positive power of the Dedekind eta function, using Galois-theoretic techniques developed by Bellaïche in level 1 and extending them to level 9.*
- [An explicit universal Galois representation on the mod-3 Hecke algebra.](#)  
Preprint.  
*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.*
- [Elementary symmetric functions and deep power-sum congruences.](#)  
Joint with [Samuele Anni](#) and [Alexandru Ghitza](#). *Integers* (2024).  
*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  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .*
- [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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#### POSTHUMOUS PUBLICATION EDITING

- **Joël Bellaïche, Formes modulaires spéciales modulo 2.**  
To appear in a special volume of the Tunisian Journal of Mathematics dedicated to the memory of Joël Bellaïche. Edited in collaboration with [J-P. Serre](#).

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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: <a href="#">Don Zagier</a> , <a href="#">Jared Weinstein</a> )
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 [Certificate of Distinction and Excellence in Teaching](#), Derek Bok Center, Harvard  
\* Math 122 (abstract algebra), Fall 2000 \* Math 25a (real analysis), Fall 1998

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CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION/LECTURE SERIES/SPECIAL INVITED WORKSHOPS

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2025–2026 Arizona Winter School 2026 Scientific Committee  
2024 June [Modular Forms,  \$L\$ -functions, and eigenvarieties](#), Paris France  
Organizer for conference in memoriam of Joël Bellaïche. Provided own admin support.  
2023 June [Research in pairs](#), CIRM, Luminy, France  
(with [Jean-Morlet co-Chair](#) in Arithmetic Statistics [Samuele Anni](#) and [Alexandru Ghitza](#))  
2023 Jan/Feb [Research school “Introduction to SAGA”](#) CIRM, Luminy, France  
Taught short course on modular forms and Galois representations, with [Alexandru Ghitza](#)  
2022 June [Galois representations, automorphic forms and  \$L\$ -functions](#), CIRM, Luminy, France  
2016 May AIM workshop for the [LMFDB release](#), San Jose, CA  
Organizer for the mod- $p$  modular forms working group

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CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP TALKS

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2025 Jan JMM talk in [AMS Special Session on Modular Forms, Hypergeometric functions,....](#), Seattle  
2023 Feb Plenary talk, [Symposium on Arithmetic Geometry and its Applications](#), CIRM, Luminy, France  
2023 Jan JMM talk in [AMS special session on arithmetic geometry informed by computation](#), Boston  
2023 Jan JMM talk in [AMS special session on women in automorphic forms](#), Boston, MA  
2022 July (Covid-derailed) [Thematic Program in  \$p\$ -adic  \$L\$ -functions and Eigenvarieties](#),  
University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN  
2017 May 03 [Bridges between automatic sequences, algebra, number theory](#), CRM, Montréal, Canada  
2016 Sept 09 [Automorphic Forms: theory and computation](#) (workshop), King’s College, London, UK  
2016 July [Building Bridges 3](#), Sarajevo, Bosnia (contributed talk; [speed talk](#))  
2016 March [30th Automorphic Forms Workshop](#), Wake Forest University (contributed talk)  
2015 Sept [BU-Keio Workshop in number theory](#), Boston University (contributed talk; poster)  
2015 April [Upstate Number Theory Conference](#), Cornell University (contributed talk)

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SEMINAR TALKS

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2024 Oct 29 [Algebra and Number Theory Seminar](#), University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ  
2024 Apr 25 [Groups, Arithmetic & Algebraic Geometry Seminar](#), EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland  
2023 Nov 28 [Luxembourg Number Theory Seminar](#), Université de Luxembourg, Luxembourg  
2023 Nov 11 [Number theory lunch seminar](#), Max Planck Institute, Bonn, Germany,  
2023 Oct 25 [Heilbronn Number Theory Seminar](#), University of Bristol, Bristol, UK  
2022 Dec 5 [Special colloquium](#), University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ  
2022 Apr 13 [Johns Hopkins Number Theory Seminar](#), Baltimore, MD  
2021 Oct 13 [Dublin Algebra and Number Theory Seminar](#), online  
2021 May 26 [London Number Theory Seminar](#), online  
2020 Dec 7 [Boston University Number Theory Seminar](#), online  
2020 Nov 18 [Michigan State University algebra seminar](#), online  
2018 Jan 30 [Oberseminar Zahlentheorie](#), Universität zu Köln, Cologne, Germany  
2017 March 8 [Heilbronn Number Theory Seminar](#), University of Bristol, Bristol, UK  
2017 Jan 27 [University of Heidelberg number theory seminar](#), Heidelberg, Germany  
2016 Nov 30 [Bielefeld Arithmetic Geometry Seminar \[BAGS\]](#), Bielefeld, Germany

2016 Nov 23 [Max Planck Institute number theory lunch seminar](#), 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

#### MEDIUM-TERM VISITS (longer than a conference, shorter than a year)

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2021 July [Max Planck Institute \(MPIM\)](#), Bonn, Germany  
 2020 July (Covid-canceled) Visit to [Max Planck Institute \(MPIM\)](#), Bonn, Germany  
 2015 Fall [Computational Aspects of the Langlands Program](#) participant, [ICERM](#), Providence, RI

#### SERVICE AND OUTREACH

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2016–present Referee ([Acta Arithmetica](#), [Research in Number Theory](#), the [Ramanujan Journal](#))  
 2025–2026 University of Arizona Mathematics Colloquium organizer  
 Fall 2024 [Tucson Math Circle](#). Led two sessions, assisted at several others.  
 2022–2023 Math circle leader, 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

#### POSTER SESSIONS AND JUNIOR SEMINAR TALKS

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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)

#### ADDITIONAL WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

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2023 Sept [Young Number Theorists in Bonn](#)  
 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	<a href="#">Modular forms are everywhere</a> (conference in honor of Don Zagier), Bonn, Germany
2016 May	<a href="#">The <math>p</math>-adic Langlands Program and related topics</a> , Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
2015 May	<a href="#"><math>p</math>-Adic methods in number theory</a> (conference inspired by Robert Coleman) UC Berkeley, CA
2015 Mar	<a href="#"><math>p</math>-Adic methods in the theory of classical automorphic forms</a> , CRM Montréal
2015 Jan	Joint Mathematics Meeting, San Antonio, TX
2014 Feb	<a href="#">Hot Topics: Perfectoid Spaces and their Applications</a> , MSRI
2013 March	<a href="#">Arizona Winter School: Modular forms and modular curves</a> Project group: Congruences between modular forms (Frank Calegari)
2012 Jan	Joint Mathematics Meeting, Boston, MA
2011 May	<a href="#">Workshop on <math>L</math>-functions, Galois representations, and Iwasawa theory</a> , Ann Arbor, MI
2011 March	<a href="#">Arizona Winter School: Stark-Heegner points</a> . Project group: Stark-Heegner points (Henri Darmon, Victor Rotger)
2010 May	<a href="#">Women and Mathematics: <math>p</math>-Adic Langlands</a> , IAS, Princeton, NJ
2009 Summer	PCMI Summer Session: Arithmetic of $L$ -functions, Park City, UT

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## TEACHING

Spring 2025	University of Arizona Math 313: Introduction to Linear Algebra
Spring 2023	Boston University <a href="#">MA 542: Modern Algebra II</a> (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

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## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

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## PERSONAL

- US citizen. Emigrated from Russia to the US as a child. Fully bilingual Russian/English.

- Proficient in French and German. (French Language Citation, Harvard University, 2001)