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### EDUCATION

- Ph.D., 1995, Emory University; supervisor: Vojtěch Rödl (Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Mathematics). Dissertation: *Extremal problems on Boolean algebras, sum-sets of integers, and hypergraphs*.
- M.Sc., 1991, University of Calgary; supervisor: Norbert W. Sauer. Thesis: *Finite induced graph Ramsey theory*.
- B.Sc., 1988, University of Calgary; major: Pure Mathematics; minor: Philosophy.

### EMPLOYMENT

- 2011–present: Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, University of Manitoba.
- 2010–2012: Department head, Department of Mathematics, University of Manitoba.
- 2002–2010: University of Manitoba, Department of Mathematics, assistant professor; tenure granted for July 2009.
- 1999–2004: University of Calgary, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, adjunct assistant professor.
- 1999–2001: Mount Royal College (Calgary) Mathematics, Physics, and Engineering, Instructor.
- 1999: Columbia International College, Hamilton, Ontario; (Summer) Instructor.
- 1997–1999: Department of Mathematics and Statistics, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario; postdoctoral fellow and instructor.
- 1996–1997: Howard University, Washington, DC; visiting Lecturer III.
- 1995–1996: University of Bielefeld, SFB 343, Institute for Research in Discrete Mathematical Structures, Bielefeld, Germany; postdoctoral researcher.
- 1994–1995: Evening at Emory, Atlanta, GA; instructor.
- 1991–1995: Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Emory University, Atlanta, GA; Graduate instructor (1992–1995) and Teaching Assistant (1991–1992).
- 1985–1990: Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Calgary; Alberta; Teaching Assistant.

## RESEARCH

### Refereed publications

[MR = Mathematical Reviews]

1. D. S. Gunderson, V. Rödl, and N. Sauer, Some results in finite graph Ramsey theory, *Congressus Numerantium* **79** (1990), 232–243. [MR 92k:05093]
2. D. S. Gunderson, V. Rödl, and N. Sauer, Finite induced graph Ramsey theory: on partitions of subgraphs, *J. Combin. Th. Ser. B* **59** (1993), 199–209. [MR 94j:05087]
3. P. Erdős, Z. Füredi, R. Gould, and D. S. Gunderson, Extremal graphs for intersecting triangles, *J. Combin. Th. Ser. B* **64** (1995), 89–100. [MR 96e:05080]
4. W. Deuber, D. S. Gunderson, N. Hindman, and D. Strauss, Independent finite sums for  $K_m$ -free graphs, *J. Combin. Th. Ser. A* **78** (1997) 171–198. [MR 98d:05140]
5. D. S. Gunderson and V. Rödl, On extremal problems for affine cubes of integers, *Combin. Probab. Comput.* **7** (1998), 65–79. [MR 99a:11015]
6. W. A. Deuber, P. Erdős, D. S. Gunderson, A. V. Kostochka, and A. G. Meyer, Intersection statements for systems of sets, *J. Combin. Th. Ser. A* **79** (1997), 118–132. [MR 98f:05144]
7. D. S. Gunderson, V. Rödl, and A. Sidorenko, Extremal problems for sets forming Boolean algebras and complete partite hypergraphs, *J. Combin. Th. Ser. A* **88** (1999), 342–367. [MR 2000i:05131]
8. D. S. Gunderson, I. Leader, H. J. Prömel, and V. Rödl, Independent arithmetic progressions in clique-free graphs on the natural numbers, *J. Combin. Th. Ser. A* **93** (2001), 1–17.
9. D. S. Gunderson, On Deuber’s partition theorem for  $(m, p, c)$ -sets, *Ars Combinatoria* **63** (2002), 15–31. [MR 2003c:05021]
10. N. Alon, P. Erdős, D. S. Gunderson, and M. Molloy, On a Ramsey type problem and the Turán numbers, *J. Graph Th.* **40** (2002), 120–129. [MR 2003d:05139]
11. D. S. Gunderson, I. Leader, H. J. Prömel, and V. Rödl, Independent Deuber sets in graphs on the natural numbers, *J. Combin. Th. Ser. A* **103** (2003), 305–322. [MR 1996069 (2004h:05123)]
12. T. Bisztriczky, K. Böröczky, and D. S. Gunderson, Cyclic polytopes, hyperplanes, and Gray codes, *J. Geom.* **78** (2003), no. 1–2, 25–49. [MR 2031563]
13. J. F. Peters, M. Borkowski, C. Henry, D. Lockery, D. S. Gunderson, Line-Crawling bots that inspect electric power transmission line equipment, in *Proc. Third Int. Conference on Autonomous Robots and Agents (ICARA 2006)*, Palmerston North, New Zealand, 2007, 39–44.
14. J. F. Peters, C. Henry, D. S. Gunderson, Biologically-inspired approximate adaptive learning control strategies: a rough set approach, *International Journal of Hybrid Intelligent Systems*, **4** (no. 4) (2007), 203–216.

- 15 D. S. Gunderson and K. R. Johannson, On combinatorial upper bounds for van der Waerden numbers  $W(3; r)$ , *Congressus Numerantium* **190** (2008), 33–46.
- 16 G. Grätzer, D. S. Gunderson, and R. W. Quackenbush, The spectrum of a pseudocomplemented lattice, *Algebra Universalis* **61** (2009), 407–411.
- 17 H. Ardal, D. S. Gunderson, V. Jungic, B. M. Landman, and K. Williamson, Ramsey Results Involving the Fibonacci Numbers, *Fibonacci Quarterly* **46/47** (no. 1) (2008/2009), 10–17. [Published February 2009.]
- 18 D. S. Gunderson and H. Lefmann, Graphs on affine and linear spaces and Deuber sets, *The Electronic Journal of Combinatorics* **20** (2) (2013), P47 (15 pages).

### Submitted manuscripts, preprints, unrefereed articles, and works in progress

- D. S. Gunderson, N. Hindman, and H. Lefmann, Some partition theorems for finite and infinite matrices, submitted to *Integers*, 13 June 2013, 24 pages.
- C. Elsholtz and D. S. Gunderson, Congruence properties of multiplicative functions on sumsets and monochromatic solutions of linear equations, submitted to *Acta Arithmetica*, 6 August 2013, 22 pages.
- S. Durocher, D. S. Gunderson, P.C. Li, and M. Skala, Cycle-maximal triangle-free graphs, submitted to *Discrete Mathematics* 18 October 2013, 32 pages.
- Z. Füredi and D. S. Gunderson, *Extremal numbers for odd cycles*, to be submitted to *Combinatorics, Probability and Computing*, 2013.
- P. Balister and D. S. Gunderson, *The number of distinct differences in graceful labellings of trees*, to be submitted, 2013.
- D. S. Gunderson, *Handbook of mathematical induction: theory and applications*, Chapman and Hall/CRC, Boca Raton FL, 2011. 893 pages + xxxv.
- D. S. Gunderson and W. Kocay, *Great circle graphs*, in progress.
- W. Deuber, D. S. Gunderson, N. Hindman, and D. Strauss, *Independent finite sums for  $K_m$ -free graphs*, Preprint 96-042, SFB 343, Diskrete Strukturen in der Mathematik, Universität Bielefeld, 27 pages.
- D. S. Gunderson and V. Rödl, *An alternative proof of Szemerédi's cube lemma using extremal hypergraphs*, Preprint 95-110, SFB 343, Diskrete Strukturen in der Mathematik, Universität Bielefeld, 9 pages.
- D. S. Gunderson and V. Rödl, *Extremal problems for affine cubes of integers*, Preprint 95-109, SFB 343, Diskrete Strukturen in der Mathematik, Universität Bielefeld, 16 pages.
- D. S. Gunderson and V. Rödl, *On discrepancy of finite projective planes*, preprint.
- D. S. Gunderson, *Finite projective planes and applications in combinatorics*, book, in progress, 171 pages.

- D. S. Gunderson, *Ramsey theory*, book, in progress, 262 pages (as of April 2013), in progress.
- D. S. Gunderson, *The probabilistic method for engineers*, manuscript, 2006, 95 pages, written for Math 8210 notes.
- D. S. Gunderson, *Introduction to graph theory*, 26 pages, written for use by graduate students, and for Math 4400 and 4410 background review.
- D. S. Gunderson, Notes for advanced graph theory, in progress (as of 19 May 2013, it is 95 pages).
- D. S. Gunderson, “Extremal graph theory notes”, 172 pages as of 10 October 2013, in progress.
- D. S. Gunderson, “The probabilistic method”, September 2011, 145 pages, in progress.
- D. S. Gunderson, Classic puzzles: False proofs, *Manitoba Mathlinks*, Winter 2007, 4–7.
- D. S. Gunderson, “Nathan Mendelsohn, 1917–2006”, *Manitoba Mathlinks*, Fall 2006, 7.
- D. S. Gunderson, Classic puzzles, *Manitoba Mathlinks*, Winter 2006, 2.
- D. S. Gunderson, The  $\pi$  is the limit, *Manitoba Mathlinks*, Spring 2005, 6–7.
- D. S. Gunderson, Classic puzzles, *Manitoba Mathlinks*, Winter 2005, 5.
- D. S. Gunderson, Definitions with  $e$ 's, *Manitoba Mathlinks*, Winter 2004, 5–6.
- D. S. Gunderson, A Hall of shame?, *Manitoba Mathlinks*, Winter 2003, 1,5–6.
- D. S. Gunderson, The RSA encryption algorithm, *Manitoba Mathlinks*, Spring 2003, 4–5.

## TEACHING

- University of Manitoba, Undergraduate (17 different courses):
  - Finite mathematics* (Math 1010) Summer 2008.
  - Math in art* (136.102) Winter 2004.
  - Elements of discrete math* (136.120), Fall 2003.
  - Linear algebra I* (136.130) Summer 2004, Summer 2005, (MATH 1300) Fall 2009.
  - Calculus I* (136.150) Winter 2003;
  - Applied calculus II for engineers* (136.171) Summer 2006, (Math 1710) Summer 2007.
  - Linear algebra II* (136.230) Fall 2002, Fall 2004, Fall 2006 (Math 2300) Winter 2007, Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Winter 2013.
  - Honours Linear algebra II* (136.235) 2004–2005;
  - Applied graph theory* (136.240) Winter 2006, (Math 2400) Winter 2007, Winter 2008, Winter 2009, Fall 2009, Fall 2012, Winter 2014.
  - Number theory* (136.250) Summer 2006, (MATH 2500) Fall 2008.
  - Combinatorial Mathematics* (136.245) 2002–2003;
  - Combinatorics I* (136.340) Winter 2005, 2006;
  - Combinatorics II* (Math 4400) Winter 2008, Winter 2014.
  - Graphs, codes, and designs* (MATH 4410), Winter 2007, Winter 2009.
  - Field theory and applications in combinatorics and geometry* (Math 4920) (given while on sabbatical, reading course for Jeff Lanyon), Winter 2010.
  - Advanced graph theory* (MATH 4920), Fall 2009, Winter 2013.
  - Applied calculus 1, for engineers* (MATH 1510), Fall 2013.
- University of Manitoba, Graduate (15 different courses):
  - Extremal combinatorics* (136.821), Fall 2004.
  - Graduate set theory* (136.871), Winter 2005.
  - Ramsey theory* (136.821), Winter 2006.
  - The probabilistic method for computing and engineering* (Math 8210), Fall 2006.
  - Ramsey theory and additive combinatorics* (Math 8210/4920), Winter 2010.
  - Introduction to topological groups* (Math 8210/4920), Fall 2010 (I only covered a few weeks, after which a visiting prof finished the course).
  - Probabilistic graph theory* (Math 8210/4920), Fall 2011.
  - Extremal graph theory* (Math 8210), Winter 2011.
  - The probabilistic method* (Math 8210), Winter 2011, Winter 2014.
  - Combinatorial geometry* (Math 8210), Winter 2012 (reading course for Radchenko).
  - Extremal graph theory and combinatorics* (Math 8210) Winter 2012 (reading course for Arman).
  - Ramsey theory* (Math 8210), Fall 2012.

*Extremal combinatorics* (Math 8210), Fall 2012.

*Extremal graph theory and the regularity lemma* (Math 8210), Fall 2013.

*Finite and combinatorial geometry* (MATH 8810), Winter 2013.

- Mount Royal College (Calgary):

*Calculus II for engineers* (Math 1219) Winter 2001;

*Linear Algebra* (Math 2221) Fall 1999, Winter 2000, Fall 2000, Winter 2001;

*Calculus I* (Math 2251) Fall 1999; (Math 2249) Fall 2000;

*Calculus II* (Math 2253) Fall 2000;

*Discrete Math* (Math 2271) Winter 2000 (two sections, coordinator), Winter 2001;

*Calculus III* (Math 3349) Fall 1999;

*Calculus IV* (Math 3353) Winter 2000 (coteaching).

- Columbia International College (Hamilton, Ontario): *Finite Mathematics* for Ontario Advanced Credit (OAC), May–July 1999 (two sections, each 110 credit hours).

- McMaster University (Hamilton, Ontario):

*Business Calculus I*, (Math 1K03) Summer 1999;

*Linear Algebra II*, (Math 2R03) Summer 1999;

*Linear Algebra for engineers* (Math 1H05) Fall 1998–Winter 1999;

*Combinatorics* (Math 4C03, 4th yr), Fall 1997;

*Graph Theory* (Math 4J03, 4th yr), Spring 1998.

- Howard University (Washington, DC):

*Algebra I*, Fall 1996, Spring 1997;

*Calculus II*, Spring 1997;

*Business Calculus*, Fall 1996;

*Graduate Seminar on Semigroups*, (with N. Hindman) 1996–1997.

- Emory University (Atlanta, GA):

*Calculus I*, Fall 1992, Fall 1993, Fall 1994;

*Calculus II*, Spring 1993, Summer 1994;

*Trigonometry and Algebra*, Summer 1993;

*Business Calculus*, Spring 1994;

*Vector Calculus*, Spring 1995.

- Coordinator/instructor for six week business calculus (including multivariate) course for Emory Business School, Evening Masters of Business Administration (MBA) program, Spring 1994, Spring 1995; assistant instructor, Spring 1993.
- Designed and taught 16 Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Math Preparation courses for Evening at Emory, 1994–1995.

## Students supervised

[All students in this list are from University of Manitoba.]

- Jeff Lanyon, beginning MSc January 2014.
- Sergei Tatsurian, MSc, September 2012, switching to PhD January 2014.
- Andrii Arman, PhD student, began Fall 2013 (extremal graph theory).
- Vanessa Reimer, NSERC undergraduate summer research assistantship, 2013.
- Toban Wiebe, NSERC undergraduate summer research assistantship, 2012 and 2013. Now at U. Penn. working on PhD.
- Dustin Styner, PhD student, January–June 2013 (withdrew, personal reasons)
- Brian Ketelboeter, MSc in math, graduated 2012, now at U. of R. working on PhD.
- Jason Klusowski, NSERC undergraduate summer research assistantship, 2012. Received Governor General Silver medal (top undergrad student) UofM 2013; now at Yale, working on PhD.
- Krista Reimer, NSERC undergraduate scholarship, summer 2011 (co-supervised with Stephanie Portet). Beginning graduate work at U. of Alberta, 2013.
- Karen Johannson, Postdoctoral fellowship U. of Manitoba, summer 2011. (Later did postdoc at Cambridge University, and now doing postdoc at the Heilbronn Institute for Mathematical Research, Bristol, England.)
- Garrett Klus, NSERC undergraduate scholarship, summer 2008.
- Robert Borgersen, MSc in math, graduated 2008. Thesis: *Topics in finite graph Ramsey theory*, 247+xiii pages. Now mathematics Instructor at U. of Manitoba.
- Karen Johannson, MSc in math, graduated 2007. Thesis: *Variations on a theorem by van der Waerden*, 201+vi pages. Finished PhD under Bollobás, Memphis.
- Trevor Wares, NSERC undergraduate scholarships, summer 2005 and summer 2007.
- Evan Haldane, NSERC undergraduate scholarship, summer 2004.
- Goldwyn Millar, NSERC undergraduate scholarships, summer 2004, summer 2006.
- Michael Geith, Faculty of Science summer undergraduate scholarship, summer 2004.
- Manon Mireault, summer research assistantship, *Graceful colourings of paths*, May–July 2003.

**Graduate student advisory or defense examining committees** [With the exception of the last student in the list below, all are from University of Manitoba.]

- Daniel Page, MSc in Computer Science; thesis: *Tractability and Approximability for subinstances of the Makespan Problem on Unrelated Parallel Machines*. 2013–2014. (Supervisor, Ben Li.)

- Ayat Al-Meanazel, PhD in Statistics (Supervisor, Brad Johnston); started 2013.
- Kateryna Melnykova, MSc in Mathematics; thesis: Foregger conjecture concerning permanents, defended 3 April 2012 (Supervisor: Kopotun). Now working on PhD at UBC.
- Ivan Iurchenko, MSc in Mathematics (Supervisor: Prymak); thesis: *Properties of extremal convex bodies*, defended 17 April 2012. Now working on PhD at U. of Alberta.
- Laurentiu Troanca, MSc in Mathematics, completed 2008. (Supervisor: K. Kopotun, Math; topic: permanents) Now a teacher in Manitoba.
- Vitaliy Degtyaryov, PhD in ECE, 2008, now employed in industry. (Supervisor: J. Peters, ECE)
- Eric Zhou, MSc in Computer Science, completed spring 2007. (Supervisor: B. Li, CS. Title: Complexity and approximation algorithms for the maximum leaf spanning tree problem and its variations.)
- Shabman Shafir, MSc in Electrical computing and engineering (ECE), 2004–2007. (Supervisor: J. Peters, ECE)
- Daniel Lockery, MSc in ECE, (completed summer 2007—I was on his committee from 2003 until spring 2007). (Supervisor: J. Peters, ECE)
- Liting Han, PhD in ECE, defended 2007. (Supervisor: J. Peters, ECE; topic: power fault classification in high voltage systems, graduated 2008)
- Maciej Borkowski, PhD in ECE, 2007, (Supervisor: J. Peters, ECE; topic: image analysis and rough set approximation spaces).
- Christopher Henry, MSc in computer science, completed 2006; PhD in ECE recently begun. (Supervisor: J. Peters, ECE; topic: image analysis and rough set approximation spaces)
- Xiaonon He, MSc in Computer Science, completed 2006. (Supervisor: B. Li, CS. Key pre-distribution schemes in distributed sensor networks.)
- P. Eldergill, MSc in mathematics, McMaster University, defended August 28, 1997. (Supervisor, A. Rosa)

I have also chaired PhD thesis defenses (e.g., Surachai Chieoghan, 16 Sept. 2012).



**Other teaching related activities:**

- Partially supported graduate students in the Department of Mathematics, U. of M., 2002–2008 (*e.g.*, M. Davidson 2002, and A. Gareau 2007).
- Assisted in training of mathletes (for Putnam and regional MAA contest), University of Manitoba, 2002–present.
- Made wooden mathematical models for use in classroom (platonic and archimedean solids, puzzles, optical illusions) and for display at U of M. (Also helped with brochure for display “Mathematics in Wood”, published March 2006.)
- Coordinated Mount Royal College’s mathematics contest, 2000-2001.
- Completed The Ohio State University technology college short course program on enhancing the teaching and learning mathematics using hand-held technology from the Teachers Teaching with Technology Program, May 24–26, 2000.
- Partially supported graduate students at Univ. of Calgary (*e.g.*, A. Odunga, spring and summer GATR), 1999, 2000.
- Co-taught Mount Royal College’s *Math is fun* night, offering the average Junior High School student perspectives on mathematics which hope to inspire and entertain, complementing their school curriculum, Mount Royal College, Fall 1999, Winter 2000, and Winter 2001.
- Assisted Profs. M. G. Stone and N. Sauer in Computer Assisted Learning (PLATO) version of linear algebra course, curriculum design, course development, and lab implementation, University of Calgary, 1987–1990.
- Assisted in Putnam competition student training, Emory, 1994.
- Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunities program completed, Emory, 1992–1993.

## SELECT INVITED LECTURES

- “Triangles”, University of Manitoba Math Camp, August 2013.
- “Graph and Ramsey theory applied to number theoretic properties of sumsets”, Bristol University, England, 21 February 2013.
- “Applications of the probabilistic method”, Department colloquium, 7 December 2012.
- “Random permutations and graceful paths”, Discrete Math Seminar, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C., 13 November 2012.
- “Ramsey theory and arithmetic structures”, University of Wisconsin at Madison, 24 February 2012.
- “Distance between consecutive entries in permutations, Graduate Colloquium, University of Minnesota at Duluth, 23 February 2012.
- “What is symmetry?”, Math Camp, 22 July 2011.
- “Distances between consecutive entries in a permutation”, Math and Stats Seminar, University of Winnipeg, 5 November 2010.
- “Multiplicative functions and sumsets”, Prairie Discrete Math Workshop, University of Manitoba, 29 April 2010.
- “On distances in permutations”, Emory University, Atlanta, 23 March 2010, invited by the SIAM student chapter.
- “Mathematical illusions”, Career Days, UofM, 18 February 2009.
- “To infinity and beyond”, 11th annual IIMS Manitoba high school problem solving workshop, 7 Feb. 2009.
- “What is infinity”, Churchill High School, (Grade 9 classes) 22 January 2009.
- “One-sided structural Ramsey theorems”, Conference in honour of Robert Woodrow’s 60th birthday, University of Calgary, 13 December 2008.
- “One-sided structure Ramsey theorems”, Memphis University, 28 Nov. 2008.
- “Polyhedra and crystals”, Vincent Massey Collegiate, (two lectures) 23 April 2008.
- “Guessing patterns and proving patterns by mathematical induction”, Churchill High School, (March 2008?)
- “Ramsey theory and the infinite”, Coast-to-Coast seminar, broadcasted across Canada, invited by IRMACS, The 2008 Spring lecture series, 19 February 2008.
- “Model math”, 14th annual Manitoba high school problem solving workshop, 2 February 2008.
- “Ramsey theory and topology”, seminar for Topology and its applications, UofM, 25 October 2007.

- “Infinite Ramsey-type statements and topology, seminar for Topology and its applications, UofM, 1 Nov. 2007.
- “Polyhedra and da Vinci solids”, Math Camp, UofM, Aug. 2007.
- “What’s wrong? Hidden math lessons”, IIMS High School Workshops, UofM, 10 February 2007.
- “Mathematical induction”, Churchill High School, (two lectures) 24 April 2006.
- “The impossible triangle”, IIMS High School Workshops, UofM, 10 February 2006.
- “What is symmetry?” Churchill High School (two lectures), 25 May 2005.
- “Graph theory and puzzles”, Churchill High School (two lectures), 14 March 2005,
- “Sumsets, primes, and combinatorics”, Joint UBC/SFU discrete math and theoretical CS seminar, IRMACS, Simon Fraser, 6 December 2005.
- “Completely multiplicative functions on sumsets”, University of Memphis, 4 November 2005.
- “Multiplicative functions on sumsets”, SIAM Student Chapter Seminar, Emory University, Atlanta, 3 November 2005.
- “Completely multiplicative functions and congruences”, Integers 2005 conference, West Georgia State, Carrollton, GA, 2005.
- “Aspects of Ramsey theory”, Royal Holloway University of London, Egham, England, 27 November 2005.
- “The pigeonhole principle” and “Ramsey theory”, UofM Math Camp, 21–25 August 2005.
- “Ramsey theory on graphs and integers”, Computer Science Seminar, McGill University, Montreal, 26 May 2004.
- “I love math!”, IIMS high school workshop, 14 February 2004.
- “Mathematical literacy: More than numbers and words”, joint lecture with Christine Ottawa to Winnipeg School Division teachers at Grant Park, 29 November 2004.
- “Integers and Ramsey theory”, Conference *Integers*, WGSU, Carrollton, GA, October 2003.
- “The pigeonhole principle” and “Ramsey theory”, UofM Math Camp, 20 August 2003.
- “Great circle graphs”, Convex and discrete geometry problem solving seminar, University of Calgary, 31 July 2003.
- “Convex bodies resting on four pedestals”, special session on Convex and Discrete geometry, AMS sectional, San Francisco State Univ., 1 May 2003.
- “The RSA encryption algorithm”, IIMS High School Workshop, University of Manitoba, 1 February 2003.

- “On Euler’s polyhedra formula” IIMS Math Camp, University of Manitoba, Summer 2002.
- “Bisecting hyperplanes and cyclic polytopes”, Emory University, Atlanta, 10 May 2002.
- “Combining theorems of Ramsey, Schur, and van der Waerden”, West Georgia State University, Carrollton, GA, 21 February 2002.
- “Ramsey’s theorem and partition regular equations”, Indiana Purdue University, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, 1 February 2002.
- “A Ramsey-type theorem for both graphs and arithmetic”, University of Manitoba, January 2002.
- “A common extension of theorems of Ramsey, Rado, and Schur,” Department Colloquium, University of Calgary, 13 April 2000.
- “Extremal problems for Delta systems,” University of Toronto, 19 March 1999.
- “Aspects of Ramsey theory,” University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada, 27 February 1998.
- “Ramsey theory and structure,” University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, 1 December 1997.
- “Recent results in extremal theory and Ramsey theory,” Colloquium, George Washington University, Washington, DC, 25 April 1997.
- “Recent results in extremal and partition theories,” Combinatorics colloquium, University of California (UCLA), Los Angeles, CA, 6 January 1997.
- “Ramsey theory across disciplines,” Functional analysis colloquium, Catholic University, Washington, DC, 25 September 1996.
- “Coloring graphs on integers,” and “On Frankl’s union-closed conjecture,” Applications of the Probabilistic Method to Graph Coloring, The Second Annecy Workshop in Combinatorics, Annecy, France, 8–13 July 1996.
- “Structural versus arithmetic Ramsey questions,” Canadian Mathematics Society Summer meetings, University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada, 6–9 June 1996.
- “Independent finite sums for  $K_m$ -free graphs,” Workshop on Ramsey theory, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, 14–16 May 1996.
- “Some structural versus arithmetic Ramsey questions,” Colloquium, Technische Universität Braunschweig, Germany, 12 January 1996.
- “Extremal problems for affine cubes of integers,” Kolloquium über Kombinatorik, Diskrete Mathematik, Technische Universität Braunschweig, Germany, 17–18 November 1995.
- “Recent developments for Delta systems,” problem session, Recent Trends in Discrete Mathematics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Matrahaza, Hungary, 28 October 1995.
- “On extremal problems for hypergraphs and affine cubes,” Apres-Midi Mathematiques Discretes, Université Claude Bernard Lyon-1, Lyon, France, 12 September 1995.

- “Boolean algebras, sum-sets of integers, and hypergraphs,” combinatorics seminar, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, 23 February 1995.
- “Turan type results for graphs with many triangles,” Special meeting of the American Mathematical Society, Dekalb, IL, 23 May 1993 [see *Abstracts* **14** (1993), p. 413].
- “Size Requirements for intersecting cliques,” Fifth Cumberland conference on Graph Theory, Combinatorics and Computing, East Tennessee University, Johnson City, TN, 14–16 May 1992.

## SELECTED CONTRIBUTED TALKS

- “Distance between consecutive entries in a permutation, UM Department Colloquium, 4 November 2010.
- “On pseudocomplemented lattices”, Fete of Combinatorics, Lake Balaton, Hungary, 11–15 Aug. 2008 (work with G. Grätzer).
- “On upper bounds for van der Waerden numbers  $W(3; r)$ ”, 39th S. E. Int’l Conference for Combinatorics, Graph theory and Combinatorics, Florida Atlantic University, 6 March 2008.
- “Sumsets, primes, and graph theory”, University of Manitoba, Mathematics Colloquium, 1 December 2005.
- “The golden thread”, U. of M. Math Club, 9 March 2004.
- “Ramsey theory and graphs on the natural numbers”, Workshop on extremal graph theory, Csopak (Lake Balaton), Hungary, 25 June 2003.
- “Blocking sets in finite projective planes”, FPP seminar, University of Manitoba, 3 and 10 February 2003.
- “Discrepancy in finite projective planes”, FPP seminar, University of Manitoba, 18 November and 2 December 2002.
- “Hyperplanes, cyclic polytopes, and codes”, U. of M. department colloquium, 24 October 2002.
- “Extremal problems for hypergraphs and Boolean algebras of sets,” Fifth Czech-Slovak International Symposium on Combinatorics, Graph Theory, Algorithms and Applications, Prague, Czech Republic, 6–12 July 1998.
- “Survey on Ramsey theory,” Colloquium, Howard University, Washington, D.C., 13 September 1996.
- “On Ramsey theory,” SFB Seminar, Universität Bielefeld, Germany, 13 November 1995.
- “On a problem of Paul Erdős,” Oberseminar Kombinatorik, Universität Bielefeld, Germany, 17 October 1995 (with W. Deuber).
- “On extremal problems for hypergraphs and affine cubes,” Oberseminar Kombinatorik, Universität Bielefeld, Germany, 26 September 1995.
- “Extremal problems on affine cubes,” Seventh International Conference on Random Structures and Algorithms, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, 16–20 May 1995.
- “On theorems of Hilbert and Behrend,” Eighth Cumberland Conference on Graph Theory, Combinatorics, and Computing, in conjunction with the Eleventh Annual Shanks Lectures, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 14–16 April 1995.
- “On Boolean algebras, sum-sets of integers, and hypergraphs,” 26’th S. E. International conference on Combinatorics, Graph Theory and Computing, Boca Raton, FL, March, 1995.

- “On Boolean algebras of sets,” Combinatorics Seminar, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, 14 November 1994.
- “Turan and Triangles,” Combinatorics Seminar, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, 5 April 1993.
- “Finite induced graph Ramsey theory,” NATO Advanced Study Institute, *Finite and infinite combinatorics in sets and logic*, Banff, Canada, 21 April to 4 May 1991. (un-scheduled talk)
- “Some results in finite graph Ramsey theory,” 21’st S.E. International conference on Combinatorics, Graph Theory and Computing, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL, 12–16 February 1990.

## AWARDS and OTHER HONOURS

- Received credit in a movie “Achieving the unachievable” by Jean Bergeron that won a Gold Magnolia in the Shanghai festival.
- Elected fellow of the *Institute for Combinatorics and its Applications* (ICA), 25 June 2007.
- Consulted by set designers of the movie “Pirates of the Caribbean: the Black Pearl” for design of a map puzzle, 2006.
- University of Manitoba Outreach Award, Fall 2004 (for community outreach, design of Brookside monument, and Machray Hall display).
- Commissioned to produce artwork for CCCG 2004, Concordia, Aug. 2004.
- Member of the Institute of Industrial Mathematical Sciences, University of Manitoba, July 2003–2009.
- NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada) research grant “Graph Ramsey theory and extremal relational structures”, 2000-2004.
- NSERC Discovery grant, “Ramsey theory and arithmetic structure”, 2004–2009. (\$ 13,000 per year).
- Nominated by McMaster Students Union for Faculty of Science teaching award, 1999.
- *Award of Achievement* for outstanding teaching quality, McMaster University, 23 March, 1999.
- Postdoctoral Fellowship, Department of Mathematics, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, sponsored by Prof. A. Rosa, 1997–1999.
- Postdoctoral fellowship, Institute for Research in Discrete Mathematical Structures (Sonderforschungsbereich 343), Bielefeld, Germany, under direction of Prof. W. Deuber, September 1995–August 1996.
- *Award of Achievement* for outstanding instruction, Evening at Emory, July, 1995.
- NSERC Undergraduate Summer Scholarships at University of Calgary:
  - 1988: Latin squares and finite projective planes, Prof. T. Bisztriczky, director.
  - 1986: Universal algebra, analysis, Prof. M. G. Stone, director.
- *Viscount Bennett Scholarship*, Calgary, 1985.
- *University of Calgary Undergraduate Merit Award*, 1985.
- Society memberships: C.M.S., A.M.S., and M.A.A. (member since 1988); Institute for Combinatorics and its Applications, (elected Member 1991, elected Associate Fellow 23 July 1997, and elected Fellow, 25 June 2007); DIMANET and PECO, 1995-1996.
- Referee for several journals, including *Ars Combinatoria*, *Journal of Combinatorial Theory* (both Series A and B), *Combinatorics, Probability and Computing*, *Discrete Mathematics*, *European Journal of Combinatorics*, *Graphs and combinatorics*, and *Integers*.



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT and COMMITTEE WORK

- Athletics committee, continuing.
- Combinatorics comprehensive exam coordinator, May 2013.
- Subcommittee for curriculum review in discrete mathematics, 2012–13.
- Committees for comprehensives in combinatorics and geometry, 2012–13.
- Promotion committees (Zhang and Zhong 2012–13 and Prymak 2013)
- Internationalization committee, Faculty of Science, 2012.
- Mathematics placement test (MPT) committee, 2012.
- Department Head, June 2010–June 2012—on many committees.
- Featured in an article “A long road to travel; from truck driver to tenured math prof”, by Sean Moore in the *Bulletin*, 8 October 2010.
- Featured in an article “Da Vinci in 3D... Without the goggles!” by Jodie R. Reimer, in *Notes from the margin*, Volume 1, 2011, pp. 4–5 (published by the Canadian Mathematical Society).
- Appeared (while head) in promotional video for UM Math Dept, shown at the Joint Meeting, 4–7 January 2012 (produced by Web’s Edge—available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q1gXc2ZZBjA>)
- Headship search committee, UM Math Department, 2009–2010.
- Working with Spirit of Math (a national independent program with a division in Winnipeg for local school children) on a program to integrate their best students into UofM undergrad courses, 2011–present. Contact: Deb Tardiff, regional manager, and Kim Landgren, president.
- Coordinator (together with R. Craigen) for “Finite combinatorics”, special session, CMS summer meeting, June 1–3, 2007.
- Invited panelist on UMF’s radio program “The spoken word”, discussing the book “Struck by Lightning”, moderated by Liz Clayton, 15 November 2005.
- Served on the Outreach Committee for University of Manitoba, Department of Mathematics, University of Manitoba, since July 2002. Writing articles for *Manitoba Mathlinks*, helping with Information Days, and various other programs dealing with the community.
- Assisted with “Meet your future” University One symposium, U. of M., 30 January 2006.
- Editor for *Manitoba Mathlinks*, 2004–2007.
- Assisted Wayne Larsen (Larsen Memorials) in designing monument at Brookside cemetery for those donating their bodies to science, 2002–2003.
- Assisted with High School Workshop, IIMS, University of Manitoba, February 2003 (gave lecture, constructed models for students, helped creating and grading problem sets).

- Served as judge for science fairs, St. John's High School, 20 February 2003, and Winnipeg No. 1 Division, Tech. Voc. School, 21 April 2006 and 11 April 2003.
- Worked with the Faculty of Science (UofM) to establish display (in lobby of Machray Hall) of mathematical objects I created , 2002-7.
- Worked with U. of M. Bookstore to assist in acquisition selection, and in creating displays of mathematics (with Craig Bauer, bookstore, 2002–2003).
- Working with Christine Ottawa, math consultant for the 13 Winnipeg Division high schools, to establish closer relationship between high schools and university math programs, 2003–2007.
- Gave presentations at Kelvin High School, Winnipeg School Division, (Feb 13, 16, April 22, 23, 2004).
- Invited classes of high school students to UofM, gave lecture and tours. (Dec 2006, Churchill High School S1 students; Dec 2004, Kelvin High School students; 10 February 2005, Churchill High School students)
- Volunteered as a mathematics advisor for Science Alberta, 2000.
- Acting as a consultant to Rosalind Hamilton for the program “Creative Arts Academy” (developing the relationship between mathematics and the arts) implemented at Forest Lawn High School (Calgary), 2000.
- Panel member for discussion at University of Calgary, Career Services: “Employment with a recent mathematics degree”, 20 November 2000.
- Adjunct Director of charity “People with a Purpose”; voting member of program “Chill Out,” clothing the homeless, Toronto, 1997–2000.
- Attended “The Other Side of the Fence”, U. of Calgary, 22 November 1999; high school teachers meeting with faculty from University of Calgary and Mount Royal College.
- Featured in newspaper article on traffic and mathematics by Doug Monroe, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, 24 August 1994.

### **Recent CONFERENCES and WORKSHOPS attended**

- Erdős Centennial conference, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, 1–5 July 2013.
- Abel conference honouring Szemédi, IMA, Minnesota, 30 Nov.–2 Dec. 2012.
- Memphis–Budapest Summer School in Combinatorics, The Renyi Institute, Budapest, 7–20 August 2011. [Four courses: Percolation, by B. Bollobás; Additive combinatorics, by G. Károlyi; Ramsey theory, by I. Leader; Branching processes, by P. Balister.]
- Probabilistic and structural graph theory workshop, McGill's Bellairs Research Institute, Barbados, 25 March–1 April, 2011.
- The 12th annual meeting of the Chairs of Canadian Mathematics Departments, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, 12–13 November 2010.

- Paul Erdős lectures series, University of Memphis, 1920 March 2010.
- Topics in graphs and hypergraphs, Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics workshop, UCLA, 26 November 2009.
- Conference in honour of Robert Woodrow, University of Calgary, December 2008.
- Fete of Combinatorics, Keszthely, Lake Balaton, Hungary, 1115 August 2008.
- Building bridges, A conference on mathematics and computer science in honour of Lovász, Budapest, 5–9, August 2008.
- Bridging the gaps, Bristol summer school on probabilistic techniques in computer science, University of Bristol, England, 7–11 July 2008.
- Prairie Discrete Math Workshop, U. of Manitoba, 28–29 May 2008.
- New directions in algorithms, combinatorics, and optimization, GA Tech, Atlanta GA, 59 May 2008.
- 39th S.E. intl conference on combinatorics, graph theory, and computing, FAU, Boca Raton, FL, 3–7 March 2008.
- CMS summer meeting, June 1–3, 2007.