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EMPLOYMENT

University of Massachusetts Lowell, Professor, 2006 to present
University of Wisconsin at Madison, Assistant Professor, 1998 to 1999;
Associate Professor, 1999 to 2006
Brandeis University, Visiting Associate Professor, Fall 2002 and Spring 2003
Harvard University, Visiting Associate Professor, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002
Olin College, Visiting Associate Professor, Fall 2000
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Assistant Professor, 1990 to 1996;
Associate Professor, 1996 to 1998; Visiting Scholar, 1998 to 1999 and Fall 2000
Mathematical Sciences Research Institute, Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow, Fall 1992;
Research Professor, Fall 1996
AT&T Bell Laboratories, consultant, summers of 1991 and 1992, one week each
University of California at Berkeley, Adjunct Assistant Professor, 1988 to 1990
University of Maryland, Visiting Professor, 1987 to 1988

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Mathematics, 1987, University of California at Berkeley
(research in ergodic theory supervised by Jacob Feldman;
thesis entitled *Coding from the Past*)
Certificate of Advanced Study, 1983, Cambridge University
(Part III Maths Tripos)
A.B., Mathematics, 1982, Harvard College
(Magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa)

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

UMass Lowell Department of Mathematical Sciences Teaching Excellence Award
Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS)
College on Simulation's Outstanding Simulation Publication Award, 2000
(awarded jointly to David Wilson)
National Security Agency Grant for Research in Mathematics,
1992-1995, 1995-1998, 1999-2001, and 2004-2006
National Science Foundation Grant for Research in Mathematics,
1992-1995, 1995-1998, 1999-2002, and 2006-2009
NSF Supplementary Grant for Research Experiences for Undergraduates,
1995-1996 and 1997-1998
MIT Class of 1922 Career Development Professorship, 1995-1998

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS (continued)

Phi Beta Kappa of Northern California Award for Excellence in Teaching, 1990

NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Mathematics, 1987–1990

PUBLICATIONS (available through my homepage)

Antisymmetric monotone triangles and domino tilings of quartered Aztec diamonds
(with W. Jockusch),

accepted by *Journal of Algebraic Combinatorics*

Chip-firing and rotor-routing on directed graphs

(with A. E. Holroyd, L. Levine, K. Meszaros, Y. Peres, and D. B. Wilson)

appeared in “In and out of Equilibrium II”, Eds. V. Sidoravicius and M. E. Vares,
Progress in Probability **60** (2008), 331–364.

Topological entropy for nonuniformly continuous maps

(with B. Hasselblatt and Z. Nitecki),

Discrete and Continuous Dynamical Systems **22**, 201–213 (2008)

Degree-growth of monomial maps (with B. Hasselblatt)

Ergodic Theory and Dynamical Systems **27**, 1375–1397 (2007)

Combinatorial interpretations for rank-two cluster algebras of affine type

(with G. Musiker),

Electronic Journal of Combinatorics **14**, research paper 15 (2007)

In search of Robbins stability (with K. Kedlaya),

Advances in Applied Mathematics **34**, 659–668 (2005)

Lambda-determinants and domino-tilings,

Advances in Applied Mathematics **34**, 871–879 (2005)

Generalized domino-shuffling, *Theoretical Computer Science* **303**, 267–301 (2003)

Exponentiation and Euler measure, *Algebra Universalis* **49**, 459–471 (2003)

Generating a random sink-free orientation in quadratic time (with H. Cohn and
R. Pemantle),

Electronic Journal of Combinatorics, R10, Vol. 9(1) (2002)

The many faces of alternating-sign matrices,

*Discrete Mathematics and Theoretical Computer Science Proceedings AA
(DM-CCG)*, 43–58 (2001)

A reciprocity theorem for domino tilings,

Electronic Journal of Combinatorics, R18, Vol. 8(1) (2001)

A variational principle for domino tilings (with H. Cohn and R. Kenyon),

Journal of the American Mathematical Society **14**, 297–346 (2001)

Trees and matchings (with R. Kenyon and D. Wilson),

Electronic Journal of Combinatorics, R25, Vol. 7(1) (2000)

Three-player impartial games,

Theoretical Computer Science **233**, 263–278 (2000)

PUBLICATIONS (continued)

- How the alternating-sign matrix conjecture was solved (with D. Bressoud),
Notices of the American Mathematical Society **46**, 637–646 (1999)
- Combinatorial games under auction play (with A. Lazarus, D. Loeb,
W. Stromquist, and D. Ullman),
Games and Economic Behavior **27**, 229–264 (1999)
- Domino tiling with barriers (with R. Stanley),
Journal of Combinatorial Theory, Series A **87**, 347–356 (1999)
- Enumeration of matchings: problems and progress, in:
New perspectives in geometric combinatorics, L. Billera et al. eds., Mathematical
Sciences Research Institute series, vol. 38, Cambridge University Press, 1999
- Microsurveys in Discrete Probability* (book), edited with D. Aldous,
DIMACS Series in Discrete Mathematics and Theoretical Computer Science **41**,
American Mathematical Society, 1998
- How to get a perfectly random sample from a generic Markov chain and generate
a random spanning tree of a directed graph (with D. Wilson),
Journal of Algorithms **27**, 170–217 (1998)
- Coupling from the past: a user’s guide (with D. Wilson), in:
Microsurveys in Discrete Probability (see above), 181–192
- The shape of a typical boxed plane partition (with H. Cohn and M. Larsen),
New York Journal of Mathematics **4**, 137–165 (1998)
- A pedestrian approach to a method of Conway, or, a tale of two cities,
Mathematics Magazine **70**, 327–340 (1997)
- Boundary-dependent local behavior for 2-D dimer models,
International Journal of Modern Physics B **11**, 183–187 (1997)
- Generating random elements of finite distributive lattices,
Electronic Journal of Combinatorics **4**(2), R15 (1997)
- Richman games (with A. Lazarus, D. Loeb, and D. Ullman), in
Games of No Chance, R. Nowakowski, ed.,
Mathematical Sciences Research Institute Publications no. 29,
Cambridge University Press, 1996
- Exact sampling with coupled Markov chains and applications to statistical mechanics
(with D. Wilson),
Random Structures and Algorithms **9**, 223–252 (1996)
- Local statistics for random domino tilings of the Aztec diamond (with H. Cohn and
N. Elkies),
Duke Mathematical Journal **85**, 117–166 (1996)
- The fundamental group of a Z^2 shift (with W. Geller),
Ergodic Theory and Dynamical Systems **15**, 1091–1118 (1995)
- The fractional chromatic number of Mycielski’s graphs (with M. Larsen and D. Ullman),
Journal of Graph Theory **19**, 411–416 (1995)

PUBLICATIONS (continued)

- A new take-away game, in
The Lighter Side of Mathematics, R. Guy and R. Woodrow, eds.,
Mathematical Association of America, 1994
- Producing new bijections from old (with D. Feldman),
Advances in Mathematics **113**, 1–44 (1995)
- Further travels with my ant (with D. Gale, S. Sutherland, and S. Troubetzkoy),
Mathematical Entertainments column,
Mathematical Intelligencer **17**, #3, 48–56 (1995)
- Further ant-ics,
Mathematical Entertainments column,
Mathematical Intelligencer **16**, #1, 37–42 (1994)
- A linear Ramsey theorem (with D. Feldman),
Advances in Mathematics **95**, 1–7 (1992)
- Alternating sign matrices and domino tilings (with N. Elkies, G. Kuperberg, and M. Larsen),
Journal of Algebraic Combinatorics **1**, 111–132, 219–234 (1992)
- On the cookie game (with D. Ullman),
International Journal of Game Theory **20**, 313–324 (1992)
- On tensor powers of integer programs (with R. Pemantle and D. Ullman),
SIAM Journal of Discrete Mathematics **5**, 127–143 (1992)
- Coding Markov chains from the past,
Israel Journal of Mathematics **75**, 289–328 (1991)
- A Shannon-McMillan theorem for motley names,
Israel Journal of Mathematics **69**, 225–234 (1990)
- What are the laws of greed?,
American Mathematical Monthly **96**, 334–336 (1989)
- Some variants of Ferrers diagrams,
Journal of Combinatorial Theory Ser. A **52**, 98–128 (1989)
- Kepler’s spheres and Rubik’s cube,
Mathematics Magazine **61**, 231–239 (1988)
- Greedily partitioning the natural numbers into sets free of arithmetic progressions
(with J. Gerver and J. Simpson),
Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society **102**, 765–772 (1988)
- Nim for three: an overview and an offer of alcohol,
Eureka No. 43, Easter 1983, 41–46