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## Education **University of Vermont (UVM), Burlington, VT**

Ph.D. Candidate, Mathematics, 2019 – present  
Research interests: Graph Theory, Combinatorics  
Advisor: Dr. Puck Rombach  
B.A. in Mathematics and English, December 2017  
GPA 3.87, English Departmental Honors Recipient,  
Presidential and Merit Scholarships

## **Université de Nantes, Nantes, France**

International Student Exchange Program (ISEP), Jan. – May 2016

## Teaching \* indicates that lesson plans are available at [www.uvm.edu/~cjbuchan](http://www.uvm.edu/~cjbuchan)

### **Department of Mathematics and Statistics, UVM**

Graduate Primary Instructor (PI) / Teaching Assistant (TA)

Math1212\*: Fundamentals of Calculus I

Fall 2019 (PI), Fall 2020 (TA), Fall 2021 (PI)

Math1077\*: Exploring Modern Mathematics

Spring 2020 (PI), Spring 2021 (PI), Spring 2024 (PI)

### **Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth, Bristol, RI**

Teaching Assistant, Paradoxes and Infinities, Summer 2017/2018

### **Collège Le Grand Beauregard, La Chapelle sur Erdre, France**

Instructor, Conversational English, 2018 – 2019

### **Collège La Coutancière, La Chapelle sur Erdre, France**

Instructor, Conversational English, 2018 – 2019

### **Math Outreach**

Prepared outreach lessons on combinatorics for high school students in VT\*

Gave a lesson on breaking symmetries using colors at the 2023 MathCounts

NW VT Chapter Competition for middle school students

### **Tutoring, Burlington, VT**

UVM Tutoring Center, 2016 – 2018

Private tutoring, 2016 – present

## Research

### **Department of Mathematics & Statistics, UVM**

*Tropical Geometry of Rado Matroids*, CB, Rick Danner; *arXiv:2402.04186*, 2024.

*Node Placement to Maximize Reliability of a Communication Network with Application to Satellite Swarms*, CB, James Bagrow, Puck Rombach, Hamid Ossareh; *2023 IEEE International Conference on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics (SMC)*.

*Toughness of recursively partitionable graphs*, CB, Brandon Du Preez, K. E. Perry, Puck Rombach; *Theory and Applications of Graphs*, 2022.

*Path odd-covers of graphs*, Steffen Borgwardt, CB, Eric Culver, Bryce Frederickson, Puck Rombach, Youngho Yoo; *arXiv:2306.06487*, 2023.

*Odd covers of graphs*, CB, Alexander Clifton, Eric Culver, Jiaxi Nie, Jason O'Neill, Puck Rombach, Mei Yin; *J. Graph Theory*, 104:420–439, 2023.

*On the last new vertex visited by a random walk in a directed graph*, CB, Paul Horn, Puck Rombach; *Discrete Math. Lett.*, 11:96–98, 2023.

*Subgraph complementation and minimum rank*, CB, Christopher Purcell, Puck Rombach; *Electr. J. Comb.*, 29(1), Feb 2022.

### **Graduate Research Assistant, UVM**

NASA grant, August 2022 – January 2024

## Workshops

### **Graduate Research Workshop in Combinatorics (GRWC)**

Online, June 14 – 25, 2021

Denver, CO, July 25 – August 5, 2022

### **Masamu Advanced Study Institute (MASI) and Workshops**

Online, November 20 – 29, 2020

Online, November 19 – 28, 2021

## Awards

### **Nam Sang Kil Scholarship in Mathematics, UVM**

2023

### **Graduate Teaching Assistant of the Year, UVM**

Lecture Instruction Category, 2021

### **John F. Kenney Award, UVM**

Excellence in mathematics, 2021

### **American Mathematical Society Travel Grant**

Joint Mathematics Meetings, Virtual 2021, San Francisco 2024

### **The Phi Beta Kappa Society**

Alpha of Vermont, 2017

Coursework **Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (MSRI), Berkeley, CA**  
Random Graphs summer graduate school, July 2022

**University of Vermont**

Mathematics

Combinatorics: Spectral Graph Theory, Extremal Graph Theory,  
Probabilistic Combinatorics, Matroids, Polytopes, Symmetric Functions

Other: Analysis (functional, real, complex, measure), Algebraic Geometry,  
Algebraic Topology, Linear & Abstract Algebra, Chaos, O.D.E.'s

English: Advanced Writing Workshops in Poetry, Creative Nonfiction, Literary  
Journalism, and Short Fiction

Relevant  
Skills

**Languages**

English (native), French (advanced)

**Coding**

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, HTML, SageMath