

# MICHAEL J. COONS



## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### CONTACT AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

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### CAREER PROGRESSION

- 2015 – Senior Lecturer of Mathematics  
The University of Newcastle, Australia
- 2014 – 2016 Australian Research Council Distinguished Early Career Research Fellow (DECRA)  
The University of Newcastle, Australia
- 2012 – 2014 Lecturer of Mathematics  
The University of Newcastle, Australia
- 2009 – 2012 Fields–Ontario Postdoctoral Fellow, Fields Institute and University of Waterloo  
Supervisors: Kevin Hare and Cameron Stewart
- 2006 – 2009 Ph.D. in Mathematics, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia  
Thesis: *Parity, transcendence, and multiplicative functions*  
Specialization: Analytic Number Theory  
Advisors: Drs. Peter Borwein and Stephen Kwok-Kwong Choi
- 2005 – 2006 Fulbright Scholar, Alfréd Rényi Institute of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest  
Advisor: Dr. János Pintz
- 2004 – 2005 M.S. in Mathematics, Baylor University, Waco, Texas  
Thesis: *General moment theorems with applications*  
Advisor: Dr. Klaus Kirsten
- 1999 – 2003 B.A. in Mathematics, The University of Montana, Missoula, Montana
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### EDITORIAL DUTIES

- 2017 – Associate Editor, Journal of the Australian Mathematical Society
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### AWARDS, HONOURS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2016 Chair, Early Career Plenary Session, Australian Math. Soc. Meeting, ANU.
- 2014 Australian Delegate to the *General Assembly of the IMU*, Gyeongju, Korea;  
Keynote speaker, Australian Mathematical Sciences Student Conference;  
*Discovery Early Career Research Award*, Australian Research Council (2014–2016).
- 2013 Australian Mathematical Society Early Career Workshop, invited research presenter.
- 2012 Australian Mathematical Society representative to *Science meets Parliament*.
- 2010 Simon Fraser University Nominee for 2010 CMS Doctoral Prize (essentially, the departmental award for best PhD thesis of 2009).
- 2009 *Fields–Ontario Postdoctoral Fellowship* (2009–2012);  
Graduate Fellowship, Simon Fraser University.

- 2008 President's PhD Research Stipend, Simon Fraser University;  
Graduate Fellowship, Simon Fraser University;  
Research Travel Award, Simon Fraser University.
- 2007 Second Place Poster Prize, CECM Summer Meeting.
- 2005 *Fulbright Scholar*, Alfréd Rényi Institute, Budapest, Hungary;  
Best Student Contributed Paper, MAA Regional Meeting, Texas Section.
- 2003 Dean's List, University of Montana;  
Pi Mu Epsilon, National Honors Society of Mathematics;  
Phi Kappa Phi, National Honors Society;  
Undergraduate Research Fellow, University of Montana;  
Scholar of the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Montana.
- 2000 Phi Theta Kappa, National Honors Society.

PUBLICATIONS (MANY OF MY PREPRINTS ARE AVAILABLE AT [arXiv.org](https://arxiv.org).)

**Preprints, in preparation, and in progress**

- [39] (with M. Baake and N. Mañibo) *Constant-length binary substitutions and Mahler measures of Borwein polynomials*, in preparation.
- [38] *Proof of Northshield's conjecture concerning an analogue of Stern's sequence for  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$* , preprint, 6 pages.
- [37] (with M. Baake) *A natural probability measure derived from Stern's diatomic sequence*, preprint, 12 pages.
- [36] (co-edited with M. Baake, Y. Bugeaud and R. Quispel) *A Mahler Selecta*,  
**Documenta Mathematica**, Book Series, in progress.

**Published or accepted**

- [35] *Mahler takes a regular view of Zaremba*,  
**Integers**, 15 pages, to appear.
- [34] (with L. Spiegelhofer) *Number theoretic aspects of regular sequences*,  
in "Sequences, Groups, and Number Theory," **Birkhauser/Springer**, 50 pages, to appear.
- [33] *Extension of theorem of Duffin and Schaeffer*,  
**Journal of Integer Sequences** **20** (2017), Article 17.9.4, 1–4.
- [32] *An asymptotic approach in Mahler's method*,  
**New Zealand Journal of Mathematics** **47** (2017), 27–42.
- [31] (with Y. Tachiya) *Transcendence over meromorphic functions*,  
**Bulletin of the Australian Mathematical Society** **95** (2017), no. 3, 393–399.
- [30] *Regular sequences and the joint spectral radius*,  
**International Journal of Foundations of Computer Science** **28** (2017), no. 2, 135–140.
- [29] (with L. Spiegelhofer) *The maximal order of hyper-(b-ary)-expansions*,  
**Electronic Journal of Combinatorics** **24** (2017), no. 1, #P1.15, 1–8.
- [28] (with J. P. Bell) *Transcendence tests for Mahler functions*,  
**Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society** **145** (2017), no. 3, 1061–1070.
- [27] *Zero order estimates for Mahler functions*,  
**New Zealand Journal of Mathematics** **46** (2016), 83–88.
- [26] (with M. Hussain and B.-W. Wang) *A dichotomy law for the Diophantine properties in  $\beta$ -dynamical systems*,  
**Mathematika** **62** (2016), no. 3, 884–897.
- [25] (with E. Catt and J. Velich) *Strong normality and generalised Copeland–Erdős numbers*,  
**Integers** **16** (2016), #A11, 1–10.
- [24] (with J. P. Bell and K. Hare) *Growth degree classification for finitely generated semigroups of integer matrices*,  
**Semigroup Forum** **92** (2016), no. 1, 23–44.

- [23] (with R. P. Brent and W. Zudilin) *Algebraic independence of Mahler functions via radial asymptotics*, **International Mathematics Research Notices** (2016), no. 2, 571–603.
- [22] (with H. Winning) *Powers of two modulo powers of three*, **Journal of Integer Sequences** **18** (2015), Article 15.6.1, 1–9.
- [21] (with J. P. Bell and Y. Bugeaud) *Diophantine approximation of Mahler numbers*, **Proceedings of the London Mathematical Society** (**3**) **110** (2015), no. 5, 1157–1206.
- [20] *Addendum to: On the rational approximation of the sum of the reciprocals of the Fermat numbers*, **The Ramanujan Journal** **37** (2015), no. 1, 109–111.
- [19] (with J. Tyler) *The maximal order of Stern’s diatomic sequence*, **Moscow Journal of Combinatorics and Number Theory** **4** (2014), iss. 3, 3–13.
- [18] (with J. P. Bell and K. Hare) *The minimal growth of a  $k$ -regular sequence*, **Bulletin of the Australian Mathematical Society** **90** (2014), no. 2, 195–203.
- [17] *An arithmetical excursion via Stoneham numbers*, **Journal of the Australian Mathematical Society** **96** (2014), no. 3, 303–315.
- [16] (with J. P. Bell and E. Rowland) *The rational–transcendental dichotomy of Mahler functions*, Special Issue in Honour of the 60th Birthday of Jean-Paul Allouche **Journal of Integer Sequences** **16** (2013), Article 13.2.10, 1–11.
- [15] *On the rational approximation of the sum of the reciprocals of the Fermat numbers*, **The Ramanujan Journal** **30** (2013), no. 1, 39–65.
- [14] *Transcendental solutions of a class of minimal functional equations*, **Canadian Mathematical Bulletin** **56** (2013), no. 2, 283–291.
- [13] *A correlation identity for Stern’s diatomic sequence*, **Integers** **12** (2012), #A3, 1–5.
- [12] *A note on two conjectures associated to Goldbach’s problem*, **Publicationes Mathematicae Debrecen** **80** (2012), 1–3.
- [11] (with J. P. Bell and N. Bruin) *Transcendence of generating functions whose coefficients are multiplicative*, **Transactions of the American Mathematical Society** **364** (2012), no. 2, 933–959.
- [10] (with P. Vrbik) *An irrationality measure for regular paperfolding numbers*, **Journal of Integer Sequences** **15** (2012), Article 12.1.6, 1–10.
- [9] *Extension of some theorems of W. Schwarz*, **Canadian Mathematical Bulletin** **55** (2012), no. 1, 60–66.
- [8] (with J. Shallit) *A pattern sequence approach to the Stern sequence*, **Discrete Mathematics** **311** (2011), 2630–2633.
- [7] *On some conjectures concerning Stern’s sequence and its twist*, **Integers** **11** (2011), #A35, 1–14.
- [6] (with S. R. Dahmen) *On the residue class distribution of the number of prime divisors of an integer*, **Nagoya Mathematical Journal** **202** (2011), 15–22.
- [5] *(Non)Automaticity of number theoretic functions*, **Journal de Théorie des Nombres de Bordeaux** **22** (2010), no. 2, 339–352.
- [4] (with P. Borwein and S. K. K. Choi) *Completely multiplicative functions taking values in  $\{-1, 1\}$* , **Transactions of the American Mathematical Society** **362** (2010), no. 12, 6279–6291.
- [3] *The transcendence of series related to Stern’s diatomic sequence*, **International Journal of Number Theory** **6** (2010), no. 1, 211–217.
- [2] (with P. Borwein) *The transcendence of power series for some number theoretic functions*, **Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society** **137** (2009), no. 4, 1303–1305.
- [1] (with K. Kirsten) *General moment theorems for non–distinct unrestricted partitions*, **Journal of Mathematical Physics** **50** (2009), no. 1, 19 pages.

## Other contributions and theses

- xiv. *A Problem With A Regular Outlook*,  
**Notes of the Canadian Mathematical Society** **49** (2017), no. 1, 14–15.
- xiii. (with J. Borwein and Y. Bugeaud) *The Legacy of Kurt Mahler*,  
**Notices of the American Mathematical Society** **62** (2015), no. 5, 526–531.
- xii. (with J. Borwein and Y. Bugeaud) *The Legacy of Kurt Mahler*,  
**Australian Mathematical Society Gazette** **41** (2014), no. 1, 11–21.
- xi. (with J. Borwein and Y. Bugeaud) *The Legacy of Kurt Mahler*,  
**Newsletter of the European Mathematical Society** **91** (2014), 19–23.
- x. (with J. Borwein, Y. Bugeaud, and J. van der Poorten) *The Kurt Mahler Archive*,  
a website dedicated to the mathematical life and collected works of Kurt Mahler,  
available at <http://carma.newcastle.edu.au/mahler/>
- ix. *On the multiplicative Erdős discrepancy problem*,  
10 pages (permanent preprint not intended for publication, available on my webpage).
- viii. *Yet another proof of the infinitude of primes, I*,  
4 pages (permanent preprint not intended for publication, available on my webpage).
- vii. *Hendrik Lenstra: Distinguished Lecture Series*,  
**Fields Notes**, Vol. 10:2 (2010), pages 3 and 14–15.
- vi. *Workshop on Discovery and Experimentation in Number Theory*,  
**Fields Notes**, Vol. 10:2 (2010), pages 6 and 17.
- v. *Some aspects of analytic number theory: parity, transcendence, and multiplicative functions*,  
Ph.D Thesis, xii+94 pages, ISBN: 978-0494-59811-5, Simon Fraser University, 2009.
- iv. Translation of Edmund Landau’s Dissertation, *New proof of the equation  $\sum \mu(k)/k = 0$* ,  
preliminary version (2007), preprint. (Available at <http://arxiv.org/pdf/0803.3787v1>)
- iii. *The Emergence of Modern Number Theory in Hungary*,  
**Hungarian Fulbright Student Conference Papers**, TypoTEX Ltd. Electronical Publishing Co.,  
Budapest, 2009, 181–192.
- ii. *General moment theorems with applications*,  
vi+77 pages, Master’s Thesis, Baylor University, 2005.
- i. *Numerical Methods for Left-Ventricular Contractility*,  
32 pages, Bachelor’s Thesis, University of Montana, 2003.

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EVENT ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANISATION

- Organiser, University of Newcastle Mathematics Seminar, 1/2017–6/2017.
- Organiser, *Special Session in Number Theory*, 60th meeting of the Australian Mathematical Society, held at the Australian National University, Australian Capital Territory, 12/2016.
- Director/Organiser, *2016 Australian Mathematical Society Early Career Workshop*, held at the Australian Academy of Sciences, Australian Capitol Territory, 12/2016.
- Organiser, *Number Theory Down Under 4*, held at the University of Newcastle, New South Wales, 9/2016.
- Organiser, *Special Session in Number Theory*, 59th meeting of the Australian Mathematical Society, held at the Flinders University, South Australia, 9/2015.
- Director/Organiser, *2015 Australian Mathematical Society Early Career Workshop*, held at the Flinders University, South Australia, 9/2015.
- Organiser, *Number Theory Down Under 3*, held at the University of Newcastle, New South Wales, 9/2015.
- Organiser, *2015 Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute (AMSI) Summer School*, held in Newcastle, New South Wales, 1/2015.

- Organiser, *Special Session in Number Theory*, 58th meeting of the Australian Mathematical Society, held at the University of Melbourne, Victoria, 8/12/2014–12/12/2014.
- Organiser, *Special Session in Analytic methods in Diophantine equations*, Summer meeting of the Canadian Mathematical Society, held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, 6/6/2014–9/6/2014.
- Organiser, *Number Theory Down Under*, a one-day meeting for number theory (which will hopefully become annual), held at the Harbourview Function Centre in Newcastle, New South Wales, 5/10/2013.
- Organiser, *Special Session in Number Theory*, 57th meeting of the Australian Mathematical Society, held at the University of Sydney, New South Wales, 30/9/2013–3/10/2013.
- Organiser, *Special Session in Number Theory*, 56th meeting of the Australian Mathematical Society, held at the University of Ballarat, Victoria, 9/24–27/2012.
- Organiser, Formal Languages and Automata Seminar (School of Computer Science), 1/2012–4/2012. (University of Waterloo)
- Organiser, Fields/IRMACS workshop, *Discovery and Experimentation in Number Theory*, held jointly at the Fields Institute in Toronto and the IRMACS Centre in Burnaby, 9/22–26/2009.
- Organiser, Mathematics Graduate Research Seminar, 1/2007–12/2007. (Simon Fraser University)

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS, INVITED CONFERENCES, AND OTHER VISITS

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| 2018 | <i>Workshop on Words and Complexity</i> , Université de Lyon in Lyon, France (2/2018)  |
| 2017 | <i>Research visit</i> , Universität Bielefeld in Bielefeld, Germany. (8/2017, 9/2017)<br><i>Research visit</i> , Alfréd Rényi Institute of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in Budapest, Hungary. (1/2017–2/2018)<br><i>Diophantine Approximation and Algebraic Curves</i> , a conference held at the Banff International Research Station (BIRS) in Banff, Alberta. (7/2017)<br><i>Research visit</i> , Universiteit Leiden in Leiden, The Netherlands. (1–2/2017)   |
| 2016 | <i>Research visit</i> , Alfréd Rényi Institute of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in Budapest, Hungary. (12/2016)<br><i>Normal Numbers: Arithmetic, Computational and Probabilistic Aspects</i> , a conference held at the Erwin Schrödinger International Institute for Mathematics and Physics (ESI) in Vienna, Austria. (11/2016)<br><i>International Alumni Meeting</i> , a conference held at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences organised by the Hungarian Ministry of Human Capacities in Budapest, Hungary. (10/2016) |
| 2015 | <i>The Geometry, Algebra and Analysis of Algebraic Numbers</i> , a conference held at the Banff International Research Station (BIRS) in Banff, Alberta. (10/2015)<br><i>Automatic Sequences</i> , a conference held at the University of Liège, Belgium. (5/2015)<br><i>Algebraic, Number Theoretic and Graph Theoretic Aspects of Dynamical Systems</i> , a conference held at UNSW, Sydney, Australia. (2/2015)   |
| 2014 | <i>2014 General Assembly of the IMU</i> , International Congress of Mathematicians, a conference held in Gyeongju, Korea. (8/2014, funded attendance from AustMS and AMSI)<br><i>Research visit</i> , University of Waterloo in Waterloo, Ontario. (9–15/6/2014)<br><i>Research visit</i> , University of Calgary in Calgary, Alberta. (19/5/2014–5/6/2014)  |
| 2013 | <i>Australian Mathematical Society Early Career Workshop</i> , a workshop held at Waldorf Leura Garden Resort, Blue Mountain NSW. (29–30/9/2013)<br><i>Research visit</i> , University of British Columbia in Vancouver, British Columbia. (12–26/9/2013)  |
| 2011 | <i>3rd Montréal–Toronto Workshop in Number Theory: new developments in analytic number theory</i> , a conference held at the Fields Institute in Toronto, Ontario. (10/7/2011–10/9/2011)<br><i>Analytic Aspects of <math>L</math>-functions and Applications to Number Theory</i> , a conference held at the University of Calgary in Calgary, Alberta. (6/29/2011–6/3/2011)   |

- 2010 *Diophantine Approximation and Transcendence*, a conference held at CIRM/Luminy in Marseille, France. (9/6/2010–9/10/2010)  
*Diophantine Approximation and Analytic Number Theory: A Tribute to Cam Stewart*, a conference held at the Banff International Research Station (BIRS) in Banff, Alberta. (5/30/2010–6/4/2010)
- 2009 *Foundations of Computational Mathematics*, thematic program held at the Fields Institute in Toronto, Ontario. (7/1/2009–12/31/2009)
- 2008 Fields Institute Summer School in *Analytic Number Theory and Diophantine Approximation* held at the University of Ottawa in Ottawa, Ontario. (6/30/2008–7/11/2008)
- 2005–2006 *Alfréd Rényi Institute of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences* (Budapest, Hungary). I visited the Institute as a Fulbright Scholar working under the mentorship of János Pintz. (8/1/2005–6/30/2006)
- 2005–2006 *Central European University* (Budapest, Hungary). (8/1/2005–6/30/2006)

PRESENTATIONS (**Bold**#=INVITED AND SPECIALISED, REGULAR#=CONTRIBUTED AND HOME SEMINARS)

## 2018

- 88.** *To be announced...*,  
 Workshop on Words and Complexity, Université de Lyon (Lyon, France), 19–23/2/2018.

## 2017

- 87.** *Binary substitutions of constant length and Mahler measures of Borwein polynomials*,  
 Jonathan M. Borwein Commemorative Conference (Newcastle, NSW), 27/9/2017.
- 86.** *A problematic excursion at the interface of number theory and analysis*,  
 Diophantine Approximation and Algebraic Curves at BIRS (Banff, AB), 3/7/2017.
- 85.** *Variations on a theme of Mahler*,  
 Algebra and Number Theory Seminar, University of Leiden (Leiden, Netherlands), 13/2/2017.

## 2016

- 84.** *An analytic view of transcendence*,  
 University of New South Wales Number Theory Seminar (Sydney, NSW), 5/10/2016.
- 83.** *The Erdős Discrepancy Problem*,  
 Discrete Mathematics Seminar, University of Newcastle (Callaghan, NSW), 30/3/2016.
- 82.** *Minimal growth of some structured  $\pm 1$ -sequences*,  
 Discrete Mathematics Seminar, University of Newcastle (Callaghan, NSW), 16/3/2016.

## 2015

- 81.** *The benefits of a regular outlook*,  
 CARMA Number Theory Seminar (Callaghan, NSW), 20/10/2015.
- 80.** *Asymptotics of Mahler functions*,  
 The Geometry, Algebra and Analysis of Algebraic Numbers at BIRS (Banff, AB), 4/10/2015.
- 79.** *Radial asymptotics and algebraic independence in Mahler's method*,  
 Applied Mathematics, Modeling and Computational Science Conference AMMCS-CAIMS 2015 (Waterloo, ON), 12/6/2015.
- 78.** *Algebraic independence results related to an automatic sequence*,  
 CMS Summer Meeting (Charlottetown, PEI), 8/6/2015.
- 77.** *Hypertranscendence of Stern's function*,  
 Dalhousie University Number Theory Seminar (Halifax, NS), 1/6/2015.
- 76.** *Algebraic independence results related to an automatic sequence*,  
 Workshop on Automatic Sequences, Université de Liège (Liège, Belgium), 26/5/2015.
- 75.** *Randomness in digital expansions of real numbers, or not*,  
 MSI Number Theory Seminar, ANU (Canberra, ACT), 12/5/2015.
- 74.** *Variations on a theme of Mahler*,  
 Maths Colloquium, University of Wollongong (Wollongong, NSW), 8/5/2015.

73. *Variations on a theme of Mahler*,  
MSI Colloquium, ANU (Canberra, ACT), 7/5/2015.

72. *A function related to Mahler's method*,  
Algebraic, Number Theoretic and Graph Theoretic Aspects of Dynamical Systems,  
UNSW (Sydney, NSW), 3/2/2015.

#### 2014

71. *Growth degree classification for regular sequences*,  
Number Theory Down Under II (Newcastle, NSW), 25/10/2014.

70. *From rational to regular*,  
Victorian Algebra Conference, VAC31, Monash University (Melbourne, VIC), 3/10/2014.

69. *Variations on a theme of Mahler*,  
CARMA Colloquium (Newcastle, NSW), 25/9/2014.

68. *Variations on a theme of Mahler*,  
University of New South Wales Number Theory Seminar (Sydney, NSW), 10/9/2014.

67. *Research at CARMA*,  
CARMA Retreat 2014 (Newcastle, NSW), 30/8/2014.

66. *My life in  $\$math mode\$,$*   
Australian Mathematical Sciences Student Conference (Newcastle, NSW), 2/7/2014.

65. *Growth and gaps in regular sequences*,  
Canadian Number Theory Association XIII Meeting (Ottawa, ON), 16/6/2014.

64. *Growth and gaps in regular sequences*,  
University of Waterloo (CS Dept.) Formal languages and automata sem. (Waterloo, ON), 11/6/2014.

63. *Transcendence and algebraic independence of regular functions*,  
Number Theory Nosh, University of Calgary (Calgary, AB), 3/6/2014.

62. *Diophantine approximation: automatic numbers and their generalisations*,  
University of Montana Colloquium (Missoula, MT), 21/5/2014.

61. *Growth and gaps in regular sequences*,  
Pacific Northwest Number Theory Conference (Burnaby, BC), 17/5/2014.

#### 2013

60. *Mind the gap*,  
Victorian Algebra Conference, VAC31, University of Melbourne (Melbourne, VIC), 29/11/2013.

59. *Mahler and me, a one-sided love story*,  
Australian Mathematical Society Early Career Workshop (Blue Mountain, NSW), 29/9/2013.

58. *Mahler's method, digital expansions, and algebraic numbers (or not)*,  
Joint UBC-SFU Number Theory Seminar (Burnaby, BC), 26/9/2013.

57. *Un pas de Mahler (pas de malheur, hein?)*,  
CARMA Retreat 2013 (Newcastle, NSW), 17/8/2013.

56. *Automatic for the people! (if you're a number theorist)*,  
University of Newcastle Mathematics Taster Talks (Callaghan, NSW), 8/8/2013.

55. *Mahler's method: an introspective retrospective*,  
University of Queensland Colloquium (Brisbane, QLD), 27/5/2013.

54. *Arithmetic and Diophantine properties of low-complexity numbers*,  
University of Melbourne Number Theory and Algebra Seminar (Melbourne, VIC), 22/3/2013.

53. *An arithmetic excursion via Stoneham numbers*,  
Monash University Colloquium (Melbourne, VIC), 21/3/2013.

#### 2012

52. *The rational-transcendental dichotomy of Mahler functions*,  
Optimisation, Analysis and Number Theory Seminar, CARMA (Callaghan, NSW), 15/10/2012.

51. *A hierarchy of complexity in the context of Mahler's method*,  
CARMA Retreat 2012 (Newcastle East, NSW), 18/8/2012.

50. *A functional introduction to Mahler's method*,  
CARMA Colloquium, University of Newcastle (Callaghan, NSW), 9/8/2012.

49. *A hierarchy of complexity in the context of Mahler's method*,  
Canadian Number Theory Association XII Meeting (Lethbridge, AB), 6/17/2012.

48. *On a theorem of Randé*,  
University of Waterloo (CS Dept.) Formal languages and automata sem. (Waterloo, ON), 6/13/2012.
47. *The rational-transcendental dichotomy of Mahler functions*,  
CMS Summer Meeting (Regina, SK), 6/3/2012.
46. *Rational approximation of Mahler numbers*,  
University of Newcastle Colloquium (Callaghan, NSW), 4/23/2012.
45. *Diophantine approximation of Mahler numbers*,  
University of Lethbridge Special Colloquium (Lethbridge, AB), 4/10/2012.
44. *Rational approximations of regular numbers*,  
University of Waterloo (CS Dept.) Formal languages and automata sem. (Waterloo, ON), 4/4/2012.
43. *Diophantine approximation: automatic numbers and their generalisations*,  
Institute of Science and Technology Austria Colloquium (Klosterneuburg, Austria), 2/23/2012.
42. *Diophantine approximation: automatic numbers and their generalisations*,  
State University of New York Special Colloquium (New Paltz, NY), 2/14/2012.
41. *Diophantine approximation: automatic numbers and their generalisations*,  
University of Waterloo Number Theory Seminar (Waterloo, ON), 2/2/2012.
40. *Some problems and results concerning Stern's diatomic sequence*,  
University of Waterloo (CS Dept.) Formal languages and automata sem. (Waterloo, ON), 1/18/2012.
39. *An irrationality measure for Mahler numbers*,  
AMS-MAA Joint Mathematics Meetings (Boston, MA), 1/6/2012.

## 2011

38. *An irrationality measure for Mahler numbers*,  
CMS Winter Meeting (Toronto, ON), 12/11/2011.
37. *New proof of a theorem of Nishioka*,  
University of Toronto Number Theory Seminar (Toronto, ON), 11/9/2011.
36. *New proof of a theorem of Nishioka*,  
University of Waterloo (CS Dept.) Formal languages and automata sem. (Waterloo, ON), 11/7/2011.
35. *Some problems and results concerning Stern's diatomic sequence*,  
Applied Math., Modeling and Computational Sci. Conf. AMMCS-2011 (Waterloo, ON), 7/27/2011.
34. *Rational approximation of automatic and regular numbers II*,  
University of Waterloo (CS Dept.) Formal languages and automata sem. (Waterloo, ON), 6/20/2011.
33. *An irrationality exponent related to Fermat numbers*,  
CMS Summer Meeting (Edmonton, AB), 6/05/2011.
32. *Traversing transcendence: irrationality for the rationally minded*,  
University of Lethbridge Special Colloquium (Lethbridge, AB), 4/21/2011.
31. *On the rational approximation of ruler numbers*,  
University of Waterloo Number Theory Seminar (Waterloo, ON), 3/24/2011.
30. *Rational approximation of automatic and regular numbers I*,  
University of Waterloo (CS Dept.) Formal languages and automata sem. (Waterloo, ON), 3/04/2011.

## 2010

29. *On the distribution of  $\Omega(n)$  modulo  $m$* ,  
Seventh Midwest Num. Theory Conf. for Students and Recent PhDs (Ann Arbor, MI), 11/13/2010.
28. *The automatic multiplicative Erdős discrepancy problem*,  
University of Waterloo (CS Dept.) Formal languages and automata sem. (Waterloo, ON), 11/05/2010.
27. *Multiplicative functions and the rational-transcendental dichotomy*,  
University of Waterloo Colloquium (Waterloo, ON), 10/25/2010.
26. *Multiplicative functions, transcendence, and automaticity*,  
University of Lethbridge Number Theory and Combinatorics Seminar (Lethbridge, AB), 7/22/2010.
25. *Multiplicative functions and automaticity*,  
Canadian Number Theory Association XI Meeting (Wolfville, NS), 7/13/2010.
24. *The Erdős discrepancy problem*,  
Pacific Northwest Number Theory Conference (Burnaby, BC), 5/9/2010.

## 2009

23. *The residue class distribution of  $\Omega(n)$* ,  
CMS Winter Meeting (Windsor, ON), 12/7/2009.



22. *Some problems and results concerning multiplicative functions*,  
University of Waterloo Number Theory Seminar (Waterloo, ON), 11/19/2009.
21. *(Non)automaticity of number-theoretic functions*,  
McMaster University Arithmetic Geometry Seminar (Hamilton, ON), 11/12/2009.
20. *The Riemann hypothesis: celebrating 150- $\varepsilon$  years*,  
Fields Institute Postdoctoral Seminar Series (Toronto, ON), 11/09/2009.
19. *Multiplicative functions and transcendence*,  
AMS Eastern Sectional Meeting at Penn State (State College, PA), 10/24/2009.
18. *Parity, primes, and zeta-functions*,  
SFU Mathematics Graduate Research Seminar (Burnaby, BC), 2/10/2009.
17. *Transcendence and functional equations*,  
Joint UBC-SFU Number Theory Seminar (Burnaby, BC), 1/15/2009.

**2008**

16. *(Non)automaticity of number-theoretic functions*,  
Joint UBC-SFU Number Theory Seminar (Burnaby, BC), 10/9/2008.
15. *Transcendence of various numbers and series*,  
Canadian Number Theory Association X Meeting (Waterloo, ON), 7/17/2008.
14. *Some Properties of Completely Multiplicative Signatures*,  
Second Canada-France Congress (Montréal, QC), 6/4/2008.
13. *Sums of completely multiplicative signature functions*,  
The Mathematical Interests of Peter Borwein Conference (Burnaby, BC), 5/15/2008.

**2007**

12. *A density-residue theorem*,  
Pure Math Graduate Student Conference (Burnaby, BC), 10/12/2007.
11. *A General Result on Conditionally Convergent Series*,  
SFU Mathematics Graduate Research Seminar (Burnaby, BC), 10/09/2007.
10. *On the density of integers bi-representable as the sum of two cubes*,  
CECM Summer Meeting (Burnaby, BC), 8/08/2007 (Poster, Second Prize in Poster Competition).
9. *The Wonderful World of Primes*,  
CMS-PIMS Summer Math Camp (Burnaby, BC), 7/05/2007.
8. *On the density of integers bi-representable as the sum of two cubes*,  
CMS-MITACS Joint Conference (Winnipeg, MB), 5/31/2007. (Poster)
7. *A "Cubic" Excursion in Additive Number Theory*,  
Western Canadian Conference for Young Researchers in Mathematics (Calgary, AB), 5/05/2007.
6. *Sequences and Divergent Series*,  
SFU Mathematics Graduate Research Seminar (Burnaby, BC), 2/08/2007.

**2006**

5. *General Moment Theorems for Non-Distinct Unrestricted Partitions*,  
Joint UBC-SFU Number Theory Seminar (Burnaby, BC), 10/19/2006.
4. *The Emergence of Modern Number Theory in Hungary*,  
Hungarian Fulbright Student Conference (Budapest, Hungary), 4/21/2006.

**2005**

3. *On the Number of Partitions of an Integer as a Sum of Summands of a General Spectrum*,  
MAA Texas Section (Arlington, TX), 4/15/2005.

**2003**

2. *Mathematics of the Heart: Producing Left-Ventricular Pressure-Volume Loops using Cubic Spline Functions*,  
Montana Academy of Sciences (Missoula, MT), 5/26/2003.
1. *Cordae Tendinae and Contractility in Sheep*,  
University of Montana Conference for Undergraduate Research (Missoula, MT), 5/5/2003. (Poster)

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 SUPERVISION

**Postdoctoral Fellows**

- Mumtaz Hussain (PhD, York UK), 2014–2016. Now continuing Lecturer at La Trobe University.
- Paul Vrbik (PhD, U. of Western Ontario), 2014–2016. Now postdoctoral fellow at University of Queensland.

**Research Higher Degree (PhD and Masters)**

- Matthew Skerritt, PhD Candidate (expected 2017), University of Newcastle
- Daniel Sutherland, PhD (completed 2015), University of Newcastle  
Thesis: *Arithmetic Applications of Hankel Determinants*

**Undergraduate**
**2015–2016**

- Egan Meek, MAPS Summer Research Scholarship, Univ. of Newcastle, 12/2015–2/2016.
- Joshua Hartigan, MAPS Summer Research Scholarship, Univ. of Newcastle, 12/2015–2/2016.
- Joseph Gurr, MAPS Summer Research Scholarship, Univ. of Newcastle, 12/2015–2/2016.
- Jordan Velich, MAPS Summer Research Scholarship, Univ. of Newcastle, 12/2015–2/2016.

**2014–2015**

- Jordan Velich, CARMA Summer Research Student, Univ. of Newcastle, 12/2014–2/2015.

**2013–2014**

- Heath Winning, CARMA Winter Research Student, Univ. of Newcastle, 7/2014;  
CARMA Summer Research Student, Univ. of Newcastle, 12/2013–2/2014.

**2008**

- Lawrence Ng, NSERC–USRA summer student, Simon Fraser University, 5/2008–8/2008.
- Amy Wiebe, NSERC–USRA summer student, Simon Fraser University, 5/2008–8/2008.

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 TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**University of Newcastle, Australia**

2017	Number Theory (MATH3170); Preparatory Studies in Mathematics (MATH1001); Calculus of Science and Engineering (MATH2310).
2015	Analytic Number Theory (Honours Course)
2013	Transcendental Number Theory (Honours Course); Complex Analysis (MATH 3242); Engineering Mathematics (MATH 2420); Analysis (MATH 2330); Mathematical Discovery 1 (MATH 1210).
2012	Mathematics 2 (MATH 1120); Mathematics 1 (MATH 1110).

**University of Waterloo, Canada**

- 2012 Algebra for Honours Mathematics (MATH 135).  
 2011 Algebraic Number Theory (PMATH 441/641 (Graduate course)).  
 2010 Analytic Number Theory (PMATH 740 (Graduate course));  
 Elementary Number Theory (PMATH 340).

**Simon Fraser University, Canada**

- 2007–2009 Elementary Number Theory (MATH 342);  
 Hitchhiker’s Guide to Everyday Math (MATH 197).

**Baylor University, USA**

- 2004–2005 Pre-calculus (MATH 1304, taught twice).

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

**International**

- Australian Delegate to the *General Assembly of the International Mathematical Union (IMU)*, Gyeongju, Korea, 8/2014.

**National**

- Representative of the Australian Mathematical Society to *Science meets Parliament*, 9/2012.

**University**

- Member of ERA 2018 Cluster Advisory Group of Mathematical, Information and Computing Sciences, University of Newcastle, 5/2017–present.
- Deputy Director, CARMA, 1/2016–8/2016.
- Member of CARMA Executive Committee, 4/2014–8/2016.
- Member of Academic Senate, University of Newcastle, 1/2014–12/2015.
- Member of CARMA Prize Nomination Committee, 26/9/2012–8/2016.
- Faculty Research Committee, Faculty of Science and IT, University of Newcastle, 1/2015–12/2015.
- Member of Faculty Board, Faculty of Science and IT, University of Newcastle, 1/2013–12/2014.
- School Research Committee, Math. and Physical Sciences, University of Newcastle, 1/2015–12/2015.
- Library Liaison, for the School of Math. and Physical Sciences, Univ. of Newcastle, 1/2013–12/2013.

**Profession (in addition to Editorial Duties, and Event Administration and Organisation)**

- External Thesis Examiner, Randell Heyman (PhD in Mathematics, University of New South Wales, 2015).
- Founding Member, Number Theory Down Under, Special Interest Group of the Aust. Math. Society, 2015.
- Early Career Representative, Australian Mathematical Society, 2014–2018.
- Internal Thesis Examiner, Salma Alghawi (Masters in Mathematics, University of Waterloo, 2011).
- Internal Thesis Examiner, Veronika Koltunova (Masters in Mathematics, University of Waterloo, 2010).
- Internal Thesis Examiner, Rishikesh (PhD in Mathematics, University of Waterloo, 2010).
- Treasurer, Mathematics Graduate Caucus, 1/2007–6/2008. (Simon Fraser University).
- Speaker, CMS–PIMS High School Math Camp, 7/2007 (Simon Fraser University).

- Referee for: American Mathematical Monthly, ANTS–IX, Archiv der Mathematik, Australian Research Council (ARC), Bulletin of the Australian Mathematical Society, Electronic Journal of Combinatorics, Functiones et Approximatio, Integers, International Journal of Number Theory, Journal of Integer Sequences, Journal de Théorie des Nombres de Bordeaux, Journal of the Australian Mathematical Society, Mathematical Intelligencer, Mathematische Annalen, Monatshefte für Mathematik, National Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), Proceedings of the London Mathematical Society, Quaestiones Mathematicae, Ramanujan Journal, WILF80 Conference Proceedings (Springer).
- Reviewer for: AMS Math Reviews, Zentralblatt MATH.

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SOCIETIES

- Australian Mathematical Society
- Canadian Mathematical Society
- CARMA (Priority Research Centre for Computer–Assisted Research Mathematics and its Applications)
- IRMACS (Interdisciplinary Research in the Mathematical and Computational Sciences Centre)
- Victorian Algebra Group, Special Interest Group of the Aust. Math. Soc.
- Number Theory Down Under, founding member, Special Interest Group of the Aust. Math. Soc.

In Budapest, Hungary, on 24 September 2017