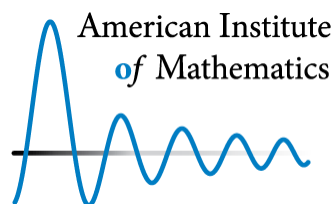


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Research Member, MSRI, *Symplectic and Contact Geometry and Topology*, Spring 2010  
 NSF Math Institutes Postdoc, *American Institute of Mathematics* and *Stanford University*, 2009-2011  
 CIRGET Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2007-2009  
 Frank Gerth III Dissertation Award, *University of Texas at Austin*, 2007  
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 Departmental Fellowship, *University of Texas at Austin*, Spring and Summer 2002

**Publications:**

*Cabling, contact structures and mapping class monoids*, joint with K. Baker and J. Etnyre. arXiv:1005.1978. Submitted.

*Monodromy Substitutions and Rational Blowdowns*, joint with H. Endo and T. Mark. arXiv:1004.3762. Accepted to *J. Topology*.

*Planar open books, monodromy factorizations, and symplectic fillings*, joint with O. Plamenevskaya. *Geom. Top.* 14 (2010), no.4, 2077–2101.

*Tight contact structures on the Brieskorn spheres  $-\Sigma(2, 3, 6n - 1)$  and contact invariants*, joint with P. Ghiggini. arXiv:0910.2752. Submitted.

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**Teaching:**

Fall 2010, *Finite Mathematics*, De Anza College.  
 Spring 2010, *Trigonometry*, De Anza College.  
 Winter 2010, *Intermediate Algebra*, co-taught with Barbara Illowsky, De Anza College.  
 Spring 2008, *Contact Structures* (graduate course), Université du Québec à Montréal.  
 Fall 2007, *Advanced Calculus for Engineers*, McGill University.

Fall 2006, *Precalculus: Elementary functions and Coordinate Geometry*, University of Texas at Austin.  
Fall 2004, Teaching Assistant, *Calculus I: Differential and Integral Calculus*, University of Texas at Austin.  
Supplemental Instruction course with an emphasis on active learning and critical thinking skills.  
Fall 2002, Teaching Assistant, *Advanced Calculus for Applications II*, University of Texas at Austin. Freshman honors course.  
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*Cabling and Rational Open Books*. Bi-College Topology Seminar, Bryn Mawr/Haverford, Philadelphia, November 2010.  
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*Symplectic Fillings and Spinal Open Books*. Symplectic Geometry Seminar, Stanford University, November 2010.  
*Planar open books and symplectic fillings*. Istanbul Contact Topology and Geometry Workshop, Istanbul Center for Mathematical Sciences, Istanbul, Turkey, June 2010.  
*Planar open books and symplectic fillings*. Gökova Geometry/Topology Conference, Gökova, Turkey, June 2010.  
*Symplectic Fillings of Contact Manifolds*. Geometry and Physics Seminar, University of Miami, December 2009.  
*Monoids and Contact Structures*. Geometry Seminar, University of Virginia, December 2008.  
*Monoids and Contact Structures*. CIRGET Seminar, Montréal, QC, October 2008.  
*Fibered Transverse Links*. Georgia Topology Conference, Athens, GA, May 2008.  
*Transverse fibered links*. Geometric Topology Seminar, Columbia University, March 2008.  
*Open Book decompositions of torus bundles*. Séminaire CIRGET, Université du Québec à Montréal, September 2007.  
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*Open book decompositions of torus bundles*. Special Session on Floer Homology, Joint Math Meetings, New Orleans, January 2007.  
*Open book decompositions of torus bundles*. Department Topology Seminar, University of Texas at Austin, May 2006.  
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