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RESEARCH INTERESTS Geometric group theory, Low-dimensional topology

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Brigham Young University

Associate Professor Sept 2022 - present Assistant Professor Aug 2016 - Aug 2022

New York University

Sept 2014 - Aug 2016

Postdoctoral Associate, Courant Institute of Mathematics

• Advisor: Robert Young

University of Toronto

July 2013 - Aug 2014

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Department of Mathematics

• Advisor: Robert Young

EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University

Aug 2008 - May 2013

Ph.D. Mathematics

• Dissertation Topic: Topological properties of asymptotic cones of finitely generated groups

• Advisor: Mark Sapir

Brigham Young University

M.S. in Mathematics B.S. graduated Cum Laude Aug 2006 - May 2008 Aug 2002 - May 2006

ACCEPTED AND PUBLISHED PAPERS

- 1. Conner, Gregory R.; Herfort, Wolfgang; Kent, Curtis; and Pavešić, Petar. *Inverse limit slender*. (Accepted for publication in *Fundamenta Mathematica*.)
- 2. Conner, Gregory R.; and Kent Curtis. *Peano dimension of fundamental groups*. Topology and its Applications 308 (2028), 108002.
- 3. Kent, Curtis. Homotopy type of planar continua. Adv. Math., (2021), 391:107971.
- 4. Conner, Gregory R.; Herfort, Wolfgang; Kent, Curtis; Pavešić, Petar. *Uncountable groups and the geometry of inverse limits of coverings*. Topology and its Applications 300 (2021), 107769.
- 5. Kent, Curtis and Ricks, Russell. Asymptotic cones and boundaries of CAT(0) spaces. Indiana University Mathematics Journal 70:4 (2021).
- 6. Conner, Gregory R.; Herfort, Wolfgang; Kent, Curtis; Pavešić, Petar. Generating the inverse limit of free groups. J. Algebra 578 (2021), 371–401.
- 7. Conner, Gregory and Kent, Curtis. Fundamental groups of locally connected subsets of the plane. Adv. Math., (2019), 347:384–407.
- 8. Conner, Gregory R.; Herfort, Wolfgang; Kent, Curtis; Pavešić, Petar; Recognizing the second derived subgroup of free groups. J. Algebra 516 (2018), 396–400.
- 9. Kent, Curtis. Homomorphisms of fundamental groups of planar continua. Pacific J. Math. 295 (2018), no. 1, 43-55.
- 10. Coulon, Rèmi; Hull, Michael; and Kent, Curtis. A Cartan-Hadamard type result for relatively hyperbolic groups. Geom. Dedicata 180 (2016), p. 339–371.

- 11. Kent, Curtis. Asymptotic cones of HNN extensions and amalgamated products. Algebraic & Geometric Topology 14 (2014), p. 551-595.
- 12. Conner, Gregory and Kent, Curtis. Local topological properties of asymptotic cones of groups. Algebraic & Geometric Topology 14 (2014), p. 1413-1439.
- 13. Conner, Gregory and Kent, Curtis. Inverse limits of finite rank free groups. J. Group Theory 15 (2012), no. 6, p. 823-829.

Submitted Papers

1. Conner, Gregory R.; Herfort, Wolfgang; Kent, Curtis; and Pavešić, Petar. Inverse limits of covering spaces. (Submitted for publication in Pacific Journal of Mathematics.)

Papers in PREPARATION

Kent, Curtis and Ricks, Russell. Some features of CAT(0) spaces that are detected by each and every asymptotic cone.

Conner, Gregory R.; and Kent, Curtis. Residually finite groups are slender.

Conner, Gregory R.; Herfort, Wolfgang; Kent, Curtis; and Pavešić, Petar. Splittings the homology of Peano continua.

Kent, Curtis; McGrath, Matthew. Stable chromatic number of the plane.

GRANTS/FUNDING

Simons Collaborative Grant 2018-2023	\$42,000
2019 NSF Conference Grant	\$19,600 Conference grant
GEAR Conference Grant	\$23,400 Conference grant
MSRI - Workshop on Groups acting on CAT(0) spaces	Travel support
New York University - 2014-2016	Postdoctoral Fellowship
University of Toronto - 2013-2014	Postdoctoral Fellowship
Second Junior Gear Retreat 2014	Travel Support
AMS Joint Meetings 2014	Travel Support
Topology and Groups Conference - Berlin 2012	Travel Support
Vanderbilt University 2012	Travel grant
American Mathematical Society 2012	Travel Support
MSRI/PCMI Geometric Group Theory - Park City, UT 2012	Travel Support
American Mathematical Society 2011	Travel Support
Dubrovnik VII Geometric Topology Conference 2011	Travel Support
GAGTA- Montreal Canada 2010	Travel Support
Cornell Topology Festival 2010	Travel Support
Vanderbilt Univeristy - 2008-2013	Teaching Assistantship
Brigham Young University - 2006-2007	Teaching Assistantship

Presentations talks

2022 55th Spring Topology and Dynamics Conference. Waco, Texas. March 9-12, 2022. Splittings of the homology of Peano continua.

2021 Workshop in Geometric Topology. Virtual. June 2021. Lacunary properties of $CAT(\theta)$ groups/spaces

2020 Nearly Carbon Neutral Geometric Topology (NCNGT) conference. Virtual. June 1-14, 2020 Inverse limits of covering spaces.

2019 Geometric and Asymptotic Group Theory with Applications. Tel Aviv, Israel. May 26-30, 2019. Metrics on fundamental groups.

Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen Group Theory seminar. Gießen, Germany. May 16, 2019. Asymptotic cones of groups.

Arches Topology Conference. Springdale, UT. April 24-27, 2019. Oscillatory geodesics in the plane.

53rd Annual Spring Topology and Dynamical Systems Conference. Birmingham, Alabama. March 14-16, 2019. Asymptotic cones and Tits boundaries

33rd Summer Conference on Topology and its Applications. Bowling Green, KY. July, 17-20 2018. *Homotopy type of planar Peano continua.*

Non-positively Curved Groups on the Mediterranean. Nasholim, Israel. May, 23-29 2018. Tits boundaries of CAT(0) groups.

Moab Topology Conference. Moab, UT. May, 7-10 2018. Homotopy dimension and type of planar continua.

Binghamton University Graduate Conference in Algebra and Topology. Bighampton, NY. Oct, 14-15 2017. Asymptotic cones and boundaries of CAT(0) groups.

2017 Young Geometric and Asymptotic Group Theory with Applications. Bilbao, Spain. June 26-30, 2017. Asymptotic cones and boundaries of CAT(0) groups.

2017 South Eastern Logic Symposium, Gainesville, FL. Mar 4-5, 2017. Fundamental groups of planar continua.

2016 Wasatch Topology Conference. Midway, UT. Aug 8-10, 2016. Asymptotic cones and boundaries of $CAT(\theta)$ groups.

2015 Geometric Group Theory on the Gulf Coast. South Padre Island, TX. March 26-29, 2015. Cut-points in asymptotic cones.

Geometry & Topology Seminar. University of Toronto; Toronto, Canada. November 4, 2013. Topological properties of asymptotic cones.

2012 Spring Southeastern AMS Sectional Meeting. University of South Florida; Tampa, FL. March 10-11, 2012. Homotopy properties of asymptotic cones of groups.

Topology & Group Theory Seminar. Vanderbilt University; Nashville, TN. Feburary 22, 2012. Understanding fundamental groups of asymptotic cones.

2011 Fall Eastern AMS Sectional Meeting. Cornell University; Ithaca, NY. September 10-11, 2011. Local homotopy properties of asymptotic cones of groups.

Summer School: Filling invariants and asymptotic geometry. Indiana University; Bloomington, IN. July 24-29, 2011. Asymptotic cones: definitions, examples, and properties.

Workshop on Topology of Wild Spaces and Fractals. Bundesinstitut fur Erwachsenenbildung St. Wolfgang; Strobl, Austria. July 4 - 8, 2011. Local homotopy properties of asymptotic cones.

Topology & Group Theory Seminar. Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. March 2, 2011. Asymptotic cones of groups.

Annual Spring Research Conference. Brigham Young University. April 2008. Oscillatory geodesics in planar Peano continua.

Topology Seminar. University of Ljubljana; Ljubljana Slovenia. March 2006. Homomorphisms of the fundamental group of planar and one-dimensional Peano continua.

OTHER CONFERENCES ATTENDED

2022 Joint Mathematics Meeting. Boston, MA. Jan 3-7, 2022.

2019 Wasatch Topology Conference. Midway, UT. Aug 14-16, 2019.

Conference on Non-positive curvature. Warsaw, Poland. Jun 20-24, 2019.

Arches Topology Conference. Springdale, UT. Apr 24-27, 2019.

2018 Wasatch Topology Conference. Midway, UT. Aug 15-17, 2018.

2017 Geometric and Asymptotic Group Theory with Applications. University of the Basque Country. Bilbao, Spain. July 3-7,2017.

34th Annual Workshop in Geometric Topology. Brigham Young University. Provo, Utah. June 8-10, 2017.

Conference on geometric and combinatorial methods in group theory. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Urbana, Illinois. May 16-18, 2017. (Conference organizer.)

Geometric and Asymptotic Group Theory with Applications. Stevens Institute of Technology. Hoboken, New Jersey. June 13- 17, 2016.

MSRI: Groups acting on CAT(0) spaces workshop. University of California, Berkeley. Berkeley, California. September 27-30, 2016.

Geometric and Asymptotic Group Theory with Applications. Stevens Institute of Technology. Hoboken, New Jersey. June 13- 17, 2016.

Hyperbolic groups and their representations. Universidad de la República. Montevideo, Uruguay. March 31 - April 8, 2016.

Topology Festival. Cornell University. Ithaca, New York. May 8 - 10, 2015.

Geometric Group Theory on the Gulf Coast. South Padre Island, TX. March 26-29, 2015.

What's next? The mathematical legacy of Bill Thurston. Cornell University. Ithaca, New York. June 23-27, 2014.

PCMI: Graduate Summer School. Park City Mathematics Institute. Park City, Utah. July 1-21, 2012.

Topology and Groups: Summer School and Conference. Freie Universität. Berlin, Germany. June 18-29, 2012.

Dubrovnik VII - Geometric Topology. Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik, Croatia. June 26 - July 3, 2011.

Geometric, Asymptotic, Combinatorial Group Theory with Applications. Centre de Recherches Mathematique. Montreal, Canada. August 15-19, 2010.

Topology Festival. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. May 7 - 10, 2010.