

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL DATA

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CONTACT DATA

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EDUCATION

March 2011 B. Sc. in Mathematics (minor Physics)
at RWTH Aachen University, Germany,
Thesis Title: “Primzahltests mit Elliptischen Kurven”
 (“Primality Tests using Elliptic Curves”)
Advisor: Gabriele Nebe

September 2012 M. Sc. in Mathematics (minor Physics)
at RWTH Aachen University, Germany,
Thesis Title: “Duale Kegel und Automorphismengruppen
Hyperbolischer Gitter” (“Dual Cones and Automorphism
Groups of Hyperbolic Lattices”)
Advisor: Gabriele Nebe

June 2014 Dr. rer. nat. *summa cum laude* (with distinction) in Pure
Mathematics at Universität zu Köln, Germany,
Thesis Title: “Mock Modular Forms and Class Numbers of
Quadratic Forms”,
Advisor: Kathrin Bringmann

January 2020 Habilitation in Mathematics at the Universität zu Köln,
Germany,
Thesis title: “Some applications of singular moduli and com-
plex multiplication”,
Advisor: Kathrin Bringmann

EMPLOYMENT

Oct. 2014 – Dec. 2014	Postdoc (wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter) at the Universität zu Köln.
Jan. 2015 – Aug. 2016	Postdoctoral Fellow at Emory University, Atlanta, GA.
Oct. 2016 – Mar. 2017	Postdoc (wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter) at the Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik, Bonn
Apr. 2017 – Mar. 2019	Postdoc (wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter) at the Universität zu Köln
Apr. 2019 – Mar. 2020	Postdoc (wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter) at the Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik, Bonn
Apr. 2020 – Aug. 2021	Lecturer at the University of Liverpool
Sep. 2021 – Sep. 2022	Postdoc (wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter) at the Universität Bielefeld (on leave since Oct. 2021)
Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023	Akademischer Oberrat (equiv. to assistant professor, Mar. – Sep. 2022 substitute associate professor) at the Universität zu Köln
since Oct. 2023	Lecturer (Lehrkraft für besondere Aufgaben) at RWTH Aachen University.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Oct. 2012 – Sep. 2014	Fellow of the DFG Graduiertenkolleg 1269 “Global Structures in Geometry and Analysis”
May 2014	offered Fulbright Scholarship (declined)
July 2014	Herrmann-Gedächtnispreis, awarded by the Mathematical Institute of the Universität zu Köln

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Number Theory (Primary Classification 11)
- In particular
 - Modular Forms, Mock Modular Forms, and their generalizations
 - Moonshine
 - Quadratic Forms and Lattices
 - Primality Testing

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles and preprints.

- (1) (with M. Kirschmer) *On an analogue of the Lucas-Lehmer-Riesel test using elliptic curves*, *Integers* **13** (2013), A15.
- (2) *Automorphism Groups of Hyperbolic Lattices*, *Journal of Algebra* **408** (2014), pp. 147–165.
- (3) *Mock Modular Forms and Class Number Relations*, *Research in the Mathematical Sciences* **1** (2014), no. 6.
- (4) *Eichler-Selberg Type Identities for Mixed Mock Modular Forms*, *Advances in Mathematics* **301** (2016), pp. 358–382.
- (5) (with Jehanne Dousse) *Asymptotic Formulas for Partition Ranks*, *Acta Arithmetica* **168** (2015), pp. 83–100.
- (6) (with Ken Ono) *Special values of shifted convolution Dirichlet series*, *Mathematika* **62** (2016), pp. 47–66.
- (7) (with Larry Rolen) *On class invariants for non-holomorphic modular functions and a question of Bruinier and Ono*, *Research in Number Theory* **1** (2015), no. 4.

- (8) (with Kathrin Bringmann and Ken Ono) *p-adic properties of modular shifted convolution L-functions*,
Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society **144** (2016), pp. 1439–1452.
- (9) (with Larry Rolen) *Lacunary recurrences for Eisenstein series*,
Research in Number Theory **1** (2015), no. 9.
- (10) (with Olivia Beckwith) *The number of parts in certain residue classes of integer partitions*,
Research in Number Theory **1** (2015), no. 11.
- (11) (with Olivia Beckwith) *On the number of parts of integer partitions lying in given residue classes*,
Annals of Combinatorics **21** (2017), pp. 507–517.
- (12) (with Michael J. Griffin) *A proof of the Thompson Moonshine Conjecture*,
Research in the Mathematical Sciences **3** (2016), no. 36.
- (13) (with John F. R. Duncan and Ken Ono) *O’Nan moonshine and arithmetic*,
American Journal of Mathematics **143** (2021), no. 4, S. 1115–1159.
- (14) (with John F. R. Duncan and Ken Ono) *Pariah moonshine*,
Nature Communications **8** (2017), Article 670.
- (15) (with Martin Raum) *Modular forms of virtually real-arithmetic type I – Mixed mock modular forms yield vector-valued modular forms*,
Mathematical Research Letters **28** (2021), pp. 511–561.
- (16) (with Pavel Guerzhoy and Larry Rolen) *Periodicities for Taylor coefficients of half-integral weight modular forms*,
Pacific Journal of Mathematics **307** (2020), pp. 137–157.
- (17) (with Lea Beneish) *On Weierstrass mock modular forms and a dimension formula for certain vertex operator algebras*,
Mathematische Zeitschrift **297** (2021), pp. 59–80.
- (18) (with Ken Ono and Larry Rolen) *Mock modular Eisenstein series with Nebentypus*,
International Journal of Number Theory **17** (2021), pp. 683–697.
- (19) (mit Letong Hong, Ken Ono und Shengtong Zhang) *Proof of the elliptic expansion Moonshine conjecture of Căldăraru, He, and Huang*,
Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society **150** (2022), S. 5047 – 5056.
- (20) (with Geoffrey Mason) *1-point functions for symmetrized Heisenberg and symmetrized lattice vertex operator algebras*,
Transactions of the American Mathematical Society **376** (2023), S. 3663 – 3693.
- (21) (with Miranda C. N. Cheng und John F. R. Duncan) *Class numbers, Cyclic Simple Groups and Arithmetic*,
to appear in *Journal of the London Mathematical Society*
- (22) (with Claudia Alfes-Neumann) *On Kleinian mock modular forms*,
accepted for publication in *Research in the Mathematical Sciences*.

Books and book chapters.

- (1) *Elementare Zahlentheorie*, Logos Verlag Berlin, ISBN 978-3-8325-4886-5, 2019.
- (2) *The Ramanujan Handbook*, entries on *Rankin-Cohen brackets*, *Monstrous Moonshine*, *Umbral Moonshine*, and *Pariah Moonshine* (solicited by the editors), to appear.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2009 – 2012	Various positions as student assistant (Tutor), mainly at Lehrstuhl D für Mathematik, RWTH Aachen University
Summer 2014	Co-organizer (with Kathrin Bringmann, of student seminar “Asymptotische Entwicklungen von Modulformen”, Universität zu Köln

Winter 2014/15	Instructor for Preliminary course in Mathematics, Universität zu Köln Teaching assistant for lecture “Elliptic Functions and related topics” for Larry Rolen, Universität zu Köln
Spring 2015	Instructor for Math 212: Differential Equations, Emory University
Summer 2015	Instructor for 2015 REU at Emory University
Fall 2015	Instructor for Math 212: Differential Equations, Emory University
Spring 2016	Instructor for Math 221: Linear Algebra, Emory University Instructor for Math 212: Differential Equations, Emory University
Summer 2016	Instructor for 2016 REU at Emory University
Summer 2017	Instructor for Elementary Number Theory, Universität zu Köln
Winter 2018/19	Instructor for Analytic Number Theory, Universität zu Köln
Spring 2021	Instructor for MATH 449: Galois Theory, University of Liverpool
Summer 2021	Instructor for seminar on Quadratic Forms, Universität zu Köln
Winter 2021/22	Instructor for Differential Equations, Universität zu Köln
Summer 2022	Instructor for Complex Analysis, Universität zu Köln
Winter 2022/23	Instructor for Mathematics for prospective teachers I, Universität zu Köln
Summer 2023	Instructor for Mathematics for prospective teachers II, Universität zu Köln
Winter 2023/24	Supporting teaching for courses “Diskrete Strukturen” (for Eva Zerz) and “Analysis für Informatik” (for Umberto Hryniewicz)

ADVISED STUDENTS

Bachelor theses.

Winter 2017/18	Thomas Pellny, <i>Spezielle Werte der Riemann’schen ζ-Funktion</i> (Special values of the Riemann ζ -function) Tina Steinbach, <i>Transzendenz</i> (Transcendence)
Summer 2018	Lukas Gebert, <i>Primzahltests und Faktorisierungsmethoden</i> (Primality tests and factorization methods) Nina Samek, <i>Dedekind’sche Summen</i> (Dedekind sums)
Winter 2018/19	Lara Flato, <i>Elliptische Kurven in der Kryptographie</i> (Elliptic curves in cryptography, working title) Christopher Franz, <i>Darstellungen natürlicher Zahlen durch Summen von Potenzen</i> (Representations of natural numbers by sums of powers) Daniel Bach, <i>Elementare Beweise des Dirichlet’schen Primzahlsatzes</i> (Elementary proofs of Dirichlet’s theorem on primes in arithmetic progressions)

Master theses.

Summer 2019	(with Kathrin Bringmann) Mohammed Sultana, <i>Fourier-Koeffizienten von Modulformen als Spuren von CM-Werten von schwachen harmonischen Maass-Formen und Partitionen</i> (Fourier coefficients of modular forms as traces of CM-values of harmonic weak Maass forms)
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Summer 2023 Hanyi Zhu, *Die Hauptmoduln in Monstrous Moonshine*

SELECTED TALKS

- 06 March, 2014 “Class Number Type Relations for Fourier Coefficients of Mock Modular Forms”,
Automorphic forms, Lie algebra, and String theory,
Université Lille 1.
- 11 January, 2015 “Holomorphic Projection and Mock Modular Forms”,
Joint Mathematics Meeting,
San Antonio, Texas.
- 05 March, 2015 “Special values of shifted convolution Dirichlet series”,
29th Automorphic Forms Workshop,
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- 05 March, 2016 “Automorphism Groups of Hyperbolic Lattices”,
AMS Spring Southeastern Sectional Meeting,
University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.
- 01 March, 2017 “Moonshine beyond the Monster”,
Number Theory Seminar,
University of Hong Kong.
- 06 September, 2017 “O’Nan Moonshine”,
Conference on Number Theory, Geometry, Moonshine, and
Strings,
Simons Foundation, New York.
- 21 December, 2017 “Modular forms of virtually real-arithmetic type”,
Trends in Modular Forms,
National Institute for Mathematical Sciences (NIMS), Dae-
jeon, Korea.
- 14 June, 2018 “Moonshine in weight $3/2$ ”,
Vertex operator algebras, number theory, and related topics
Conference in honor of Geoffrey Mason,
Sacramento State University, Sacramento, California.
- July 2018 Lecture series on modular forms,
Summer research institute on q -series
Nankai University, Tianjin, China.
- 26 September 2019 “Periodicities of Taylor coefficients for half-integral weight
modular forms”,
DMV-Tagung, Section “Algebra and Number Theory”,
KIT Karlsruhe.
- 03 February 2020 “Weierstrass mock modular forms and vertex operator alge-
bras”,
Algebra and Number Theory Seminar
University of California, Santa Cruz, Kalifornien.
- 04 May 2021 “Finite groups, Modular Forms, and Arithmetic”,
Theoretical Physics Colloquium
University of Liverpool, UK.
- 25 March 2022 “Explicit formulas for 1-point functions in certain VOAs”,
Number Theory Seminar
ETH Zurich
- 28 October 2022 “Weierstrass and Kleinian mock modular forms and related
constructions”,
ENTR Workshop (Invited Speaker)
TU Darmstadt

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Referee for the following journals
 - *Acta Arithmetica*
 - *Annals of Combinatorics*
 - *Archiv der Mathematik*
 - *Advances in Mathematics*
 - *Forum Mathematicum*
 - *International Journal of Mathematics and the Mathematical Sciences*
 - *International Journal of Number Theory*
 - *Journal of Number Theory*
 - *Mathematics*
 - *Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society*
 - *Research in the Mathematical Sciences*
 - *Research in Number Theory*
 - *The Ramanujan Journal*
 - *SIGMA*
- Co-organizer (with Kathrin Bringmann, Igor Burban, Peter Littelmann, Larry Rolin, and Bea Schumann) of the Spring School “Characters of Representations and Modular Forms”, Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik, Bonn, Germany, March 23–27, 2015.
- Co-organizer (with John Duncan) of the Algebra and Number Theory Seminar, Emory University, Fall 2015.
- Co-organizer (with Kathrin Bringmann) of the Oberseminar Zahlentheorie, Universität zu Köln, April 2017–March 2019.

LANGUAGES

- German (native)
- English (fluent in written and spoken)
- French (fluent in written, good in spoken)
- Dutch (advanced beginner)
- Spanish (basic knowledge)