

Galen Dorpalen-Barry

Curriculum Vitae

Academic Positions

- 8/2024 - Present **Assistant Professor**
Department of Mathematics, Texas A&M University
- 10/2023 - 6/2024 **Postdoctoral Scholar (RTG)**
Department of Mathematics, University of Oregon
Mentor: Nicholas Proudfoot
- 10/2021 - 9/2023 **Postdoctoral Researcher (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter)**
Faculty for Mathematics, Ruhr-University Bochum
Mentor: Christian Stump

Education

- 9/2018 - 7/2021 **PhD in Mathematics**, University of Minnesota
Thesis: Cones of Hyperplane Arrangements, Advisor: Victor Reiner
- 9/2015 - 9/2018 **Masters of Mathematics**, University of Minnesota
Thesis: Whitney Numbers for Poset Cones, Advisor: Victor Reiner
- 9/2011 - 5/2015 **Bachelor of Arts**, Bard College
Thesis: Rational Tilings of the Unit Square, supervised by John Cullinan

Research Interests

- Topology, geometry, and combinatorics of hyperplane arrangements
- Geometry and combinatorics of matroids and oriented matroids, especially their connections to convexity
- Nonnegativity of polynomials with connections to topology and discrete geometry

Publications and Preprints

1. Colin Crowley, Galen Dorpalen-Barry, André Henriques, and Nicholas Proudfoot. The geometry of zonotopal algebras i: cohomology of graphical configuration spaces (arxiv:2502.12768), 2025
2. Sarah Brauner, Galen Dorpalen-Barry, Selvi Kara, Caroline Klivans, and Lisa Schneider. A three-regime theorem for flow-firing (arxiv:2402.07737), 2023
3. Galen Dorpalen-Barry, Joshua Maglione, and Christian Stump. The Poincaré-extended **ab**-index. *J. Lond. Math. Soc. (2)*, 111(1):Paper No. e70054, 2025
4. Galen Dorpalen-Barry, Joshua Maglione, and Christian Stump. The Poincaré-extended **ab**-index (Extended Abstract). *Sém. Loth. de Combinat.*, (4), 2024

5. Galen Dorpalen-Barry and Christian Stump. Shi arrangements restricted to Weyl cones. *Annals of Combinatorics*, 2024
6. Galen Dorpalen-Barry, Nicholas Proudfoot, and Jidong Wang. Equivariant cohomology and conditional oriented matroids. *Int. Math. Res. Not. IMRN*, (11):9292–9322, 2024
7. Galen Dorpalen-Barry. The Varchenko-Gel’fand ring of a cone. *J. Algebra*, 617:500–521, 2023
8. The 2020 Polymath Jr. “q-binomials and the Grassmannian” group. Filtering cohomology of ordinary and Lagrangian Grassmannians. *Involve*, 15(2):271–288, 2022
9. Galen Dorpalen-Barry, Jang Soo Kim, and Victor Reiner. Whitney Numbers for Poset Cones. *Order*, 2021
10. Galen Dorpalen-Barry, Cyrus Hettle, David C. Livingston, Jeremy L. Martin, George D. Nasr, Julianne Vega, and Hays Whitlatch. A positivity phenomenon in Elser’s Gaussian-cluster percolation model. *J. Combin. Theory Ser. A*, 179:Paper No. 105364, 27, 2021
11. Ayomikun Adeniran, Steve Butler, Galen Dorpalen-Barry, Pamela E. Harris, Cyrus Hettle, Qingzhong Liang, Jeremy L. Martin, and Hanyang Nam. Enumerating Parking Completions using Join and Split. *Electron. J. Combin.*, 27(2):Paper No. 2.44, 19, 2020

Grants & Fellowships

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| 2023 - 2025 | AIM SQuaRE Collaboration Grant
Topic: “Positroid Polytopes” |
| 9/2021 - 12/2021 | ICERM Semester Fellowship through the Research Community in Algebraic Combinatorics |

Talks

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| 2/10/2025 | Computational Interactions between Algebra, Combinatorics, and Discrete Geometry (IPAM Workshop)
Title: “Yoshinaga’s Criterion & the Topology of a Complexified Complement of a Real Arrangement” |
| 10/25/2024 | UT Dallas Algebra and Combinatorics Seminar
Title: “The Poincare-extended ab-index” |
| 10/18/2024 | Texas A&M Algebra and Combinatorics Seminar
Title: “The Poincare-extended ab-index” |
| 4/10/2024 | Univeristy of Washington Combinatorics Seminar
Title: “The Poincare-extended ab-index” |
| 3/11/2024-3/15/2024 | Hot Topics (Artin Groups and Arrangements - Topology, Geometry, and Combinatorics)
Title: “The complexified complement of an arrangement–set pair” |

- 12/15/2023 MFO Workshop “Geometric, Algebraic, and Topological Combinatorics”
Title: “The Poincare-extended ab-index”
- 5/1/2023 Texas A&M Colloquium
Title: “Cones of Hyperplane Arrangements”
- 3/29/2023 89th Séminaire Lotharingien de Combinatoire
Title: “The Poincare-extended ab-index”
- 3/15/2023 Various Guises of Reflection Arrangements (Invited Participant)
Title: “The Poincare-extended ab-index”
- 3/2023 CATs Seminar (Kentucky)
Title: “The Poincare-extended ab-index”
- 11/10/2022 Special Combinatorics Seminar (at the MPI Leipzig)
Title: “Hyperplane Arrangements and Algebra”
- 10/25/2022 Oberseminar “Kombinatorik” (RUB)
Title: “Balanced Flag Poincaré Polynomials”
- 9/5/2022 - 9/9/2022 Geometry meets Combinatorics in Bielefeld (Invited Speaker)
Title: “Real Hyperplane Arrangements and the Varchenko-Gelfand Ring”
- 8/26/2022 Algebra and Combinatorics Seminar at Texas A&M
Title: “Real Hyperplane Arrangements and the Varchenko-Gelfand Ring”
- 8/19/2022 Algebraic Combinatorics Seminar at University of Texas at Dallas
Title: “Real Hyperplane Arrangements and the Varchenko-Gelfand Ring”
- 6/27/2022 - 7/1/2022 Arrangements in Ticino (Invited Speaker)
Title: “The Varchenko-Gel’fand Ring for Weyl Cones”
- 3/21/2022 Combinatorial Coworkspace (Invited Participant)
Title: “Narayana numbers from the geometry of Shi arrangements”
- 3/10/2022 ICERM Research Communities in Algebraic Combinatorics Seminar
Title: “The Varchenko-Gel’fand Ring of a Hyperplane Arrangement or a Cone”
- 2/28/2022 Berkeley Combinatorics Seminar
Title: “The Varchenko-Gel’fand Ring of a Hyperplane Arrangement or a Cone”
- 1/10/2022 Algebra and Combinatorics Seminar at Universität Osnabrück
Title: “The Varchenko-Gel’fand Ring of a Hyperplane Arrangement or a Cone”
- 12/2/2021 Brown Combinatorics Seminar
Title: “The Varchenko-Gel’fand Ring of a Hyperplane Arrangement or a Cone”

- 11/18/2021 Discrete Geometry and Topological Combinatorics Seminar at FU Berlin
Title: “The Varchenko-Gel’fand Ring of a Hyperplane Arrangement or a Cone”
- 11/8/2021, 11/15/2021 Oberseminar “Arrangements and Symmetries” (RUB)
Title: “Cones of Hyperplane Arrangements (Two-Part Series)”
- 9/5/2021 - 9/8/2021 86th Séminaire Lotharingien de Combinatoire
Title: “The Varchenko-Gel’fand Ring of a Hyperplane Arrangement or a Cone”

Seminars & Conferences Organized

- 10/2024 SIAM TX-LA Minisymposium: “Hyperplane Arrangements and Polytopes” (with Christin Bibby)
- 7/2024 FPSAC 2024 (Organizing Committee, member)
- 1/2024 - 3/2024 Reading Seminar on Positive Geometries (with Colin Crowley)
- 10/2023 - 12/2023 University of Oregon Combinatorics Quasi-Seminar (with Colin Crowley)
- 10/2022 - 7/2023 Oberseminar “Kombinatorik” at RUB (with Christian Stump)
- 10/2021 - 7/2022 Oberseminar “Arrangements and Symmetries” at RUB (with Georges Neaime, Gerhard Röhrle, and Christian Stump)
- 10/2021 - 7/2022 Bochum-Frankfurt Joint Oberseminar “Kombinatorik” (with Raman Sanyal, Christian Stump)
- 4/2021 Graduate Student Combinatorics Conference
(organized with Esther Banaian, Sarah Brauner, Elizabeth Kelley, Eric Nathan Stucky, Lilly Webster)
(This conference recieved an NSA grant for \$ 25,000, but the conference was moved online due to COVID-19, and the grant was returned.)
- 4/2020 - 5/2021 Graduate Online Combinatorics Colloquium (organized with Alex McDonough and Andrés Vindas-Meléndez)
- 9/2017 - 6/2018 Student Combinatorics Seminar at Minnesota with Elizabeth Kelley, University of Minnesota

Outreach

- 6/2020 - 8/2020 Polymath Jr. Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU)
Assistant Mentor for the project: “Filtering cohomology of ordinary and Lagrangian Grassmannians,” proposed by Victor Reiner
- 1/2020 Mathematics Project at Minnesota (MPM), Mentor
- 1/2020 - 5/2020 Directed Reading Program, Project Mentor
Topic: “Cyclotomic Polynomials”

- 9/2019 - 5/2019 Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE), Mentor
- 5/2017 - 8/2017 University of Minnesota Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU)
Teaching assistant for two projects: “Supports of skew Schur functions” and
“Correlations among patterns,” both proposed by Pavlo Pylyavskyy.

Reviews

Advances in Applied Mathematics, Algebraic Combinatorics, Communications in Algebra, Combinatorial Theory, Discrete and Computational Geometry, European Journal of Combinatorics, MathSciNet, Minnesota Journal of Undergraduate Mathematics

Teaching

- 8/2024 - 12/2024 Math 323: Linear Algebra
- 4/2024 - 6/2024 Math 232: Discrete Math 2 (University of Oregon)
- 1/2024 - 3/2024 Math 231: Discrete Math 1 (University of Oregon)
- 10/2023 - 12/2023 Calculus II (University of Oregon)
- 4/2023 - 8/2023 Student Seminar “Polytope und Simplicialkomplexe” (= Polytopes and Simplicial Complexes) with Elena Hoster and Christian Stump (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)
- 10/2022 - 2/2023 Introduction to Combinatorics (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)
- 9/2020 - 12/2020 Math 2263: Multivariable Calculus (University of Minnesota)
- 5/2019 - 12/2019 Math 1031: College Algebra and Probability (University of Minnesota)