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## Education:

- 2007-2013    Ph.D. in Mathematics, University of California, Berkeley.  
*Advisor:* Constantin Teleman  
*Thesis:* “Geometric invariant theory and derived categories of coherent sheaves”
- 2003-2007    A.B. in Mathematics, Princeton University.  
*Undergraduate Thesis:* “On the algebraic structure of dynamical systems”

## Research experience:

- 2017-        Assistant Professor, Cornell University
- 2018 Spring    Post Doctoral Fellow, Mathematical Sciences Research Institute
- 2016-2017    Ritt Assistant Professor, Columbia University.
- 2013-2016    NSF Postdoctoral Fellow, Columbia University.
- 2014-2015    Member and NSF Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study.
- 2010 Fall     Visiting graduate student, Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Bonn
- 2008-2009    Visiting researcher, Stanford University (Applied Physics).

## Awards and grants:

- 2020-        NSF CAREER grant
- 2019-        Simons Foundation Collaboration Grant
- 2017-        Visiting Fellowship at the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics
- 2016-        NSF personal grant in Algebra & Number Theory
- 2013-2016    NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (MSPRF).
- 2013        Kenneth Ribet and Lisa A. Goldberg Award in Algebra (thesis prize in algebra).

## Research interests:

Moduli problems, derived algebraic geometry, derived categories of coherent sheaves, geometric invariant theory, geometric representation theory

## Publications:

1. Halpern-Leistner, Daniel, and Steven V. Sam. "Combinatorial constructions of derived

- equivalences." (submitted) *arXiv preprint* [arXiv:1601.02030](https://arxiv.org/abs/1601.02030) (2016).
2. Halpern-Leistner, Daniel, and Daniel Pomerleano. "Equivariant Hodge theory and noncommutative geometry." (submitted) *arXiv preprint* [arXiv:1507.01924](https://arxiv.org/abs/1507.01924) (2015).
  3. Bhatt, Bhargav, and Daniel Halpern-Leistner. "Tannaka duality revisited." *Advances in Mathematics* (to appear). [arXiv:1507.01925](https://arxiv.org/abs/1507.01925) (2015)
  4. Halpern-Leistner, Daniel, and Ian Shipman. "Autoequivalences of derived categories via geometric invariant theory." *Advances in Mathematics* (to appear). [arXiv:1303.5531](https://arxiv.org/abs/1303.5531) (2013)
  5. Halpern-Leistner, Daniel. "The derived category of a GIT quotient." *Journal of the American Mathematical Society* 28, no. 3 (2015): 871-912.

### Preprints:

6. Jarod Alper, Harold Blum, Daniel Halpern-Leistner, Chenyang Xu, "Reductivity of the automorphism group of K-polystable Fano varieties." *arXiv preprint* [arXiv:1906.03122](https://arxiv.org/abs/1906.03122) (2019)
7. Alper, Jarod and Daniel Halpern-Leistner and Jochen Heinloth, "Cartan-Iwahori-Matsumoto decompositions for reductive groups." *arXiv preprint* [arXiv: 1903.00128](https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.00128) (2019)
8. Alper, Jarod and Daniel Halpern-Leistner and Jochen Heinloth, "Existence of good moduli spaces for algebraic stacks." *arXiv preprint* [arXiv:1812.01128](https://arxiv.org/abs/1812.01128) (2019).
9. Halpern-Leistner, Daniel. "The equivariant Verlinde formula on the moduli of Higgs bundles." With an appendix by Constantin Teleman. *arXiv preprint* [arXiv:1608.01754](https://arxiv.org/abs/1608.01754) (2016).
10. Halpern-Leistner, Daniel. "Remarks on Theta-stratifications and derived categories." *arXiv preprint* [arXiv:1502.03083](https://arxiv.org/abs/1502.03083) (2015).
11. Halpern-Leistner, Daniel. "On the structure of instability in moduli theory." *arXiv preprint* [arXiv:1411.0627](https://arxiv.org/abs/1411.0627) (2014).
12. Halpern-Leistner, Daniel, and Anatoly Preygel. "Mapping stacks and categorical notions of properness." *arXiv preprint* [arXiv:1402.3204](https://arxiv.org/abs/1402.3204) (2014).
13. Halpern-Leistner, Daniel. "Lefschetz Hyperplane Theorem for Stacks." *arXiv preprint* [arXiv:1008.0891](https://arxiv.org/abs/1008.0891) (2010).

### In preparation:

"Yangian actions on derived categories of coherent sheaves", with Daves Maulik and Andrei Okounkov

We construct "stable envelope functors" in equivariant derived categories of coherent sheaves and categorify the results of Maulik & Okounkov's paper "Quantum groups and quantum cohomology" ([arXiv:1211.1287](https://arxiv.org/abs/1211.1287))

"Theta-stratifications and derived categories"

An extension of "Remarks on Theta-stratifications and derived categories" which will prove that any two birational moduli spaces of Gieseker semistable coherent sheaves on a K3 surface (with primitive Mukai vector and with respect to a generic polarization) have equivalent derived categories of coherent sheaves.

### Teaching:

- Cornell University:
  - Spring 2020 - Topics in algebraic geometry (Math 7670)
  - Fall 2019 - Multivariable calculus (Math 1920)
  - Fall 2018 - Linear algebra (Math 2210)
  - Graduate students mentored: Dylan Peifer, Kimoi Kemboi
  - Post doctoral fellows mentored: Harrison Chen
- Columbia University:
  - Spring 2017 - Analysis and optimization
  - Fall 2016 - “Taming moduli problems in algebraic geometry” (graduate topics course in algebraic geometry) - Designed a course which covers geometric representation theory from the point of view of algebraic stacks, and discusses the moduli of G-bundles on a curve in some depth.
  - Summer 2016 - Co-organized the Columbia Research Experience for Undergraduates program on the “properties of random varieties over finite fields.”
  - Spring 2016 - Calculus III (Multivariable calculus)
- UC Berkeley:
  - Served as the primary instructor for two courses
    - Spring 2013 - Math 191 (undergraduate topics course) - Designed an upper level undergraduate course on the complex and differential geometry of Riemann surfaces
    - Summer 2009 - Math 1B (second semester calculus)
  - 2007-2013 - served 5 semesters as a Graduate Student Instructor for calculus, multivariable calculus, and linear algebra.

### Invited mini-courses and other honors:

ICTS discussion meeting on moduli of bundles and related structures (February 2020)

Beyond geometric invariant theory

University of Bonn (Winter 2019)

Daniel Huybrechts organized a semester-long seminar on my “beyond geometric invariant theory” program.

<http://www.math.uni-bonn.de/~georgo/note/BGIT.pdf>

Freie Universitaet Berlin (New techniques in GIT conference, September 2015)

Beyond geometric invariant theory

[http://userpage.fu-berlin.de/hoskins/workshop\\_GIT.html](http://userpage.fu-berlin.de/hoskins/workshop_GIT.html)

University of Toronto (March 2013)

*Master class on geometric invariant theory and derived categories of coherent sheaves,*

<http://www.math.toronto.edu/ryan/MasterClassSpring13/>

### Invited lectures:

2020

ICTS, Bangalore India (February)

Beyond geometric invariant theory

Yale University (January)

*Harder-Narasimhan theory for gauged maps*

2019

Workshop on 3D mirror symmetry and the AGT conjecture, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou China (October)

*Infinite dimensional GIT and gauged Gromov-Witten theory*

Quantum Structures in Algebra and Geometry, Northeastern University (August)

*Infinite dimensional GIT and gauged Gromov-Witten theory*

Vector Bundles over Algebraic Curves, at the Center for Quantum Geometry of Moduli Spaces, Aarhus University (June)

*Harder-Narasimhan theory for gauged maps*

MIT (May)

*Stable envelopes*

University of Michigan (April)

*Stable envelopes*

University of Bonn (January)

*Beyond geometric invariant theory (2 lectures)*

2018

University of Edinburgh (May)

*Beyond geometric invariant theory*

Stanford University (April)

*Wall crossing formulas in Donaldson theory*

UC Davis (March)

*Beyond geometric invariant theory*

MSRI member seminar (February)

*Beyond geometric invariant theory*

2017

Route 81 conference (October)

*Filtrations in moduli problems*

Algebraic Geometry Northeastern Series, Northeastern (October)

*Beyond geometric invariant theory*

Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics (October)

*Beyond geometric invariant theory*

Vector Bundles over Algebraic Curves, Essen (September)

*Beyond geometric invariant theory*

Helvetic Algebraic Geometry Workshop (June)

*Beyond geometric invariant theory, 2 lectures*

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (May)

*Equivariant geometry and Calabi Yau manifolds*

Western Algebraic Geometry Symposium, UBC (April)

*Equivariant geometry and Calabi Yau manifolds*

Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton (March)

*Equivariant geometry and Calabi Yau manifolds*

University of Oregon (March)

*Equivariant geometry and Calabi Yau manifolds*  
 Cornell University (February)  
*Equivariant geometry and Calabi Yau manifolds*  
 University of Waterloo (February)  
*Equivariant geometry and Calabi Yau manifolds*  
 University of Toronto (January)  
*Equivariant geometry and Calabi Yau manifolds*  
 Northwestern University (January)  
*Equivariant geometry and Calabi Yau manifolds*  
 University of California, Berkeley (January)  
*Equivariant geometry and Calabi Yau manifolds*  
*Non-abelian localization and the Verlinde formula*  
 Duke University (January)  
*Equivariant geometry and Calabi Yau manifolds*  
 Yale (November)  
*Equivariant geometry and Calabi Yau manifolds*

2016

UC San Diego (December)  
*Equivariant geometry and Calabi Yau manifolds*  
 Yale (November)  
*Equivariant geometry and Calabi Yau manifolds*  
 Northwestern University (October)  
*(Lecture 1) Equivariant hodge theory and noncommutative geometry*  
*(Lecture 2) Equivariant Morse theory in algebraic geometry*  
 University of California, Los Angeles (October)  
*(Lecture 1, colloquium) Equivariant Morse theory in algebraic geometry*  
*(Lecture 2, algebra seminar) The equivariant verlinde formula on the moduli of Higgs bundles*  
 University of Virginia (algebra seminar, September)  
*Magic windows and representations of generalized braid groups on the derived category of a GIT quotient*  
 Simons Center (conference, September)  
*Derived equivalences between moduli spaces of coherent sheaves on a K3 surface*  
 ICTP Trieste (conference, August)  
*Magic windows and representations of generalized braid groups on the derived category of a GIT quotient*  
 Banff International Research Station (Homological mirror geometry conference, March)  
*Magic windows and representations of generalized braid groups on the derived category of a GIT quotient*

2015

University of Oxford (seminar, December)  
*(Lecture 1) The structure of instability in moduli theory*  
*(Lecture 2) Applications of Theta-stratifications*  
 UNC Chapel Hill (workshop on new developments in moduli and geometric invariant theory, November)

*Applications of Theta-stratifications*

Northeastern University (algebraic geometry seminar, November)

*Tannaka duality and the unreasonable effectiveness of linear algebra.*

Cornell University (topology seminar, October)

*Equivariant topology and non-commutative geometry*

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (algebraic geometry seminar, September)

*Equivariant Hodge theory*

AMS Summer institute in algebraic geometry (conference, July)

*Theta-reductive moduli problems, stratifications, and applications*

University of Warwick (workshop on derived categories and birational geometry, June)

*Equivariant Hodge theory*

University of Edinburgh (EDGE seminar, May)

*Equivariant Hodge theory*

Rutgers-Newark (colloquium, April)

*Beyond geometric invariant theory*

Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach (algebraic geometry conference, March)

*Theta-reductive moduli problems, stratifications, and applications*

Stony Brook University (algebraic geometry seminar, March)

*Reductive moduli problems, stratifications, and applications*

Harvard University (gauge theory, topology, and symplectic geometry seminar, Feb)

*Morse-like stratifications of moduli problems in algebraic geometry*

Rutgers University (geometry, symmetry, and physics seminar, Feb)

*Equivariant noncommutative Hodge theory*

University of Chicago (algebraic geometry seminar, Feb)

*Reductive moduli problems, stratifications, and applications*

UIUC (algebraic geometry seminar, Feb)

*Reductive moduli problems, stratifications, and applications*

2014

Rice University (algebraic geometry seminar, Nov)

*Instability in moduli theory*

Cal Tech (algebraic geometry seminar, Oct)

*The structure of instability in moduli theory*

KIAS (ICM satellite conference: Geometry and Physics of Gauged Linear Sigma Model, July)

*The structure of instability in moduli theory*

University of Pennsylvania (Math-physics joint seminar, April)

*Instability in Moduli Theory*

UBC (PIMS geometry and physics seminar, Feb)

*Instability in algebraic geometry*

UIUC (algebraic geometry seminar, Feb)

*Mapping stacks and the notion of properness in algebraic geometry*

2013

Rutgers University (geometry, symmetry, and physics seminar, Oct)

*Instability in algebraic geometry*

Columbia University (algebraic geometry seminar, Oct)

*Instability in algebraic geometry*

University of Michigan (conference, Geometry and Physics of Gauged Linear Sigma Model, March)  
*Stratifications of algebraic stacks and derived categories*

2012

Institute for the Physics and Mathematics of the Universe (conference, Homological Projective Duality and Quantum Gauge Theory, march)

*Fractional grade restriction rules and autoequivalences of derived categories*

UC Berkeley (workshop, Tensors and their Geometry in High Dimensions, Sept)

*Geometric invariant theory and derived categories*

University of Vienna (workshop, Birational Geometry and Derived Categories, Aug)

*Derived Kirwan surjectivity and autoequivalences of derived categories*

University of Warwick (conference, School on Algebraic Geometry and Theoretical Physics, July)

*Localization and the derived category of a GIT quotient*

Institute for the Physics and Mathematics of the Universe (DMM seminar, June)

*The derived category of a GIT quotient*

UC Berkeley (RTGC seminar, March)

*The derived category of a GIT quotient*

2011

University of Georgia (Southeastern Section Meeting of the AMS)

*The Lefschetz Hyperplane Theorem for stacks.*

**Service and other activities:**

- Member for the A-exams at Cornell: David Mehrle, Hannah Keese, Brandon Shapiro, Andres Fernandez Herrero, Elise McMahon
- Co-organized the Lie groups and algebraic geometry seminar, Cornell 2017-2019
- Served on Putnam committee, placement exam committee, and graduate admissions committee, Cornell 2017-2019
- Served as departmental representative (official faculty contact and organizer) for Columbia Summer Session in Mathematics, Summer 2016.
- Experimented with news ways of communicating mathematical ideas: created HTML/Java code to produce interactive concept maps which can be used to illustrate the key concepts, theorems, and papers in a subject and how they are related
- Served as a mentor for younger graduate students in the geometry group through the Math Graduate Student Association at UC Berkeley, 2010-2013
- Organized graduate seminars at UC Berkeley: Moduli spaces in algebraic geometry (Spring 2013), Gromov-Witten Theory (Spring 2010), Weekly student Lunch Seminar (2010-2013)