STELLA THISTLETHWAITE

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EDUCATION	Ph.D. awarded: Advisor: Dissertation:	University of Massachusetts at Amherst Feb 1 1996 Hans Fischer Unitary Representations of Gauge Groups
	M.S.	University of Massachusetts at Amherst, May 1991
	M.S. awarded: Advisor: M.S. Thesis:	National University of Colombia August 1988 Jairo Charris Duality on Spaces of Analytic Functions
	B.S.	National University of Colombia, Bogotá, August, 1984 All degrees are in Pure Mathematics.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring 2024 – Current Teaching Assistant Professor

Department of Mathematics, University of Tennessee Spring and Summer 2024:

Taught Calculus III and Calculus I in the Fall 2024

Related Activities

Helped to welcome candidates for the "Geometric Analysis Search" by spending several hours attending and, or, discussing research with 1-Liam Mazurowski, from Lehigh University, on "Minimal Surfaces, Yao's Conjectures and Beyond" on Dec 05 2024, Alexander Mramor, from the University of Copenhagen, on "Mean Curvature Flow, Singularities and Minimal Surfaces" on Dec 06 2004 and with Zilu Ma, from Rutgers Univesity, on "Sigularities of Ricci Flow and others" Dec 12, 2024.

Attended Cannon McIntosh's Oral Specialty Lecture "Thin subgroups of G_2 " on Dec 2, 2024.

Spent several hours attending and discussing research with candidates for the "Geometric Deep Learning" position: Theodore Papamarkou (University of Manchester) on "Aspects of geometric and Bayesian Deep learning" on Jan 10 2024, and with Duc Nguyen (University of Kentucky) during his lecture on "Geometric Deep Learning for Drug Design" Jan 12, 2024. Spent several hours attending and discussing research with candidates for the PIML Cluster position: Cunmei Wang (University of Florida) on "The Finite Expression Model for Scientific Machine Learning" on Jan 29 2024, and with Traian Iliescu (Virginia Tech) on "Reduced Order Models and Regularized ROMS and their applications to NSE type problems" Feb 2, 2024.

Had the opportunity to spend several hours attending the important lecture by Ken Ono (University of Virginia) on "Variants of the Lehmer's conjecture" and had the time to ask about the implications and importance of this conjecture in the advancement of the "Algebraic Langlands Program" on April 18 and 19 2024.

Attended and took active part in the "WebAssign Coding Lunch" organized by Jennifer MacCown (Cengage) and given by our own Jack Ryan on Nov 12 2024.

Attended and took active part in the "Alternative Learning" talk presented by Mark Bly, on Nov 12 2024.

Fall 2010 – Fall 2023 Lecturer

Department of Mathematics, University of Tennessee:

Taught Differential Equations, Linear Algebra, Regular Calculus, Honors Calculus, directed the Undergraduate Junior Honors Colloquium in the Fall 2013.

Related Activities

Helped to promote the Department's research activities by inviting Departmental Colloquium speakers: Sarah Koch (Harvard. University of Michigan), Jan 2015, Daniel Fiorilli (IAS Princeton, University of Ottawa), April 12, 13 2012, Dror Bar Natan (University of Toronto), March 2 and 4, 2011.

Helped to promote the Department's research activities by participating in meetings: 44th Barrett Lectures on Complex Analysis in Probabilistic Settings, The 2014 Yale U. Ahlfors-Bers Lectures, The Vanderbilt NCGOA Spring Institute 2014. The Paris VI "Curve", at Institut de Mathématiques de Jussieu, June 2015, The Cornell Topology Festival and Bill Menasco's 60th Birthday, at N.Y Univ, Buffalo The Daryl Cooper 60th Birthday, Berkeley, 2015, The 48th Barrett Lectures on Curvature Flow, 2018 The 49th Barrett Lectures on recent developments in Number Theory, 2019

I also helped to promote, or took part, in the Colloquium and Seminar lectures given by researchers Vyron Vellis (UTK), Jan 14 2019, Liming

Sun (Johns Hopkins University), Jan 9 2019, X.H. Hien (Iowa State University), Nov 2019, Julian Scheuer (Freiburg University). Oct 2019, Alex Mramor (Johns Hopkins University), Oct 2019, Mathew Langford (UTK), Sept 26 2019 and, Oct 3 2019, Li Chen (University of Connecticut), Oct 3, 2019, Brett Kotschwar (Arizona State University), Nov 2019, Giusseppe Tinaglia (Kings College London), Nov 2018, Conrad Plaut (UTK), Nov 2019, Richard Schoen (UC Irvine), Nov 2018, Mathew Langford (UTK), Oct 23 and 30 2018, Rafael Montezuma (Princeton, IMPA), Oct 2018, Ioakeim Ampatzoglou (Courant Institute), Oct 2018, Marco Mendez, (IMPA, University of Chicago), Oct 2018, Theodora Bourni (UTK), October 2 and 9 2018, Julien Paupert (Arizona State University), Sept 26 and 28 2018, Theodora Bourni (UTK), Sept 25 2018, Mathew Langford (UTK), Sept 20 2018, Ryan Unger (UTK, Princeton University), Sept 9 2018, Minicozzi (MIT), Sept 11 2018, Vivian Healey (University of Chicago), Sept 7 2018, Mariana Smit Vega Garcia (Western Washington University), Sept 2018, Giuseppe Tinaglia (Kings College London), Sept 4,19, and 26 2018, Patrick Shipman (Colorado State University), April 2018, Henri Petrus Roesch (Columbia University), April 2018. Martin Ithurralde Rairis (University of Uruguay), March 23 and 27 2018, Mathew Langford (UTK), March 27 2018, Ryan Unger (UTK, Princeton University), March 20 2018, Bill Meeks, UMASS, Feb 2018, Lan-Hsuan-Huang, UConn, Jan 2018, Elise Weir (UTK, UC Santa Barbara), Dec 2017, Alex Mramor (UC Irvine), Nov 30 2017.

Spring 2010	Visiting Professor
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Department of Mathematics, University of Tennessee

1997 – 2010 Associate Professor with Tenure

Mathematics Department, National University of Colombia Taught Measure Theory, Differential Geometry, Riemannian Geometry, Mathematical Analysis, Theory of critical points (Morse Theory), Topology, and Homological Algebra to advanced mathematics majors and graduate students at the Master's and Ph.D levels.

1996 – 1997 Assistant Professor

Mathematics Department, University of Antioquia Taught Topology, Calculus on Manifolds, Measure Theory and an Introduction to Differential Geometry to advanced mathematics majors.

1995 – 1996 Instructor Mathematic

Mathematics Department, Southwestern Oklahoma State University Taught Geometry to majors in mathematics education, and College Trigonometry to students in intermediate level mathematics.

1989 – 1994 Teaching Assistant

Mathematics Department, University of Massachusetts at Amherst Taught courses in Linear Algebra, Calculus and Precalculus.

1987 – 1988 **Research Assistant on a BID Fellowship** The Interamerican Development Bank, BID via Alonso Takahashi and The

	Mathematics Department, National University of Colombia, Bogotá promoted my Master's level mathematical research.
1986 - 1987	Instructor Mathematics Department, National University of Colombia, Bogotá Taught Multivariable Calculus courses.
1984 - 1985	Instructor Mathematics Department, INNCA University, Bogotá Taught courses in Set Theory and Differential Equations.

RESEARCH GRANTS

2007 – 2009	Khovanov homology and 3&4–Manifolds US\$29,000 (COL\$58,000,000) Colciencias-National University of Colom- bia research grant,Colciencias code number PRE00405002032, National University code number 2010100-1162. To promote the graduation of my first PhD student Hernando Burgos Soto, and to support the continua- tion of the research activities of the Colciencias group: "Representation Theory at the National University of Colombia".
2008 – 2009	Open-Closed Topological Quantum Field Theories, OC-TQFT US\$ 15,000 (COL\$30,000,000) National University of Colombia HERMES research grant, code number 1101-05-11445. The participating student visited the University of George Washington in Washington D.C, to present her Master's thesis results on the research subject.
2007 – 2008	Representation Theory US\$ 15,000 (COL\$30,000,000) National and University of Colombia HERMES research project, code number 2010100-9143. To finance the ac- tivities of the Colciencias group: "Representation Theory at the National University of Colombia" from August 2007 to August 2008.
2006 – 2006	Foundations of QM, gauge theory and symmetry US\$30,000 (COL\$50,000,000 MEX\$50,000) Institute for Nuclear Physics, ICN, research project, with Miguel Socolovsky, National Autonomous University of Mexico, UNAM Mexico City. To study the geometrization of quantum field theories, from the point of view of High Energy Physics. Invited and supported partially, by grant CONACYT code number PA- PIIT IN 103505. Coincides with my sabbatical year 2006.
2002 – 2005	Combinatoria y cohomología de nudos US\$13,250(COL\$26,500,000) Colciencias-National University of Colombia research grand, code number 1101-05-11445. In this project the two par- ticipating Master level students visited the University of California at Davis, to discuss their theses results with Mikhail Khovanov. This project was finished in June 2005.
1999 - 2004	Efecto Unruh sobre variedades curvas US\$5,000 (COL\$10,000,000) National Division for Research, DINAIN, 2000.

The participating student visited Professor Robert Wald at the University of Chicago, for the fall-spring academic year 2002. This project was finished on March 31 2004.

1999 - 2002Representaciones adjuntas y categoríasUS\$8,000 (\$16,000,000)Colciencias-National University of Colombia,
code number 1101-05-10065. This project was finished on April 30 2002.

PhD THESIS DIRECTED

2005 – 2009The Jones polynomial and the Planar Algebra of Alternating
Links
by Hernando Burgos Soto, National University of Colombia, evaluators
Dror Bar Natan and Morwen Thistlethwaite. Bogotá, February 18 2009.

MASTER'S THESES DIRECTED

2007 – 2009	Finite Group Deformations by Manuel Medina, National University of Colombia, Bogotá to be presented in December 2009. Directed along with César Neyit Galindo.
2006 – 2009	Einstein metrics and 4-manifolds by Alexander Rincon, National University of Colombia, November 2009, Bogotá.
2007 – 2009	Extended (1+1)-OC-TQFT by Lara Suarez Lopez, National University of Colombia, Bogotá, March 17, 2009. Lara started her PhD program at the University of Montreal in September 2009, with full scholarship, and due to my strong encouragement.
2005 – 2007	Khovanov type Homologies and Frobenius Algebras of Higher Rank by Jorge Enrrique Monsegny, National University of Colombia Bogotá, September 23 2007. Jorge is an important researcher (due to my introducing him to my collaborators) at the Petroleum Institute of Colombia, since August 2006.
2005 – 2007	 Study of Control Theory from the point of view of Differential Geometry and Differential Algebra by John Alexander Cortes, National University of Colombia Bogotá, March 19 2007. Due to my encouragement and letters of recommendation Alexander was admitted to the PhD program in Control Theory at Cinvestav Mexico, starting in September 2007, and supported by an OEA (Organization of American States) fellowship.
2002 – 2003	 Group of motions of a Hilbert space and unitary representations of gauge groups by Clara Lucia Aldana Dominguez, Andes University, Bogotá, September 4 2003. Clara was admitted to the PhD program in mathematics at the University of Bonn, Germany. She obtained her PhD

	degree in August 2009. Currently, Clara is an Assistant Professor at the Andes University, in Bogotá, Colombia
2002 – 2003	Estudio de la cohomología de Khovanov como invariante topológico de nudos by Carlos Wilson Rodríguez Cárdenas, National University of Colombia, August 4 2003. Currently, Carlos Wilson is an Assistant Professor at the Industrial University in Santander, UIS, Bucaramanga, Colombia.
2002 – 2003	Estudio de la p-torsión en los grupos de cohomologa de Kho- vanov, by Jairo Alonso Ayala Molina, Nacional University of Colombia, February 4, 2003. Currently, Jairo is an Assistant professor at the Na- tional University of Colombia at Manizales, Caldas, Colombia.
UNDERGRADUAT	TE RESEARCH PROJECTS DIRECTED
2008 – 2009	Clifford Algebras and Spin structures By Daniel Maya, National University of Colombia, June 16, 2009. Currently, Daniel is a Master's student at the National University of Colombia, Bogotá
2008 - 2009	Seiberg-Witten Floer Homologies By, Oscar Parra, National University of Colombia, June 11, 2009. Currently, Oscar is Master's student at the National Uni- versity of Colombia, Bogotá.
2008 – 2008	On how Jones obtained his polynomial By Edwin Pacheco, National University of Colombia, December 9 2008. Due to this work, Edwin was awarded a full PhD Research Fellowship at the University of Córdoba in Córdoba, Argentina. He will start his PhD in January 2010.
2007 – 2008	Promeasures and their corresponding spaces of functions By Pablo Diaz, National University of Colombia, July 29, 2008. Currently Pablo is a Master's student at the National University of Colombia, Bogotá.
2004 - 2005	Study of some 4-Manifold Invariants By Alexander Caviedes Castro, National University of Colombia, May 2005. Currently, Alexander is a PhD candidate at the University of Toronto, Canada.
2004 - 2005	Orbifolds and the symmetry breaking of the dynamic gauge on $\mathbf{T}^2/\mathbf{Z}^2$ By Francisco Meneses, National University of Colombia, March 2005.
2004 - 2005	Knot Theory and the Quantum Group $U_q sl_2(C)$ By César Neyit Galindo, National University of Colombia, Due to this work César was awarded a complete PhD Research Fellowship

at the University in Córdoba, Argentina, in December 2004. He started his PhD in April 2005 and he finished in August 2009. César is currently an Assistant Professor at Universidad Javeriana in Bogotá, Colombia. This thesis was presented on March 18 2005.

2004 – 2005 Introduction to topological invariants of group type and characteristic classes By Weimar Muñoz Villate, National University of Colombia, February 18 2005.

1999 – 2000 El estudio del espacio de Fock asociado a un oscilador ármonico cuántico y su generalización a un número finito de osciladores By Clara Lucia Aldana, National University of Colombia, August 11th 2000.

PUBLICATIONS 1. R. Huerfano, A. Lopez, M. Sokolovsky *Geometry of the Aharonov-Bohm effect* International Journal of Theoretical Physics Vol 46, Issue 11, 2961-2966, arXiv:math-ph/0701050v2(2007).

- 2. R. Huerfano, S. Sahu, M. Sokolovsky *Quantum Mechanics and the Weak Equivalence Principle*, journal reference to follow, can be viewed at http://arxiv.org/abs/quant-ph/060617 (2006).
- 3. R. Huerfano, H. Burgos *Khovanov Type Homologies and Frobenius Extensions* Lecturas Matemáticas, Vol.27, 57-83(2006).
- R. Huerfano, M. Khovanov A Category for the second level Representations of sl₂. Journal of Knot Theory and its Ramifications, Vol 15, Nro 6, 695-713, August 2006.
- 5. R. Huerfano, H. Burgos *Khovanov Type Homologies and Frobenius Extensions* Lecturas Matemáticas, Vol.27, 57-83(2006).
- 6. R. Huerfano, M. Khovanov A Category for the Adjoint Representation Journal of Algebra 246, 514-542 (2001).
- 7. R. Huerfano *Class Notes on Differential Geometry*, presented to the 4th National Congress of Mathematics Students, Medellin, Sept. 29th to Oct 3th 1997.
- 8. R Huerfano, C. Cartagena *El polinomio de Jones: Ventajas y desventajas* Vialtopo, Univ. Pedagógica, June 1997, Bogotá.
- 9. R Huerfano, C. Cartagena *Geometrización de 3-variedades y Física*, Vialtopo, Univ. Pedagógiva, June 1997, Bogotá.
- 10. R. Huerfano, *Unitary Representations of gauge groups*, ERM, Escuela Regional de Matemáticas. EAFIT, Medellin, Dec 3-6th, 1996.
- 11. R. Huerfano, Duality on Some Spaces of Analytic Functions of Exponential Type, Revista Colombiana de Matematicas, Vol XXII pages 129-149, Bogotá, 1988

AWARDS National University of Colombia & Interamerican Bank of Development Fellowship, similar to a NSF research award, highly competitive, only four were granted in 1985-1987.

INVITED TALKS / MEETINGS 1. Invited to deliver two lectures at *Dror Bar Natan's Graduate Seminar* at the University of Toronto, Canada, November 17 and 19, 2009.

- 2. Invited to take part of the Workshop on Computational Differential Geometry, Topology and Dynamics. At the Fields Institute, Toronto, Canada, November 16–21, 2009.
- Invited to take part of the Advanced School and Conference on Knot Theory and its Applications to Physics and Biology that was held at the Abdus Salam, International Center for Theoretical Physics, May 11–29, 2009.
- 4. With Lara Suarez delivered the lecture *Extended Topological Quantum Field Theories* at the University of George Washington in Washington D.C, February 11, 2009.
- 5. Invited to take part of *Knots in Washington* at the University of George Washington in Washington D.C., January 8–12 2009.
- I delivered the lecture Frobenius Algebras and Open-Closed Topological Quantum Field Theories (OC-TQFT) at the "VI North East Congress in Mathematicas". Industrial University of Santander, Bucaramanga, Colombia, December 9–14, 2007.
- 7. I delivered the lecture Topological Quantum Field Theories (TQFT) and its applications in the "Weekly Mathematics PhD student's seminar" at Cinvestav, México City, September 21, 2007.
- 8. Delivered the lecture *Topology and the Aharonov- Bohm effect* with M. Sokolovsky and Brenda Caravallo at the "UNAM High Energy Physics Department Annual Meeting". Botanical Garden, Autonomous University of Mexico, UNAM, January 20–22, 2007.
- 9. I was invited to the *Workshop on String Topology* at the "Institute of Mathematics", Cuernavaca Mexico, October 16–18, 2006.
- 10. I delivered the lecture Frobenius Algebras Khovanov's homology and POS-TFT (Planar Open String Topological Quantum Field Theory) with the PhD student Hernando Burgos Soto, at the "Weekly Seminar", High Energy Physics Department, Institute of Nuclear Science, ICN, National Autonomous University of Mexico, UNAM, September 13, 2006
- 11. I delivered the lecture *Extensiones de Frobenius y Homologías de Khovanov* with the PhD student Hernando Burgos Soto, at the "XV Congreso Nacional de Matemáticas", August 9, 2005.
- 12. I delivered the lecture *Homología de enlaces y extensiones de Frobenius* with the PhD student Hernando Burgos Soto, at the "XI Encuentro de la Escuela Regional de Matemáticas", June 27, 2005.
- 13. I delivered the lecture Cálculo de los grupos de homología de Khovanov with the Master's student Jorge Monsegny, at the "XI Encuentro de la Escuela Regional de Matemáticas", June 27, 2005.
- 14. I delivered the lecture *Clases características y espacio proyectivo* with the undergraduate student Weimar Muñoz, at the "XI Encuentro de la Escuela Regional de Matemáticas", June 28, 2005.

- 15. I delivered the lecture *Estructuras spin y clasificación de 4-variedades* with the undergraduate student Alexander Caviedes Castro, at the "XI Encuentro de la Escuela Regional de Matemáticas", June 29, 2005.
- 16. I delivered the lecture Introducción a los Orbifolds with the undergraduate student, Francisco Meneses, at the "XVI Encuentro de Geometría y sus aplicaciones y en el IV Encuentro de aritmética", Universidad Pedagógica Nacional Bogotá, June 24, 2005.
- 17. I delivered the lecture *Estudio gráfico de la homología de Khovanov* with the PhD student Hernando Burgos Soto, at the "XVI Encuentro de Geometría y sus aplicaciones y en el IV Encuentro de aritmética", Universidad Pedagógica Nacional Bogotá, June 24, 2005.
- 18. I delivered the lecture *El grupo spin de* SO(n) with the undergraduate student Alexander Caviedes Castro, at the "XVI Encuentro de Geometría y sus aplicaciones y en el IV Encuentro de aritmética". Universidad Pedagógica Nacional Bogotá, June 24, 2005.
- 19. I delivered the lecture Grupos de homología de DeRham with the undergraduate student Weimar Muñoz, at the "XVI Encuentro de Geometría y sus aplicaciones y en el IV Encuentro de aritmética". Universidad Pedagógica Nacional Bogotá, June 24, 2005.
- 20. I delivered the lecture Elementos básicos de geometría de Riemmann with the Master's students Alvaro Ruiz y Alexander Rincon, at the "XVI Encuentro de Geometría y sus aplicaciones y en el IV Encuentro de aritmética". Universidad Pedagógica Nacional Bogotá, June 23– 25, 2005.
- 21. I delivered the lecture *El conjunto de homomorfismos de* Z_m *en* Z_n with the professor of the Universidad Distrital Sara Garavito at the "XVI Encuentro de Geometría y sus aplicaciones y en el IV Encuentro de aritmética". Universidad Pedagógica Nacional Bogotá, June 25, 2005.
- 22. I delivered the lecture Combinatoria y Cohomología de Nudos at the Mathematics Weekly Seminar Universidad del Valle, Cali, Colombia, March 15, 2002.
- 23. I delivered the lecture Calculus, Differential Geometry and Physics to the VII meeting of Colombian Mathematics Students. Florencia, Caqueta, Colombia. October 9–13, 2000.
- 24. Delivered the lecture An introduction to Quivers XIV Congress of Mathematics, U. Javeriana, Bogotá, August 17, 2000.
- 25. Invited to take part of the *Geometry and Physics* summer school, ITP, Institute for Theoretical Physics, University of California, Santa Barbara, July 25 to August 13, 1999.
- 26. Delivered the lecture Autosimilaridad y Dimensión Fractal, Third regional meeting in Mathematics, U. Pamplona, May 31st to June 4th, 1999.
- 27. Took part of the Conference Andre Weil, his work and his influence Institute of Advanced Studies, Princeton, Jan 8-9, 1999.

- Delivered a Brief Course in Curves and Surfaces at the V meeting of Colombian students in Mathematics. Sincelejo, Colombia, October 5–9, 1998.
- 29. Delivered a *Brief Course in Differential Geometry* at the IV meeting of Colombian students in Mathematics. Medellin, Colombia, September 29 to October 3, 1997.
- Delivered two lectures on 3-Manifolds and Knots at the VII National meeting in Topology and Geometry. Bogotá, Colombia, June 22–25, 1997
- Presented a series of three lectures at the IV Regional Meeting of Mathematicians entitled: Unitary Representations of Gauge Groups Medellin, Colombia, December 3–6, 1996.
- 32. Invited to and attended *Calderon's Symposium* University of Chicago, Feb 19–21, 1996.
- Presented a lecture in the Orlando Meeting of the AMS, entitled: Unitary Representations of Gauge Groups Orlando Fla, January 10– 13, 1996.
- Invited to and attended The Legacy of Norbert Wiener: A Centennial Symposium MIT, October 8–11, 1994.
- 35. Presented a lecture in a Graduate Study Group, entitled: Sheaf Cohomology and DeRham Theorem November, 1993.
- 36. Invited as young researcher, and attended the conference Analysis On the eve of the XXI century Rutgers University, October 24–27, 1993.
- Presented a lecture in the Graduate Student Seminar, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, entitled: About the Existence of Haar Measures, May 1993.
- Presented a lecture in the Graduate Student Seminar, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, entitled: *Three Littlewood Principles*, Nov 1991.
- 39. Presented a lecture at the 1987 Colombian Mathematical Congress entitled: On Some Spaces of Analytic Functions of Exponential Type Bogotá, Colombia, August 1987.

SKILLSSpanish-English Bilingual.
Knowledge of Pascal & C.
Familiarity with Mathematica, Maple, Geometer's Sketchpad.
Skilled using LaTeX and AMS-TeX.

- OTHER EXP. School of Science Professor Representative: Appointed to represent all 450 professors of the School of Science in the "Colegiatura de Sede Bogotá" to discuss the "Global Plan of Development 2010-2012", for the National University of Colombia at large. August 27 – September 11, 2009.
 - **Departmental Professor Representative:** Appointed to represent the Mathematics Department professors in the "Claustros de Facultad de Ciencias" to discuss the "Global Plan of Development 2010-2012", for the National University of Colombia at large, This Plan

determines completely the budget for all eight campuses of the National University of Colombia for the period 2010-2012. August 10–12, 2009.

- **Tutoring Experiment:** Appointed to tutor new graduate students in the Mathematics PhD program to prepare for their qualifying exams. Winter 1995
- **Teaching with Graphic Calculators:** Attended a seminar to learn how to use and to teach using the graphic calculator TI-85, Summer 1994, Mathematics Department University of Massachusetts.
- Mentoring Program: Appointed to and took part in a Committee to improve the quality of communication and the teaching among teaching assistants, their faculty and their students. Fall 1993
- **Foreign Student Staff:** Hired to welcome new foreign students. Foreign Student Office, University of Massachusetts. Summer 1993

REFERENCES Professor Theodora Bourni University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Department of Mathematics

> Professor Mathew Langford Australia National University Department of Mathematics

Professor Mikhail Khovanov Columbia University, New York NY. Department of Mathematics