

# Catherine PFAFF

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APPOINTMENTS	<b>University of California Santa Barbara</b> Ky Fan Visiting Assistant Professor	July 2015 - August 2018
	<b>Universität Bielefeld</b> Postdoctoral Research Fellow	July 2014 - August 2015
	<b>Université d'Aix-Marseille</b> Laboratoire d'Excellence Postdoctoral Research Fellow	January 2013 - June 2014
VISITING POSITIONS	<b>Centre de Recerca Matemàtica</b> Research Programme on Automorphisms of Free Groups	Fall 2012
	<b>Bard College at Simon's Rock</b> Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics	Fall 2011 - Spring 2012
	<b>Mathematical Sciences Research Institute</b> Associate Member (as a graduate student)	Fall 2007
EDUCATION	<b>Rutgers University</b> , Ph.D. in Mathematics Advisor: Lee Mosher	October 2012
	<b>University of Chicago</b> , Honors B.S. in Mathematics	May 2004
PUBLICATIONS/ PREPRINTS	1) Y. Algom-Kfir, I. Kapovich, C. Pfaff, <i>Stable Strata of Geodesics in Outer Space</i> . arXiv:1706.00673, submitted, 2017.	
	2) Y. Algom-Kfir, C. Pfaff, <i>Normalizers and centralizers of cyclic subgroups generated by lone axis fully irreducible outer automorphisms</i> . New York Journal of Mathematics 23 (2017), 365381.	
	3) Y. Algom-Kfir, C. Pfaff, <i>A Dense Geodesic Ray in Reduced Outer Space</i> . Groups, Geometry, & Dynamics, to appear.	
	4) I. Kapovich, C. Pfaff, <i>A Train Track Directed Random Walk on <math>Out(F_r)</math></i> . International Journal of Algebra and Computation (IJAC). Volume No.25, Issue No. 5.	
	5) L. Mosher, C. Pfaff, <i>Lone Axes in Outer Space</i> . Algebraic & Geometric Topology 16.6 (2016): 3385-3418.	
	6) C. Pfaff, <i>Ideal Whitehead Graphs in <math>Out(F_r)</math> IV</i> . Topology Proceedings, subject to revisions.	
	7) C. Pfaff, <i>Ideal Whitehead Graphs in <math>Out(F_r)</math> III</i> . J. Topol. Anal. DOI: 10.1142/S1793525316500084 (2015), Volume No.08, Issue No. 02 (2016).	
	8) C. Pfaff, <i>Ideal Whitehead Graphs in <math>Out(F_r)</math> II</i> . Journal of Homotopy and Related Structures: Volume 10, Issue 2 (2015), pp 275-301.	
	9) C. Pfaff, <i>Ideal Whitehead Graphs in <math>Out(F_r)</math> I</i> . New York Journal of Mathematics, Volume 21 (2015) 417-463.	
	10) C. Pfaff, <i><math>Out(F_3)</math> Index Realization</i> . Mathematical Proc. of the Cambridge Philosophical Society, vol. 159, issue 03, pp. 445-458.	

ACADEMIC  
HONORS/AWARDS

**Ky Fan Visiting Assistant Professorship**, UCSB, *2015 - 2018*.  
**Humboldt Research Fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers**, not utilized, *2015*.  
**NSF Conference Grant DMS - 1331129**, *2013*.  
**NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention**, *2006*.  
**NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention**, *2005*.  
**Henry C. Torrey Graduate Fellowship (recruitment fellowship)**, *2004 - 2006*.  
**Weill Fellowship (summer funding fellowship)**, *2004*.

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE

**Organizational Roles**

Scientific Committee - "Groups explored through geometry and dynamics" *Fall 2017*  
Organizer - "Groups explored through geometry and dynamics" *Fall 2017*  
Co-Organizer of UCSB Topology Seminar *Fall '16 - Spring '18*  
Organizer of Universität Bielefeld Oberseminar Gruppen und Geometrie *Fall '14 - Spring '15*  
Organizer & Co-PI for "Special Program on the Geometry of Outer Space" *Summer 2013*  
Organized Graduate Student Geometric Group Theory Seminar *Fall '08 - Spring '09*  
Organized Grad Stud Mapping Class Group & Teichmüller Theory Seminar *Spring 2008*  
Head of Rutgers Directed Reading Program Committee *2005 - 2008*  
A Primary Organizer of Asha for Education International Conference *Spring 2007*  
University of Chicago Math Club President *2002 - 2003*

**Proofreading**

Upon request proofread *A Primer on Mapping Class Groups* Ch. 2 by B. Farb, D. Margalit  
Upon request proofread *PCMI Lectures on the geometry of Outer space* by M. Bestvina

COURSES  
TAUGHT

**University of California Santa Barbara**

Math 3A (Calculus I)	Spring '17
Math 3B (Calculus II)	Fall '15, '16, Spring '17
Math 34B (Calc. for Social & Life Sciences II)	Spring '17
Math 8 (Transition to Higher Mathematics)	Winter '16, Spring '17
Math 117 (Methods of Analysis)	Spring '16

**Universität Bielefeld**

Graph Theory I	Fall 2014
Graph Theory II	Spring 2015

**Bard College at Simon's Rock**

Elementary Functions (Precalculus)	Fall '11, Spring '12
Calculus	Spring '12
Geometric Group Theory	Fall '11

**Rutgers University**

Calculus I	Summer '08
Multivariable Calculus (Calculus III)	Summer '07
Differential Equations for Engineers	Summer '09

INSTRUCTIONAL  
OUTREACH,  
ADVISING,  
MENTORING

<b>Academic Advisor for 2 College Students</b>	Fall 2011- Spring 2012
<b>Founder &amp; Committee Head - Rutgers Directed Reading Program</b>	2005-2008
<b>Mentor in Rutgers Directed Reading Program in Mathematics</b>	2005-2008
<b>University of Chicago Young Scholars Program Counselor</b>	Summer 2003
<b>University of Chicago Young Scholars Program Assistant</b>	2001-2004
<b>Bard College at Simon's Rock Mathclub Faculty Advisor</b>	Fall 2011- Spring 2012

CONFERENCE  
TALKS

Joint Mathematics Meetings - Special Session Boundaries for groups and spaces, *Winter 2017*  
Groups explored through geometry and dynamics, Princeton, *Fall 2017*  
Fall Eastern Sectional - Special Session on Geometric Group Theory, *Fall 2017*  
Spring Eastern Sectional - Special Session on Computational & Algorithmic Group Theory, *Spring 2017*  
Spring Eastern Sectional - Special Session on Infinite Permutation Groups, Totally Disconnected Locally Compact Groups, & Geometric Group Theory, *Spring 2017*  
AWM Research Symposium - Special Session in Geometric Group Theory, *Spring 2017*  
Southern California Women in Mathematics Symposium, *Winter 2017*  
Dubrovnik VIII - Geom. Top., Geom. Group Theory and Dyn. Sys., *Summer 2015*  
Bielefeld-Münster Seminar on Groups, Geometry and Topology, *Winter 2014*  
Geometric Group Theory in Bonn, *Fall 2014*  
Geometry on Groups and Spaces ICM Satellite Conference, Korea, *Summer 2014*  
KAIST Geometric Topology Fair, Korea, *Summer 2013*  
Cool-down Workshop for Conference on Automorphisms of Free Groups, CRM, *Fall 2012*  
Opening Workshop on Automorphisms of Free Groups, CRM, *Fall 2012*  
46th Spring Topology and Dynamics Conference Special Session, Mexico, *Spring 2012*  
Workshop on Geometric Group Theory, Part II, Louisiana State University, *Summer 2011*  
Geometric Group Theory Conference, Technion, *Summer 2011*  
OSU Workshop on the Torelli Group, Mapping Class Group, and  $Out(F_n)$ , *Summer 2011*

SELECT SEMINAR  
& COLLOQUIUM  
TALKS

Hofstra, Colloquium, *Fall 2017*  
CUNY, Topology Seminar *Fall 2017*  
University of Virginia, Algebra Seminar, *Fall 2017*  
San Francisco State University, Geometry & Topology Seminar, *Spring 2017*  
University of South California, Geometry & Topology Seminar, *Spring 2017*  
UIUC, Geometry, Groups & Dynamics/GEAR Seminar, *Spring 2017*  
University of California Riverside, Colloquium, *Winter 2017*  
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, Colloquium, *Winter 2017*  
California State University at Long Beach, Colloquium, *Fall 2016*  
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, Colloquium, *Fall 2016*  
Claremont Topology Seminar, *Fall 2016*  
San Jose State University, Colloquium, *Fall 2016*  
University of Virginia, Geometry Seminar, *Fall 2016*  
University of Illinois at Chicago, Geometry, Topology, and Dynamics Seminar, *Winter 2015*  
Wawrick University, Geometry & Topology Seminar, *Spring 2015*  
SUNY Buffalo, Colloquium, *Spring 2015*  
SUNY Buffalo, Topology Seminar, *Spring 2015*

Univ. of Utah, Max Dehn Seminar on Geom., Top., Dyn., & Groups, *Winter 2014*  
UIUC, Geometry, Groups & Dynamics/GEAR Seminar, *Winter 2014*  
University of Oklahoma, Geometry and Topology Seminar, *Winter 2014*  
Haifa University, Colloquium, *Winter 2014*  
Technion, Geometry and Topology Seminar, *Winter 2014*  
École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, Séminaire de Géométrie et Dynamique, *Summer 2014*  
Hebrew University, Algebra seminar, *Spring 2014*  
Université de Rennes 1, Séminaire de théorie ergodique, *Spring 2014*  
Institut de Mathématiques de Toulouse, Séminaire de Géométrie, *Spring 2014*  
Yale University, Geometry and Topology Seminar, *Fall 2013*  
University of Chicago, Geometry/Topology Seminar, *Fall 2013*  
University of Illinois at Chicago, Geometry, Topology, and Dynamics Seminar, *Winter 2013*  
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Group Theory Seminar, *Winter 2013*  
CUNY Graduate Center, Algebra Seminar, *Fall 2013*  
Seoul National University, *Summer 2013*  
Universite Paris-Sud 11, Higher Teichmüller-Thurston spaces, *Spring 2013*  
Brown University, Geometry Topology Seminar, *Spring 2013*  
University of Michigan, Topology Seminar, *Spring 2012*  
Michigan State University, Low Dimensional Topology Seminar, *Spring 2012*  
University at Albany, SUNY Geometry and Topology Seminar, *Spring 2012*  
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Group Theory Seminar, *Winter 2012*  
Rutgers-Newark, Topology/Geometry Seminar, *Spring 2010*  
CUNY Graduate Center, Geometry and Topology Seminar, *Spring 2010*

REFERENCES

**Lee Mosher** (PhD Advisor)  
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**Benson Farb**  
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**Darren Long** (Teaching Reference)  
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