

## Yaim Cooper

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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS      **Institute of Advanced Study**      Princeton, NJ

Visitor      *September 2018 - August 2020*

**Princeton University**      Princeton, NJ

Lecturer      *September 2019-January 2020*

**Mathematical Science Research Institute**      Berkeley, CA

Viterbi Postdoctoral Fellow      *January 2018 - June 2018*

**Institute of Advanced Study**      Princeton, NJ

Visitor      *September 2017 - December 2017*

**Harvard University**      Cambridge, MA

Lecturer and NSF Postdoctoral Fellow      *September 2013 - August 2017*

EDUCATION      **Princeton University**      Princeton, NJ

Ph.D. in Mathematics      *June 2013*

Advisor: Rahul Pandharipande

**University of California, Berkeley**      Berkeley, CA

M.A. in Mathematics      *June 2008*

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**      Cambridge, MA

B.S. in Mathematics      *June 2007*

HONORS AND AWARDS      **Alice T. Schafer Prize: Runner Up**      *2007*

for top undergraduate woman in mathematics in the U.S.

**MIT AMITA Award**      *2007*

for top graduating woman at MIT

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2007–2010
Princeton University Presidential Award	2008–2010
National Science Foundation Mathematical Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowship	2013–2016

PUBLICATIONS

*The loss landscape of overparameterized neural networks*,  
arXiv:1804.10200. Submitted.

*A Fock Space approach to Severi Degrees of Hirzebruch Surfaces*,  
arxiv 1709.01159. Submitted.

*A Fock Space approach to Severi Degrees* with R. Pandharipande,  
Proceedings of the London Mathematical Society, 114 (2017) no. 3, 476–494.

*Geometry of Stable Quotients in Genus One*, *Mathematische Annalen*,  
361 (2015), no. 3-4, 943–979.

*Mirror Symmetry for Stable Quotients Invariants* with A. Zinger,  
*Michigan Math Journal*, 63 (2014), no. 3, 571–621.

*Properties of a Finite Graph Determined by its Zeta Function*,  
*Electronic Journal of Combinatorics*, 16 (2009).

*Congruences For Modular Forms of Non-Positive Weight* with N. Wage  
and I. Wang, *International Journal of Number Theory*, 4 (2008), 1–13.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

*Descendent Gromov-Witten invariants of surfaces via operators*

*The geometry of the critical loci for overparameterized neural networks*

LEADERSHIP

Co-organizer of the MIT/Harvard Algebraic Geometry Seminar	2013–2016
Co-organizer of the Graduate Student Seminar at Princeton	2009–2010
Vice President of the Undergraduate Math Association at MIT	2006–2007

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**Math 202 (Linear Algebra) at Princeton.**  
*Fall 2019*

**Math 137 (Undergraduate Algebraic Geometry) at Harvard.**  
An introduction to algebraic geometry.  
*Spring 2015*

**Math 121 (Linear algebra and applications) at Harvard.**  
*Fall 2014*

**Math 273x (Topics in Gromov-Witten Theory) at Harvard.**  
A graduate level introduction to Gromov-Witten Theory.  
*Fall 2013*

**Math 202 (Linear Algebra) at Princeton.**  
*Fall 2011*

SERVICE

Referee for *Electronic Journal of Combinatorics* and *International Mathematics Research Notices*.

OUTREACH

*What is a neural network?*  
Research talks for Undergraduates  
Princeton University  
*November 23 2019*

	<i>Counting curves</i> Noetherian Ring Lunch Seminar Princeton University	April 19 2019
	<i>Volunteer at Oakland/East Bay Math Circle.</i> Taught middle school students and separately, their teachers, bimonthly.	2007–2008
	<i>Interview feature in Girls’ Angle bulletin</i>	October 2007
CONFERENCE TALKS	<i>The loss function of overparameterized neural networks</i> Algebraic Geometry and Machine Learning Minisymposium at SIAM Mathematics of Data Science conference, Cincinnati, OH	May 5-7 2020
	<i>Computing descendent insertions for surfaces</i> AMS/MMA Joint Math Meetings, Denver CO	January 15 2020
	<i>The loss function of overparameterized neural networks</i> AMS/MMA Joint Math Meetings, Denver CO	January 17 2020
	<i>The geometry of the loss landscape in deep learning</i> Math & Machine Learning Workshop (Boston College Math Department)	September 24-25 2018
	<i>Severi degrees via representation theory</i> AGNES: Algebraic Geometry Northeastern Series (Brown University)	September 22 2018
	<i>A Fock space approach to Severi degrees of Hirzebruch surfaces</i> Mirror Symmetry Conference for Young Researchers (University of Michigan)	May 31 2017
	<i>A Fock space approach to Severi degrees</i> Curves on Surfaces and Three-folds (EPFL)	June 20-24 2016
	<i>The geometry of stable quotient spaces in genus one</i> Workshop on Enumerative Geometry and Calabi Yau Varieties, Fields Institute	Oct 2013
	<i>The geometry of stable quotient spaces</i> FRG Workshop on Gromov-Witten Theory, Columbia University	Apr 2013
	<i>Congruences for Modular Forms of Non-positive Weight</i> Talk at AMS/MAA Joint Mathematics Meeting	Jan 2007
SEMINAR TALKS	<i>Severi degrees via representation theory</i> University of Michigan Geometry and Physics Seminar	April 29 2019
	<i>Severi degrees via representation theory</i> Rutgers Algebra Seminar	April 24 2019
	<i>Severi degrees via representation theory</i> CSU Front Range Algebraic Geometry and Number Theory Seminar	March 14 2019
	<i>Severi degrees via representation theory</i> UIUC Algebraic Geometry Seminar	November 13 2018
	<i>The geometry of the loss landscape in deep learning (poster)</i> Optimization day (Princeton University)	September 28 2018
	<i>Severi degrees via representation theory</i> Enumerative Geometry Beyond Numbers Main Seminar(MSRI)	May 9 2018
	<i>A Fock space approach to Severi degrees of Hirzebruch surfaces</i> San Francisco State University Geometry and Topology Seminar	March 6 2017
	<i>A Fock space approach to Severi degrees</i> Geometry, Physics, Representation Theory Seminar, Northeastern University	Mar 2015

<i>Moduli spaces of stable quotients in genus 0 and 1</i>	Algebra and Algebraic Geometry Seminars, Brown University	<i>Apr 2014</i>
<i>The geometry of stable quotient spaces in genus one</i>	Geometry and Physics Seminar, Boston University	<i>Apr 2014</i>
<i>Stable Quotients in Low Genus</i>	Algebraic Geometry Seminar, University of Illinois, Chicago	<i>Mar 2014</i>
<i>Moduli spaces of stable quotients in genus 0 and 1</i>	Southern California Algebraic Geometry Seminar, University of Southern California	<i>Feb 2014</i>
<i>Stable Quotients in Low Genus</i>	Algebraic Geometry Seminar, Rice University	<i>Jan 2014</i>
<i>Counting rational curves in the plane</i>	Algebra and Geometry Seminar, Tufts University	<i>Nov 2013</i>
<i>Comparing Stable Quotients and Stable Maps</i>	Geometry and Physics Seminar, University of Michigan	<i>Dec 2012</i>
<i>Comparing Stable Quotients and Stable Maps</i>	Algebraic Geometry Seminar, Harvard/MIT	<i>Nov 2012</i>
<i>Comparing Stable Quotients and Stable Maps</i>	Number Theory/Algebraic Geometry Seminar, Boston College	<i>Nov 2012</i>
<i>Comparing Stable Quotients and Stable Maps</i>	Algebraic Geometry Seminar, The Ohio State University	<i>Nov 2012</i>
<i>Geometry of Stable Quotient Spaces</i>	Junior Geometry Seminar, Imperial College, London	<i>Jan 2011</i>
<i>Geometry of Stable Quotient Spaces in Genus One</i>	Algebraic Geometry Seminar, Instituto Superior Technico, Lisbon	<i>Oct 2010</i>
<i>An Application of Gromov-Witten Theory: Bounding the Slope of <math>M_g</math></i>	Student Algebraic Geometry seminar, Harvard	<i>Dec 2009</i>
<i>Algebraic Curves and their Realizations</i>	Graduate Student Seminar, Princeton	<i>Nov 2009</i>
<i>Congruences for Modular Forms of Non-positive Weight</i>	Talk for the Undergraduate Math Association, MIT	<i>Oct 2006</i>
<i>Properties Determined by the Ihara Zeta Function of a Graph</i>	Talk in research session of Program for Women and Mathematics	<i>May 2006</i>

CONFERENCES,  
WORKSHOPS AND  
SCHOOLS

Workshop on Theory of Deep Learning: Where next? (Institute for Advanced Study)	<i>October 15-18 2019</i>
Double ramification cycles and integrable systems (American Institute of Mathematics)	<i>October 7-11 2019</i>
AGNES (UMass Amherst)	<i>March 22-24 2019</i>
NeurIPS: (Montreal Convention Center)	<i>December 2018</i>
Math & Machine Learning Workshop (Boston College Math Department)	<i>September 24-25 2018</i>
AGNES (Brown)	<i>September 20-22 2018</i>

Crossing the Walls in Enumerative Geometry 2018 (Snowbird)	<i>May 28 - June 1 2018</i>
RTG/FRG Mirror Symmetry Conference for Young Researchers (University of Michigan)	<i>May 29-June 2 2017</i>
AGNES (UMass Amherst)	<i>November 4-6 2016</i>
Curves on Surfaces and Three-folds (EPFL)	<i>June 20-24 2016</i>
Workshop on Equivariant Gromov-Witten Theory and Applications (Simons Center for Geometry and Physics)	<i>May 12-16 2014</i>
AGNES (State University of New York Stony Brook)	<i>April 25-27 2014</i>
AGNES (Boston College)	<i>October 25-27 2013</i>
Geometry and Topology of Moduli (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin)	<i>October 10-12 2012</i>
AGNES (University of Massachusetts at Amherst)	<i>March 31-April 1 2012</i>
AGNES (SUNY Stony Brook)	<i>October 29-30 2011</i>
Celebration of Joe Harris' 60th birthday (Harvard University)	<i>August 25-28 2011</i>
Moduli Spaces of Riemann Surfaces (PCMI)	<i>July 3-23 2011</i>
Workshop on Derived Categories (Isaac Newton Institute, Cambridge, UK)	<i>April 11-15 2011</i>
School on Moduli Spaces (Isaac Newton Institute, Cambridge, UK)	<i>January 5-14 2011</i>
Intersection Theory on Moduli Space of Curves (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin)	<i>October 13-15 2010</i>
School on Birational Geometry and Moduli Spaces (University of Utah)	<i>June 12-18 2010</i>
AGNES (University of Massachusetts at Amherst)	<i>April 10-11 2010</i>
Classical Algebraic Geometry Today (MSRI)	<i>January 26-30 2009</i>
Modern Moduli Theory (MSRI)	<i>February 23-27 2009</i>

LANGUAGES

Native: English.  
Speak: Chinese.  
Read: French.