

# David M. Failing, Ph.D.

## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

#### *Iowa State University*

Ph.D. in Mathematics, August 2013; Major Professor: Cliff Bergman.

Dissertation Title: Commutative, idempotent groupoids and the constraint satisfaction problem.

#### *University of Illinois*

Graduate Study in Library and Information Science. 2013-2014.

#### *Truman State University*

B.S. in Mathematics, Cum Laude with General Honors, May 2008; Minors: Asian & International Studies

B.A. in Philosophy & Religion, Cum Laude with Departmental & General Honors, May 2008

### EMPLOYMENT

- Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Lewis University, August 2017 - Present
- Assistant Professor of Mathematics (Tenure Track), Quincy University, August 2014 - May 2017
- Research Assistant, Socio-Technical Data Analytics, University of Illinois, July - December 2013
- Mathematics Graduate Teaching Assistant, Iowa State University, August 2008 - July 2013
- Grader, Mathematics, Truman State University, August 2007 - May 2008
- Undergraduate Researcher, Auburn University Department of Mathematics, May - August 2007
- Laborer, Greenhaven Sod Company, Riverside, MO, May - July 2006
- Circulation Desk Clerk, Pickler Memorial Library, Kirksville, MO, April 2006 - May 2008
- Teaching Assistant, Philosophy & Religion, Truman State University, January 2006 - May 2008
- Undergraduate Researcher in Mathematics, STEP Program, Truman State University, May - August 2005
- Deli Clerk, Dominick's, Naperville, IL, February - August 2004
- Popular Collections / AV Page, Lisle Library District, Lisle, IL, August 2001 - December 2004

### TEACHING

#### Courses taught at Lewis University (Fall 2017)

- MATH 305 Linear Algebra
- MATH 314 Applied Probability and Statistics
- MATH 510 Mathematics for Data Science (2 sections)

#### Courses taught at Quincy University

- MAT 099 Intermediate Algebra: Fall 2014
- MAT 124 Applied College Algebra: Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2014
- MAT 125 College Algebra: Spring 2016, Spring 2015
- MAT 142 Pre-Calculus: Spring 2016, Spring 2015
- MAT 252 Discrete Mathematics: Fall 2015
- MAT 260 Mathematical Logic: Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015
- MAT 346 Differential Equations: Spring 2017, Spring 2016
- MAT 350 Numerical Analysis: Fall 2014
- MAT 353 Number Theory: Fall 2016
- MAT 440 Abstract Algebra: Fall 2016
- MAT 485 Real Analysis: Spring 2017

- MAT 497 Senior Seminar: Spring 2017

### **Courses taught at Iowa State University**

- Math 140 College Algebra (Instructor): Fall 2012, Summer 2012, Fall 2009
- Math 141/2 Trigonometry & Analytic Geometry (Recitation Leader): Spring 2009
- Math 150 Discrete Mathematics For Business & Social Sciences (Recitation Leader): Fall 2008
- Math 166 Calculus II (Instructor): Summer 2013, Spring 2013
- Math 265 Calculus III (Grader): Summer 2009
- Math/CprE 533 Cryptography (Grader): Spring 2010

### **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

From May 2010 through May 2012, I served as the Mathematics Computer Lab Coordinator at Iowa State, managing a staff of 10-12 undergraduate exam proctors and scheduling computer lab needs for the math department. I developed a handbook for the position, to clarify the duties to each new Coordinator.

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE AT QUINCY UNIVERSITY**

- Committees:
  - Hiring Committee, Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Summer 2016.
  - Common Read Committee, Fall 2015 - Spring 2016.
  - Academic Standards Committee, Fall 2015 to Spring 2017.
  - Active participant in the General Assembly of the Faculty, Fall 2014 to Spring 2017.
- Student Clubs:
  - Faculty co-advisor to Chalk Hawks (Education Club), Fall 2015.
  - Faculty co-advisor to the Math Club, Fall 2014 to Spring 2015.
- Advising:
  - Academic advisor to several students. Fall 2016: 12; Spring 2016: 3; Fall 2015: 3 (1 math major, 2 undeclared); Fall 2014: 8 undeclared.

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & MEMBERSHIPS**

- Mathematical Association of America (MAA) (2014 - )
  - Initiated #LoveYourMath, a 5-day Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram campaign.
  - Special Interest Group on Inquiry-Based Learning (SIGMAA-IBL) 2016 - Present; nominated for Chair-Elect, October 2016.
  - Special Interest Group on Quantitative Literacy (SIGMAA-QL), 2016-17.
  - Special Interest Group on Research in Undergraduate Mathematics Education (SIGMAA-RUME), 2016 - Present.
  - Special Interest Group on Statistics Education (SIGMAA-STAT-ED), 2017 - Present.
  - Special Interest Group on Undergraduate Research (SIGMAA-UR), 2017 - Present.
  - Illinois Section NExT Fellow (2017).
  - Project NExT Fellow (Gold '14 Dot).
  - MAA Early Career Mathematicians Mentoring Network (Mentee)
- American Mathematical Society (AMS) (2008 - 2013; 2014 - 2015)
- Phi Lambda Phi Fraternity - National Board, Treasurer, August 2012 - August 2014
- Iowa State University Graduate & Professional Student Senate (GPSS), Mathematics Department Senator, August 2010 - April 2013
- Iowa State University Faculty Senate - Academic Standards & Admissions Committee, GPSS Representative, August 2010 - May 2012

### **HONORS, AWARDS, & FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

- Travel support from the Educational Advancement Foundation, Symposium on Active Learning in Mathematics Instruction (at MathFest 2016), August 2016.
- Travel support from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, \$500 grant for Southwestern University - HHMI

Transforming STEM Pedagogy Through Active Learning Conference, June 2016.

- Steelcase Active Learning Center Grant (Unfunded), March 2016; funds would have been used to renovate a STEM classroom to better suit active learning pedagogy.
- Travel support from Cal Poly \$500 lodging and travel support, MAA PREP (PProfessional Enhancement Program) Inquiry Based Learning Workshop, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA, July 7-10, 2015.
- Travel support from the Educational Advancement Foundation, \$300 18th Annual Legacy of R.L. Moore Conference, June 2015.
- AIBL Category 1 (Novice IBL Instructor) Small Grant, \$2500 Summer Stipend to support redevelopment of MAT 260 (Mathematical Logic) at Quincy University, Summer 2015.
- Graduate College Research Excellence Award, Iowa State University, Spring 2013.
- AMS Graduate Student Travel Grant, Western Section Meeting (Boulder, CO), Spring 2013.
- Scientific Researcher stipend, \$1500 in summer support, Fields Institute, Toronto, ON, June-August 2011.
- Department travel support, Department of Mathematics, Iowa State University, Spring 2013, Summer 2011, Spring 2011, Spring 2010, Spring 2009.

## PUBLICATIONS

- *Commutative, Idempotent Groupoids and the Constraint Satisfaction Problem* (with C. Bergman), *Algebra Universalis* **40** (2015), 391-417. DOI: 10.1007/s00012-015-0323-6.

## OTHER WRITINGS

- Blog (regular contributor), *A Novice IBL Blog*. <https://noviceiblblog.wordpress.com/>
- Blog post (guest), *Many Voices Are Greater Than One* (with N. Long, L. Cope), *MAA Math Ed Matters*. <http://maamathedmatters.blogspot.com/2015/10/many-voices-are-greater-than-one.html>

## CONFERENCE TALKS

- *Structure Theory of CI-Groupoids of Bol-Moufang Type*, AMS Central Section Meeting (#1090), Iowa State University, Ames, IA, April 27-28, 2013
- *CSP For Commutative, Idempotent Groupoids*, AMS Western Section Meeting (# 1089), University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, April 13-14, 2013

*Self-Generating Sets, Missing Blocks, And Substitutions*

- Truman State University Undergraduate Research Conference, Kirksville, MO, April 20, 2006
- Mathematical Association of America, Missouri Section, Spring Meeting 2006, University Of Missouri Columbia, March 31, 2006
- MAKO Undergraduate Mathematics Research Conference, Missouri State University, November 12, 2005

## SEMINAR TALKS

- *Computer-Aided Investigation of Abstract Algebras (Or, The Computer Solved My Thesis Problem...)*, Invited, MTCS Colloquium, Truman State University, Kirksville, MO, March 21, 2013
- *Affinely self-generating sets and substitution sequences*, ISU Combinatorics, Algebra, and Number Theory Seminar, Iowa State University, Ames, IA, December 1, 2008

## OTHER TALKS

- *Inquiry-Based Learning*, Faculty Forum on Teaching and Learning, Quincy University, October 30, 2015
- Panelist on graduate programs in math/CS, Alumni Panel Discussion for Scholarships in Mathematics and Computer Science (SMaCS), Truman State University, Kirksville, MO, March 18, 2010

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- MAA PREP (PProfessional Enhancement Program) Inquiry Based Learning Workshop, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA, July 7-10, 2015.

Four day intensive training workshop for inquiry based learning pedagogy.

- MAA Project NExT Fellow (R.L. Moore / EAF Fellow), 2014-2015 (Gold '14 Dot)

A program of the Mathematical Association of America for new or recent Ph.D.s in the mathematical sciences who are interested in improving the teaching and learning of undergraduate mathematics, Project NExT

(New EXperiences In Teaching) addresses the full range of faculty responsibilities in teaching, research, and service.

### CONFERENCES ATTENDED

- MAA Mathfest, Chicago, IL, July 26-29, 2017  
Organizer (with Susan Crook and Russ Goodman), Themed Contributed Paper Session #2, “Encouraging Effective Teaching Innovation.”  
Attendee, “Constructing the Future of IBL: The Past 20 Years and the Next 20 Years,” July 28.
- MAA Mathfest, Columbus, OH, August 3-6, 2016  
Organizer (with Susan Crook), Themed Contributed Paper Session #7, “Encouraging Early Career Teaching Innovation.”
- 19th Annual Legacy of R.L. Moore Conference, Columbus, OH, August 4, 2016
- Symposium on Active Learning in Mathematics (at MathFest 2016), Columbus, OH, August 2-3, 2016
- Southwestern University - HHMI Transforming STEM Pedagogy Through Active Learning Conference, Georgetown, TX, June 1-3, 2016
- MAA Mathfest, Washington, D.C., August 3-8, 2015  
Organizer (with M. Shott, A. Montgomery, C. Yarnall), Project NExT Panel Discussion, “Teaching Groups of Students with Mixed Abilities.”
- 18th Annual Legacy of R.L. Moore Conference, Austin, TX, June 25-27, 2015
- Joint Mathematics Meetings, San Antonio, TX, January 9-13, 2015
- MAA Mathfest, Portland, OR, August 4-9, 2014
- AMS Central Section Meeting (#1090), Iowa State University, Ames, IA, April 27-28, 2013
- AMS Western Section Meeting (#1089), University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, April 13-14, 2013
- Midwestern Graph TheorY (MIGHTY) LIII, Iowa State University, Ames, IA, September 21-22, 2012
- Summer Thematic Program on the Mathematics of Constraint Satisfaction, Fields Institute, Toronto, ON, Canada, June 25 - August 7, 2011
- AMS Central Section Meeting (#1069), University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, March 18-20, 2011
- AMS Central Section Meeting (#1058), Macalester College, St. Paul, MN, April 10-11, 2010
- AMS Central Section Meeting (#1047), University of Illinois, Urbana, IL, March 27-29, 2009
- Truman State University Undergraduate Research Conference, Kirksville, MO, April 20, 2006
- Mathematical Association of America Missouri Section Spring Meeting 2006, University Of Missouri, Columbia, MO, March 31 - April 1, 2006
- MAKO Undergraduate Mathematics Research Conference, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO November 12, 2005

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