

Charles Reid

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Research Interests

I study character varieties of surfaces using techniques from analysis, algebraic geometry, dynamics, and quantum field theory. I am also starting to think about discrete models of random geometry and quantum gravity.

Education and Positions

BA in Mathematics at UC Berkeley (2014-2017, thesis advised by Alexander Givental)

PhD in Mathematics at UT Austin (2018-2024, Advised by Daniel Freed and Jeffrey Danciger)

Visiting Graduate Fellow at Harvard University (2023-2024)

Postdoctoral Researcher at MPI for mathematics in the sciences in Leipzig (2024-2025)

Gibbs Assistant Professor at Yale (3-year position 2025-2028)

Preprints

Fock Bundles and Hitchin Components, October 6, 2023 (with Alexander Thomas and Georgios Kydonakis) [arXiv:2310.04377](https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.04377) [math.DG]

Limits of Convex Projective Surfaces and Finsler Metrics, September 19, 2023 [arXiv:2309.10290](https://arxiv.org/abs/2309.10290) [math.DG]

Symmetries of 2D TQFTs and Equivariant Verlinde Formulas for General Groups, November 15, 2021 (with Sergei Gukov, Du Pei, and Ali Shehper) [arXiv:2111.08032](https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.08032) [hep-th]

Invited talks

Universal Higher Teichmüller Spaces, October 14, 2022, Oberwolfach Arbeitsgemeinschaft on Higher rank Teichmüller Theory

Limits of Convex Projective Structures and Finsler Metrics, October 18, 2022, Heidelberg Geometry Seminar

Hyperkähler Geometry of the Moduli Space of Higgs Bundles, August 29, 2023, Metrics on higher Teichmüller spaces workshop in Fréjus

Limits of Convex Projective Structures and Finsler Metrics, February 15, 2024, Boston College Geometry, Topology, and Dynamics Seminar

Boundaries of Hitchin components, June 3, 2024, Workshop on Moduli of Meromorphic Quadratic Differentials at the Simons Center in Stony Brook

Boundaries of Hitchin components and things they parametrize, July 24, 2024, AMS-UMI International Joint Meeting in Palermo

Seminars Organized

UT Austin Junior Geometry and String Theory Seminar

Mapping class group learning seminar (with Casandra Monroe)

UT Austin Junior Geometry Seminar

Teaching and Mentorship

Led calculus discussion sections for 5 semesters

DRP mentor for 5 semesters

Texas Geometry Lab mentor

UT Austin Math Club talk "What can you hear about the shape of a drum?"

Languages

Native English speaker; conversational in Spanish and Mandarin Chinese; trying to learn German