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Education

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Ph.D. in Mathematics

- Advisor: [Dr. Francesca Bernardi](#)

Aug 2022 – present

Worcester, MA

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

M.S. in Applied Mathematics

Awarded May 2024

Worcester, MA

Regent University

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

Awarded Dec 2021

Virginia Beach, VA

Research Interests

Mathematical biology
Microbial ecology
Microfiltration
Mathematics for social good

Academic Research Experience

Research Assistant

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

- Supervised by [Dr. Francesca Bernardi](#)

May 2024 – present

Worcester, MA

Graduate Student Researcher

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

- **Project:** “Mathematical Models for Biofilms”
- Developing an elementary model for bacterial passage and fouling in cylindrical micropores
- Focused on the mathematics underpinning bacterial biofilm research, with a focus on biofilms in municipal and biopharmaceutical contexts

Jan 2024 – present

Worcester, MA

Student Researcher

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

- **Project:** “Agricultural Productivity, Economic Growth & Human Development in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Least Squares Dummy Variables (LSDV) Approach”
- Employed Python and R to collect and analyze data and create a regression model measuring the impact of agricultural development on economic growth and human development

Summer 2020

Terre Haute, IN

Other Research Experience

Contract Researcher

National Council For Adoption

- Assessed studies for risk of bias using the ROBINS-I tool as part of overarching research projects
- Distilled research on adoption legislation and outcomes into approximately 3,000-word articles for a publication aimed at adoption professionals

Summer 2023

Alexandria, VA

Research Intern / Contract Researcher

National Council For Adoption

- Headed a systematic review of literature on children and youth who have been involved with the foster care system
- Collected and organized state data on non-international adoptions for analysis in an adoption fact book

May 2021 – Oct 2022

Alexandria, VA

Research Assistant

Regent University

- Gathered and inspected materials related to current projects and maintained databases to record document relevance and progress for [Dr. Eric Patterson](#)
- Created a web scraping tool in Python to obtain content of interest from public databases with 100,000+ records

Mar 2020 - Jul 2022

Virginia Beach, VA

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant

Aug 2022 – present

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Department of Mathematical Sciences

Worcester, MA

- Prepare for and lead discussions for 2+ sections of undergraduate math courses each 7-week term
- Provide tutoring in Calculus, Linear Algebra, Differential Equations, and other undergraduate mathematics courses

Experience:

MA 1021 Calculus I: Differential Calculus
MA 1022 Calculus II: Integral Calculus
MA 1024 Calculus IV: Multivariable Calculus
MA 2051 Ordinary Differential Equations
MA 2071 Matrices & Linear Algebra I
MA 2210 Math Modeling for Decision Making (with Python)
MA 2431 Mathematical Modeling with ODEs (with MATLAB)
MA 2611 Applied Statistics I (with R)
MA 3471 Advanced ODEs (with MATLAB)

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2021, Spring 2020

Regent University, Science & Mathematics Department

Worcester, MA

- Formatted handwritten notes to LaTeX/Overleaf files for a Probability & Statistics class
- Graded homework assignments for an undergraduate Differential Equations class

University Service

Coordinator

Oct 2023 – present

WPI Faculty-Student Lunch Talks

Worcester, MA

- Informal, biquarterly seminar that provides an opportunity for students to learn about research conducted in the department and math career trajectories
- Co-led with [Hammed Olayinka](#)

Co-Organizer

Dec 2023 – Feb 2024

WPI Day of Scholastic Excellence 2024

Worcester, MA

- Organized lightning talk and poster sessions for students from across the Arts & Sciences departments to present on their research projects
- Co-led with [Jezabel Aleyda Aponte Figueroa](#)

PR Chair

Aug 2023 – present

Association for Women in Mathematics, WPI Chapter

Worcester, MA

- Designed promotional flyers in Canva to market chapter-led events and social gatherings
- Maintained the organization's Facebook and Instagram accounts

Graduate Representative

Aug 2023 – present

WPI Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Advisory Council

Worcester, MA

- Council to advise the Dean of Arts & Sciences on initiatives that directly impact students
- Represented the mathematics department in meetings and events

Student Representative

Jan 6, 2023

Joint Mathematics Meeting - AMS Graduate Programs Fair

Boston, MA

- Provided a student perspective on Worcester Polytechnic Institute and the math Ph.D. program to prospective graduating juniors and seniors

Community Service

Data Volunteer

Apr 2024 – May 2024

Association for Women in Mathematics

Worcester, MA

- Collected data for use in [EvenQuads: Notable Women in Mathematics](#) playing card project

Activity Leader

Apr 6, 2024

AWM SK Day

Worcester, MA

- Led a team of five to plan and run a thirty-minute activity on different voting systems geared toward a middle school-aged audience

Graduate Student Volunteer

Oct 20, 2023

33rd Annual WPI Invitational Mathematics Meet

Worcester, MA

- Proctored and graded exams as part of a prestigious math competition for high school juniors and seniors from across New England

Curriculum Coordinator

May 2023 – Jul 2023

WPI Girls Talk Math

Worcester, MA

- Collaborated with camp lead to plan problem sets for a two-week-long Girls Talk Math camp aimed at introducing advanced mathematics ideas to high school girls

Activities Volunteer

Apr 15, 2023

AWM SK Day

Worcester, MA

- Assisted with a day-long program of talks and activities to encourage middle school girls in mathematics

Other Experiences

Editorial Staff Writer

Apr 2020 – present

OR/MS Tomorrow

Remote

- Contribute 1,000-word articles and essays for an online, biannual student publication on scholarship in operations research and management science

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Mathematical

None

Other

Garcia, K., Hanlon, R. & Lindner, A. Examining the Impact of Participation in a Foster Parent Support Program on Child Welfare Outcomes in Georgia. (*under review*)

Lindner, A & Hanlon, R. (2023). Outcomes of youth with foster care experiences based on permanency outcomes - adoption, aging out, long-term foster care, and reunification: a systematic review. *Children and Youth Services Review*. doi:10.1016/j.chilyouth.2023.107366

Lindner, A & Hanlon, R. (2023). Systematic review on the impact of ASFA on outcomes of children and birth families involved in the foster care system. *Adoption Quarterly*. doi:10.1080/10926755.2023.2286554

General Audience Publications (partial list)

Lindner, A. (2023). Operations research for social good: what to expect when working outside of industry and academia. *OR/MS Today*, February 2023.

Lindner, A. (2023). College competition and the connection to rising student costs. *OR/MS Tomorrow*, Fall/Winter 2023.

Lindner, A. (2022). Food, food, everywhere, but no scrap of health in reach: food inequity in socioeconomically disadvantaged and majority-minority communities. *OR/MS Tomorrow*, Fall/Winter 2021.

See full list of General Audience Publications at <https://abigailindner.com/publications/>

Presentations

Applications of Mathematical Optimization to Art, *Ph.D. Student Seminar, WPI*, Feb 2024

Some Models of Bacterial Fouling of Filtration Membranes, *Ph.D. Student Seminar, WPI*, Jan 2024

Panel: Student Participation in DEI, *INFORMS Annual Conference, Phoenix, Arizona*, Oct 2023

Did the Adoption and Safe Families Act Make a Difference?: Statistical Models to Answer the Question, *Ph.D. Student Seminar, WPI*, Sep 2023

A Brief Introduction to SIR Models in Mathematical Epidemiology, *Girls Talk Math, WPI*, Jul 2023

Magic Squares, *Ph.D. Student Seminar, WPI*, Mar 2023

Stability Analysis in Mathematical Ecology, *Ph.D. Student Seminar, WPI*, Nov 2022

Awards & Honors

May 2024: Teaching Assistant of the Year, WPI Department of Mathematical Sciences

2018 - 2022: Founder's Scholarship, Regent University

Academic & Professional Memberships

Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM)

Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS)

Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM)

Professional Development

Jan - Apr 2024: Responsible Conduct of Research, WPI

June 2023: Investing In Girls Alliance Benchmark Training, Worcester YWCA

Nov - Dec 2022: Ph.D. Teaching Training Series, WPI