

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- Ph.D. University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1988

Thesis: *Some Results in the Study of Noncompact 4-manifolds*

Thesis Advisor: Robert J. Daverman

- B.S. Northland College, Ashland, Wisconsin, 1982

Magna Cum Laude with Honors in Mathematics

Professional Experience

- 2003-present Professor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 1995-2003 Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 1989-95 Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 1988-89 Assistant Professor, Ithaca College

Selected Departmental, College, and University Service

- UWM Department of Mathematical Sciences *Chairperson* (2022-present)
- UWM Department of Mathematical Sciences *Graduate Program Coordinator* (2008-2012)
- UWM Department of Mathematical Sciences *Graduate Committee* (1993-2022)
- UWM *Graduate Faculty Committee* (2013-2023); *Chairperson* (2015-2017)
- UWM College of Letters & Science *Academic Policy and Guidance Committee* (2017-2020); *Chairperson* (2018-2019)
- UWM *Graduate Course and Curriculum Committee* (2013-2015 and 2017-19)
- UWM *Academic Planning and Budget Committee* (2015-17)
- UWM *Research Policy Committee* (2013-14)
- Search Committee: UWM Letters & Science Dean (2016-2017)
- Search Committee: UWM Graduate School Dean (2013)
- Search Committee: UWM Assistant Dean of Graduate Education (2011)

Editorial Work

- Editorial board for the journal *Topology Proceedings* (2015-present)
- Co-editor (with R. Geoghegan and K. Ruane) of the planned volume *Topology at infinity of discrete groups*, AMS series: Contemporary Mathematics, 2024.
- Co-editor (with F.D. Ancel) of special issue of the journal *Topology and its Applications* dedicated to AMS special session in Geometric Topology and Geometric Group Theory held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 24-25, 1997

- Co-editor (with numerous others) of the informal *Proceedings of the Workshop Geometric Topology*, 1991-2012 (primary editor in 1991, 1995, 1999, 2004 and 2009)

Other Professional Service

- Organizer of the annual *Workshop in Geometric Topology*, 1991-present (co-principal organizer in 1991, 1995, 1999, 2004, 2009, 2014, and 2019; co-organizer other years).
- Steering Committee member: *Spring Topology and Dynamics Conference*, 2008-present.
- Scientific Advisory Committee, 33rd Summer Conference on Topology and its Applications, Western Kentucky University Bowling Green, KY, July 17-20, 2018.
- Co-organizer of *Special Session in Ends and boundaries of groups: On the occasion of Mike Mihalik's 70th birthday*, AMS Sectional Meeting, Ohio, October 15-16, 2023.
- Co-organizer of *Special Session in Geometric Topology*, at the Fifty-Third Spring Topology and Dynamics Conference, Birmingham, AL, March 14-17, 2019.
- Co-organizer of *Special Session in Geometric Topology*, AMS Sectional Meeting, Knoxville, TN, March 21-23, 2014.
- Co-organizer of *Special Session in Geometric Topology and Geometric Group Theory* at the Forty-Sixth Spring Topology and Dynamics Conference, UNAM in Mexico City, March 22-24, 2012.
- Co-organizer of the Forty-Second Spring Topology and Dynamics Conference, Milwaukee, WI, March 13-15, 2008.
- Co-organizer of *Special Session in Geometric Topology and Geometric Group Theory* at the Forty-First Spring Topology and Dynamics Conference, University of Missouri-Rolla, Rolla, MO, March 29-31, 2007.
- Co-organizer of *Special Session in Geometric Topology and Geometric Group Theory*, at the Thirty-Ninth Spring Topology and Dynamics Conference, Berry College, Mount Berry, GA, March 17-19, 2005.
- Co-organizer of *Special Session in Geometric Topology and Geometric Group Theory*, AMS Sectional Meeting, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 24-25, 1997.
- Referee: *Expositiones Mathematicae; Fundamenta Mathematicae; Geometry & Topology; International Mathematics Research Announcements; Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society; Rocky Mountain Journal of Mathematics; Topology; Topology and its Applications; Algebraic & Geometric Topology; Transactions of the American Mathematical Society; Proceedings of the London Mathematical Society; Geometriae Dedicata; Science China Mathematics; Journal of Topology; Izvestiya: Mathematics; Groups, Geometry & Dynamics; Journal of Pure and Applied Algebra; Houston Journal of Mathematics; American Journal of Mathematics; Advances in Mathematics; Contemporary Mathematics*
- Reviewer of articles for *Mathematical Reviews*
- Reviewer of articles for *Zentralblatt*
- Reviewer of grant proposals for the National Science Foundation

Courses Taught

Precalculus; Calculus I, II & III; Linear Algebra and Differential Equations; Algebraic Structures for Elementary Education Majors; Introduction to the Language and Practice of

Mathematics (introduction to proofs); Vector Analysis; Modern Algebra with Applications; Axiomatic Geometry; Advanced Calculus I & II; Introduction to the Real and Complex Numbers; Modern Algebra; Linear Algebra; Elementary Topology; Differential Geometry; Introduction to Topology I & II; Algebraic Topology I & II; Advanced Topics in Topology (numerous special topics courses taught under this title)

PhD Students

- Joseph Paulson, current PhD student
- Daniel Gulbrandsen, PhD 2023
- Cong He, PhD 2023
- Shijie Gu, PhD 2018
- Brian Pietsch, PhD 2018
- Molly Moran, PhD 2015
- Julie LaCorte, PhD 2015
- Jeffrey Rolland, PhD 2015
- Pete Sparks, PhD 2014
- Carrie Tirel, PhD 2010
- Christopher Mooney, PhD 2008
- Margaret May, PhD 2007

Grants

Individual Research Grants:

- *Collaborations in geometric topology and geometric group theory*, Simons Foundation Collaboration Grant. Duration: 7/1/16-8/31/23. Amount awarded: \$35,000.
- *Collaborations in geometric topology and geometric group theory*, Simons Foundation Collaboration Grant. Duration: 7/1/11-8/31/16. Amount awarded: \$35,000.
- *Boundaries and End Structures for Noncompact Manifolds and Groups*, NSF Grant DMS-0072786. Duration: 7/00-6/03. Amount awarded: \$77,061.

NSF Conference Grants:

- *Collaborative Research: Conference: Workshops in Geometric Topology*, co-PI (with PI N. Sunukjian and co-PIs G. Friedman and M. Moran), NSF Grant DMS-2350373. 6/24-5/27. Amount awarded: \$40,000.
- *Workshops in Geometric Topology*, PI (with co-PIs G. Friedman, M. Moran, N. Sunukjian, E. Swenson), NSF Grant DMS-1764311. 6/18-5/24. Amount awarded: \$50,000.
- *Workshops in Geometric Topology*, Principal investigator (with co-PIs F. Ancel, G. Friedman, E. Swenson, F. Tinsley, G. Venema) on NSF Grant DMS-1461385. Duration 6/1/15-5/31/2018. Amount Awarded: \$50,166.
- *Workshops in Geometric Topology*, Principal investigator (with co-PIs F. Ancel, E. Swenson, F. Tinsley, G. Venema and D. Wright) on NSF Grant DMS-1005906. Duration 6/1/10-5/31/2014. Amount Awarded: \$67,300.

- *Spring Topology and Dynamics Conference 2008*. Principal investigator (with co-PIs Suzanne Hruska, Chris Hruska, Karen Brucks and Paul Bankston) on NSF Grant DMS-0754254. Duration: 2/15/08-2/15/09. Amount awarded: \$44,800.
- *Workshops in Geometric Topology*, Principal investigator (with co-PIs F. Ancel, F. Tinsley, Gerard Venema and D. Wright) on NSF Grant DMS-0707489. Duration 8/07-7/10. Amount Awarded: \$37,108.
- *Workshops in Geometric Topology*, Principal investigator (with co-PIs F. Ancel, D. Garity, F. Tinsley, Gerard Venema) on NSF Grant DMS-0407583. In addition to the 2004-2006 Workshops in Geometric Topology, this grant includes funding for a project spearheaded by Ancel, Guilbault and Venema to arrange for publication of a series of famous unpublished works by R.D. Edwards. Duration 06/01/04-05/31/07. Amount awarded: \$56,151.
- *Workshops in Geometric Topology*, Principal investigator (with co-PIs F. Ancel, D. Garity, F. Tinsley, Gerard Venema and D. Wright) on NSF Grant DMS-0101325. Duration 6/01-6/04. Amount Awarded: \$32,037.
- *Workshops in Geometric Topology*, Principal investigator (with co-PIs F. Ancel, D. Garity, F. Tinsley and D. Wright) on NSF Grant DMS-980261. Duration 7/98-6/01. Amount awarded: \$30,928.
- *Workshops in Geometric Topology*, Principal investigator (with co-PIs F. Ancel, D. Garity, F. Tinsley and D. Wright) on NSF Grant DMS-9401185. Duration 2/95-1/98. Amount awarded: \$27,900.
- *Workshops in Geometric Topology*, Co-principal investigator (with F. Ancel, D. Garity, J. Henderson, F. Tinsley) on NSF Grant DMS-9101515. Duration 6/91-11/94. Amount awarded: \$21,900.

Federal Grants Related to Graduate and Undergraduate Education:

- Co-Principal Investigator (with R. Stockbridge), *Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need Fellowship Program*, grant number P200A120082, U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education, 9/12-9/15, Amount: \$408,315.
- Co-Principal Investigator (with R. Stockbridge), *Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need Fellowship Program*, grant number P200A100084, U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education, 9/10-9/13, Amount: \$522,624.
- Principal Investigator (with R. Stockbridge), *Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need Fellowship Program*, grant number P200A090021, U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education, 8/09-8/12, Amount: \$653,280.
- Senior Personnel on NSF grant *Milwaukee Mathematics Partnerships: Sharing in Leadership for Student Success*. (EHR-0314898). Duration 9/03-9/08. Amount: \$19,997,173.

Internal Grants:

- *Training and Mentoring of Teaching Assistants in the UWM Mathematics Department*, Faculty mentor in grant awarded by Center for Instructional and Professional

Development. Duration 9/3/98-5/15/99. Amount: \$3,500. *The Topology of Compact Contractible Manifolds*, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Graduate School Research Award, summer 1994. Amount awarded: \$4,415.11.

Publications

Refereed Publications:

- (1) *Group boundaries for semidirect products with \mathbb{Z}* , Groups Geom. Dyn. (2023), published online first, 51 pages (with B. Healy and B. Pietsch).
- (2) *Coarse \mathcal{Z} -boundaries for groups*, Mich. Math. J. 73 (2023) 693–718. (with M.A. Moran).
- (3) *Compressible spaces and EZ-structures*, Fund. Math. 256 (2022), no. 1, 47–75. (with M.A. Moran and K. Schreve).
- (4) *Extreme nonuniqueness of end-sum*, J. Topol. Anal. 14 (2022), no. 2, 461–503. (with J.S. Calcut and P.V. Haggerty).
- (5) *Non-cocompact Group Actions and π_1 -Semistability at Infinity*, Canad. J. Math. 72 (2020), no. 5, 1275–1303. (with R. Geoghegan and M.L. Mihalik).
- (6) *Compactifications of manifolds with boundary*, J. Topol. Anal., 12 (2020), no. 4, 1073–1101. (with Shijie Gu).
- (7) *Topological properties of spaces admitting a coaxial homeomorphism*, Algebr. Geom. Topol. 20 (2020) 601–642. (with R. Geoghegan and M.L. Mihalik).
- (8) *Boundaries of Baumslag-Solitar groups*, Algebr. Geom. Topol. 19 (2019), no. 4, 2077–2097. (with M.A. Moran and C.J. Trel).
- (9) *Proper homotopy types and \mathcal{Z} -boundaries of spaces admitting geometric group actions*, Expo. Math. 37 (2019), no. 3, 292–313. (with M.A. Moran).
- (10) *Compacta with shapes of finite complexes: A direct approach to the Edwards-Geoghegan-Wall obstruction*, Topological Methods in Group Theory, 92–110, London Math. Soc. Lecture Note Ser. #451, Cambridge Univ. Press, Cambridge, 2018.
- (11) *Noncompact manifolds that are inward tame*, Pacific J. Math. 288 (2017), no. 1, 87–128. (with F.C. Tinsley).
- (12) *Ends, shapes and boundaries in manifold topology and geometric group theory*, Topology and Geometric Group Theory, Springer Proc. Math. Stat., 184, Springer, Cham, 2016.
- (13) *A comparison of large scale dimension of a metric space to the dimension of its boundary*, Topology Appl. 199 (2016), 17–22. (with Molly A. Moran).
- (14) *Boundaries of Croke–Kleiner-admissible groups and equivariant cell-like equivalence*, J. Topology (2014), no. 3, 849–868. (with C.P. Mooney).
- (15) *Weak \mathcal{Z} -structures for some classes of groups*, Algebr. Geom. Topol. 14 (2014), no. 2, 1123–1152.

- (16) *On the dimension of \mathcal{Z} -sets*, *Topology and its Appl.* 160 (2013) 1849-1852. (with C. Tirel).
- (17) *Spherical alterations of handles: embedding the manifold plus construction*, *Algebr. Geom. Topol.* 13 (2013) 35-60 (with F. Tinsley).
- (18) *Topological properties of spaces admitting free group actions*, *J. Topology* 5 (2) (2012), 249-275 (with R. Geoghegan).
- (19) *Cell-like equivalences for boundaries of certain $CAT(0)$ groups*, *Geom. Dedicata* 160 (2012), 119–145 (with C.P. Mooney).
- (20) *An elementary deduction of the Topological Radon Theorem from Borsuk-Ulam*, *Discrete & Computational Geometry*, 43 (2010), no. 4, 951–954.
- (21) *Products of open manifolds with \mathbb{R}* , *Fund. Math.* 197 (2007), 197-214.
- (22) *A solution to de Groot's absolute cone conjecture*, *Topology*, **46**(2007), 89-102.
- (23) *Manifolds with non-stable fundamental groups at infinity, III*, *Geometry and Topology*, **10**(2006) 541-556 (with F. Tinsley).
- (24) *On the fundamental groups of trees of manifolds*, *Pacific J. Math.*, **221**, No.1(2005), 49-79 (with H. Fischer).
- (25) *Manifolds with non-stable fundamental groups at infinity, II*, *Geometry and Topology* **7**(2003), 255-286 (with F. Tinsley).
- (26) *A non- \mathcal{Z} -compactifiable polyhedron whose product with the Hilbert cube is \mathcal{Z} -compactifiable*, *Fund. Math.* **168** (2001), 165-197.
- (27) *Manifolds with non-stable fundamental groups at infinity*, *Geometry and Topology* **4**(2000), 537-579.
- (28) *\mathcal{Z} -compactifications of open manifolds*, *Topology* **38**(1999), 1265-1280 (with F.D. Ancel).
- (29) *Interiors of compact contractible n -manifolds are hyperbolic ($n \geq 5$)*, *J. Differential Geometry* **45**(1997), 1-32 (with F.D. Ancel).
- (30) *$CAT(0)$ reflection manifolds*, *Geometric Topology*, W.H. Kazez editor, American Math. Soc./International Press Studies in Advanced Mathematics, Vol. 2, Part 1, 1997, 441-445 (with F.D. Ancel and M.W. Davis).
- (31) *Mapping swirls and pseudo-spines of compact 4-manifolds*, *Topology and its Appl.* **71**(1996), 277-293 (with F.D. Ancel).
- (32) *Some compact contractible manifolds containing disjoint spines*, *Topology* **34**(1995), 99-108.
- (33) *Compact contractible n -manifolds have arc spines ($n \geq 5$)*, *Pacific J. Math.* **168**(1995), 1-10 (with F.D. Ancel).
- (34) *Linked pairs of contractible polyhedra in S^n* , *Proc. Amer. Math. Soc.* **121**(1994), 1271-1274.

- (35) *Non-collarable ends of 4-manifolds: some realization theorems*, Mich. Math. J. **41**(1994), 87-95.
- (36) *Homology lens spaces and Dehn surgery on homology spheres*, Fund. Math. **144**(1994), 287-292.
- (37) *An extension of Rourke's proof that $\Omega_3 = 0$ to non-orientable manifolds*, Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. **115**(1992), 283-291 (with F.D. Ancel).
- (38) *An open collar theorem for 4-manifolds*, Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. **331**(1992), 227-245.
- (39) *Some results in the study of noncompact 4-manifolds*, Thesis (Ph.D.)—The University of Tennessee, ProQuest LLC, Ann Arbor, MI, 1988. 84 pp.

Submitted articles and writing in progress:

- (1) *Generalized collapsing and \mathcal{Z} -compactifications*, submitted for publication. (with D. Gulbrandsen).
- (2) *Infinite boundary connected sums with applications*, writing in progress. (with F.D. Ancel and P.A. Sparks).
- (3) *End cohomology groups and end sums*, writing in progress. (with J. Calcut).

Non-refereed (informal) Publications:

- (1) *Plethora of one-sided cobordisms*, Proceedings of the 21st Annual Workshop in Geometric Topology, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 10-12, 2004, pp. 25-28 (with Frederick Tinsley).
- (2) *A stabilization theorem for open manifolds*, Proceedings of the 21st Annual Workshop in Geometric Topology, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 10-12, 2004, pp. 17-20.
- (3) *On homotopy properties of certain Coxeter group boundaries*, Proceedings of the Nineteenth Annual Workshop in Geometric Topology, Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 13-15, 2002, to appear (with H. Fischer).
- (4) *On the cell-like equivalences of $CAT(0)$ group boundaries*, Proceedings of the Eighteenth Annual Workshop in Geometric Topology, Corvallis, Oregon, June 21-23, 2001, to appear (with F.D. Ancel and J. Wilson).
- (5) *Ends of Manifolds: Recent Progress*, Proceedings of the Eighteenth Annual Workshop in Geometric Topology, Corvallis, Oregon, June 21-23, 2001.
- (6) *A counterexample to a question by Chapman and Siebenmann*, Proceedings of the Seventeenth Annual Workshop in Geometric Topology, Colorado Springs, Colorado, June 15-17, 2000, pp. 57-61.
- (7) *Covers of aspherical manifolds with geometric fundamental groups*, Proceedings of the Fourteenth Annual Workshop in Geometric Topology, Corvallis, Oregon, June 5-7, 1997, pp. 30-32 (with F.D. Ancel).
- (8) *Homotopic maps to S^1 have homeomorphic mapping swirls, and consequences for pseudo-spines of 4-manifolds*, Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Workshop in Geometric Topology, Corvallis, Oregon, June 10-12, 1993, pp. 7-15 (with F.D. Ancel).

- (9) *Some of Daverman's wild strongly homogeneous Cantor sets are slippery*, Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Workshop in Geometric Topology, Corvallis, Oregon, June 10-12, 1993, pp. 39-42.
- (10) *Complements of globally 1-alg 2-spheres in 4-manifolds*, Proceedings of the Ninth Annual Workshop in Geometric Topology, June 11-13, 1992, Colorado Springs, Colorado, pp. 25-27.
- (11) *A new proof that $\mathcal{N}_3 = 0$* , Proceedings of the Seventh Annual Western Workshop in Geometric Topology, Corvallis, Oregon, May 31-June 2, 1990, pp. 30-33. (with F.D. Ancel)

Instructional Materials:

- (1) *Course Materials for: "Seminar: Introduction to the Language and Practice of Mathematics"*, notes used by Guilbault and others in place of a text for the undergraduate seminar course of the same title (also known as Math 341). Portions of these notes were developed jointly with F.D. Ancel.
- (2) *A Development of the Real and Complex Number Systems*, these notes contain a complete axiomatic development of the real and complex number systems. They have frequently been used in place of a text for Math 529. They also have been used for numerous reading courses. Developed jointly with F.D. Ancel.
- (3) *Algebraic Structures for Elementary Teachers: an activities based course*, course materials created for an algebra course for future elementary teachers. Supported by NSF grant: *Milwaukee Mathematics Partnerships: Sharing in Leadership for Student Success* (EHR-0314898).

Recent Invited Talks (since 2002)

- *Expansions, collapses, inverse limits, and \mathcal{Z} -compactifications*, 20 minute invited talk, Workshop in Geometric Topology, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO, June 15-17, 2023.
- *Contracting vs collapsing: how to shrink a space to a point*, Oberlin College Mathematics Department Lenora Lecture 2023 (60 minute lecture), January 17, 2023.
- *On the appearance of exotic continua in the study of groups*, one hour invited talk, The 51st John H. Barrett Memorial Lectures; In Memoriam: Lida Barrett, *Exotic continua in modern mathematics*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, June 9-12, 2022.
- *Generalized group boundaries (\mathcal{Z} - and $E\mathcal{Z}$ -structures)*, 20 minute invited talk, Special Session on Geometric Topology in the Middle Dimensions, Spring Central AMS Meeting, March 26-27, 2022.
- *Generalized group boundaries with applications*, 20 minute invited talk, Special Session in Geometric Topology, 55th Spring Topology and Dynamics Conference, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, March 9-12, 2022.
- *(E) \mathcal{Z} -structures for groups of the form $G \rtimes \mathbb{Z}$* , one hour semi-plenary talk, 54th Spring Topology and Dynamics Conference, virtual conference hosted by Murray State University, March 12-15, 2021.

- *Extreme non-uniqueness of the connected sum at infinity*, one hour colloquium talk, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, February 27, 2020.
- *Metric geometry: Curvature without derivatives*, one hour colloquium talk, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, September 26, 2019.
- *Infinite boundary connected sums with applications to universal covers of manifolds*, one hour plenary talk, 61st meeting of the Texas Geometry and Topology Conference, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, February 22-24, 2019.
- *Boundaries of groups*, one hour plenary talk, 33rd Summer Conference on Topology and its Applications, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY, July 17-20, 2018.
- *2017-18 Oberlin College Department of Mathematics Distinguished Visitor*, three one-hour lectures to undergraduate Topology class, plus a one hour public lecture (*Fuzzy Vance Lecture*), April 9-11, 2018.
- *Infinite boundary connected sums with applications to aspherical manifolds*, one hour colloquium talk, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY, February 13, 2018.
- *Open problems and recent progress on understanding ends of groups*, 2017 Workshop in Geometric Topology, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, June 8-10, 2017.
- *Group theory, topology, and an attempt to capture infinity: Some mathematical adventures with Fred Tinsley*, Special one hour colloquium talk at Fred Tinsley retirement event, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO, April 28, 2017.
- *Open problems and recent progress on understanding the ends of groups*, 20 minute invited talk, Special Session on Geometric Topology, 51st Annual Spring Topology and Dynamics Conference, Jersey City University, March 8-11, 2017.
- *Infinite boundary connected sums and aspherical manifolds*, one hour seminar talk, Vanderbilt University, Jan. 19, 2017.
- *Ends of groups*, one hour plenary talk, AIM Workshop on Boundaries of Groups, American Institute of Mathematics in San Jose, CA, October 10-14, 2016.
- *On the topology of spaces admitting a coaxial Z -action*, 20 minute invited talk, Workshop in Geometric Topology, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO, June 9-11, 2016.
- *Topological properties of spaces admitting a coaxial homeomorphism*, 20 minute invited talk, Special Session on Geometric Topology, 50th Annual Spring Topology and Dynamics Conference, Baylor University, Waco, TX, March 10-13, 2016.
- *End properties of spaces admitting free group actions*, 20 minute invited talk, Special Session on Geometric Topology: A Celebration of Jim West's 70th Birthday, AMS Sectional Meeting, Rutgers University, November 14-15, 2015.
- *Infinite boundary connected sums*, 20 minute invited talk, Special Session on Geometric Topology, 49th Annual Spring Topology and Dynamics Conference, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH, May 14-16, 2015.

- *Ends and boundaries of groups*, 50 minute plenary talk, Topological Methods in Group Theory: A conference in honor of Ross Geoghegan's 70th birthday, Ohio State University, June 16-20, 2014.
- *Weak \mathbb{Z} -structures for some classes of groups*, 20 minute invited talk, Special Session on Geometric Topology, 48th Annual Spring Topology and Dynamics Conference, University of Richmond, March 13-15, 2014.
- *Proof or Swindle? The surprising effectiveness of sketchy technique*, 60 minute colloquium talk, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO, December 2012.
- *End structures and boundaries for open manifolds*, 20 minute invited talk, Special Session on Interactions Between Geometry and Topology, AMS Sectional Meeting, University of Akron, Akron, OH, October 20, 2012.
- *Ideas from geometric topology applied to the theory of attractors*, one-hour plenary talk, Conference on Topology, Embeddings, and Attractors, hosted by Warwick University; held in Venice, Italy, June 13-17, 2011.
- *Ends, shapes, and \mathbb{Z} -compactifications*, four one-hour talks as one of three main speakers, Workshop on Geometrical Methods in High-dimensional Topology, Ohio State University, May 16-21, 2011.
- *Manifolds that are inward tame at infinity*, 20 minute invited talk, Special Session on Geometric Topology, 45th Annual Spring Topology and Dynamics Conference, University of Texas at Tyler, March 17-19, 2011.
- *Topological properties of spaces admitting free \mathbb{Z} -actions*, One-hour seminar talk, University of Michigan, February 4, 2011.
- *Variations on the Borsuk-Ulam theorem: Geometric thinking in high dimensions*, One-hour colloquium talk, Bradley University, October 28, 2010.
- *End behavior of manifolds and complexes admitting group actions*, 45 minute invited talk, Third Texas Southmost Geometry and Topology Conference, hosted by University of Texas at Brownsville, April 16, 2010.
- *A solution to de Groot's absolute cone conjecture*, 50 minute invited talk, Moab Topology Conference, Moab, Utah, May 15, 2009.
- *End behavior of manifolds and complexes admitting group actions*, one hour seminar talk, Binghamton University, March 17, 2009.
- *Group theory and ends of topological manifolds*, One hour colloquium talk, Bradley University, April 18, 2008.
- *Curvature in metric spaces*, one-hour colloquium talk for undergraduates, Bradley University, April 17, 2008.
- *Taming manifolds that are wild at infinity*, one hour seminar talk, Binghamton University, March 1, 2007.
- *Metric geometry: curvature without derivatives*, one hour colloquium talk, Calvin College, December 7, 2006.

- *Exotic behavior near infinity in manifolds*, one hour colloquium talk, Colorado College, October 7, 2005.
- *A solution to de Groot's absolute cone conjecture*, 40 minute plenary talk, International Conference and Workshops on Geometric Topology honoring Karol Borsuk's life and work on the 100th anniversary of his birth. Mathematical Research and Conference Center of the Institute of Mathematics of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Bedlewo, Poland. July 3-9, 2005.
- *Compactifications of finite-dimensional manifolds*, 20 minute invited talk, Special Session on Topological Aspects of Group Theory, AMS Sectional Meeting, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, October 17, 2004.
- *Manifolds with non-stable fundamental groups at infinity*, 20 minute invited talk, Special Session on Geometric Topology in Honor of John Bryant, 944th Meeting of the American Mathematical Society, Tallahassee, FL, March 13, 2004.
- *Taming manifolds that are wild at infinity*, one hour invited talk, Special Session in Honor of Robert Daverman at the 19th Annual Workshop in Geometric Topology, June 14, 2002.
- *Perfect groups in geometric topology*, one hour colloquium talk, Department of Mathematical Sciences, Ball State University, Muncie, IN, April 4, 2002.
- *An interesting non-pseudocollarable manifold*, 30 minute invited talk, Workshop in Geometric Topology and Geometric Group Theory, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, March 6, 2002.
- *Perfect groups in geometric topology*, one hour colloquium talk, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, January 31, 2002.