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## Education

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Jan. 1998–Jan. 2001	PhD (Computer Science) from Carleton University
Sep. 1996–Jan. 1998	M.C.S. degree from Carleton University
Sep. 1991–May 1996	B.C.S. degree (highest honours) from Carleton University

## Academic Awards

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June 2001	Best Paper Award — SIROCCO 2001 [69]	
Jan. 2001–Dec. 2001	NSERC Postdoctoral Fellowship	\$35 000/yr
May 2001	Carleton University Senate Medal	
May 1999–Apr. 2001	NSERC PGS-B Scholarship	\$19 000/yr
May 1997–Apr. 1999	NSERC PGS-A Scholarship	\$16 000/yr

## Research Grants

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2017–2018	eCampusOntario	Open Content Funding	\$97 390
2013–2017	NSERC	Discovery Grant	5×\$36 000
2012–2013	SSHRC	Partnership Dev	\$21 000
2012–2013	NSERC	ENGAGE	\$25 000
2009	Carleton University	Research Award	\$15 000
2008–2010	NSERC	Discovery Accelerator	3×\$40 000
2008–2012	NSERC	Discovery Grant	5×\$26 000
2008	University of Sydney	Research Fellowship	\$15 000
2008	National ICT Australia	Collaboration Grant	\$7 000
2008	Ontario Innovation Trust	Matching Program	\$24 145
2008	Canada Foundation for Innovation	New Opportunities Fund	\$24 145
2007	Ontario Government	Early Researcher Award	\$100 000
2007	Carleton University	Carty Fellowship	\$50 000
2006	Belgian FNRS	Collaboration Grant	€5 000
2003–2007	NSERC	Discovery Grant	5×\$21 000
2004	Ontario Innovation Trust	Matching Program	\$83 227
2004	Canada Foundation for Innovation	New Opportunities Fund	\$83 227
2002	Carleton University	Startup Grant	\$30 000

## Relevant Work Experience

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Professor	Jul. 2013– Professor of computer science	Carleton University	Ottawa, Canada
Associate Professor	Jul. 2006–Jun. 2013 Associate professor of computer science	Carleton University	Ottawa, Canada
Assistant Professor	Jan. 2002–Jun. 2006 Assistant professor of computer science	Carleton University	Ottawa, Canada
Postdoctoral Fellow	Jan. 2001–Dec. 2001 NSERC funded postdoctoral fellow	McGill University	Montréal, Canada

## Current Research Interests

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- Geometric computing** The study of algorithmic and combinatorial geometry problems motivated by application areas such as robust statistics [53, 57, 78, 113, 81, 116], geographic information systems [79, 82, 102, 122], molecular biology and polymer physics [54, 84, 85, 87, 98], manufacturing [68, 75, 43, 46], facility location [64, 70, 81, 116], automated cartography [76], machine learning [63], and visualization [66, 65, 67, 97]
- Data structures** The design and analysis of efficient dictionaries [4, 72, 80, 117] and geometric data structures [81, 116]
- Online and distributed computing** The design and analysis of communication protocols and distributed algorithms [69, 71, 77, 83, 86, 82, 96]

## Professional Duties

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- Program Committees** ISAAC 2002, CCCG 2004, Adhoc Now 2005, AAIM 2006, ISAAC 2006, Adhoc Now 2006, CCCG 2006, SoCG 2007, Adhoc Now 2007, SWAT 2008, CCCG 2008, ISAAC 2008, CCCG 2009, EuroCG 2009, CATS 2009, CCCG 2010, CCCG 2012, COCOON 2012, ISAAC 2013, CCCG 2014, CCCG 2015, SoCG 2017
- Organizing Committee** CCCG 2007, Workshop on Geometry and Graphs (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017), CCCG 2017
- Program Chair** CCCG 2008
- Review Boards** MITACS College of Reviewers (2008), Ontario Graduate Scholarship Selection Committee (2008), MRI Early Researcher Awards Adjudication Committee (2010, 2011, 2014)
- Associate Editor** [Journal of Computer and System Sciences](#)
- Managing Editor** [Journal of Computational Geometry](#) (also co-founder, with Joachim Gudmundsson)

## Teaching and Supervision Duties

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### Thesis Committees

Ahmed Moustafa (M.E., F2002), Xiaofei Jia (M.C.S, W2003), Paul Boone (M.C.S, F2003), Karel Casteels (M.Math, W2004), Ebrahim Malalla (Ph.D, McGill, W2004), Aaron Lee (M.C.S, S2004), Liang Tang (M.C.S, W2005), Derek Bradley (M.C.S, W2005), James Kelly (M.C.S, S2006), Sébastien Collette (Ph.D, Université Libre de Bruxelles, F2006), Shai Mor (M.Sc, F2006), Qiasheng Shi (Ph.D, 2008, Simon Fraser University), Sadrul Chowdhury (M.C.S, University of Ottawa, W2008), Michel Paquette (Ph.D, W2010), Dana Jansens (M.C.S, W2010), Chris Hamilton (Ph.D, W2011, Dalhousie University), Bojan Djordjević (Ph.D, S2011, University of Sydney), Jeff Sember (Ph.D, S2011, University of British Columbia), Gregory Bint (MCS, F2014), Ahmad Biniaz (Ph.D, F2016), Kimberly Crosbie (MCS., W2017)

### Comprehensive Exams

Ghada Badr (Data structures, F2002), Yihui Tang (Data structures, S2003), Julie Thorpe (Data structures, S2005), William Elazmeh (Data structures, S2006), Glenn Wurster (Algorithms, S2006), Phil Eisen (Algorithms, S2006), Daming Xu (Algorithms, F2006), Michel Paquette (Algorithms, F2006) Paul's Student (Algorithms, W2008), Amir Razavi (Data Structures, W2008), John Howat (Algorithms, F2009), Jacquelin Caron (Algorithms, F2009), Andrew Runka (Data Structures, F2011), Sander Verdonschot (Algorithms, S2011), André van Renssen (Algorithms, S2011), Eduardo Pacheco (Data Structures, S2012), Arash Nouri (Algorithms, F2014)

### Students and Postdocs

David Wood (Postdoc 2002–2004), Greg Aloupis (FCAR Postdoc 2005–2006), Meng He (Postdoc 2007–2008), Mohammad Farshi (Postdoc 2007–2008), Vida Dujmović (Postdoc 2008), Paz Carmi (Postdoc 2006–2008), Vida Dujmović (NSERC Postdoc 2004–2005, 2008–2009), Yihui Tang (Ph.D, 2008), Stefanie Wuhler (M.C.S., 2006), Harish Gopala (M.C.S., 2004), John Howat (MCS, 2009), John Howat (PhD, 2012), Dan Chen (PhD, 2013), Zhamila Abdranova (MCS, 2013), Daniel Minor (MCS, 2015), Andre van Renssen (PhD, 2014), Sander Verdonschot (PhD, 2015), Tommy Reddad (MCS, 2015), Lucas Rioux-Maldague (MCS 2015), Luis Barba (PhD, 2016), Cory Fraser (MCS, 2016), Alexis Beingessner (MCS, 2016), Luis Schulz Xavier de Silveira (PhD, in progress)

### Honours Projects

Michael Hodge (Diameter Finding Algorithms, W2002), Jake Denley (Generation of Random Scenery, W2004), Darcy Dunne (A Fast Algorithm for Finding the Minimum Circular Half-Covering of a 2D Point Set), Tair Bilyalov (Random 3D Terrain in Computer Games, W2005), Jeremy Gribben (Procedural Generation of Random 3D Vehicles, W2005), Christopher Johnson (Randomized Scenery in 3D Gaming, W2005), Dmitry Karasik (IOUs in BitTorrent, W2005), Vladimir Bradateanu (Dynamically Generated Random Terrain and Trees, S2005), Jamie Suomela (Random Generation of Billboard Advertising for Use in Racing Games, S2005), Gi Wu (BitTorrent IOU Extensions, S2005), Mykola Konyk (Polyhedral Surface Reconstruction, W2006), Richard Poulin (Dynamic Workflow — Graph Drawing, S2007), Irwin Zaid (Graph Hierarchies which Approximate the Complete Euclidean Graph, F2007), Shayan Negari (Application Sharing Over the Public Internet, F2007), Rajinder Wasson (A Mediawiki Sports League Extension, W2008), Daniel Minor (Cuckoo Hashing in Python, W2008), Yini He (Fast Searching in the HTML DOM, W2008), Paul Cumming (MediaWiki 2.0, W2008), Vlad Rubinov (Fast HDR, F2009), Bryan Waite (Open Source decompression algorithms, W2010), Edward Duong (Real-time HDR, W2010), Calvin Wiebe (Halia: A JavaScript DOM Querying Algorithm, F2010), Nima Hoda (Visibility-Monotonic Polygon Deflation, W2013),<sup>4</sup>Troy Hildebrandt (Robust Constructive Solid Geometry, W2013), Christian Delahouse (Data Structures for Approximate String Searching, W2015)

**Summer Undergraduates** Christian Leger (Relations Between Binary and Ternary Trees, S2005), Christian Muise (Data Structures for the HTML DOM, S2007), Irwin Zaid (Hierarchical Spanners, S2007), John Howat (Property-Rich Succinct Data Structures, S2007), James Mendek (Distribution-Sensitive Point Location, S2008), Shane Smith (Simple Compiler Compiler, S2010), Nima Hoda (Basic Data Structures, S2011), Nima Hoda (Polygon Reconfiguration, S2012), Troy Hildebrand (3DCSS in Chromium, S2013), Jennifer Hood (Graph Drawing, S2015)

**Committees** Lab Committee (2002, 2003, 2004)  
Hiring Committee (2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2014)  
Curriculum Committee (2003)  
Promotions and Tenure Committee (2003, 2007, 2014)

**Courses Taught** RAA Evaluation Committee (2013, 2014, 2016)  
Development Grant Review Committee (2017)  
COMP5408 Advanced Data Structures (W2002, F2003, F2004, W2006, W2007, W2008, F2009, W2011, W2012, W2013, W2014)  
COMP4804 Algorithms II (W2003, W2004, W2005, W2006, W2010, W2017)  
COMP4900/5900 Computational Molecular Biology (W2006, W2007)  
COMP3804 Algorithms I (W2006)  
COMP3002 Compiler Construction (W2003, W2004, W2005, W2008, F2009, W2011, F2011)  
COMP2405 Internet Application Programming (W2007, W2008)  
COMP2402 Data Structures (F2010, F2011, F2012, F2013, F2014, F2016)  
COMP5804 OCICS Graduate Seminar (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008)  
COMP1405 Introduction to Programming (F2012, F2013, F2014)

## Publications

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### Books

- [1] P. Morin. *Open Data Structures (in Pseudocode)*. Web, 2014. A freely-available open content textbook.
- [2] P. Morin. *Open Data Structures: An Introduction*. Athabasca University Press, Edmonton, 2013. Also freely available as *Open Data Structures (in Java)* at [opendatastructures.org](http://opendatastructures.org).
- [3] P. Morin. *Open Data Structures (in C++)*. Web, 2012. A freely-available open content textbook.

### Chapters in Books

- [4] P. Morin. Hash tables. In Dinesh Mehta and Sartaj K. Sahni, editors, *Handbook of Data Structures and Applications*, chapter 9. CRC Press, 2004.

### Papers Accepted in Refereed Journals

- [5] V. Dujmović, G. Joret, P. Morin, S. Norin, and D. R. Wood. Orthogonal tree decompositions of graphs. *SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics*. Accepted, pending revisions, in October 2017.
- [6] V. Dujmović, P. Morin, and D. R. Wood. Layered separators in minor-closed graph classes with applications. *Journal of Combinatorial Theory, Series B*, 127:111–147, 2017. Preliminary version appeared at FOCS 2013.
- [7] A. Biniarz, P. Bose, D. Eppstein, A. Maheshwari, P. Morin, and M. Smid. Spanning trees in multipartite geometric graphs. Accepted, pending minor revisions, in April 2017.
- [8] P. Morin, W. Mulzer, and T. Reddad. Encoding arguments. *ACM Computing Surveys*, 50(3):46:1–36, 2017.
- [9] L. Devroye and P. Morin. A note on interference in random point sets. *Computational Geometry: Theory and Applications*. Accepted in January 2017. Preliminary version appeared at CCCG 2012.
- [10] P. Morin and S. Verdonschot. On the average number of edges in theta graphs. *Online Journal of Analytic Combinatorics*. Accepted in July 2016. Preliminary version appeared at *ANALCO 2014*.
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- [12] P.-V. Khuong and P. Morin. Array layouts for comparison-based searching. *ACM Journal of Experimental Algorithmics*, 22(1), 2017. Article No. 1.3 (39 pages).
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