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## Anush Tserunyan

- RESEARCH**      **Descriptive set theory** and its connections with ergodic theory, measured group theory, geometric group theory, and combinatorics.
- EDUCATION**
- 2013 Jun      *Ph.D. in Mathematics, University of California at Los Angeles, CA, USA*  
Advisors: Alexander S. Kechris (Caltech), Itay Neeman (UCLA)  
Thesis: *Finite generators for countable group actions; Finite index pairs of equivalence relations; Complexity measures for recursive programs*
- 2007 Jun      *M.S. in Informatics and Applied Mathematics, 2007, Yerevan State University, Armenia*
- 2005 Jun      *B.S. in Informatics and Applied Mathematics, 2005, Yerevan State University, Armenia*
- ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**
- Main**
- 2015 Aug–present      *Assistant Professor, Mathematics Department, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA*
- 2013 Aug–2015 Aug      *J.L. Doob Research Assistant Professor, Mathematics Department, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA*
- Editorial**
- 2017 Dec–present      *Editor, [Archive for Mathematical Logic](#), Springer*
- Visiting**
- 2018 Jun 3–30      *Visiting Fellow, Bernoulli Center, Lausanne, Switzerland*  
Program: *Descriptive set theory and Polish groups*
- 2016 Mar 14–Apr 29      *Visiting Fellow, Institut Mittag-Leffler, Djursholm, Sweden*  
Program: *Classification of operator algebras: complexity, rigidity, and dynamics*
- GRANTS AND AWARDS**
- Grants**
- 2015–2018      NSF Grant DMS-1501036  
Principal Investigator of project “Treeable equivalence relations and the use of probability groups in arithmetic combinatorics”
- 2014–2015      AMS Simons Travel Grant
- 2006–2007      Armenian National Science and Education Fund Grant  
Investigator of project “On Pairs of Disjoint Matchings of a Graph”  
Principal Investigator: Vahan Mkrtchyan
- Awards**
- 2018–2020      Lincoln Excellence for Assistant Professors Award, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2018      N. Tenney Peck Teaching Award in Mathematics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2015      Emil Artin Junior Prize in Mathematics [[Wikipedia](#)]
- 2012–2013      Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA
- 2011      Robert Sorgenfrey Distinguished Teaching Award, UCLA
- 2010–2011      Mangasar M. Mangasarian Fellowship for continuing graduate students, UCLA
- 2007      Chancellor’s Prize for incoming graduate students, UCLA
- 2005      Presidential Award “Best Undergraduate Student in Sciences and Information Technologies”  
Awarded by a former president of Armenia Robert Kocharyan
- 2004      Anania Shirakatzi Scholarship for excellent studies, Yerevan State University

MATH  
WRITING

**Research publications and preprints**

- A. Tserunyan, R. Tucker-Drob, *The structure of hyperfinite equivalence relations in a quasi-pmp acyclic graph* (2018)
- A. Bernshteyn, M. Delcourt, A. Tserunyan, *Independent sets in algebraic hypergraphs* (2018) [[arXiv](#)]
- A. Tserunyan, *A descriptive construction of trees and Stallings' theorem* (2018) [[arXiv](#)]
- A. Tserunyan, *Pointwise ergodic theorem for locally countable quasi-pmp graphs* (2018) [[arXiv](#)]
- A. Bernshteyn, M. Delcourt, H. Towsner, A. Tserunyan, *A short nonalgorithmic proof of the containers theorem for hypergraphs*, to appear in the **Proceedings of the AMS** (2018) [[arXiv](#)]
- A. Tserunyan, *A descriptive set theorist's proof of the pointwise ergodic theorem* (2017) [[arXiv](#)]
- B. D. Miller, A. Tserunyan, *Edge sliding and ergodic hyperfinite decomposition* (2017) [[arXiv](#)]
- A. Tserunyan, *Mixing and double recurrence in probability groups* (2017) [[arXiv](#)]
- A. Tserunyan, *A Ramsey theorem on semigroups and a general van der Corput lemma*, **Journal of Symbolic Logic**, vol. 81 (2016), no. 2, pp. 718–741 [[arXiv](#)]
- A. Tserunyan, *Finite generators for countable group actions in the Borel and Baire category settings*, **Advances in Mathematics**, vol. 269 (2015), pp. 585–646 [[arXiv](#)]
- A. Tserunyan, *Characterization of a class of graphs related to pairs of disjoint matchings*, **Discrete Mathematics**, vol. 309 (2009), no. 4, pp. 693–713 [[arXiv](#)]
- V. Mkrtchyan, V. Musoyan, A. Tserunyan, *On edge-disjoint pairs of matchings*, **Discrete Mathematics**, vol. 308 (2008), no. 23, pp. 5823–5828 [[arXiv](#)]

**Work in preparation**

- A. Tserunyan, *Topological dimension and Baire category in Euclidean spaces*
- A. Tserunyan, *Finite index subequivalence relations and treeability*

**Course notes**

- A. Tserunyan, *Introduction to Descriptive Set Theory*, semester-long course notes [[pdf](#)]
- A. Tserunyan, *Mathematical Logic*, semester-long course notes [[pdf](#)]
- A. Tserunyan, *A quick introduction to basic set theory* [[pdf](#)]
- A. Tserunyan, *Topics in logic and applications*, three-day course notes for advanced undergraduates [[pdf](#)]

**Reviews**

- A review of “C. T. Conley and B. D. Miller, A bound on measurable chromatic numbers of locally finite Borel graphs, *Mathematical Research Letters*, vol. 23, no. 6 (2016), pp. 1633–1644”, **The Bulletin of Symbolic Logic**, vol. 23 (2017), no. 3, pp. 334–336 [[pdf](#), [DOI](#)]

INVITED TALKS  
AND LECTURES

**Plenary**

- 2018 Jul 23–28 *Plenary speaker* at Logic Colloquium 2018, Udine, Italy
- 2017 Jun 18–24 *Principal speaker* at the 41<sup>st</sup> Summer Symposium in Real Analysis, The College of Wooster, OH, USA
- 2015 Mar 25–28 *Plenary speaker* at the North American Annual Meeting of the Association for Symbolic Logic, UIUC, Urbana-Champaign, IL, USA

**Colloquia and seminars (selected)**

- 2018 Nov 15 Functional Analysis Seminar, University of California at San Diego, CA, USA
- 2018 Nov 9 UCLA–Caltech Cabal Seminar, University of California at Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2018 Sep 14 Mathematics Colloquium, University of Illinois at Chicago, IL, USA
- 2018 Sep 4 Groups and Dynamics Seminar, Texas A&M, College Station, TX, USA

- 2018 Apr 21 Wabash Extramural Modern Analysis Seminar, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN, USA
- 2017 Jun 2 UCLA–Caltech Cabal Seminar, University of California at Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2017 May 30 Logic Seminar, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, USA
- 2016 Sep 30 Mathematics Colloquium, Queen’s University, Kingston, ON, Canada
- 2016 May 12 Research Seminar, Kurt Gödel Research Center for Mathematical Logic, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
- 2016 Feb 25 Mathematics Colloquium (Oliver Club), Cornell University, NY, USA

#### Mini-courses

- 2019 Jan 12–19 (Upcoming) The 47<sup>th</sup> Winter School in Abstract Analysis, Svatka, Czech Republic  
Mini-course: *Countable Borel equivalence relations, ergodic theory, and measured group theory*
- 2017 May 5–11 The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Institute: Noncommutative Geometry and Operator Algebras, Vanderbilt University, TN, USA  
Mini-course: *Countable Borel equivalence relations, ergodicity, and turbulence*
- 2016 Jun 6–10 Undergraduate Summer School within Thematic Program on Model Theory, University of Notre Dame, IN, USA  
Mini-course: *Introduction to Model Theory II*
- 2013, Jul 14–Aug 3 Undergraduate Logic Summer School, Logic Center, UCLA, CA, USA  
Mini-course: *Descriptive Set Theory*
- 2012, Jun 24–Jul 14 Undergraduate Logic Summer School, Logic Center, UCLA, CA, USA  
Mini-course: *First Order Logic and Gödel’s Incompleteness Theorem*

#### All conference and workshop talks

- 2019 Oct 7–11 (Upcoming) “Measurable, Borel, and Topological Dynamics” Workshop, Centre International de Rencontres Mathématiques, Luminy, France
- 2019 Sep 29–Oct 4 (Upcoming) “Classification Problems in von Neumann Algebras” Workshop, Banff International Research Centre, Banff, AB, Canada
- 2019 Jul 8–12 (Upcoming) “Measurability, Ergodic Theory and Combinatorics” Workshop, Warwick Mathematics Institute, Warwick, UK
- 2019 Jul 1–5 (Upcoming) 7<sup>th</sup> European Set Theory Conference, Erwin Schrödinger Institute, Vienna, Austria
- 2019 Feb 1–3 (Upcoming) 20<sup>th</sup> Very Informal Gathering (VIG) celebrating the 50th anniversary of the start of the “cabal”, UCLA Logic Center, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2018 Sep 1–3 “Group Theory and Dynamical Systems” Workshop, UT Austin, Austin, TX, USA
- 2018 Jul 23–28 *Plenary speaker* at Logic Colloquium 2018, Udine, Italy
- 2018 Jul 14–21 “Ramsey Theory in Logic, Combinatorics and Complexity” Workshop, Bertinoro (Forlì-Cesena), Italy
- 2018 Jun 12 Descriptive Set Theory Day, Turin, Italy
- 2018 Feb 5–9 “Borel Combinatorics and Ergodic Theory” Conference, Bernoulli Center, Lausanne, Switzerland
- 2018 Jan 10–13 First Mexico/USA Logic Fest, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2017 Sep 15–17 Simon Fest, Rutgers University, NJ, USA
- 2017 Jun 18–24 *Principal speaker* at the 41<sup>st</sup> Summer Symposium in Real Analysis, The College of Wooster, OH, USA
- 2017 Jun 5–9 Concentration Week on Ergodic Theory and Operator Algebras, Texas A&M University, TX, USA
- 2017 May 5–11 The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Institute: Noncommutative Geometry and Operator Algebras, Vanderbilt University, TN, USA
- 2017 Feb 11–19 “Set Theory” Workshop, Oberwolfach, Germany
- 2016 Dec 12–16 “Current Trends in Descriptive Set Theory” Workshop, Erwin Schrödinger Institute for Mathematics and Physics, Vienna, Austria
- 2016 Oct 20–23 “Set Theory” Workshop, University of Illinois at Chicago, IL, USA

- 2016 Sep 11–16 “Set Theory and Its Application in Topology” Workshop, Banff International Research Station, Oaxaca, Mexico
- 2016 Aug 38–Sep 3 “Measured Group Theory” Workshop, Oberwolfach, Germany
- 2016 Jul 31–Aug 6 “Set Theory” Special Session, Logic Colloquium 2016, Leeds, UK
- 2016 Mar 23 “Classification and Set Theory” Workshop, Institut Mittag-Leffler, Sweden
- 2015 Oct 30–Nov 1 Midwest Dynamical Systems Meeting, Ohio State University, OH, USA
- 2015 Aug 2–4 36<sup>th</sup> Semiannual Wasatch Topology Conference, Park City, UT, USA
- 2015 Jul 19–24 “Combinatorics Meets Ergodic Theory” Workshop, Banff International Research Centre, Banff, AB, Canada
- 2015 Mar 25–28 *Plenary speaker* at the North American Annual Meeting of the ASL, UIUC, Urbana-Champaign, IL, USA
- 2015 Mar 7 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Midwest Women in Mathematics Symposium, Dominican University, IL, USA
- 2015 Feb 28–Mar 1 Spring Conference in Set Theory and Computability, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, USA
- 2015 Jan 10–Feb 1 18<sup>th</sup> Very Informal Gathering (VIG) in honor of Tony Martin, UCLA Logic Center, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2014 June 2–6 “Logic, Dynamics, and Interactions 2”, University of North Texas, Denton, TX, USA
- 2014 May 24–28 “Ramsey Theory” Conference, University of Denver, Denver, CO, USA
- 2014 Apr 5–6 AMS Western Spring Sectional Meeting, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, USA
- 2014 Jan 12–18 “Set Theory” Workshop, Oberwolfach, Germany
- 2013 Oct 5–6 AMS Fall Southeastern Sectional Meeting, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, USA
- 2013 May 8–11 ASL North American Annual Meeting, Waterloo, ON, Canada
- 2013 Mar 1–3 AMS Spring Southeastern Sectional Meeting, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS, USA
- 2012 Oct 6–7 MAMLS Conference, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, USA
- 2012 Sep 10–14 “Applications to Operator Algebras” Workshop, Fields Institute, Toronto, ON, Canada

**RESEARCH  
VISITS AND  
WORKSHOPS**

**Workshops**

- 2018 Jun 3–30 Special semester on “Descriptive Set Theory and Polish Groups”, Bernoulli Center, Lausanne, Switzerland
- 2017 Aug 14–18 Workshop on “Nonstandard methods in combinatorial number theory”, American Institute of Mathematics, CA, USA
- 2016 Mar 14–Apr 29 Special semester on “Classification of operator algebras: complexity, rigidity, and dynamics”, Institut Mittag-Leffler, Djursholm, Sweden

**Research visits**

- 2018 Oct 29–Nov 25 (Upcoming) Host: Alexander Kechris, Caltech, Pasadena, CA, USA
- 2018 Oct 15–21 (Upcoming) Host: Clinton Conley, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA
- 2018 Sep 3–11 (Upcoming) Host: Robin Tucker-Drob, Texas A&M, College Station, TX, USA
- 2018 Aug 29–Sep 1 (Upcoming) Hosts: Lewis Bowen and Kate Juschenko, University of Texas, Austin, TX, USA
- 2018 Jul 28–Aug 1 Host: Miklós Abért, Rényi Institute of Mathematics, Budapest, Hungary
- 2017 Jun 1–4 Host: Andrew Marks, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2017 May 27–Jun 1 Host: Alexander Kechris, Caltech, Pasadena, CA, USA
- 2016 Dec 4–11 Host: Benjamin Miller, Kurt Gödel Research Center for Mathematical Logic, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
- 2016 Jun 31–Jul 9 Host: Damien Gaboriau, École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, Lyon, France
- 2016 May 1–13 Host: Benjamin Miller, Kurt Gödel Research Center for Mathematical Logic, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
- 2016 Feb 21–26 Host: Justin Moore, Cornell University, Ithaca, USA

**ADVISING****Ph.D. students**

- 2018 May–present     *Jenna Zomback*, Math. Dept., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
 2017 Jul–present     *Dakota Ihli*, Math. Dept., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
 2015 Aug–2018 May     *Anton Bernshteyn*, Math. Dept., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**M.S. students**

- 2017 Jul–2018 May     *Wei Dai*, M.S. student, Math. Dept., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**TEACHING****Topics courses: graduate**

- 2015 Spring     *Classification in Ergodic Theory*, Math 595, UIUC, IL, USA

**Graduate courses**

- 2018 Spring     *Set Theory*, Math 574–ST, UIUC, IL, USA  
 2017 Fall     *Mathematical Logic*, Math 570, UIUC, IL, USA  
 2017 Spring     *Real Analysis*, Math 540, UIUC, IL, USA  
 2016 Fall     *Model Theory*, Math 571, UIUC, IL, USA  
 2015 Fall     *Mathematical Logic*, Math 570, UIUC, IL, USA  
 2014 Fall     *Mathematical Logic*, Math 570, UIUC, IL, USA  
 2014 Spring     *Descriptive Set Theory*, Math 574–DST, UIUC, IL, USA

**Undergraduate courses**

- 2017 Fall     *Fundamental Mathematics (Honors)*, Math 347H, UIUC, IL, USA  
 2017 Spring     *Set Theory and Topology*, Math 432, UIUC, IL, USA  
 2015 Fall     *Fundamental Mathematics*, Math 347, UIUC, IL, USA  
 2014 Fall     *Elementary Real Analysis*, Math 444, UIUC, IL, USA  
 2013 Fall     *Applied Linear Algebra*, Math 415, UIUC, IL, USA  
 2011 Fall     *Calculus of Several Variables (Honors)*, Math 32AH, UCLA, IL, USA

**SERVICE****Editorial**

- 2017 Dec–present     *Editor*, [Archive for Mathematical Logic](#), Springer

**Publication reviews**

A review of “C. T. Conley and B. D. Miller, A bound on measurable chromatic numbers of locally finite Borel graphs, *Mathematical Research Letters*, vol. 23, no. 6 (2016), pp. 1633–1644”, *The Bulletin of Symbolic Logic*, vol. 23 (2017), no. 3, pp. 334–336 [[pdf](#), [DOI](#)]

**Refereeing**

- Discrete Mathematics (Elsevier)  
 Ergodic Theory and Dynamical Systems (Cambridge University Press)  
 Fundamenta Mathematicae (Polish Academy of Sciences)  
 Journal of the EMS (European Mathematical Society)  
 Proceedings of the AMS (American Mathematical Society)  
 Studia Mathematica (Polish Academy of Sciences)

**Conference and workshop organization**

- 2020 May 4–8     Co-organizer of workshop “Measured Group Theory, Stochastic Processes on Groups, and Borel Combinatorics”, Centre International de Rencontres Mathématiques, Luminy, France  
 2018 May 16–19     Co-organizer of “Set Theory” special session, *ASL North American Annual Meeting 2018*, Macomb, IL, USA  
 2018 Jan 10–13     Co-organizer of plenary talks, *ASL Winter Meeting 2018 with the JMM*, San Diego, CA, USA

**Seminar organization**

- 2018 Fall     *Descriptive Set Theory* seminar, UIUC, IL, USA

2018 Fall Co-organizer, *Logic* seminar, UIUC, IL, USA  
 2018 Spring Co-organizer, *Operator Algebra and Descriptive Set Theory* joint learning seminar on “Cost and  $\ell^2$ -Betti numbers”, UIUC, IL, USA  
 2016 Fall–2018 Spring *Logic* seminar, UIUC, IL, USA  
 2016 Fall–2018 Spring *Model Theory and Descriptive Set Theory* learning seminar, UIUC, IL, USA  
 2015 Fall *Logic* seminar, UIUC, IL, USA  
 2015 Fall *Model Theory and Descriptive Set Theory* learning seminar, UIUC, IL, USA  
 2014 Spring *Descriptive Ergodic Theory* learning seminar, UIUC, IL, USA  
 2009 Spring *Logic* learning seminar on “Descriptive Complexity Theory”, UCLA, CA, USA

**Committees**

2017–2018 Graduate Recruiting and Application Screening, Mathematics, UIUC, IL, USA  
 2017–2018 Postdoc Search, Mathematics, UIUC, IL, USA  
 2017–2018 Comp Exams: Mathematical Logic (Math 570), Mathematics, UIUC, IL, USA  
 2016–2017 Honors Courses, Mathematics, UIUC, IL, USA  
 2016–2017 Comp Exams: Real Analysis (Math 540), Mathematics, UIUC, IL, USA  
 2016–2017 Comp Exams: Mathematical Logic (Math 570), Mathematics, UIUC, IL, USA  
 2015–2016 Postdoc Search, Mathematics, UIUC, IL, USA  
 2015–2016 Comp Exams: Mathematical Logic (Math 570), Mathematics, UIUC, IL, USA

OLYMPIADS 2014 Jun *Second-place*, First Pan-Armenian Open Programming Contest, Yerevan, Armenia

NONACADEMIC JOBS 2004 Jul–2007 Mar *Software Engineer*, Ponté Solutions CJSC, Yerevan, Armenia  
 Job description: programming in C++, graph-theoretic algorithms, computational geometry

LANGUAGES Armenian, English, Russian, very basic French (can read math if needed)