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University of Georgia, summer 1977.
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MSRI, Berkeley, April - Aug. 1989, Sept. - Nov. 2004, Aug. - Sept. 2007, Aug. - Dec. 2016.
University of Chicago, 2002 - 03.
Mittag-Leffler Institute, April - May, 2012.
Mathematical Sciences Center, Tsinghua University, May - June, 2013.
University of Sao Paulo, May, 2014.
Center for Symmetry and Deformation, University of Copenhagen, Jan.- Feb. 2015.
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- 13. The Euler characteristic of a polyhedral product, Geom. Dedicata 159 (2012), 263–266.
- 14. (with T. Januszkiewicz and J-F. Lafont) 4-dimensional CAT(0)-manifolds with no Riemannian smoothings, Duke Math. J. 161 (2012), 1–28.
- 15. (with B. Okun) Cohomology computations for Artin groups, Bestvina-Brady groups and graph products, Groups Geom. Dyn. 6 (2012) 485–531.
- 16. (with T. Januszkiewicz, I. J. Leary and B. Okun) *Cohomology of hyperplane complements* with group ring coefficients, IMRN (2011), no. 9, 2110–2116.
- Examples of buildings constructed via covering spaces, Groups Geom. Dyn. 3 (2009), 279–298.
- 18. Lectures on orbifolds and reflection groups, in Transformation Groups and Moduli Spaces of Curves (eds, L. Ji, S-T Yau), ALM **16**, International Press, 2010, pp. 63–93.
- 19. (with J. Dymara, T. Januszkiewicz, J. Meier and B. Okun) *Compactly supported cohomology of buildings*, Comment. Math. Helv. **85** (2010), 551–582.
- 20. *The Hopf Conjecture and the Singer Conjecture*, Guido's Book of Conjectures (ed. I. Chatterji) Monographie de L'Enseignement Math. **40** (2008), pp. 80-82.
- 21. (with T. Januszkiewicz and I. Leary) *The L<sup>2</sup>-cohomology of hyperplane complements*, Groups Geom. Dyn. **1** (2007) 301–309.

- 22. (with J. Dymara, T. Januszkiewicz and B. Okun) *Cohomology of Coxeter groups with group ring coefficients: II*, Algebraic & Geometric Topology **6** (2006), 1289-1318.
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