

A Short Biography

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I am an Associate Professor of Mathematics at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington. I am in my thirteenth year here. I graduated from Colorado College in 1997 with a double major in Mathematics and History. I got my Masters' and Doctorate from Dartmouth College in 2003. I live here in Walla Walla with my wife and two kids, Mary Elizabeth (age 11) and Daniel (age 8).

My favorite mathematical result involves the sums of the reciprocals of squares, and is due to Euler. Specifically,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

Three things about me are:

- I am a competitive tournament bridge player, and I will be competing at National tournaments this Spring in Reno and this Summer in DC.
- My favorite city in the world is Budapest, Hungary. I studied abroad there as an undergraduate and have been back three times since.
- I learned \LaTeX in graduate school on a dare (of sorts).



Figure 1: I TRIPLE dog dare you...