Early Career Achievement

Daryl DeFord

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Just two years post-PhD, Daryl DeFord joined the WSU faculty in 2020 with an already-impressive record of academic achievement. He has since continued making major strides in teaching, research, and public service.

Expert in applying concepts of geometry, graph partitions, network models, and computational tools from statistics and data analytics, Daryl is widely acclaimed for his innovative ideas for solving complex problems. He has published numerous papers in top-tier national and international journals and delivered dozens of invited talks.

Daryl is renowned for his deep and fundamental contributions to the mathematics of political gerrymandering and redistricting and generously shares his knowledge with other researchers and the public. He has developed instructional materials and software for computational redistricting and led workshops on applying the tools.

Inspirational, and engaging as a teacher and mentor to students at all levels, Daryl has taught courses in mathematics, statistics, and data analytics, and supervised research projects of six graduate students and several undergraduates. He revitalized the student math club as faculty advisor and enthusiastically served on department-level committees.

While still at an early stage in his career, Daryl is an emerging star in his field.