## About me (Daniel Orr)

- I am member of the research group in Algebra, Algebraic Geometry, and Combinatorics.
- My research lies in a branch of abstract algebra known as *representation theory*. The basic idea of this subject is to use symmetry to understand the structure of complicated objects.
- Interplay with algebraic geometry and combinatorics is essential.
- Some keywords: Lie algebras, Hecke algebras, Macdonald polynomials

## Current and former Ph.D. students

- Amanda Welch, Ph.D. (2019)
  - Currently Visiting Assistant Professor at College of the Holy Cross
  - Applying for tenure-track positions
  - ► Research article based on thesis currently submitted and under review
- Benjamin Goodberry, Ph.D. (current)
  - Plans to graduate in Spring 2022
  - Work on combinatorics of nonsymmetric Macdonald polynomials
- Richard Shaplin, Ph.D. (current)
  - First-year in the Ph.D. program
  - M.S. under my direction (2020)
  - Work on Coxeter groups and Hecke algebras

## Want to find out more?

- Check out our research group page (profiles, seminar info, ...)
- Information on the algebra prelim exam
- Questions? Feel free to reach out via email (dorr@vt.edu).