

## Neil Dillip Thapen - Curriculum Vitae 2015

1. Scientific interests: mathematical logic and computational complexity, in particular bounded arithmetic, proof complexity, and related areas of model theory.
2. Education and employment:
  - (a) Merton College, University of Oxford, 1994-1998  
BA in Mathematics and Philosophy
  - (b) Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford, 1998-2002  
DPhil in Mathematical Logic, supervised by Alex Wilkie
  - (c) Department of Computer Science, University of Toronto, 2002-2003  
Postdoctoral research fellow
  - (d) St Hilda's College, University of Oxford, 2004-2005  
Tutor and lecturer in pure mathematics
  - (e) Institute of Mathematics, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, 2005-2008  
Postdoctoral visitor
  - (f) Institute of Mathematics, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, 2008 onwards  
Researcher
  - (g) Department of Mathematics, UC San Diego, 2011 (for six months)  
Visiting associate professor
  - (h) Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Cambridge, 2012 (for six months)  
Visiting fellow
3. Publications:
  - (a) N. Thapen, *A model-theoretic characterization of the weak pigeonhole principle*. Annals of Pure and Applied Logic, Vol 118(1-2), 2002, pp. 175-195.
  - (b) N. Thapen, *Structures interpretable in models of bounded arithmetic*. Annals of Pure and Applied Logic, Vol 136(30), 2005, pp. 247-266.
  - (c) N. Thapen and M. Soltys, *Weak theories of linear algebra*. Archive for Mathematical Logic, Vol 44(2), 2005, pp. 195-208.
  - (d) N. Thapen, *A note on  $\Delta_1$  induction and  $\Sigma_1$  collection*, Fundamenta Mathematicae, Vol 186, 2005, pp. 79-84.
  - (e) N. Galesi and N. Thapen, *Resolution and pebbling games*. Theory and Applications of Satisfiability Testing, 8th International Conference (SAT 2005), LNCS vol 3569, pp. 76-90.
  - (f) S. Cook and N. Thapen, *The strength of replacement in weak arithmetic*. ACM Transactions on Computational Logic, Vol 7(4), 2006, pp. 749-764.
  - (g) J. Krajíček, A. Skelley and N. Thapen. *NP search problems in low fragments of bounded arithmetic*, Journal of Symbolic Logic, Vol 72(2), 2007, pp. 649-672.

- (h) L. Kołodziejczyk and N. Thapen, *The linear and polynomial hierarchies in models where the weak pigeonhole principle fails*. Journal of Symbolic Logic, Vol 73(2), 2008, pp. 578-592.
- (i) L. Kołodziejczyk and N. Thapen, *The polynomial and linear hierarchies in  $V^0$* . Mathematical Logic Quarterly, Vol 55(5), 2009, pp. 509-514.
- (j) A. Skelley and N. Thapen, *The provably total search problems of bounded arithmetic*. Proceedings of the London Mathematical Society, Vol 103(1), 2011, pages 106-138.
- (k) L. Kołodziejczyk, P. Nguyen and N. Thapen, *The provably total NP search problems of weak second order bounded arithmetic*. Annals of Pure and Applied Logic, Vol 162(6), 2011, pp. 419-446.
- (l) N. Thapen, *Higher complexity search problems for bounded arithmetic and a formalized no-gap theorem*. Archive for Mathematical Logic, Vol 50(7-8), 2011, pp 665-680.
- (m) P. Pudlák and N. Thapen, *Alternating minima and maxima, Nash equilibrium and Bounded Arithmetic*. Annals of Pure and Applied Logic, Vol 163(5), 2012, pp. 604-614.
- (n) Y. Filmus, M. Lauria, J. Nordström, N. Ron-Zewi and N. Thapen, *Space Complexity in Polynomial Calculus*. IEEE Conference on Computational Complexity 2012, pp. 334-344.
- (o) M. Lauria, P. Pudlák, V. Rdl and N. Thapen, *The complexity of proving that a graph is Ramsey*. Proceedings of ICALP 2013, LNCS Vol 7965, 2013, pp. 648-695.
- (p) B. Kjos-Hanssen, A. Taveneaux and N. Thapen, *How much randomness is needed for statistics?* Annals of Pure and Applied Logic, Vol 165(9) , 2014, pp. 1470-1483.
- (q) A. Beckmann, P. Pudlák and N. Thapen, *Parity games and propositional proofs*. ACM Transactions on Computational Logic, Vol 15(2), 2014, article 17.
- (r) S. Buss, L. Koodziejczyk and N. Thapen, *Fragments of approximate counting*. Journal of Symbolic Logic, Vol 79(2), 2014, pp. 496-525.
- (s) A. Atserias and N. Thapen, *The Ordering Principle in a Fragment of Approximate Counting*. ACM Transactions on Computational Logic, Vol 15(4), 2014, article 29.
- (t) I. Bonacina, N. Galesi and N. Thapen. *Total space in resolution*. Proceedings of FOCS 2014, pp. 641-650.

#### 4. Selected invited talks:

- (a) *The weak pigeonhole principle in bounded arithmetic*, Workshop on the Complexity of Proofs and Computations, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, December 2000
- (b)  $\Delta_1$  induction and  $\Sigma_1$  collection, Methods of Logic in Mathematics II, Euler Institute, St Petersburg, July 2005
- (c)  $T_2^1, T_2^2$  and search problems, New Directions in Proof Complexity, workshop at Isaac Newton Institute, Cambridge, April 2006
- (d) *The polynomial and linear hierarchies in weak theories of bounded arithmetic*, Special Session on Complexity of Algorithms and Proofs, Computability in Europe, Siena, June 2007

- (e) *Bounded arithmetic and search problems*, Mathematical Logic: Proof Theory, Constructive Mathematics, workshop at MFO, Oberwolfach, April 2008
- (f) *Bounded arithmetic and search problems*, Journées sur les Arithmétiques Faibles 27, Athens, June 2008
- (g) *The provably total search problems of bounded arithmetic*, Special Session on Computability and Arithmetic, ASL Logic Colloquium, Bern, July 2008
- (h) *Search problems in bounded arithmetic*, Barriers in Computational Complexity, workshop at CCI, Princeton, August 2009
- (i) *The proof complexity of the finite Ramsey theorem*, Ramsey Theory in Logic, Combinatorics and Complexity workshop, Bertinoro, October 2009
- (j) *Bounded arithmetic and NP search problems*, plenary talk at ASL North American Annual Meeting, Berkeley, March 2011
- (k) *Set functions with small circuits*, Infinity Workshop, Vienna, July 2014

5. Awards:

- (a) Otto Wichterle prize for young researchers, awarded by the Czech Academy of Sciences, 2011

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