

Sadie Witkowski: Alright, let's get right into it. I'm Sadie Witkowski

Ian Martin: and I'm Ian Martin

SW: And you're listening to Carry the Two, a podcast from the Institute for Mathematical and Statistical Innovation, AKA IMSI.

IM: This is the podcast where Sadie and I talk about the real world applications of mathematical and statistical research.

SW: We might seem like an odd couple to tackle these topics. I'm a neuroscientist and Ian is a high school choir teacher! But it turns out that you don't need a math degree to see how mathematics plays a key role in all sorts of unexpected places.

IM: Well, I **was** a high school choir teacher. I'm sort of taking a bit of a break.

SW: And you don't just mean summer break before school starts, right?

IM: Oh yeah, this is a much longer break.

SW: So what are you doing? What do you mean by a long break?

IM: I'm taking a sabbatical for the 2023-2024 school year to pursue my masters in Choir Conducting at Hanns Eisler. It's a music school in Berlin.

SW: Oh my gosh! I'm so excited for you!

IM: Thank you! And while I would be more than happy to record our podcast from Berlin, despite the time difference, I understand that won't be happening?

SW: Yeah.... Busted.

IM: So are you going to share your own news?

SW: I have accepted a position at the Data Science Institute at the University of Chicago, where I will be their new Director of Communications.

IM: So you're leaving IMSI?

SW: Sadly, yes. Although I'm leaving to just go across the street so it's not nearly as far as Berlin!

IM: Wow, shots fired.

SW: I know we're both really sad to see the end of this era of Carry the Two, but I'm really hopeful that this podcast finds new hosts with a new Director of Communications and Engagement at IMSI.

IM: And in the meantime...? What does that mean for the show?

SW: For the meantime, we'll be signing off as a duo and going on break. I'll be pursuing some avenues of ways that IMSI and DSI, that's the Data Science Institute, can potentially collaborate on this podcast in future seasons, but that might take a while. Fingers crossed that I'll be able to pop in from time to time with some fun data science stories!

IM: So for now, the podcast will be on hiatus.

SW: Yup. But we won't be disappearing from the feed! All our previous episodes will remain available on the IMSI website and wherever you listen to podcasts.

IM: So, do we have any final thoughts?

SW: I just want to say a massive thank you to all the staff at IMSI. The past 2 years, working at the institute have been truly amazing. I've learned so much from our visiting researchers, and I've grown as a communicator with the help of my colleagues here at IMSI. I'll miss everyone here and can't wait to see how the institute continues to grow. What about you? Any final words you want to share?

IM: Just that I've had such a great time making this podcast with you and for everyone who listens. I always loved math when I was a student and it's been so fun to rediscover that it's been with me even when I haven't been actively studying it. I love learning and this has been such a fun way not only to learn about new things but also share them with all of you.

SW: And if you want to find me online, I'm on all social media as @SadieWit or you can find me on LinkedIn as Sadie (Sarah) Witkowski.

IM: And I'm a public high school teacher, so all of my stuff is private [laughs]

[outro music plays]

SW: So for the last time. At least from Ian and myself, the credits.
Don't forget to check out our show notes in the podcast description for links to where to follow myself and the institute on our new adventures.

IM: And if you like the show, give us a review on apple podcast or spotify or wherever you listen. By rating and reviewing the show, you really help us spread the word about Carry the Two so that other listeners can discover us.

SW: And for more on the math research being shared at IMSI, be sure to check us out online at our homepage: [IMSI dot institute](https://www.imsi-institute.org). We're also on twitter at [IMSI underscore institute](https://twitter.com/IMSI_institute), as well as instagram at [IMSI dot institute](https://www.instagram.com/IMSI_institute/)! That's IMSI, spelled I M S I.

IM: We'd also like to thank our audio engineer, Tyler Damme for his production on the show. And music is from Blue Dot Sessions.

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IM: Thank you all so much for listening to our show.

SW: We'll miss you! Bye!