

# LUCAS TRACY

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## EDUCATION

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### Old Dominion University

June 2020

B.S. in Physics

Minor in Applied Mathematics

Overall GPA: 3.94

## RESEARCH

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### Summer Undergraduate Laboratory Internship (Department of Energy)

Summer 2019

Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility

Newport News, VA

- Mentors: Bogdan Wojsetkhowski and Douglas Higinbotham, Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility
- Aided in construction of electromagnetic calorimeter for SuperBigBite detector
- Analyzed energy measurements for the 2016 GMP experiment in Hall A
- Results of energy measurement analysis presented at the 2019 Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility Summer poster session
- Results are planned to be published in Nuclear Instruments & Methods by the end of 2019

### Electrons for Neutrinos Collaboration ( $e4\nu$ )

Spring 2019 - Summer 2019

Old Dominion University/Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility

Norfolk, VA

- Mentor: Dr. Lawrence Weinstein, Department of Physics, Old Dominion University
- Performed analysis on TJNAF electron beam data using CERN's ROOT library
- Analysis served as a proof of concept for energy reconstruction techniques to be used by various neutrino experiments such as Fermilab's DUNE
- Results presented at 2019 PhysCon poster session
- Results are planned to be published by the end of 2019

### Computer Vision for Optical Tweezers

Fall 2017

SUNY New Paltz

New Paltz, NY

- Mentor: Dr. Catherine Herne, Department of Physics and Astronomy, SUNY New Paltz
- Developed C++ code with the OpenCV computer vision library for the purpose of measuring light polarization in optical tweezers

### Determining Elliptical Polarization of Light from Rotation of Calcite Crystals

Summer 2017

SUNY New Paltz

New Paltz, NY

- Mentor: Dr. Catherine Herne, Department of Physics and Astronomy, SUNY New Paltz
- Expanded lab capabilities with improvements to hardware, writing LabVIEW programs, and aiding in the motorization/automation of sample translation stage
- Wrote Matlab code to correlate/analyze video and analog sensor data with the goal of measuring laser polarization
- Results presented at the 2017 Frontiers in Optics/Laser Science conference (Oral Presentation, Washington, DC) and Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) presentation (Oral Presentation, SUNY New Paltz, New Paltz, NY)

## Measuring Rotation Rates of Graphite Flakes in Laguerre Gauss Modes

Fall 2016

*SUNY New Paltz*

*New Paltz, NY*

- Mentor: Dr. Catherine Herne, Department of Physics and Astronomy, SUNY New Paltz
- Studied the behavior of graphite in optical tweezers utilizing a Laguerre-Gauss beam
- Results presented at the 2016 Frontiers in Optics/Laser Science conference (Poster Session, Rochester, NY) and 2017 Spring Undergraduate Research Symposium (Poster Session, SUNY New Paltz, New Paltz, NY)

## TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

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<b>Programming Languages</b>	C/C++, ROOT, Python, Java, Matlab, LabVIEW
<b>Computer Programs</b>	Linux, Windows, Microsoft Office/LibreOffice, LaTeX
<b>Optics</b>	Alignment, Optical Tweezers, Measurement and Data Acquisition
<b>Languages</b>	English (Native)

## AWARDS

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### Clifford L. & Lillian R. Adams Scholarship - 2019

Merit based scholarship awarded yearly to outstanding Old Dominion University physics undergraduates

### United States Coast Guard Achievement Medal - 2014

Awarded for outstanding achievement while stationed at USCG Station Portsmouth as an active duty service member

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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### American Physical Society

Division of Laser Science

Division of Particles and Fields

### Society of Physics Students

Member of SPS National and Old Dominion University Chapter