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Education

University of Rochester (UR) **Rochester, NY** **2017 - 2021 (Expected)**

B. S. Optics, B. A. Physics and Astronomy; Minors in Computer Science and Mathematics

GPA: 3.91–Dean’s List

Awards and Recognitions:

★ *Dean’s Citation for Broadening Participation in Research*

★ *Xerox Award for Innovation and Technology*

Highlighted Courses: Modern Statistics & Large Data Sets (Graduate Level) · Artificial Intelligence
Quantum/Nano Optics Lab. (Graduate level) · Lens Design (Graduate Level) · Thermo/Stat. Mech

Research Experience

Research Assistant **Vamivakas Group** **The Institute of Optics** **Summer 2019-Present**

Read current literature to understand theorized result. Design the first-order layout of an optical system to test theorized results. Order necessary optical components for system. Build and align optical system on an optical table to collect experimental data. Collect image data with a CCD camera. Analyze image data in MATLAB using Fourier analysis techniques. Design and present results in poster and presentation in a way understandable to the general public.

Upcoming paper in *Optics Letters*: “Fourier Processing of Partially Coherent Fields”.

Abstract: “We extend conventional coherent Fourier processing techniques to a partially coherent field and modify its spatial coherence using a $4f$ system.”

Leadership/Teaching

President **University of Rochester Optical Society (OSA) Student Chapter** **2019-2020**

General club management · skilled group leadership · professional development · community outreach
Develop engagement between students of differing class years within the department and with students in other physics/engineering departments via social events from game nights to the annual Photon Cup.

Workshop Leader **The Institute of Optics** **University of Rochester** **Fall 2019**

Lead weekly workshops of a small group of students in Prof. Julie Bentley’s Geometrical Optics course.
Facilitate work on solving problems extending important class topics and ideas.

Lab Teaching Assistant **The Institute of Optics** **University of Rochester** **Fall 2019**

Facilitate teaching lab experiments for students in Prof. Clarke Eastman’s Geometrical Optics Lab. Lead small groups during pre-lab sessions for students to gain familiarity with lab equipment. Grade and answer questions about the labs, assignments, and lab reports.

Technical/Computer Skills

Fast learner and long-time programmer with broad experience:

CODE V, Zemax, Java, MATLAB, Python, Mathematica, JavaScript, Git, vim, L^AT_EX, Web development