

Charles Daryl Brown II

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2019 Ph.D., Physics
 Yale University
 Thesis: Optical, Mechanical and Thermal Properties of Superfluid Liquid Helium Drops Magnetically Levitated in Vacuum
 Advisor: Professor Jack G. E. Harris
- 2013 B.S. *cum laude*, Physics
 The University of Minnesota

EMPLOYMENT

- Oct 2019 – Postdoctoral Associate, UC Berkeley
 Advisor: Professor Dan M. Stamper-Kurn
- 2013–2019 Research Assistant, Yale University

TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 **C. D. Brown**, S. W. Chang, M. N. Schwarz, V. Kozii, A. Avdoshkin, T. H. Leung, J. E. Moore, D. M. Stamper-Kurn, “A Direct Geometric Probe of Singularities in Band Structure” [arXiv:2109.03354](https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.03354)
- 2021 **C. D. Brown**, Y. Wang, M. Namazi, G. I. Harris, M. Uysal, J. G. E. Harris, “Characterization of Levitated Superfluid Helium Drops in High Vacuum” (In preparation for *P.R.L.*)
- 2020 T. H. Leung, M. N. Schwarz, S. W. Chang, **C. D. Brown**, G. Unnikrishnan, D. Stamper-Kurn, “Interaction-Enhanced Group Velocity of Bosons in the Flat Band of an Optical Kagome Lattice”, Phys. Rev. Lett. **125**, 133001 (2020)
- 2019 A. B. Shkarin, A. D. Kashkanova, **C. D. Brown**, S. Garcia, K. Ott, J. Reichel, J. G. E. Harris, “Quantum optomechanics in a liquid” Phys. Rev. Lett **122** 153601 (2019)

- 2017 L. Childress, M. P. Schmidt, A. D. Kashkanova, **C. D. Brown**, G.I. Harris, A. Aiello, F. Marquardt, J.G.E. Harris, “Cavity Optomechanics in a Levitated Helium Droplet” *Phys. Rev. A* **96**, 063842 (2017)
- 2017 A. D. Kashkanova, A. B. Shkarin, **C. D. Brown**, N. E. Flowers-Jacobs, L. Childress, S. W. Hoch, L. Hohmann, K. Ott, J. Reichel, J. G. E. Harris. “Superfluid Brillouin Optomechanics” *Nature Physics* **13**, 74-79 (2017)
- 2017 A. D. Kashkanova, A. B. Shkarin, **C. D. Brown**, N. E. Flowers-Jacobs, L. Childress, S. W. Hoch, L. Hohmann, K. Ott, J. Reichel, J. G. E. Harris. “Optomechanics in superfluid helium coupled to a fiber-based cavity” *Journal of Optics* **19**, 034001 (2017)

NON-TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 **C. D. Brown** and E. Gonzales, “Excellence and power in the Black physics community” *Nature Physics* **17**, 3–4 (2021)
- 2020 J. Esquivel and **C. D. Brown**, “Part of the Revolution: Black Representation in AI and Quantum Information” *Physics Today* DOI:10.1063/PT.6.4.20201030b
- 2020 **C. D. Brown**, “Disentangling Anti-Blackness from Physics”, *Physics Today* DOI:10.1063/PT.6.3.20200720a

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2021 Quantum Creators Prize
- 2020 National Academies Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2020 University of California President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Finalist
- 2018 National Academies Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
- 2017 Loyde & William C.G. Ortel Fellowship in Physics
- 2016 D. Allan Bromley Fellowship for Graduate Physics Research
- 2016 Bouchet Graduate Honor Society Inductee
- 2014 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2013 Leigh Page Prize
- 2012 NASA Minnesota Space Grant Consortium Scholarship
- 2011 The Erwin Marquit and Doris Grieser Marquit Undergraduate Scholarship for Physics

INVITED TALKS

- 2022 Harvard University, Quantum Materials and Devices Seminar Series (virtual)

- 2022 AAAS Annual Conference, Quantum Information Science, Culture and Society Panel (virtual)
- 2021 “Disentangling Anti-Blackness from Physics: Perspectives from an AMO Researcher”
APS DAMOP 2021 Annual Conference (virtual)
- 2021 “Non-Equilibrium Phenomena of Ultracold Quantum Gasses Trapped in Optical Lattice Potentials”
University of Oklahoma, Condensed Matter Physics Seminar (virtual)
- 2021 “Non-Equilibrium Phenomena of Ultracold Quantum Gasses Trapped in Optical Lattice Potentials”
Case Western Reserve University, Condensed Matter Physics Seminar (virtual)
- 2021 “Ultracold Atoms in an Optical Kagome Lattice”
Cal Poly Pomona, College of Science Lecture Series (virtual)
- 2021 “Non-Equilibrium Phenomena of Ultracold Quantum Gasses Trapped in Optical Lattice Potentials”
Ohio State University, Condensed Matter Physics Seminar (virtual)
- 2021 “Non-Equilibrium Phenomena of Ultracold Quantum Gasses Trapped in Optical Lattice Potentials”
Pennsylvania State University, Condensed Matter Physics Seminar (virtual)
- 2021 “Non-Equilibrium Phenomena of Ultracold Quantum Gasses Trapped in Optical Lattice Potentials”
Trent University, Department of Physics Colloquium (virtual)
- 2021 “Non-Equilibrium Phenomena of Ultracold Quantum Gasses Trapped in Optical Lattice Potentials”
IBM Qiskit Virtual Seminar Series
- 2020 “Interacting Bosons in the Flat Band of an Optical Kagome Lattice”
National Society of Black Physicists Annual Conference (virtual)
- 2020 “Ultracold atoms in an optical lattice and insights on equity in the physics discipline”
Colgate University, Department of Physics Colloquium (virtual)
- 2020 “Isolated Superfluid Liquid Helium Drops Levitated in a Magneto-Gravitational Trap”
Department of Physics Colloquium (virtual), University of Virginia, Virginia

- 2019 “Optical, Mechanical and Thermal Properties of a Superfluid Helium Drop Magnetically Levitated in Vacuum”
Seminar on Levitated Optomechanics, Bad Honnef, Germany
- 2019 “Optical, Mechanical and Thermal Properties of a Superfluid Helium Drop Magnetically Levitated in Vacuum”
Seminar, University of Vienna, Austria
- 2019 “Optical, Mechanical and Thermal Properties of a Superfluid Helium Drop Magnetically Levitated in Vacuum”
Center for Fundamental Physics Seminar, Northwestern University, Illinois
- 2019 “Optical, Mechanical and Thermal Properties of a Superfluid Helium Drop Magnetically Levitated in Vacuum”
IME Seminar, The University of Chicago, Illinois
- 2019 “Optical, Mechanical and Thermal Properties of a Superfluid Helium Drop Magnetically Levitated in Vacuum”
Seminar, NIST Boulder, Colorado
- 2019 “Optical, Mechanical and Thermal Properties of a Superfluid Helium Drop Magnetically Levitated in Vacuum”
JILA Seminar, JILA, Colorado
- 2019 “Optical, Mechanical and Thermal Properties of a Superfluid Helium Drop Magnetically Levitated in Vacuum”
AMOQI Seminar, UC Berkeley, California
- 2018 “Quantum Acoustics with Superfluid Helium Density Waves”
Quantum Fluids and Solids Conference, University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Contributed Talks

- 2021 “Wave Function Geometry of Singular Band-Touching Points in a 2D Quantum Simulator”
APS DAMOP 2021 Annual Conference (virtual)
- 2019 “Properties of a Superfluid Helium Drop Magnetically Levitated in Vacuum”
Conference of Ford Fellows, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 2018 “Cavity Optomechanics in a Levitated Superfluid Helium Drop”
National Society of Black Physicists Annual Conference, Columbus, OH
- 2018 “Stable levitation of superfluid helium: towards quantum optomechanics with drops”

APS March Meeting, Los Angeles, CA

- 2018 “Stable levitation of superfluid helium: towards quantum optomechanics with drops”
Gordon Research Seminar: Mechanical Systems in the Quantum Regime,
Venture, CA
- 2017 “Optomechanics in a Levitated Drop of Superfluid Helium”
APS DAMOP Conference, Sacramento, CA

Poster Presentations

- 2018 “Cavity Optomechanics in a Levitated Superfluid Helium Drop”
National Society of Black Physicists Annual Conference, (received best AMO
Physics poster award)
Columbus, OH
- 2018 “Levitated Optomechanics with a Magneto-Gravitationally Trapped Superfluid
Helium Drop”
Quantum Engineering of Levitated Systems Conference, Bensaque, Spain
- 2018 “Stable levitation of superfluid helium: towards quantum optomechanics with
drops”
Gordon Research Conference: Mechanical Systems in the Quantum Regime,
Venture, CA
- 2017 “Optomechanics in a Levitated Drop of Superfluid Helium”
Foundations and Applications of Nanomechanics Workshop, International
Centre for Theoretical Physics, Trieste, Italy
- 2017 “Optomechanics in a Levitated Drop of Superfluid Helium”
Advanced School on Foundations and Applications of Nanomechanics,
International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Trieste, Italy
- 2016 “Quantum Optomechanical Interactions in Superfluid Helium”
National Society of Black Physicists Fall Workshop, Fermilab, Batavia, IL
- 2016 “Superfluid Brillouin Optomechanics in a Fiber Cavity”
Gordon Research Conference: Mechanical Systems in the Quantum Regime,
Ventura, CA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Yale University

Instructor, Quantum Mechanics Boot Camp
T.A., Introductory Physics
T.A., University Physics II

Summer 2019
Summer 2016
Spring 2015

T.A., University Physics I
T.A., Modern Physical Measurement

Fall 2014
Fall 2013, Spring 2014

The University of Minnesota

T.A., Thermodynamics/Statistical Mechanics
T.A., Introductory Physics for Scientists/Engineers I

Spring 2012
Fall 2011

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2022 Chair, Gordon Research Seminar: Mechanical Systems in the Quantum Regime
Hong Kong, China *Rescheduled from 2020 due to SARS-CoV-2 pandemic*
- 2021 Invited Panelist/Speaker, Expanding Access and Acceptance in Science
UC Berkeley Basic Science Lights the Way Seminar Series
- 2020 Co-author, “Part of the Revolution: Black Representation in AI and Quantum Information”
<https://physicstoday.scitation.org/doi/10.1063/PT.6.4.20201030b/full/>
- 2020 Lead organizer, #BlackinPhysicsWeek
<https://physicstoday.scitation.org/doi/10.1063/PT.6.4.20201026a/full/>
- 2020 Author, “Disentangling anti-Blackness from physics”, Physics Today Magazine
DOI:10.1063/PT.6.3.20200720a
- 2019 Invited Speaker, APS National Mentoring Community Conference
- 2019 Quantum Mechanics Instructor for Physics Department Boot camp
(Instructor for week-long intensive (20 hours) review of quantum mechanics to prepare incoming graduate students for graduate quantum mechanics at Yale)
Department of Physics, Yale University
<https://physics.yale.edu/academics/graduate-studies/bootcamp-physics-fundamentals-2019>
- 2016–2018 National Student Representative, National Society of Black Physicists [NSBP],
(selected abstracts for posters and talks at annual conference and workshop,
organized conference sections, spearheaded creation of first NSBP institutional
chapter – at Hampton University), Arlington, VA
- 2015–2018 Graduate Student Representative, Climate and Diversity Committee
Department of Physics, Yale University
<https://physics.yale.edu/climate-and-diversity-committee>
- 2015–2018 President and Co-Founder, Yale League of Black Scientists
Yale University, New Haven, CT

ylbs.sites.yale.edu

2015–2016 Co-Organizer, DiversiTeas Talk Series (speaker series on diversity in STEM)
Yale University, New Haven, CT
<https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/diversiteas>

OUTREACH

Talks

2020 Invited Speaker, Cal-Bridge Seminar Series: Science by Diverse Scientists
“A Quantum Physicist’s Classical Trajectory”

2017–2019 Speaker, Ophthalmology Day
“Optics in Ophthalmology”
Department of Ophthalmology, Yale Medical School, New Haven, CT

2016 Speaker, Science in the News Speaker Series
“Quantum Uncertainty”
New Haven Free and Public Library, Milford Library, Branford Library
New Haven, CT & Milford, CT & Branford, CT

2016 Speaker, Open Labs Science Café
“Quantum Uncertainty”
Yale University, New Haven, CT

2016 Speaker, EVOLUTIONS Afterschool Program
“Life as a Scientist”
Yale Peabody Museum, New Haven, CT

Panel Discussions

2020 Panelist, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory Next – STEM Career Talks
“Keeping up with Quantum”

2018–2019 Co-Organizer and Panelist, Yale Pathways to Science Eye Day Panel Discussion
“How to be a Successful College Student in STEM”
Yale University, New Haven, CT

2017 Panelist, S.T.A.R.S. Panel Discussion
“Career Paths in Science and Engineering”
Yale University, New Haven, CT

2017 Panelist, UConn Learning Community SchOLA²RS Panel Discussion
“Achieving Success as a Graduate Student in STEM”
Yale University, New Haven, CT

- 2017 Organizer and Panelist, P.A.C.E. Panel Discussion with NASA Astronaut Christopher Cassidy
“Life as a Graduate Student in Science and Engineering”
Yale School of Engineering and Applied Science, New Haven, CT
- 2016 Co-Organizer and Panelist, Yale Pathways to Science Eye Day Panel Discussion
“How to Get Into College”
Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 2016 Panelist, Black Arts Festival
“Pursuing Careers in STEM”
Afro-American Cultural Center, Yale University, New Haven, CT

Scientific Demonstrations, Hands-On Activities and Miscellaneous

- 2018 Activity Leader, Yale Pathways to Science – Science Saturdays
“Discover the Invisible Universe”
Wright Laboratory, New Haven, CT
- 2018 Activity Leader, Yale Pathways to Science – Eye Day
“Optics in Ophthalmology”
Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 2017 Activity Leader, Yale Pathways to Science Summer Scholars – Ophthalmology
Enrichment Session
“Optics in Ophthalmology”
Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 2017 Judge, ESUMS STEM Expo
New Haven, CT
- 2016 Co-Organizer, City-Wide S.T.E.M. Career fair
Wilbur Cross High School, New Haven, CT
- 2016 Activity Leader, Yale Pathways to Science – Eye Day
“Optics in Ophthalmology”
Yale University, New Haven, CT