

# Josiah Couch

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## Education

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### University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

*Ph.D in Physics (3.68 GPA)*

*August 2013 - May 2020 (expected)*

- Dissertation Title: "Circuit Complexity in QFT and Holography" (tentative).
- Courses: Quantum Mechanics 1, Classical Mechanics, Statistical Mechanics, Electromagnetic Theory 1, Quantum Field Theory 1 & 2, Relativity Theory 1, String Theory 1 & 2, Algebraic Topology, Representation Theory.

### Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma

*B.S in Physics and B.S. in Mathematics*

*August 2009 - August 2013*

- 10 Months study abroad at Technical University of Munich, Munich, Bavaria, Germany.

## Experience

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### University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

*Graduate Student in Weinberg Theory Group under Prof. Willy Fischler*

*August 2015 - Present*

- Four papers published in peer reviewed journals and an additional 2 under review with over 170 citations, four conference presentations, and numerous internal presentations.
- Regularly collaborate with other physicists to do original research, especially at the intersection of quantum information and quantum gravity.

*Teaching Assistant*

*August 2013 - Present*

- Provide supplemental instruction on course material and problem-solving techniques to students in review sessions.
- Create official solutions to problem sets and grade student submissions.
- Courses TAed include graduate and undergraduate quantum mechanics, the lab for engineering physics, and classical electrodynamics.

*Graduate Research Assistant with Center for Particles and Fields under Prof. Peter Onyisi*

*June - July 2014*

- Worked on data analysis and python programming at CERN's campus in Meyrin, Switzerland.
- Used pyROOT and TMVA machine learning package to study feature importance in classification task.
- Wrote script in python to retrieve information about the state of the ATLAS detector from COOL database.

### Max Planck Institut für Physik, Munich, Bavaria, Germany

*Scientific Assistant with Experimental Particle Physics Group, 6 week contract*

*April- May 2013*

- Tested and calibrated pixel detectors for ATLAS upgrade.

### Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK

*Undergraduate Researcher in Experimental Particle Physics Group under Prof. Flera Rizatdinova*

*January 2010 - May 2012*

- Used C++ and ROOT package for event classification and ultimately for estimation of number of signal events.
- Presented work in poster and live presentations.

## Skills

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**Soft Skills:** Quantitative Problem Solving, Research, Advanced Mathematics

**Technologies:**

Intermediate: Python, Git, Mathematica, LaTeX,

Beginner: SQL

## Interests

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Quantum Gravity, Quantum Information Theory, Programming, Data Science, Photography, Video Games, Languages