

Mark Smith's CV

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Currently

Senior physics major at Brigham Young University-Idaho.

Research interests

XRD, optics, magnetron sputtering, nuclear energy, and quantum information.

Education

2023-2026 Brigham Young University-Idaho

Physics with emphasis in materials science (GPA: 3.81)

Completed introductory classes consisting of kinematics, energy, forces, thermodynamics, fluid physics, chemistry, optics, electricity, magnetism, relativity, and quantum mechanics.

Completed advanced courses in nuclear and particle physics, electricity and magnetism, thermal/statistical mechanics, optics, solid state physics, classical mechanics, and quantum mechanics.

Completed multivariate calculus, differential equations, and statistics.

Engineering courses: statics, and mechanics of materials.

Accepted into the nuclear propulsion officer candidate program for the United States Navy (NUPOC).

Experience

April 2024-Present

President of High Altitude Balloon Team

- Perform data analysis on sensors flown, and present the data to interested groups.
- Created a manual to ensure all flights would be able to launch without problems such as specifying all equipment needed, and FAA approval.
- Organized daily scrum meetings to check everyone was accomplishing daily goals, and organized biweekly meetings to ensure the entire group knew the plan to accomplish that week.
- Led quarterly safe hydrogen handling trainings to groups of 10.
- Direct weekly multi-disciplinary sprint meetings to discuss projects, and train new team members.

September 2023-Present

Surface Physics Team

- President from April 2025-Present.
- Applied techniques to vacate a high vacuum chamber.
- Researched how to fix ion gauge to improve vacuum measurement uncertainties.
- Collaborated to find methods to make a deposition machine.
- Analyzed XRD data to determine material composition, and structure.
- Built magnetron sputtering device.

Skills

- Scientific Computation:
 - Python (proficient), C++ (basic), Mathematica (proficient), MATLAB (basic), and C# (proficient)
- XRD Analysis
- Programming Microcontrollers (Arduino)
- Statistics (Python and Mathematica)
- Fourier Analysis

Occupation

2024-2025

Teaching Assistant

- Aided professor in grading, student questions, and running class while they are away.
- Finished work to meet timeframes set by university.
- Set up equipment for student use while in lab.