# Travis Scholten

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### **EDUCATION**

#### **University of New Mexico**

Ph D in Physics

August 2012 - Present | Albuquerque,

Cum. GPA: 3.87 / 4.0

# California Institute of Technology

**BS IN PHYSICS** 

August 2008 - June 2012 | Pasadena,

Cum. GPA: 3.4 / 4.0

# LINKS

Github:// Travis-S LinkedIn:// Travis Scholten YouTube:// Travis Scholten Twitter:// @Travis\_Sch

### SKILLS

#### **Programming**

Over 20000 lines:

**MTFX** 

Over 1000 lines:

Python 2.7

Familiar:

Bash • HTML

#### Tools

jekyll • git • ipython

#### Concepts

Statistics - Model Selection

# TO DO

#### **Programming**

Learn julia language Learn GPU programming

#### Concepts

Model Validation
Machine Learning
Data Mining
Software Management

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### Sandia National Laboratories | STUDENT INTERN

May 2013 - Present | Albuquerque, NM

- Developed Python code base for scientific computation
- Learned to use HPC cluster(s)
- Presented several talks and a poster on my research

#### University of New Mexico | TEACHING ASSISTANT

August 2012 - May 2013 | Albuquerque, NM

- Taught undergraduate labs and helped with a graduate level course
- Wrote personal lecture notes, graded homework assignments, and held office hours

#### California Institute of Technology | Tour Guide

June 2011 - June 2012 | Pasadena, CA

• Guided prospective students around campus and answered questions

# California Institute of Technology | Summer Undergraduate

RESEARCH FELLOW

June 2011 - September 2011 | Pasadena, CA

- Wrote Matlab code for numerical simulations
- Presented research at annual speaking competition, where I advanced to the final round

# RESEARCH

#### Sandia National Laboratories | STUDENT INTERN

May 2013 - Present | Albuquerque, NM

I work with Robin Blume-Kohout on problems related to statistical inference in quantum tomography. I am specializing in the use of **model selection and hypothesis testing** techniques to address these problems.

# California Institute of Technology | Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow

June 2011 - September 2011 | Pasadena, CA

I worked with Spyridon Michalakis to **develop a Matlab code base for numerical simulation** to understand the computational efficiency of a particular model of quantum computation.

#### University of California, Los Angeles | LAB ASSISTANT

June 2009 - September 2009 | Los Angeles, CA

I worked in Ya-Hong Xie's group characterizing graphene samples. We did so to understand how growth conditions of the graphene affected surface characteristics.

# **AWARDS**

2014	Student Research Grant	University of New Mexico
2012	Top 7	Perpall Speaking Competition, Caltech

2011 Amasa Bishop Prize Caltech Study Abroad

2010 Don Shepard Award Caltech

2008 National Merit Scholarship Finalist