

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ ..... 2016–present  
*Assistant Professor*, Department of Physics and Princeton Neuroscience Institute

**Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ ..... 2012–2016  
*Lewis-Sigler Fellow*, Lewis-Sigler Institute for Integrative Genomics  
*Lecturer*, Department of Physics.

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA ..... 2007–2012  
*NSF Graduate Research Fellow*, Program in Biophysics and Department of Physics.

**JILA (NIST-University of Colorado)**, Boulder, CO ..... Summers 2005–2006  
*NSF Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow*.

**American Association for the Advancement of Science**, Washington, DC .... Spring 2006  
*Leonard Reiser Fellow*, Center for Science Technology and Security Policy.

**Natl. Telecommunications and Information Administration**, Boulder, CO . Summer 2004  
*Researcher*, Institute for Telecommunication Sciences, Theory Division.

**National Institute of Standards and Technology**, Boulder, CO ..... Summer 2003  
*Researcher*, Statistics Division.

### EDUCATION

**Ph.D. in Biophysics**, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA ..... May 2012  
Thesis Topic: “Optogenetics and computer vision for *C. elegans* neuroscience and other biophysical applications” Advisor: Professor Aravinthan D.T. Samuel

**B.S. in Physics**, Stanford University, Stanford, CA ..... June 2007

**B.A. in Political Science**, Stanford University, Stanford, CA ..... June 2007

Honors in International Security Studies, Stanford University, Stanford, CA ..... June 2007  
Thesis Topic: “International scientific engagement for mitigating emerging nuclear security

threats” Advisor: Professor Michael May

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Emerging Leaders in Biosecurity Initiative Fellowship, UPMC Center for Health Security . . . . 2015  
 American Physical Society, Biological Physics Thesis Award, Certificate of Merit . . . . . 2013  
 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship . . . . . 2007–2011  
 Derek C. Bok Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University. . . . . 2008  
 Rieser Fellowship in Science Technology and Global Security, Bulletin of the Atomic Scientist 2006  
 SPIE International Society for Optical Engineering Scholarship . . . . . 2006  
 American Institute of Physics, Society of Physics Students, Leadership Award . . . . . 2006  
 National Science Foundation, Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship . . . . . 2005–2006  
 AAAS, Center for Science Technology and Security Policy, Intern of the Year Award . . . . . 2006  
 Harry Press Journalism Award, Stanford University. . . . . 2006  
 Boothe Prize for Excellence in Writing, Stanford University . . . . . 2004  
 Robert C. Byrd Academic Merit Scholarship . . . . . 2003  
 Dofflemeyer Eagle Scout Scholarship . . . . . 2003  
 Awards for the author’s independent research, “Fractals, Power-Laws and the Weibull Distribution: Mathematically Modeling Crumpled Paper” . . . . . 2003  
     American Mathematical Society, Karl Menger Award.  
     Office of Naval Research, Naval Science Award.  
     Third Place Team Project, Intel International Science and Engineering Fair 2003.  
     First Place Team Project, Colorado Science and Engineering Fair.  
     Scientific American, Outstanding Achievement in Education.  
 Golden State Governor’s Scholarship, State of California . . . . . 2000

## SERVICE

Faculty Fellow, Mathey College, Princeton University . . . . . 2015 to present  
 Invited Participant, NSF Worskshop: Frontiers for Integrative Study of Animal Behavior . . . . 2014  
 Session Chair, *C. elegans* topic mtg: Neuronal Development, Synaptic Function & Behavior . 2014  
 Member, Council of the Princeton University Community . . . . . 2013–2014  
 Chair, Program in Neuroscience Graduate Generals Exam Committee, Princeton University . 2013  
 Senior Staff Committee Member, Lowell House, Harvard College, . . . . . 2010–2012  
 Resident Tutor, Lowell House, Harvard College . . . . . 2009–2012  
 Editorial Board Member, Stanford Daily, Stanford University . . . . . 2006–2007  
 Scientific content reviewer for peer-reviewed journals and conferences including:  
     Journal of Neuroscience Methods, Nature Communications, Journal of Physical Biology, Journal of Visual Experiments, PLoS One and the conference CoSyNe.  
 Reviewer or panelist for funding agencies including:  
     National Science Foundation, Division of Integrative Organismal Systems; W. M. Keck Foundation; NASA Postdoctoral Program; Sir Henry Dale Wellcome Trust; European Research Commision.

**TEACHING**

Princeton University:

ISC 231-232 An Integrated, Quantitative Intro to the Natural Sciences, *Faculty*.....2012–2015  
 ISC 233-234 An Integrated, Quantitative Intro to the Natural Sciences II, *Faculty* ..... 2013–2016  
 Woodrow Wilson School 353, Science and Global Security, *Guest Lecturer*.....2015  
 Neurotechnologies and Analysis of Neural Datasets, *Faculty*..... Summer 2015  
 QCB 551 Intro to Genomics & Computational Molecular Biology, *Guest Lecturer*.....2014  
 Biophysics and Computations in Neurons and Networks, *Assistant Instructor*.....Summer 2013

Elsewhere:

Stanford, CS 379C, Computational Models of the Neocortex, *Guest Lecturer* ..... 2016  
 Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Neural Systems & Behavior, *Faculty* ... Summer 2014  
 Harvard, BIOPHYS 242R, Special Topics in Biophysics: Brain & Behavior, *Guest Lecturer*..2013  
 Harvard, MCB 199, Statistical Thermodynamics for Quantitative Biology, *T.A.*..... 2008

**ADVISING**

Current PhD Students (jointly advised with Prof. Joshua Shaevitz):

Ashley Linder (Neuroscience); Mochi Liu (Quantitative and Computational Biology).

Current Undergraduate Students:

David Mazumder (Molecular Biology); Kevin Mizes (Physics Senior Thesis) (Treiman Fellow)  
 (Sanda & Jeremiah Lambert '55 Undergraduate Neuroscience Research Award Recipient).

Past Undergraduate Students:

Peter Johnson (Physics Junior Project); Jose Rico Chinchilla; Lukas Novak.

**INVITED LECTURES**

Institute of Photonic Sciences, Light for Health Seminar ..... expected 2016  
 Frontiers in Applied & Computational Mathematics.....2016  
 Mid-Atlantic Society for Developmental Biology Regional Meeting .....2016  
 Yale University School of Medicine, Department of Neuroscience Seminar .....2016  
 Princeton University, Princeton Neuroscience Institute Seminar .....2016  
 Yale University, Dept. of Molecular Cellular & Developmental Biology Seminar .....2016  
 Google, Inc. .... 2016  
 Stanford University School of Medicine, Department of Neurobiology Seminar ..... 2016  
 Ludwig Maximilians Universitat, Munchen, Center for Nanoscience Colloquium .....2015  
 Northeastern University, Center for Complex Network Research ..... 2015  
 Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School, Science and Global Security Seminar .....2015  
 Simons Foundation, Simons Collaboration on the Global Brain Annual Meeting ..... 2015  
 Princeton University, Princeton Neurosciences Institute, Annual Retreat .....2015  
 Rockefeller University, Center for Studies in Physics and Biology Seminar ..... 2015  
 Stanford University, Stanford Neurosciences Institute & Department of Bioengineering ..... 2015  
 New York University, Center for Soft Matter Research .....2015  
 Delaware Center for Neuroscience Research .....2014  
 Brandeis University, Computational & Systems Neuroscience Journal Club ..... 2014  
 Columbia University, Grossman Center, Quantifying Structure in Large Neural Datasets ....2014

<i>C. elegans</i> topic meeting: Neuronal Development, Synaptic Function & Behavior .....	2014
Rutgers University, Multi Group Worm Meeting .....	2013
INSERM, University of Paris Descartes, Optics and Photonics Seminar .....	2012
Princeton University, Lewis-Sigler Institute for Integrative Genomics .....	2011
Rutgers University, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry .....	2010
Harvard University, Rowland Institute .....	2010

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Jeffrey Nguyen\*, Frederick B. Shipley\*, Ashley N. Linder, George Plummer, Mochi Liu, Sagar U. Setru, Joshua W. Shaevitz, **Andrew M. Leifer**, “Whole-brain calcium imaging with cellular resolution in freely behaving *Caenorhabditis elegans*.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, Published online before print 10.1073/pnas.1507110112 (2015).
2. Frederick B. Shipley, Christopher M. Clark, Mark J. Alkema, **Andrew M. Leifer**, “Simultaneous optogenetic stimulation and calcium imaging in freely moving *C. elegans*.” *Frontiers in Neural Circuits* 8:28 (2014).
3. Steven J. Husson, Alexander Gottschalk, **Andrew M. Leifer**, “Optogenetic manipulation of neural activity in *C. elegans*: from synapse to circuits and behavior” *Journal of Biology of the Cell*, 105, 1–16 (2013). **Invited review.**
4. Jamie L. Donnelly, Christopher M. Clark, **Andrew M. Leifer**, Marian Haburacak, Jennifer K. Pirri, Michael M. Francis, Aravinthan D. T. Samuel, and Mark J. Alkema. “Monoaminergic orchestration of motorprograms in a complex behavior in *C. elegans*.” *PLoS Biology* 11(4): e1001529 (2013).
5. Quan Wen, Michelle Po, Elizabeth Hulme, Sway Chen, Xinyu Liu, Sen Wai Kwok, Marc Gershow, **Andrew M. Leifer**, Victoria Butler, Christopher Fang-Yen, Taizo Kawano, William R. Schafer, George Whitesides, Matthieu Wyart, Dmitri Chklovskii, Mei Zhen, Aravinthan D T Samuel, “Proprioceptive coupling within motor neurons drives *C. elegans* forward locomotion.” *Neuron*, 76, 750–761 (2012).
6. Chenxiang Lin, Ralf Jungmann, **Andrew M. Leifer**, Chao Li, Daniel Levner, Gero M. Church, William M. Shih, Peng Yin. “Sub-micrometer geometrically encoded fluorescent barcodes self-assembled from DNA.” *Nature Chemistry*, 4, 832–839 (2012).
7. **Andrew M. Leifer\***, Christopher Fang-Yen\*, Marc Gershow, Mark Alkema, Aravinthan D.T. Samuel, “Optogenetic manipulation of neural activity in freely moving *Caenorhabditis elegans*,” *Nature Methods*, 8(2), p.147–152 (2011) .
8. Kevin J. Coakley, David S. Simons, **Andrew M. Leifer**. “Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry Measurements of Isotopic Ratios: Correction for Time Varying Count Rate.” *International Journal of Mass Spectrometry*, 204, 107–120 (2005).

## ACTIVE GRANTS

7/2014–7/2017, Simons Foundation, Simons Collaboration on the Global Brain (PI)  
 “Whole brain calcium imaging in freely behaving nematodes”  
 Total Direct & Indirect Costs: \$320,000

9/2014–8/2016, Princeton University, Inaugural Dean’s Innovation Fund for New Ideas in the Natural Sciences (co-PI with Shaevitz)

“All-neuron I/O in freely behaving animals”

Annual Direct Costs: \$100,000

Total Direct Costs: \$200,000