

# Benjamin 2. Walker

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## EDUCATION

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<b>The University of Texas at Dallas</b> <i>B.S. in Physics and B.S. Electrical Engineering, Minor in Nanotechnology</i>	May 2023 GPA: 3.92
<b>Northwestern State University</b> <i>Associate's of General Studies</i>	May 2019 GPA: 3.85
<b>Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts (LSMSA)</b> <i>High School Diploma</i>	May 2019 GPA: 3.93

## FELLOWSHIPS

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<b>Barry Goldwater Scholarship</b> • Most prestigious award for an undergraduate researcher from my work in skyrmion logic devices.	March 2022
<b>National Merit Scholarship</b> • Received full-ride scholarship at UT Dallas plus housing and \$28,000 in stipends	March 2019

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>Undergraduate Research Assistant</b> <i>University of Texas at Dallas</i> • Harnessed the properties of magnetic materials to explore and implement beyond-CMOS technologies for Dr. Joseph Friedman's NeuroSpinCompute laboratory • Designed micromagnetic skyrmion logic structures and performed Mumax3 simulations using voltage-controlled magnetic anisotropy (VCMA) for skyrmion synchronization and propagation, resulting in highly efficient and quick logic.	Oct 2019 – Present <i>Richardson, TX</i>
<b>Hardware Engineering Intern</b> <i>Microsoft</i> • Helped develop a custom floorplanning step by pre-placing standard cells and buffers and pre-routing trunks on high-speed critical buses to achieve flop to flop reach in several millimeters • Created an interpreter between Innovus and Fusion Compiler (FC) for our TCL Physical Design scripts, aiding my team's translation effort • Improved the efficiency of my translated floorplanning procedures for a SOC block by over 50%	May 2022 – July 2022 <i>Raleigh, NC</i>
<b>Visiting Researcher</b> <i>Universidad de Salamanca</i> • Designed voltage-driven reversible skyrmion logic circuits to reduce energy consumption by over two orders of magnitude • Used parametric modeling in COMSOL to increase electrical efficiency of my micromagnetic device by 70%	Jan 2022 – April 2022 <i>Salamanca, Spain</i>
<b>MRSEC Research Experience for Undergraduates</b> <i>University of Texas at Austin</i> • Fabricated, and tested WSe <sub>2</sub> -based devices for Dr. Jean Anne Incorvia's Integrated Nano Computing lab • Performed tape exfoliation, electron beam lithography (EBL), atomic force microscopy (AFM), and magneto-optic Kerr effect (MOKE) imaging to fabricate and validate device structure and operation • Created field-effect transistors (FETs) with ambipolar behavior, demonstrating the valley-Hall effect	May 2021 – Aug 2021 <i>Austin, TX</i>
<b>Electrical Engineering Intern</b> <i>Texas Analog Center for Excellence</i> • Helped design a spin transfer torque (STT) memristor-based neuromorphic chip, collaborating with graduate students • Verified aspects of device's logical operation via Verilog to prepare tapeout for foundry	Jan 2021 – Aug 2021 <i>Richardson, TX</i>

## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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1. **B. W. Walker**, F. Garcia-Sanchez, A. J. Edwards, X. Hu, M. P. Frank, F. Garcia-Sanchez, J. S. Friedman Near-Landauer Reversible Skyrmion Logic with Voltage-Based Propagation, *ArXiv Condensed Matter*, Jan 2023, doi: 10.48550/arXiv.2301.10700
2. X. Hu, **B. W. Walker**, F. Garcia-Sanchez, A. J. Edwards, P. Zhou, J. A. C. Incorvia, A. Paler, M. P. Frank, J. S. Friedman, Logical and Physical Reversibility of Conservative Skyrmion Logic, *IEEE Magnetics Letters*, May 2022, doi: 10.1109/LMAG.2022.3174514
3. **B. W. Walker**, C. Cui, F. Garcia-Sanchez, J. A. C. Incorvia, X. Hu, and J. S. Friedman, "Skyrmion Logic Clocked via Voltage- Controlled Magnetic Anisotropy" *Applied Physics Letters*, May 2021, doi: 10.1063/5.0049024

## CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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1. **B. W. Walker**, F. Garcia-Sanchez, A. J. Edwards, X. Hu, M. P. Frank, F. Garcia-Sanchez, J. S. Friedman Near-Landauer Reversible Skyrmion Logic with Voltage-Based Propagation, *Government Microcircuit Applications & Critical Technology Conference*, Mar. 2023.\*
2. X. Hu, **B. W. Walker**, F. Garcia-Sanchez, P. Zhou, J. A. C. Incorvia, A. Paler, M. P. Frank, J. S. Friedman, Logical and Physical Reversibility of Conservative Skyrmion Logic, *Government Microcircuit Applications & Critical Technology Conference*, Mar. 2022.
3. **B. W. Walker**, B. W. Walker, C. Cui, F. Garcia-Sanchez, J. A. C. Incorvia, X. Hu, J. S. Friedman, Conservative Skyrmion Logic with Voltage-Controlled Magnetic Anisotropy Synchronization, *Joint IEEE International Magnetics Conference & Conference on Magnetism and Magnetic Materials*, Jan. 2022.\*
4. **B. W. Walker**, C. Cui, F. Garcia-Sanchez, J. A. C. Incorvia, X. Hu, and J. S. Friedman, Skyrmion Logic with Voltage-Controlled Magnetic Anisotropy Clocking *Texas Analog Center for Excellence Symposium*, Oct. 2021\*
5. X. Hu, M. Chauwin, F. Garcia-Sanchez, **B. W. Walker**, N. Betrabet, J. A. C. Incorvia, A. Paler, C. Moutafis, J. S. Friedman, Skyrmion Logic System for Large-Scale Reversible Computing, *IEEE International Conference on Nanotechnology*, Jul. 2021 (invited).
6. **B. W. Walker**, C. Cui, F. Garcia-Sanchez, J. A. C. Incorvia, X. Hu, and J. S. Friedman, "Voltage Controlled-Clocked Skyrmion Logic Synchronizers," *International Conference on Nanomagnetism and Spintronics (Solitons and Skyrmion Magnetism)*, Jun. 2021\*

\*Presented In-Person

## POSTER PRESENTATIONS

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1. **B. W. Walker**, A. J. Edwards, F. Garcia-Sanchez, M. P. Frank, and J. S. Friedman "Low-Dissipation Conservative Skyrmion Logic with Voltage-Based Propagation," *University of Texas at Dallas Undergraduate Research Scholar Awards*, Apr. 2022
2. **B. W. Walker**, X. Li, and J. A. C. Incorvia, "Fabrication and Analysis of WSe<sub>2</sub>-based Electronic Devices," *MRSEC REU Poster Presentation*, Jul. 2021
3. **B. W. Walker**, C. Cui, F. Garcia-Sanchez, J. A. C. Incorvia, X. Hu, and J. S. Friedman "Skyrmion Logic Clocked via Voltage-Controlled Magnetic Anisotropy," *University of Texas at Dallas Undergraduate Research Scholar Awards*, Apr. 2021

## AWARDS

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<b>Undergraduate Research Scholar Award:</b> Accepted for presentation at UT Dallas	April 2021/2022
<b>TxACE Best Poster Award:</b> Presented research and won against 30 graduate students	October 2021
<b>Colorado Trail Thru-Hiker:</b> Hiked 500 miles from Denver to Durango, Colorado	August 2021
<b>First Place CometHack:</b> Our thermostat project won first prize	April 2021
<b>National Youth Science Foundation Delegate:</b> Louisiana's State Representative	May 2019
<b>Hall of Fame:</b> Highest honor for my high school (analogous to valedictorian)	May 2019
<b>Eagle Scout:</b> Boy Scouts of America's highest honor	July 2016