# Bryan T. Weinstein

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#### Education

• Harvard University

Cambridge, MA
Expected May 2018

PhD in Applied Physics

- Advisors:

- \* David R. Nelson: Professor of Physics and Applied Physics, Solomon Professor of Biophysics
- \* Andrew W. Murray: Herschel Smith Professor of Molecular Genetics, Professor of Molecular and Cellular Biology, Director of FAS Center for Systems Biology
- GPA: 3.96/4.00

PhD Secondary Field: Computational Science and Engineering

Expected May 2018

- Completed four advanced applied math and scientific computing courses
- Learned state-of-the-art computational methods used in scientific research

S.M. in Applied Physics

Expected May 2014

- Completed 10 courses

• Case Western Reserve University

Cleveland, OH

May 2012

- GPA: 4.00/4.00 (Summa Cum Laude)
- Engineering Concentration: Aerospace Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Engineering Physics

- Senior Project: Simulating Interactions between Confined Spins and Ferromagnetic Vortices

# **Fellowships**

• Department of Energy Office of Science Graduate Fellowship

Graduate Student

Washington, D.C.

September 2012 - September 2014

- Wrote proposal to win competitive fellowship supporting students pursuing training in areas relevant to Department of Energy (DOE)
- Selected out of 1,300 applicants; 50 fellowships awarded
- Attended yearly conferences at National Laboratories; presented posters on my active research, networked with other fellows and government officials

#### Harvard University Pierce Fellow

Cambridge, MA

Graduate Student

September 2012 - September 2014

- Won fellowship awarded to the highest caliber PhD students accepted into Harvard's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS)
- Selected out of 150 students; 8 fellowships awarded

# Graduate Research

• Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

David R. Nelson & Andrew Murray: Physics, Molecular and Cellular Biology Sept 2013 - Present

- Combined nonequilibrium statistical mechanics and experimental molecular biology to quantify the evolutionary dynamics of microbial range expansions
- Learned experimental biology techniques (trained in Dr. Andrew Murray's Lab)
- Captured images via fluorescent microscopy; utilized Python and ImageJ extensively for analysis
- Devised algorithms to analyze and visualize large sets of biological data

- Developed simulations of range expansions in Python and C++

# • Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

Phillipe Cluzel: Applied Physics, Molecular and Cellular Biology

Jan 2013 - Sept 2013

- Extended previous model to predict how spherical tumors respond to pairwise combinations of drugs
- Learned tissue culture techniques and grew multiple tumor cell lines
- Imaged tumors using standard microscopy techniques; used ImageJ to determine their sizes
- Installed and maintained an OMERO image analysis server to store and quantify images

#### • Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

Joanna Aizenberg: Materials Science, Chemistry, Chemical Biology

Sept 2012 - Jan 2013

- Studied the mechanism by which water droplets coordinate their motions and form patterns on biomimetic hydrophobic surfaces
- Tracked motion of hundreds of randomly moving and merging droplets using ImageJ
- Created simulation in C++ to model droplet motion and compared with experimental results

# Undergraduate Research

## • Rochester Institute of Technology

Rochester, NY

George Thurston: Physics

May 2010 - August 2012

- Studied liquid crystal mixtures in the eye related to cataracts
- Developed computer simulations and animations with Mathematica
- Demonstrated how liquid crystal composition affects the refractive index of the eye
- Validated simulations with experimental data
- Prepared results for scientific publication

#### • Case Western Reserve University

Cleveland, OH

Jesse Berezovsky: Physics

Aug 2010 - May 2012

- Examined control of optically active nanocrystal quantum dots (QDs) at room temperature using microscopic ferromagnet magnetization dynamics
- Studied novel combinations of QDs and microscopic ferromagnets using the "Object Oriented Micro-Magnetic Framework" developed by National Institute of Standards and Technology
- Analyzed data from simulations with Matlab and other Linux-based tools
- Created custom animations to visualize simulations
- Identified ferromagnet-spin interactions relevant to room-temperature quantum computing

#### Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory

Princeton, NJ

Harry Mynick: Theory and Computation Department

May 2011 - Aug 2011

- Participated in "Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship" through Department of Energy
- Designed graphical front end for previously developed Mathematica program that calculated important plasma physics quantities
- Utilized state-of-the-art computer cluster for scientific computing
- Distributed redesigned program to plasma physicists for broad usage

#### • Case Western Reserve University

Cleveland, OH

Corbin Covault: Physics

Sep 2009 - May 2010

- Identified faulty equipment at the Pierre Auger Cosmic Ray Observatory by analyzing data collected by 1600 Cherenkov surface detectors
- Created programs to monitor detector performance in real time
- Used findings to design improved surface detectors being built at "Northern Auger Site" in Colorado

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# • Case Western Reserve University

Cleveland, OH Jan 2009 - Aug 2009

Mark Gridley: SAGES department

Spring 2014

- Designed a psychology study examining cross-modal perception of music
- Administered study to over 50 participants and analyzed results
- Co-authored a paper that was subsequently published in a peer-reviewed journal

#### Publications & Presentations

- [1] B. Weinstein, J. Aizenberg, P. Cluzel, and D. Nelson. On emergent macroscopic behaviors imparted by microscopic rules. In *DOE SCGF Fellows Annual Meeting 2013*, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, July 2013. DOE SCGF. Poster Presentation.
- [2] B. Weinstein and J. Berezovsky. Simulating Magnetization Dynamics of Ferromagnetic Vortices. Technical report, Case Western Reserve University Department of Physics, Cleveland, May 2012.
- [3] B. Weinstein and J. Liu. A graphical interface for the plasma apprentice: Easier access to plasma physics knowledge. In *Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory's Annual End-of-Summer Poster Session*, Princeton, NJ, August 2011. Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory. Poster Presentation.
- [4] B. Weinstein, J. Liu, H. Mynick, and E. Feibush. A graphical interface for the Plasma Apprentice: Easier access to plasma physics knowledge. *Journal of Undergraduate Research*, 11, 2011.
- [5] Bryan T. Weinstein and Mark C. Gridley. Visual Perception of Music. Psychology Journal, 7(3), 2010.

# Undergraduate Awards

## • Case Alumni Association Prize

Cleveland, OH

Case Western Reserve University

5/2012

 Awarded to the graduating senior with the best academic record in the Case Western School of Engineering.

## • Elmer C. Stewart Memorial Award

Cleveland, OH

Case Western Reserve University

5/2012

 Awarded to an outstanding senior in Physics who has demonstrated achievement in the applications of physics.

#### • B.S. Chandrasekhar Prize

Cleveland, OH

Case Western Reserve University

5/2011

Received for demonstrating superior performance in physics.

#### • Rochester Engineering Society Scholarship

Rochester, NY

Rochester Engineering Society

5/2011

 Merit-based award recognizing outstanding engineering, engineering technology, science, or technology students from the Rochester area.

# • Outstanding Junior Award

Cleveland, OH

Case Western Reserve University

5/2011

 Awarded to juniors with the best academic record at the end of five semesters in the Case School of Engineering.

### National Edward O'Connor Scholarship

Cleveland, OH

Aerospace States Association

8/2010

- Awarded to enterprising and innovative students planning to pursue career in Aerospace Engineering; only two scholarships given in the nation.

## • Case Alumni Scholarship

Cleveland, OH

Case Western Reserve University

5/2010

- Competitive award given to undergraduates pursuing degree related to applied science.

## • Outstanding Sophomore Award

Case Western Reserve University

5/2010

 Awarded to sophomores with the best academic record at the end of three semesters in the Case School of Engineering.

# • Provost's Scholarship

Cleveland, OH

Cleveland, OH

Case Western Reserve University

8/2008

 Received when entering Case Western Reserve University based on high-school accomplishments (was high school valedictorian of class of 598 students).

# Specialized Skills

## Computational

- Secondary Field in Computational Science and Engineering (part of PhD)
  - \* Significant experience optimizing programs to run on multiple processors, graphics processing units, and supercomputers.
  - \* Expert at analyzing and visualizing "Big-Data"
  - \* Excellent at designing and running simulations to gain insight into complicated problems
  - st Knowledge of stochastic methods to solve high-dimensional problems

# Analytical

- \* Expert knowledge of Applied Mathematics, especially partial differential equations
- \* Deep understanding of state-of-the-art equilibrium and nonequilibrium statistical physics methods
- \* Expert knowledge of utilizing Mathematica to solve complex physical problems
- \* Basic knowledge of Bayesian inference in data analysis
- Software:
  - \* Languages for Scientific Computing:
    - · Python, C++, CUDA, Matlab, Mathematica, Java
  - \* Image Analysis Tools:
    - · ImageJ, Python, OpenCV, OMERO
  - \* Other Selected Languages & Programs :
    - · Netlogo, Axiovision, Origin, Igor, Bash, IATEX, Windows Powershell, Wordpress, HTML, CSS
- Hardware:
  - \* Build customized computers for scientific applications

#### Laboratory

- Biology:
  - \* Wet-lab experience
  - \* Tissue culture room experience
- Physics:
  - \* Signal analysis instrumentation
  - \* Spectroscopy, multi-channel analyzers, photomultiplier tubes
  - \* Ultra-high vacuum surface science
  - \* Ultrasonic methods to determine material properties
  - \* Experimental methods to analyze chaotic systems

# Certifications

### • Engineer in Training (EIT)

Ohio

September 2012

- Successfully passed Fundamentals of Engineering Exam

# **Professional Organizations**

• Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society

# **Graduate References**

• Dr. David Nelson

Professor of Physics, Applied Physics, Biophysics

Harvard University

- Relationship: Current Research Advisor
- $-\ Web\ Page:$  http://www.seas.harvard.edu/directory/nelson
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- Phone: (617) 495-8852

#### • Dr. Andrew Murray

Professor of Molecular Genetics, Molecular Cellular Biology

Harvard University

- Relationship: Current Research Advisor
- $-\ Web\ Page: \verb|https://www.mcb.harvard.edu/mcb/faculty/profile/andrew-w-murray/|$
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# Undergraduate References

• Dr. George Thurston

Professor of Physics

Rochester Institute of Technology Department of Physics

- Relationship: Previous Research Advisor
- Web Page: http://www.rit.edu/cos/george-thurston
- Email: georgemthurston@gmail.com
- Phone: (585) 475-4549

# • Dr. Jesse Berezovsky

Assistant Professor of Physics

Case Western Reserve University Department of Physics

- Relationship: Previous Research Advisor
- Web Page: http://www.phys.cwru.edu/faculty/index.php?berezovsky
- Email: jab298@case.edu
- Phone: (216) 368-4034

#### • Dr. Walter Lambrecht

Professor of Physics

Case Western Reserve University Department of Physics

- Relationship: Undergraduate Academic Advisor
- Web Page: http://www.phys.cwru.edu/faculty/index.php?lambrecht
- Email: walter.lambrecht@case.edu
- Phone: (216) 368-6120

### • Dr. Harry Mynick

Principal Research Physicist

Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory

- Relationship: Previous Research Advisor
- Web Page: http://w3.pppl.gov/theory/mynick.html
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- Phone: (609) 243-2769