

Bryan T. Weinstein

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Education

- **Harvard University** Cambridge, MA
PhD in Applied Physics Expected May 2018
 - Working Thesis Title: *Spatial Microbial Evolution*
 - 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
 - *PhD Secondary Field: Computational Science and Engineering (CSE)*
 - * 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 November 2014
 - Completed 12 courses: 4 physics core courses, 4 CSE courses, and 4 soft-matter/biophysics electives
 - GPA: 3.95/4.00
- **Case Western Reserve University** Cleveland, OH
Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Engineering Physics May 2012
 - GPA: 4.00/4.00 (Summa Cum Laude)
 - Engineering Concentration: Aerospace Engineering
 - Senior Project: Simulating Interactions between Confined Spins and Ferromagnetic Vortices

Fellowships

- **Department of Energy Office of Science Graduate Fellowship** Washington, D.C.
Graduate Student September 2012 - September 2015
 - 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 DOE fellows and government officials
- **Harvard University Pierce Fellow** Cambridge, MA
Graduate Student September 2012 - September 2015
 - 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 Chuzel: Applied Physics, Molecular and Cellular Biology

Jan 2013 - Sept 2013

- Applied 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
- Created high-content-screening pipeline to quantify hundreds of images using an OMERO server

- **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

Presentations and Conferences

- [1] B. Weinstein et al. “On Emergent Macroscopic Behaviors Imparted by Microscopic Rules”. In: *DOE SCGF Fellows Annual Meeting 2013*. Poster Presentation. DOE SCGF. SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, July 2013.
- [2] B. Weinstein et al. “Evolutionary Dynamics of Multi-Allele Range Expansions Exhibiting Chirality”. In: *DOE SCGF Fellows Annual Meeting 2014*. Poster Presentation. DOE SCGF. Argonne National Laboratory, Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, July 2014.

Publications

- [1] Bryan T. Weinstein et al. “Multicolor Range Expansions”. In Progress. 2015.

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

- **Case Western Reserve University**

Cleveland, OH

Mark Gridley: SAGES department

Jan 2009 - Aug 2009

- 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

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**

Cleveland, OH

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**

Case Western Reserve University

Cleveland, OH

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 (PhD minor)
 - * 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
 - * Knowledge of stochastic methods to solve high-dimensional problems
- 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, L^AT_EX, Windows Powershell, Wordpress, HTML, CSS
- Hardware:
 - * Build customized computers for scientific applications

- **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 applying Mathematica to solve complex physical problems
- Advanced knowledge of Bayesian inference in data analysis

- **Laboratory**

- Biology:
 - * Wet-lab experience, basic cloning techniques
 - * 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)**

Active

Ohio

September 2012

- Successfully passed Fundamentals of Engineering Exam

Professional Organizations

- Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society

Graduate References

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Undergraduate References

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