# Clara del Junco

### Education

University of Chicago

Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry M.S. in Chemistry, GPA: 3.90/4.00 Chicago, Illinois August 2020 December 2015

Montreal, Quebec

McGill University

B.Sc., Major in Chemistry, GPA: 3.95/4.00

May 2014

Purves Prize for highest GPA of a chemistry major

# Selected Research Experience

## University of Chicago: Postdoctoral Scholar

Supervisor: Prof. James Evans

Sept. 2020 to present

 I apply machine learning methods such as natural language processing to large data sets on publication, grant funding, and research teams to study processes of knowledge production, especially in science.

#### University of Chicago: Graduate Research Assistant

Supervisor: Prof. Suri Vaikuntanathan

Dec. 2014 to Aug. 2020

- I characterized control parameters for complex nonequilibrium soft condensed matter systems and biophysical processes using computational and theoretical techniques.
- I mentored a high school student studying random walks in complex environments.

#### Sorbonne University, Paris: Visiting Researcher

Supervisor: Prof. André Estevez-Torres

Summer 2019

- I modeled interactions between active matter and reaction-diffusion systems to understand morphogenesis-related phenomena.

# Teaching Experience

#### University of Chicago: Teaching Assistant and Graduate Course Grader

Classes: Honors General Chemistry, Statistical Thermodynamics Sept. 2014 to Dec. 2018

 Planned and taught discussion sections; designed, wrote and graded assignments, exams, and lab reports; proctored labs.

### **Publications**

- C. del Junco, S. Vaikuntanathan. (2020) Robust oscillations in multi-cyclic models of biochemical clocks. J. Chem. Phys. 152, 055101. Editor's Pick
- C. del Junco, S. Vaikuntanathan. (2020) High chemical affinity increases the robustness of biochemical oscillations. Phys. Rev. E. 101, 012410
- C. del Junco, S. Vaikuntanathan. (2019) Interface height fluctuations and surface tension of driven liquids with time-dependent dynamics. J. Chem. Phys. 150, 094708. Editor's Pick
- C. del Junco, L. Tociu, S. Vaikuntanathan. (2018) Energy dissipation and fluctuations in a driven liquid. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U. S. A. 115, 3569-3574

### Presentations

#### Invited

Nov. 2019: Talk, Paul François Lab, Department of Physics, McGill University

June 2019: Talk, Northwestern Theoretical Chemistry Seminar

March 2017: Talk, University of Chicago Materials Research Center Bag Lunch Seminar

## Contributed

August 2019: Talk and Poster, Soft Matter Gordon Research Seminar

January 2019: Poster, Berkeley Statistical Mechanics Meeting Awarded best poster prize

September 2018: *Poster*. Stochastic Thermodynamics: Experiment and Theory Meeting (Max Planck Institute for the Physics of Complex Systems)

June 2018: Talk, Midwest Theoretical Chemistry Conference

March 2017: Talk, American Physical Society March Meeting

January 2017: Poster, Berkeley Statistical Mechanics Meeting

July 2015: Poster, Telluride School on Theoretical Chemistry

### Service

# Women in Chemistry at the University of Chicago

Member 2014 - Present

 Organized a social event for gender minorities at the Midwest Theoretical Chemistry Seminar in June 2019.

#### Graduate Students United at the University of Chicago

Chemistry Departmental Organizer and Steward

Oct. 2016 to March 2019

- Advocated for graduate student worker rights in chemistry and across the university.

#### Awards

University of Chicago Harper Dissertation Completion Fellowship	2019  to  2020
Best Poster Prize, Berkeley Statistical Mechanics Meeting	January 2019
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada Postgraduate Scholarship-Doctoral	2018 to 2020
John C. Light Memorial Fellowship in Theoretical Chemistry	2018 to 2019
University of Chicago Arts, Science & Culture Fellowship	2017  to  2018
University of Chicago Freud Fellowship	2014  to  2015
McGill Summer Undergraduate Research Award	Summer 2013
DAAD Research Internships in Science and Engineering Scholarship	Summer 2012

### References

Available upon request