

# MATTHEW J. DEUTSCH

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## EDUCATION

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**Texas A&M University - Commerce**  
Master of Science in Physics  
GPA: 3.71 / 4.00

*August 2018 - May 2020 (est.)  
Commerce, TX*

**Allegheny College**  
Bachelor of Science in Physics  
Minor in Political Science

*August 2014 - May 2018  
Meadville, PA*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Condensed Matter
- Optics
- Polymer Physics

## EXPERIENCE

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**Graduate Research**  
*Dept. of Physics & Astronomy; Texas A&M University - Commerce*

November 2018 - Present

- Characterized novel organic semi-conducting polymers using continuous fluorescence measurements, ellipsometry, UV spectroscopy, infrared spectroscopy, and nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy.
- Independently designed and created static light scattering experiment to investigate polymer sizing.
- Developed robust lab procedures; prompted and established inter-departmental collaborations.

**Undergraduate Research**  
*Physics Dept.; Allegheny College*

August 2017 - May 2018

- Investigated hydrophobic surfaces using surface plasmon resonance as part of a senior thesis project.
- Maintained and repaired lab equipment, as well as wrote and debugged control software.
- Extensively revised experimental protocol and supervised other students with laboratory work.

**Collaborative Research Project**  
*Physics Dept.; Allegheny College*

Oct. 2016 - March 2017

- Collaborated with Acutec Precision Aerospace on a study of the viability of additive manufacturing for the aerospace industry.
- Focused on physical limitations and benefits of 3D-printing aluminum as compared to traditionally manufactured aircraft parts.

## PRESENTATIONS

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**Nov. 2019, Department of Physics & Astronomy Colloquium**  
*Quantum Efficiency Study of BDMO-PPV Photo-Degradation Processes in Different Solutions*  
M. Deutsch, Dr. H. Park

*Texas A&M University - Commerce*

**Nov. 2019, Texas A&M System Pathways Student Research Symposium - Poster**

*(2<sup>nd</sup> Place Award)*

*Quantum Efficiency Study of BDMO-PPV Photo-Degradation Processes in Different Solutions*

M. Deutsch, Dr. H. Park

*Texas A&M International University, Laredo TX*

**Feb. 2019, Department of Physics & Astronomy Colloquium**

*The Effect of Different Solutions on a Hydrophobic Surface*

M. Deutsch, Dr. A. Poynor

*Texas A&M University - Commerce*

**May 2018, Cook-Lahti Scholarship Symposium - Poster**

*Examining the Effect of an Aqueous Ionic Solution on a Hydrophobic Depletion Layer*

M. Deutsch, Dr. A. Poynor

*Allegheny College, Meadville PA*

**March 2017, American Physical Society March Meeting - Poster**

*Discussion of Physical Limitations of Additive Manufacturing in Aerospace Engineering*

C.Castillo, M. Deutsch, S. McClain, Dr. A. Poynor

*New Orleans, LA*

**PUBLICATIONS**

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M. Deutsch, H. Park, "Solvent-dependent quantum yield enhancement in poly-phenylenevinylene polymers by intense illumination" *Under Review - Chemical Physics*; Pre-print:arxiv.org/abs/1910.11468

**AWARDS**

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**2nd Place Graduate Research Award in Math & Physical Sciences**

November 2019, Texas A&M University System Pathways Student Research Symposium

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Graduate Teaching Assistant**

August 2018 - Present

*Dept. of Physics & Astronomy; Texas A&M University - Commerce*

- Graded for upper and lower-level physics classes for majors and non-majors.
- Assistant instructor for introductory physics classes.
- Held office hours and after-hours tutoring for students.

**Teaching Assistant**

August 2016 - May 2017

*Physics Dept.; Allegheny College*

- Conducted recitation session for introductory physics courses.
- Assisted students with homework and material review on a weekly basis.

**Laboratory Teaching Assistant**

Jan. 2016 - May 2016

*Physics Dept.; Allegheny College*

- Lead lab sessions and assisted students with lab work and equipment.
- Evaluated lab work in conjunction with instructors guidance and departmental grading rubric.

## GRADUATE COURSEWORK

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Mathematical Methods - *Arfken & Weber*  
Quantum Mechanics - *Sakurai*  
Statistical Physics - *Huang*  
Surface Physics

Adv. Classical Mechanics - *Goldstein*  
Nuclear Physics - *Krane*  
Classical Electromagnetic Theory - *Jackson* \*  
Computational Physics \*

*\* denotes class currently in progress*

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR

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Secretary; Society of Physics Students, Allegheny College  
Chief Technical Officer; Allegheny College Astronomy Club

## TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

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<b>Computer Languages</b>	Python, FORTRAN, Matlab
<b>Software &amp; Tools</b>	LaTeX, Mathematica, LabView

## REFERENCES

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Available upon request