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Education

B.A., Colby College ('21), Waterville, ME

Majors: Physics and Mathematics

Minor: Statistics

GPA: 4.17/4.30, Class rank: 1/560

Relevant Coursework: (*) denotes "Independent Study"

- **Physics:** experimental atomic physics (thesis), quantum field theory*, quantum information, massive gravity*, classical field theory*, quantum mechanics, general relativity, fluid dynamics, experimental soft matter physics, classical mechanics, E&M, thermo & statistical mechanics
- **Mathematics:** applied mathematics/analysis and ODE (thesis), combinatorics, functional analysis (with topology), real analysis, complex analysis, algebraic geometry, abstract algebra, matrix analysis, linear algebra, ordinary differential equations, partial differential equations, probability theory, vector calculus, honors calculus
- **Statistics:** mathematical statistics/statistical inference, statistical modeling, applied longitudinal data analysis

Summer school, Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics, June 2020

Topics in Theoretical Physics: Quantum Information & Thermodynamics, Numerical Methods & Condensed Matter Physics, Path Integrals, Symmetries

Theses

Honors in Physics, Colby College (*in preparation*)

Advisor: Charles Conover

Honors in Mathematics, Colby College (*in preparation*)

Advisor: Evan Randles

Research Experience

Undergraduate Researcher, Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics, May 2020–Present

- Area(s): Quantum information, Condensed matter physics
- Principal Investigator: Timothy Hsieh
- Quantum many-body physics on quantum hardware.
 - Studied variational simulation of non-trivial quantum states (QAOA-based, $O(L)$ time)
 - Studied measurement-assisted algorithms as a candidate for sublinear depth simulation
 - Found numerically that ground states of the quantum Ising model with nonuniform field and couplings can be simulated exactly by a depth $O(L)$ QAOA ansatz

Research Assistant, Colby College Dept. of Mathematics & Statistics, Oct 2019–Present

- Area(s): Applied mathematics, Analysis, ODEs
- Principal Investigator: Evan Randles
- Convolution powers of complex functions on \mathbb{Z}^d whose attractors involve oscillatory integrals.
 - Computed convolution powers & associated attractors that are highly oscillatory integrals and generated examples indicative of a new local limit theorem
 - Constructed surface-carried measures of level sets of polynomials associated with these attractors and studied the decay of their Fourier transforms
 - Constructed a generalized polar-coordinate integration formula with applications to convolution powers and local (central) limit theorems.

Research Assistant, Joint Quantum Institute, College Park, Summer 2019, Jan 2020

- Area(s): Experimental atomic physics
- Principal investigator: Steven Rolston
- Studied infinite-range interactions among ultracold Rb atoms trapped around an optical nanofiber via measuring their collective decay.

Research Assistant, Colby College Dept. of Physics & Astronomy, Nov 2017–Present

- Area(s): Experimental atomic physics
- Principal Investigator: Charles Conover
- Precision measurements on ultracold ^{39}K in Rydberg states, 2017–2019
Lifetime measurement of $5p_{3/2} \ ^{39}\text{K}$, 2019–

Abstracts/
Conferences/
Presentations

Joint Mathematics Meeting (virtual), Jan 2021

A generalized polar-coordinate integration formula with applications to convolution powers and local (central) limit theorems.

Supervisor: Prof. Evan Randles, Colby College.

Perimeter Institute Undergrad Intern Symposium (virtual), July 2020

Measurement-assisted variational simulation of non-trivial quantum states ([pdf](#))

Supervisor: Dr. Timothy Hsieh, Perimeter Institute.

DAMOP 20, May 2020

Measurements of f -, g -, and h -state quantum defects in Rydberg states of potassium ([abstract](#)).

Supervisor: Prof. Charles Conover, Colby College.

DAMOP 19, May 2019

Millimeter-wave precision spectroscopy of d - d transitions in ^{39}K Rydberg states ([pdf](#)).

Supervisor: Prof. Charles Conover, Colby College.

CLAS 2019, May 2019

Matrices in Quantum Computing: A 2-qubit entanglement circuit ([pdf](#))

Instructor: Prof. Leo Livshits, Colby College.

CUSRR 2018, Jul 2018

Precision measurement of potassium energy levels at highly excited states ([pdf](#))

Supervisor: Prof. Charles Conover, Colby College.

Projects

Personal Website/Archive, huanqbui.com, Oct 2019 –Present

Notes from class, independent readings, and research projects.

Classical Field Theory, Advisor: Robert Bluhm, Feb 2019 –May 2020

Theoretical aspects of Massive Gravity

Awards/
Honors/
Fundings

Williams A. Rogers Prize in Physics and Astronomy, Colby College, May 2020

Phi Beta Kappa, April 2020

Mu Sigma Rho, April 2020

Honorable Mention, COMAP Mathematical Contest in Modeling, S'20

Linda K. Cotter Internship Fund, Jan 2020

for Jan 2020 internship at the Joint Quantum Institute (JQI), College Park, MD

Phi Beta Kappa Scholastic Achievement Award, Sep 2019

Julius Seelye Bixler Scholar, Sep 2018, Sep 2019, Sep 2020

Meritorious Winner, COMAP Mathematical Contest in Modeling, S'19

Top 8% out of more than 10,000 teams

Dean's List, *F'17, S'18, F'18, S'19, F'19, (S'20 – canceled due to COVID-19)*,

Teaching Assistantship

Teaching Assistant, Colby College Dept. of Physics & Astronomy, *Sep 2017–Present*

- Current courses: Quantum Mechanics; Electricity and Magnetism
- Instructor: Kelly Patton, Dale Kocovski (resp.)
- Grade weekly problem sets
- Past courses: 2×Modern Physics II (quantum; instructor: Robert Bluhm), 2×Modern Physics I (relativity & early quantum; instructor: Duncan Tate), Introduction to Electricity-Magnetism & Optics (instructor: Charles Conover), Introduction to Mechanics (instructor: Jonathan McCoy)

Teaching Assistant, Colby College Dept. of Mathematics & Statistics, *Sep 2018–Present*

- Current course: Linear Algebra
- Instructor: Leo Livshits
- Grade problem sets & hold weekly TA sessions
- Past courses: Linear Algebra (instructor: Otto Bretscher), Ordinary Differential Equations (instructor: Evan Randles)

Mathematics & Physics Tutor, Colby College Deans of Studies, *Sep 2018–May 2020*

- Provide academic assistance through reviewing course material and solving problems

Skills

Physics experience: quantum simulation, condensed matter physics, massive gravity, general relativity, optics, precision atomic spectroscopy, Ramsey spectroscopy, fabricating & polarization control in optical nanofibers, magneto-optical & optical dipole trapping, constructing external-cavity diode lasers & frequency-stabilizing electronics, programming arbitrary waveform generators, data acquisition & analysis, general relativity in Mathematica (**xACT**, **xPert**)

Mathematics experience: harmonic analysis (elementary), measure theory (elementary), real analysis, estimating highly oscillatory integrals, computing convolution powers of complex-valued functions on \mathbb{Z}^d in Python and MATLAB.

Programming/Scripting Languages: R, Python, MATLAB, Mathematica, HTML & CSS, \LaTeX

Softwares: IGOR Pro, MATLAB, NI-MAX, PicoHarp & TimeHarp (photon-counting modules), MS Office, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Lightroom

Languages

English (fluent), Vietnamese (native)

Other Activities

Math Mentor, Colby Dept. of Mathematics & Statistics

Colby Society of Physics Students, Photography, Ultimate Frisbee, Classical guitar