# **Jacob Rodgers**

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#### Education

**Oregon State University** 

Michigan State University

Ph.D. Physics Education Research

- Graduate Certificate in College and University Teaching

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**B.A.** Physics

- Minor in Computational Mathematics, Science and Engineering

Corvallis, OR September 2024-Current

> East Lansing, MI April 2024

> > Corvallis, OR

Spring 2025-Current

### Research Experience

#### **Oregon State University**

Graduate Research Assistant

- Advisor: Dr. Liz Gire

- Modeling Pathways Through the Physics Major at Oregon State

 Conducted quantitative analysis of student enrollment and performance data to represent pathways through the physics major at Oregon State University, which features a unique upper-division curriculum: Paradigms in Physics. Focused on identifying common course sequences, dropout points, and retake patterns to inform curriculum development and student support strategies.

#### Michigan State University - Dept. of Physics and Astronomy

Undergraduate Researcher - Physics Education Research Lab

East Lansing, MI Fall 2022-Fall 2024

- Advisor: Dr. Danny Caballero
- Project: "Cataloging Engagement In Computational Practices In A High School Physics Classroom"
- Employed a qualitative interview process to try to understand computation being integrated into high school physics classrooms.
   Through this interview, we explored insights into how the students perceive and interact with computation, as well as the practices employed in the classroom.

#### Michigan State University - Dept. of Physics and Astronomy

Undergraduate Researcher - Physics Education Research Lab

East Lansing, MI Spring 2022-Fall 2022

- Advisors: Dr. Paul Irving & Dr. Daryl McPadden
- Project: "Computation in High School Physics: How the pieces fit together."
- Using a card sort interview format, we were able to analyze a students experience to gain insight on how the class is perceived. This
  lead to conclusions like how there are dissonances in the way this teacher taught physics based on the practice they may be trying to
  teach, and how a student interacts with those dissonances.

#### **Posters**

- 1. J. Rodgers, P.C. Hamerski, D. McPadden, L. A. H. Wood, M.D. Caballero, "Cataloging Engagement In Computational Practices In A High School Physics Classroom", *University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum (UURAF)*, East Lansing, Michigan. April 2023.
- 2. **J. Rodgers**, P.C. Hamerski, D. McPadden, M.D. Caballero, P.W. Irving, "How do curriculum design decisions influence student expectations around physics and computation in a computation-integrated physics high school classroom?", *American Association of Physics Teachers Summer Meeting (AAPT)*, Grand Rapids, Michigan. July 2022.
- 3. **J. Rodgers**, P.C. Hamerski, D. McPadden, M.D. Caballero, P.W. Irving, "How do curriculum design decisions influence student expectations around physics and computation in a computation-integrated physics high school classroom?", *Oslo PER Summer Institute (OPSI)*, Oslo, Norway. June 2022.

#### **Presentations**

#### Contributed Talks

1. J. Rodgers, P.C. Hamerski, D. McPadden, M.D. Caballero, P.W. Irving, "Computation in High School Physics: How the pieces fit together", *American Association of Physics Teachers Summer Meeting (AAPT)*, Grand Rapids, Michigan. July 2022.

### **Teaching Experience**

#### **Oregon State University**

'PH' indicates the classes taught in the Physics department

'X students' indicates the number of students with whom I interact directly

Fall 2024 PH 211 General Physics with Calculus (Recitation), Graduate Teaching Assistant, 30 students

Winter 2025 PH 202 General Physics (Recitation), Graduate Teaching Assistant, 210 students

Spring 2025 PH 211 General Physics with Calculus (Studio), Graduate Teaching Assistant

#### Michigan State University

'PHY' indicates the classes taught in the Physics department

'X students' indicates the number of students with whom I interact directly

Spring 2024 PHY 183B Physics for Science and Engineers I, Undergraduate Learning Assistant, 65 students
 Fall 2023 PHY 183B Physics for Science and Engineers I, Undergraduate Learning Assistant, 45 students
 Spring 2023 PHY 183B Physics for Science and Engineers I, Undergraduate Learning Assistant, 39 students
 Fall 2022 PHY 183B Physics for Science and Engineers I, Undergraduate Learning Assistant, 40 students

## **Curriculum Development**

#### Accessibility Focus, PH 211 (Fall 2024)

Implemented new recitation worksheets to improve accessibility.

#### Physics Projects Redesign, PHY 183B (2023-2024)

Reconstructed in-class projects to cultivate improved physics learning.

#### **Extracurricular Activities**

-	Mentor Oregon State University	2025-Current
	Served as a graduate student mentor in the departmental mentorship program, supporting first-term graduate students in	their transition to
	graduate school	

Member Coalition of Graduate Employees

2024-Current

-	Executive Board Member Michigan State University Special Olympics	2023-2024	
	Worked closely with other members of E-Board to maintain a stream of communication between E-Board and the members o	ith other members of E-Board to maintain a stream of communication between E-Board and the members of the club.	
-	Mentor Michigan State University WaMPS Mentoring Program	2023-2024	
	Mentee: Sachet Jain, Physics Major, Michigan State University		
-	Volunteer Michigan State University Special Olympics	2022-2024	

- Member Society of Physics Students (SPS) Michigan State Chapter Member

Facilitate individuals with intellectual disabilities in participating in inclusive sports and other activities.

2021-2024

# **Technical Experience**

#### **Programming**

- Proficient: Jupyter, Mathematica, Python, R Studio, SQL

#### Software

- **Proficient:** Microsoft Office, LaTeX, MAXQDA

# **Awards**

• Undergraduate Learning Assistant Award

2024