James Saslow



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Education

San Jose State University

Masters of Science in Quantum Technology

Expected Graduation Date: May 2025

- GPA: 3.90
- Coursework: Quantum Information Science, Intro to Quantum Computing
- Awards: Quantum Technology NSF Research Traineeship at Colorado School of Mines
- Co-founder of the Society of Quantum Engineers chapter at SJSU

San Jose State University

August 2018 - December 2022

Bachelor of Science in Physics

- Upper Division Major GPA: 4.0
- Coursework: Quantum Mechanics, Computational Physics, Partial Differential Equations
- Awards: Summa Cum Laude, Recruited into the Society of Physics Students

Work Experience

San Jose State University Physics Department

August 2023 - December 2023

Teaching Associate (Part-time)

 Instructed a university-level introductory physics lab course (Phys 2A), graded problem sets, and fostered collaborative, team-based student learning.

Griffiss Institute & AFRL Internship Program

June 2023 - August 2023

Quantum Algorithms Research Intern at Air Force Research Lab

- Developed quantum algorithms in Qiskit simulators aimed at solving QUBO problems via amplitude amplification schemes
- Performed benchmarking on IBMQ by conducting a fidelity analysis of amplitude amplification on heavy-hexagonal superconducting devices

San Jose State University Physics Department

December 2021 - December 2023

Quantum Foundations Researcher

- Performed simulations of spontaneous parametric down-conversion and entangled photon generation via an action-based analysis
- Engaged in Python programming, Runga-Kutta techniques for solving nonlinear differential equations, and data visualization

The Leadership Alliance, Brown University

June 2020 - August 2020

Soft Matter Research Intern

- Solved nonlinear differential equations to obtain the structure and function of a spherical colloidal membrane viral rod assembly
- Presented research to the Virtual Leadership Alliance Virtual Symposium
- Awarded the Leadership Alliance Professional Development Badge in recognition of James' research

Relevant Projects

Solving QUBOs on DWave's Hybrid Solver	December 2023 - Present
A tutorial series in Jupyter Notebook explaining the process of mapping and solving QUBOs on DWave's Quantum annealers	
Quantum Circuit Simulator	September 2023 - Present
 Programmed a gate-based quantum circuit simulator in Python using matrix methods only Utilized professional coding conventions and developed data visualization functions to display probabilities, Bloch Sphere visualization, and amplitude space representations of discrete wavefunctions. 	
Variational Quantum Eigensolver Tutorial	October 2023 - November 2023
Wrote a Python tutorial in a Jupyter Notebook explaining the implementation of the Variational Quantum Eigensolver	

Technical Skills

- Software: Python, C++, Mathematica, Qiskit, IBMQ, DWave API & Ocean SDK, numerically solving partial differential equations
- Language: English (Native), Spanish (Professional Working Proficiency)

Solved for the ground state of an H2 molecule.