

## JAMES SUD

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### EDUCATION

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| <b>University of Chicago</b> | <b>Oct 2022-present</b> |
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Ph.D student in Computer Science. Advisor: Dr. Fred Chong. Focus in quantum computing.

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| <b>University of California, Berkeley</b> | <b>Aug 2016 – May 2020</b> |
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B.S. in Physics, Minor in Computer Science, GPA: 3.9. High Distinction

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| <b>Student Researcher</b> | <b>Aug 2022-present</b> |
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Computer Science Department, Physical Sciences Division, University of Chicago

- Investigating quantum algorithms for optimization of quantum and classical objectives, including the Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm (QAOA)

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| <b>Research Assistant</b> | <b>Oct 2020-Aug 2022</b> |
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Universities Space Research Association, NASA Academic Mission Services

- Deriving the effects of various error channels on the expectation values of quantum and classical Hamiltonians, implementing methods to simulate these noisy expectation values.
- Numerically/analytically exploring entanglement in QAOA
- Numerically/analytically investigating parameter setting strategies and behavior of QAOA for combinatorial optimization problems under restricted parameter schedules

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| <b>Feynman Quantum Academy Intern</b> | <b>May 2020 – June 2020 / Aug 2020 – Oct 2020</b> |
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Universities Space Research Association, NASA Academic Mission Services

- Programmed and benchmarked a novel approach using QAOA for graph coloring into Rigetti's PyQuil Framework.
- Implemented error mitigation strategies in collaboration with Rigetti's hardware team.
- Developed compilation scheme to reduce the number of SWAPS required on a linear lattice of qubits for graph coloring QAOA.

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| <b>Quantum Computing Summer School Fellow</b> | <b>June 2020 – Aug 2020</b> |
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Los Alamos National Laboratory, Quantum Computing Summer School

- Programmed and tested an algorithm for simulating small molecules on a quantum computer using a shot-frugal variational quantum/classical algorithm as well as a novel approach for reducing the depth of the Variational Quantum Eigensolver algorithm

- Participated in and attended lectures on frontiers in near-term quantum algorithms

**Quantum Programmer**, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (unpaid)      **Dec 2019 – June 2020**

- Programmed and tested a lab-developed algorithm for high energy physics simulations in Google's quantum computing framework Cirq.

**Project Group Leader**, Quantum Computing @ Berkeley Club (unpaid)      **Sept 2019 – May 2020**

- Led a project to numerically test if the Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm for Max-Cut can reveal properties of the underlying graph it is called on.
- Designed, presented, and published work on a quantum annealing algorithm for assigning students to dorms to maximize social distancing in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Attended and presented theoretical papers in quantum computing weekly

**Research Affiliate**, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (unpaid)      **Aug 2017 – Aug 2018**

- Researched and organized data on the economic viability of various renewable energies in China, helped compile reports on mitigation of greenhouse gases for the China Energy Group

## PUBLICATIONS/PREPRINTS

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1. **Sud, James**, Tkachenko, Nikolay V., et al. "Correlation-Informed Permutation of Qubits for Reducing Ansatz Depth in the Variational Quantum Eigensolver." *PRX Quantum*, vol. 2, no. 2, 2021, doi:10.1103/prxquantum.2.020337.
2. **Sud, James** et al. "Dual Map Framework for Noise Characterization of Quantum Computers." *Physical Review Applied*, vol. 106, iss. 1, 2022, doi: 10.1103/PhysRevA.106.012606.
3. Alam, M. Sohaib, et al. "Practical Verification of Quantum Properties in Quantum Approximate Optimization Runs." *Physical Review Applied*, vol. 17, iss. 2, 2022, doi: 10.1103/PhysRevApplied.17.024026.
4. **Sud, James** and Li, Victor. "A Quantum Annealing Approach to Reduce Covid-19 Spread on College Campuses." 1 Dec 2022, arxiv:2112.01220 [quant-ph]
5. Deliyannis, Plato et al. "Improving Quantum Simulation Efficiency of Final State Radiation with Dynamic Quantum Circuits." Accepted 28 June 2022, *Physical Review D*
6. **Sud, James** et al. "A Classical Parameter Setting Heuristic for the Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm." 22 Nov 2022. arxiv:2211.09270 [quant-ph]
7. Shen, Yizhi et al. "Theory of Real Time Krylov Subspace Diagonalization for Quantum Computing Algorithms." *Quantum* 7, 1066 (2023)
8. Maciejewski, Filip et al. "Design and execution of quantum circuits using tens of superconducting qubits and thousands of gates for dense Ising optimization problems." arXiv:2308.12423 [quant-ph]
9. Daniel Belkin et al. "Approximate t-designs in generic circuit architectures." arXiv:2310.19783 [quant-ph]

## CONFERENCE TALKS

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1. Speaker: “A Parameter Setting Heuristic for the Quantum Alternating Operator Ansatz.” *Bulletin of the American Physical Society*, American Physical Society, 15 Mar. 2022.

## NON-RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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**Academic Center Assistant, UC Berkeley** **June 2017 – May 2020**

- Maintained study environment, communicated with students to resolve their academic needs.

## AWARDS

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**National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program** **Apr 2022-Present**

Three years of funding for Ph.D. research in quantum algorithms for optimization problems.

**NASA Space Technology Graduate Research Opportunities (Declined)** **Apr 2022**

Five years of funding for Ph.D. research in quantum algorithms for optimization problems.

**Quantum Computing Summer School Fellowship** **June 2020 – Aug 2020**

Los Alamos National Laboratory. 1/18 selected internationally.

**Olsen Memorial Fund and Jackson Award** **Fall 2018 / 2019**

UC Berkeley Physics Department. Based on academic standing and progress in the physics major

## EXTRACURRICULARS

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**Musician and Producer, Deixis** **Jan 2023 – present**

- Wrote performed and produced opening theme song for [The Deixis Podcast](#).
- Composed and arrange soundtrack for Film “Bekele.” Accepted to [Unpop Film Fest 2023](#).

**Quantum Researcher, Indigo Sound** **Sept 2020 - present**

- Developed a proof-of-concept audio sampling tool using quantum machine learning. Performed computations on classical simulators and quantum hardware. Sold a demonstrative [NFT](#).

**Co-Leader and Bassist, [MintJulep](#) and [Sunnydew](#)** **Aug 2017 – Jan 2023**

- Helped record, produce, and distribute 6-track EP “Sonic Medicine” for 4-piece Jazz/Neo-Soul band MintJulep, streamed over 50k times. Performed at over 15 venues in the Bay Area.
- Wrote, arranged, recorded, produced, and engineered 12-track LP “Komorebi Album 1,” released on all platforms with all proceeds to Black Lives Matter and COVID-19 relief.

**Co-Founder and Co-Owner, [Nebular Rides](#)**

**Aug 2008 - June 2015**

- Designed, built, painted, marketed, and sold skateboards, shirts, and watercrafts in San Diego.