# John C. Russell

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#### **EDUCATION**

### Harvard University, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences

Sep 2017 – Present

- Ph.D. Candidate in Applied Physics GPA 3.63/4.0
- · Secondary Field in Computational Science and Engineering

### Williams College

Sep 2012 – Jun 2016

- B.A. in Physics with Honors and Philosophy GPA: 3.65/4.0
- Thesis: Phenomenology of a UV Complete Model for a Top-Friendly Z'

### Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Yeast Genetics and Genomics

Jul 2018

Completed three week intensive laboratory course on approaches to addressing complex problems with the model organism *Saccharaomyces cerevisiae*.

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Graduate Research Assistant, Hekstra Lab, Harvard University

Sep 2017 - Present

My research uses optical microscopy to measure changes in cellular physiology associated with aneuploidy in single cells. For this project, I have:

- Implemented extensive upgrades to a laser scanning microscope to enable automated multiphoton microscopy especially Stimulated Raman Scattering,
- Worked in clean rooms to fabricate microfluidic devices that I later used for timelapse fluorescence microscopy experiments, and
- Performed PCR based cloning and genetic manipulation of budding yeast.

In parallel with my experimental work I have

- Written a high-performance library for analyzing timelapse microscopy datasets using the scientific python stack (numpy, pandas, scikit-image, dask),
- Implemented a deep learning pipeline for instance segmentation in pytorch,
- And contributed to existing projects in the python-microscopy ecosystem.

### Honors Thesis Student, Tucker-Smith Group, Williams College

Jun 2015 – Jun 2016

I conducted Monte Carlo simulations of particles beyond the Standard Model and devised ways of detecting them in future experiments.

### Winter Study Research Assistant, Doret Lab, Williams College

Jan 2015

I designed radio-frequency electronics and assembled them with the corresponding optical system for use in ion trapping experiments.

# OTHER EXPERIENCE

### Business Development Fellow, Office for Technology Development

Jun 2020 - Jun 2021

I assessed the market potential and competitive landscape of inventions from a wide range of Harvard labs across the physical sciences. I wrote detailed reports for the business development team which summarized the technology and identified potential licensees for each invention.

### Biology Director New England Society for Microscopy

Dec 2021 - Present

I will organize quarterly meetings by inviting speakers, planning workshops, and publicizing events for the microscopy community.

# AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

## AWARDS AND Quantitative Biology Student Fellowship, Harvard University

Jul 2019 - Jun 2020

I was awarded financial support for a promising research program from the NSF-Simons Center for Mathematical and Statistical Analysis of Biology.

### Helmsley Charitable Trust Fellowship, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory

Jul 2018

I received this award for scientists transitioning into biology from other fields to attend the Cold Spring Harbor Yeast Genetics and Genomics course.

### Dean's List, Williams College

2013 - 2016

For attaining a semester GPA of at least 3.5.

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **SEAS Python Bootcamp Instructor**

Spring 2020, 2021

I developed and taught a three day intensive workshop on the fundamentals of scientific computing to about sixty undergraduates in person and virtually.

### **QBio REU Intermediate Python Workshop**

Summer 2020, 2021

I taught weekly lessons to a group of summer research assistants about how to use common python libraries for high performance data analysis.

### **Teaching Fellow, Applied Mathematics 50**, Harvard University

Spring 2019

- I taught mathematical modeling and scientific computing in sections,
- Designed, wrote, and graded problem sets and lab assignments, and
- Assisted with in class computer labs and modeling activities.

#### Winter Tutor, Vail Ski and Snowboard Academy

Oct 2016 – Apr 2017

I worked one-on-one with middle and high school students to help them complete math and science classes taken online or remotely.

### **Teaching Assistant**, Williams College Physics Department

Sep 2013 – Jun 2016

As a teaching assistant I led homework help sessions and graded for courses in statistical physics, modern physics, philosophy of physics, and others.