CURRICULUM VITAE

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	
Princeton University, Princeton, NJ	eton Neuroscience Institute titute (2021-present)
Princeton University, Princeton, NJ	
Princeton University, Princeton, NJ	
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA	
JILA (NIST-University of Colorado), Boulder, Construction NSF Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow.	OSummers 2005-2006
American Association for the Advancement of Statement Rieser Fellow, Center for Science Technology	
Natl. Telecommunications and Information Adm Researcher, Institute for Telecommunication Sciences,	
National Institute of Standards and Technology Researcher, Statistics Division.	r, Boulder, CO Summer 2003
EDUCATION	
Ph.D. in Biophysics , Harvard University, Cambridge Thesis Topic: "Optogenetics and computer vision biophysical applications" Advisor: Professor Aravin	for C. elegans neuroscience and other
B.S. in Physics, Stanford University, Stanford, CA .	June 2007

B.A.	in Political	Science,	Stanford	University,	Stanford	, CA	 June :	200)7

Honors in International Security Studies, CISAC, Stanford University, Stanford, CA . . June 2007 Thesis Topic: "International scientific engagement for mitigating emerging nuclear security threats" Advisor: Professor Michael May

HONORS AND AWARDS

National Institutes of Health Director's New Innovator Award	2019
National Science Foundation CAREER Award	2019
Emerging Leaders in Biosecurity Initiative Fellow, Johns Hopkins, Center for Health Se	ecurity 2015
Simons Investigator, Simons Collaboration on the Global Brain, Simons Foundation .	2014
American Physical Society, Biological Physics Thesis Award: Certificate of Merit	2013
Lewis-Sigler Fellowship, Princeton University	. 2012–2016
Derek C. Bok Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University	2008
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	. 2007–2011
Leonard Rieser Fellowship in Science Tech & Global Security, Bulletin of the Atomic Se	cientist2006
SPIE International Society for Optical Engineering Scholarship	2006
American Institute of Physics, Society of Physics Students, Leadership Award	2006
National Science Foundation, Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship	. 2005–2006
AAAS, Center for Science Technology and Security Policy, Intern of the Year Award	2006
Harry Press Journalism Award, Stanford University	2006
Boothe Prize for Excellence in Writing, Stanford University	2004
Robert C. Byrd Academic Merit Scholarship	2003
Dofflemyer Eagle Scout Scholarship	2003
Awards for the author's independent research, "Fractals, Power-Laws and the Weibull D	istribution:
Mathematically Modeling Crumpled Paper"	2003
American Mathematical Society, Karl Menger Award.	
Office of Naval Research, Naval Science Award.	
Third Place Team Project, Intel International Science and Engineering Fair 2003.	
First Place Team Project, Colorado Science and Engineering Fair.	
Scientific American, Outstanding Achievement in Education.	
Golden State Governor's Scholarship, State of California	2000

DEPARTMENTAL OR UNIT-LEVEL SERVICE (AY 2023-2024)

Department of Physics:

Chair of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Advisory Board

Princeton Neuroscience Institute:

Website Committee Chair; Neuroscience Grad Admissions Committee Center for Physics of Biological Function:

Chair of Seminar Series Committee; CPBF Fellow Search Committee Biophysics Graduate Program:

Chair Grad Admissions Committee

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE (PREVIOUS)

Chair of the Dicke Fellows Committee (PHY); EDI Committee (PHY); Senior Committee (PHY); Junior Committee (PHY); Rising Stars in Physics Program Committee; Retreat Co-Organizer (NEU); Faculty Search Committee (Ommen-Darling Bioengineering Institute)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Institutional Biosafety Committee, Princeton University	$\dots 2021$ -Present
Undergrad Advisor, Mathey College, Princeton University	-2023, 2024-present
Member, Council of the Princeton University Community	2013-2014
Senior Staff Committee Member, Lowell House, Harvard College,	$\dots \dots 2010-2012$
Resident Tutor, Lowell House, Harvard College	2009–2012

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member-at-Large, Division of Biological Physics, American Physical Society	2025-present
Co-organizer, CeNeuro conference, to be held in France 2026	2024-present
Co-organizer Physics of Neural Systems sessions, 2025 APS Meeting	$\dots 2024-2025$
Program Committee member, CoSyNe	2019-2022
Scientific Program Committee member, International C. elegans Conference	2019
Organizer, Simons Foundation, Workshop on Unbiased Quantification of Behavior.	2016
Grant reviewer for funding agencies and foundations including:	

Agence Nationale de la Recherche (France), European Research Commission (EU), Israel Science Foundation (Israel), Medical Research Council (UK), NASA (USA), National Institutes of Health (USA), National Science Foundation (USA), NWO (Netherlands), Sir Henry Dale Wellcome Trust (UK), SNSF (Switzerland), W. M. Keck Foundation (USA)

Scientific content reviewer for peer-reviewed journals including:

Current Biology, eLife, Nature, Nature Methods, Neuron, Physical Review Letters, PLOS Biology, PLOS Computational Biology, PNAS

TEACHING

Princeton University, Faculty:
PHY 108 Physics for Life Scientists
NEU 457 (557) Measurement and Analysis of Neural Dynamics Spring 2017, 2021, 2023
PHY 101 Introductory Physics I
PHY 103 General Physics I
NEU 422 Neural Dynamics of Cognition
ISC 233-234 An Integrated, Quantitative Intro to the Natural Sciences II,2013–2016
ISC 231-232 An Integrated, Quantitative Intro to the Natural Sciences I,
Neurotechnologies and Analysis of Neural Datasets,Summers 2015–2019
CPBF Physics of Life
Princeton University, Guest Lecturer:
NEU 501,502 Neuroscience: from molecules to systems and behavior2017–2024

Warrior Scholar Project, Physics	2023
SPIA 548, Weapons of Mass Destruction and International Security	2017–2019, 2020
SPIA 353, Science and Global Security,	$\dots 2015, 2017$
NEU 301 Cellular Neurobiology	2016
QCB 551 Intro to Genomics & Computational Molecular Biology, $\ldots\ldots$	2014
Elsewhere:	
Stanford University, CS 379C, Computational Models of the Neocortex, ${\it Guest}$	Lecturer2016
Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Neural Systems & Behavior, Facult	<i>ty</i> Summer 2014
Harvard University, BIOPHYS 242R, Brain & Behavior, Guest Lecturer	$\dots \dots 2013$
Harvard University, MCB 199, Statistical Thermodynamics for Quantitative Bi	lology, T.A 2008
ADVISING	

PhD Students (current):

Pearl Thijssen (PHY), Wayan Gauthey (NEU, joint w/ Murthy), Emily Osborne (PHY), Sophie Dvali, (PHY), Sandeep Kumar (NEU).

PhD Students (past):

Kevin Chen (NEU, joint w/ Pillow), Xinwei Yu (PHY), Ashley Linder (Neuroscience, joint w/ Shaevitz), Mochi Liu (QCB, joint w/ Shaevitz)

Undergraduate Students (current):

Anna Borodianski (NEU, Senior Thesis)

Undergraduate Students (past):

Abdul-Bassit Fijabi (NEU, Senior Thesis), Andrew Tan (NEU, Senior Thesis), Tori Edington (PHY, Senior Thesis), Milena Chakraverti-Wuerthwein (PHY, JP and Senior Thesis), John Li (NEU, Senior Thesis), Alicia Castillo (NEU, Senior Thesis), Xiaoting Sun; David Mazumder (MOL); Kevin Mizes (PHY, Senior Thesis; Treiman Fellow; Sanda & Jeremiah Lambert '55 Undergraduate Neuroscience Research Award Recipient), Peter Johnson (PHY, Junior Project); Jose Rico Chinchilla; Lukas Novak.

INVITED LECTURES

Harvard University, Program in Biophysics,	. 2025
Yale University, Inspiring Speaker Seminar, Wu Tsai Institute	2025
Automated Neural Identification, Tracking, and Behavioral Conference, UMass Worcester .	. 2024
Columbia University, Kavli Seminar, Center for Theoretical Neuroscience	2024
Duke University, Department of Neurobiology	2024
Harvard University, Department of Physics Colloquium	2024
Albert Einstein School of Medicine, Department of Neuroscience	. 2023
University of Washington, Department of Physiology and Biophysics	. 2023
Allen Institute for Neural Dynamics	2023
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Developmental Biology Seminar	2023
APS March Meeting (delivered by Sophie Dvali)	2023
University of Chicago, Neuroscience Seminar	2023
New York Area Worm Meeting, Plenary speaker	2023
Yale University, Quantitative Biology Seminar	2022

Google Research	2022
Syracuse University, Department of Physics	$\dots 2022$
UCSF	2022
CalTech, Neuroscience Seminar	2022
Stanford University, Wu Tsai Neurosciences Institute	2022
Johns Hopkins University, Biology Seminar	
Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics, Neurophysics of Locomotion Workshop	$\dots 2022$
Neuro 2022, Japan Neuroscience Society, Okinawa, Japan	$\dots 2022$
CoSyNe Workshop, Lisbon, Portugal	2022
Simons Foundation, Simons Collaboration on the Global Brain Annual Meeting	$\dots 2022$
NSF Workshop: Functional Logic of Neural Circuits, San Juan, PR	$\dots 2022$
Washington University of St. Louis, Department of Physics Colloquium	2021
Society for Neuroscience Short Course, Quantifying Behavior	2019
Workshop on the Aging Brain, Simons Foundation	$\dots 2019$
Rockefeller University	$\dots 2019$
National Institutes of Health BRAIN Initiative Investigators Meeting	2019
Vanderbilt University, Department of Physics and Astronomy Colloquium	$\dots 2019$
Columbia University, Center for Theoretical Neuroscience	$\dots 2018$
SAND8, Statistical Analysis of Neuronal Data, Keynote Lecturer	2017
Rowen University School of Osteopathic Medicine, Department of Cell Biology	
APS March Meeting, Patterns & Control in Animal Behavior	$\dots 2017$
CUNY, The Graduate Center, Initiative for the Theoretical Sciences	$\dots 2016$
Cornell University, NBB, Perry Gilbert Lecture, Invited by Grad Students	$\dots 2016$
ICFO, Institute of Photonic Sciences, Light for Health Seminar	2016
Simons Foundation, Simons Collaboration on the Global Brain Annual Meeting	2016
Frontiers in Applied & Computational Mathematics	2016
Mid-Atlantic Society for Developmental Biology, Howard University	2016
Yale University School of Medicine, Department of Neuroscience Seminar	
Princeton University, Princeton Neuroscience Institute Seminar	
Yale University, Dept. of Molecular Cellular & Developmental Biology Seminar	
Google, Inc.	
Stanford University School of Medicine, Department of Neurobiology Seminar	
Ludwig Maximilians Universitat, Munchen, Center for Nanoscience Colloquium	
Northeastern University, Center for Complex Network Research	
Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School, Science and Global Security Seminar	
Simons Foundation, Simons Collaboration on the Global Brain Annual Meeting	
Rockefeller University, Center for Studies in Physics and Biology Seminar	
Stanford University, Stanford Neurosciences Institute & Department of Bioengineering	
New York University, Center for Soft Matter Research	
Delaware Center for Neuroscience Research	
Brandeis University, Computational & Systems Neuroscience Journal Club	
Columbia University, Grossman Center, Quantifying Structure in Large Neural Datasets	
C. elegans topic meeting: Neuronal Development, Synaptic Function & Behavior	
Rutgers University, Multi Group Worm Meeting	
INSERM, University of Paris Descartes, Optics and Photonics Seminar	
Princeton University, Lewis-Sigler Institute for Integrative Genomics	
Rutgers University, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry	
Harvard University, Rowland Institute	2010

MANUSCRIPTS UNDERGOING PEER REVIEW

 Rizwanul Haque, Hagar Setty, Ramiro Lorenzo, Gil Stelzer, Ron Rotkopf, Yehuda Salzberg, Gal Goldman, Sandeep Kumar, Shiraz Nir Halber, Andrew M. Leifer, Elad Schneidman, Patrick Laurent, Meital Oren-Suissa, "A Blueprint of Sex-Specific Neuronal Regulation in the C. elegans Nervous System at Single-Cell Resolution" bioRxiv 2024.12.27.630541, 27 Dec (2024).

- 2. Sophie Dvali, Caio Seguin, Richard Betzel, Andrew M. Leifer, "Diverging network architecture of the C. elegans connectome and signaling network" arXiv, arXiv:2412.14498, 19 Dec (2024).
- 3. Matthew S Creamer, Andrew M Leifer, Jonathan W Pillow, "Bridging the gap between the connectome and whole-brain activity in C. elegans," bioRxiv, 2024.09.22.614271(2024).

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 1. Kevin S. Chen, Anuj K. Sharma, Jonathan W. Pillow, Andrew M. Leifer, "Navigation strategies in Caenorhabditis elegans are differentially altered by learning," *PLOS Biology*, 23(3): e3003005, (2025).
- Jing Huo, Tianqi Xu, Qi Liu, Mahiber Polat, Sandeep Kumar, Xiaoqian Zhang, Andrew M. Leifer, Quan Wen, "Hierarchical behavior control by a single class of interneurons," PNAS, 121 (47) e2410789121, 12 November (2024).
- 3. Sandeep Kumar, Anuj K Sharma, Andrew M Leifer, "An inhibitory acetylcholine receptor gates context dependent mechanosensory processing in C. elegans," *iScience*, Volume 27, Issue 10, 18 October (2024).
- 4. Anuj Kumar Sharma, Francesco Randi, Sandeep Kumar, Sophie Dvali, Andrew M. Leifer, "TWISP: A Transgenic Worm for Interrogating Signal Propagation in C. elegans." *Genetics*, Vol 227, Issue 3, July (2024).
- 5. Wayan Gauthey, Francesco Randi*, Anuj K. Sharma,* Sandeep Kumar, Andrew M. Leifer, "Light evokes stereotyped global brain dynamics in C. elegans." *Current Biology*, Vol 34, Issue 1, Pages R14-R15, 8 January (2024).
- 6. Francesco Randi, Anuj K. Sharma, Sophie Dvali, Andrew M. Leifer, "Neural signal propagation atlas of C. elegans." *Nature*, 623, 406–414 (2023).
- Sandeep Kumar, Anuj K. Sharma, Andrew Tran, Mochi Liu, Andrew M. Leifer, "Inhibitory motor signals gate mechanosensory processing in C. elegans" *PLOS Biology*, (9): e3002280 (2023).
- 8. Kevin S. Chen*, Rui Wu*, Marc H. Gershow, and Andrew M. Leifer. "Continuous odor profile monitoring to study olfactory navigation in small animals." *eLife*, 12:e85910, 25 July (2023).
- 9. Matthew S. Creamer, Kevin S. Chen, Andrew M. Leifer, Jonathan W. Pillow, "Correcting motion induced fluorescence artifacts in two-channel neural imaging." *PLOS Computational Biology*, 18(9): e1010421 Sept 28 (2022)

10. Princeton Open Ventilation Monitor Collaboration, Philippe Bourrianne, Stanley Chidzik, Daniel J Cohen, Peter Elmer, Thomas Hallowell, Todd J Kilbaugh, David Lange, Andrew M. Leifer, Daniel R. Marlow, Peter D. Meyers, Edna Normand, Janine Nunes, Myungchul Oh, Lyman Page, Talmo Pereira, Jim Pivarski, Henry Schreiner, Howard A Stone, David W Tank, Stephan Thiberge, Christopher Tully. Inexpensive multi-patient respiratory monitoring system for helmet ventilation during COVID-19 pandemic. ASME Journal of Medical Devices. Mar 16(1): 011003 (2022).

- 11. Mochi Liu, Sandeep Kumar, Anuj K Sharma, Andrew M. Leifer. "A high-throughput method to deliver targeted optogenetic stimulation to moving C. elegans populations." *PLOS Biology* 20(1): e3001524. (2022)
- 12. Anne E. Urai, Brent Doiron, Andrew M. Leifer, Anne K. Churchland. "Large-scale neural recordings call for new insights to link brain and behavior." *Nature Neuroscience*, 3 January (2022). [Invited Review]
- 13. Kelsey M. Hallinen*, Ross Dempsey*, Monika Scholz*, Xinwei Yu, Ashley N Linder, Francesco Randi, Anuj K Sharma, Joshua W. Shaevitz and Andrew M Leifer, "Decoding locomotion from population neural activity in moving C. elegans." *eLife*, 10:e66135, 29 July (2021).
- 14. Xinwei Yu, Matthew S. Creamer, Francesco Randi, Anuj K. Sharma, Scott W. Linderman, Andrew M. Leifer, "Fast deep neural correspondence for tracking and identifying neurons in C. elegans using semi-synthetic training." *eLife*, 10:e66410, 14 July (2021).
- 15. Francesco Randi and Andrew M. Leifer, "Nonequilibrium Green's functions for functional connectivity in the brain." *Phys Rev Lett*, **126**, 118102 (2021).
- 16. Francesco Randi and Andrew M. Leifer. "Measuring and modeling whole-brain neural dynamics in Caenorhabditis elegans." *Current Opinion in Neurobiology*. Vol 65, Pages 157-167 (2020). [Invited Review]
- 17. Robert Datta, David Anderson, Kristen Branson, Pietro Perona, and Andrew Leifer, "Computational neuroethology: a call to action." *Neuron*, 104:1, (2019). [Review]
- 18. Xiaowen Chen, Francesco Randi, Andrew M Leifer and William Bialek, "Searching for collective behavior in a small brain." *Phys Rev E* **99**, 052418 (2019).
- 19. Mochi Liu, Anuj K. Sharma, Joshua W. Shaevitz, Andrew M. Leifer, "Temporal processing and context dependency in *C. elegans* mechanosensation." *eLife*, 7:e36419 (2018).
- Jeffrey Nguyen, Ashley N. Linder, George Plummer, Joshua W. Shaevitz, Andrew M. Leifer, "Automatically tracking neurons in a moving and deforming brain" *Plos Computational Biology*, 13(5): e1005517 (2017).
- 21. Jeffrey Nguyen*, Frederick B. Shipley*, Ashley N. Linder, George Plummer, Mochi Liu, Sagar U. Setru, Joshua W. Shaevitz, Andrew M. Leifer, "Whole-brain calcium imaging with cellular resolution in freely behaving Caenorhabditis elegans." Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, vol. 113 no. 8, E1074-E1081 (2016).
- 22. Frederick B. Shipley, Christopher M. Clark, Mark J. Alkema, Andrew M. Leifer, "Simultaneous optogenetic stimulation and calcium imaging in freely moving *C. elegans*." Frontiers in Neural Circuits 8:28 (2014).

23. Steven J. Husson, Alexander Gottschalk, Andrew M. Leifer, "Optogenetic manipulation of neural activity in C. elegans: from synapse to circuits and behavior" *Journal of Biology of the Cell*, 105, 1–16 (2013). [Invited Review]

- 24. Jamie L. Donnelly, Christpoher M. Clark, Andrew M. Leifer, Marian Haburacak, Jennifer K. Pirri, Michael M. Francis, Aravinthan D. T. Samuel, and Mark J. Alkema. "Monoaminergic orchestration of motorprograms in a complex behavior in C. elegans." *PLoS Biology* 11(4): e1001529 (2013).
- 25. Quan Wen, Michelle Po, Elizabeth Hulme, Sway Chen, Xinyu Liu, Sen Wai Kwok, Marc Gershow, Andrew M. Leifer, Victoria Butler, Christopher Fang-Yen, Taizo Kawano, William R. Schafer, George Whitesides, Matthieu Wyart, Dmitri Chklovskii, Mei Zhen, Aravinthan D T Samuel, "Proprioceptive coupling within motor neurons drives *C. elegans* forward locomotion." *Neuron*, 76, 750–761 (2012).
- Chenxiang Lin, Ralf Jungmann, Andrew M. Leifer, Chao Li, Daniel Levner, Geroge M. Church, William M. Shih, Peng Yin. "Sub-micrometer geometrically encoded fluorescent barcodes selfassembled from DNA." Nature Chemistry, 4, 832–839 (2012).
- 27. Andrew M. Leifer*, Christopher Fang-Yen*, Marc Gershow, Mark Alkema, Aravinthan D.T. Samuel, "Optogenetic manipulation of neural activity in freely moving *Caenorhabditis elegans*," *Nature Methods*, 8(2), p.147â–152 (2011).
- 28. Kevin J. Coakley, David S. Simons, Andrew M. Leifer. "Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry Measurements of Isotopic Ratios: Correction for Time Varying Count Rate." *International Journal of Mass Spectrometry*, 204, 107–120 (2005).

BOOKS UNDER CONTRACT

1. Ross Dempsey and Andrew M. Leifer. *Undergraduate Physics for Graduate Students*. Princeton University Press. Expected 2026.

ACTIVE OR AWARDED GRANTS

 $12/2024-12/2027~{\rm Keck~Foundation~(lead-PI:~Leifer;~co-PI:~Murthy,~Tank,~Seung)}$

"Technology for measuring neural signal propagation at brain scale"

Total Direct & Indirect Costs: \$1,200,000

7/2024-7/2026, Simons Foundation, Simons Collaboration on the Global Brain, SCGB #3196-03 (PI Leifer; spokesperson PI is Zimmer)

"Neuromodulatory interactions the control of long-time scale behaviors"

Total Direct & Indirect Costs: \$436,400

6/2024–6/2025, Princeton Neuroscience Institute Innovation Award, Princeton University (PIs: Leifer & Shaevitz)

"Spatiotemporal dynamics of neuropeptide signaling in the brain"

Total Direct & Indirect Costs: \$200,000

5/2024–4/2026, Eric & Wendy Schmidt Technology Fund, Princeton University (PIs: Leifer & Murthy)

"New Technology for Brain-Wide Functional Connectivity Measurements at Cellular Resolution" Total Direct & Indirect Costs: \$1,100,000

5/2024–4/2026, Ommen-Darling Bioengineering Institute, Princeton University

(PIs: Leifer & Murthy)

"Technology for measuring neural signal propagation at brain-scale"

Total Direct & Indirect Costs: \$140,000

10/1/2017 - 9/30/2025National Science Foundation, PHY-1734030 (PI: Bialek, co-PI: Shaevitz, named investigator: Leifer)

"Physics Frontier Center: Center for the Physics of Biological Function"

Total Direct & Indirect Costs: \$14,700,000

COMPLETED GRANTS

9/18/2019-8/31/2024 National Institute of Health, 1DP2NS116768, (PI: Leifer)

"Probing brain-wide functional connectivity during behavior."

Total Direct & Indirect Costs: \$2,430,000

6/2019–5/2024 National Science Foundation, 1845137, (PI: Leifer)

"CAREER: Neural mechanisms of flexible sensorimotor processing in C. elegans"

Total Direct & Indirect Costs: \$800,000

7/2017-7/2024, Simons Foundation, Simons Collaboration on the Global Brain, SCGB #543003 (PI Leifer; spoksepserson PI is Zimmer)

"Neural Dynamics of a Multi-timescale Social Behavior"

Total Direct & Indirect Costs: \$1,080,000

5/15/2020-4/30/2021 National Science Foundation, PHY-2031509, (co-PI: Leifer; PI: Elmer)

RAPID: Open Research Infrastructure for COVID-19 Ventilator Data

Total Direct & Indirect Costs: \$200,000

7/2014-7/2017, Simons Foundation, Simons Collaboration on the Global Brain, SCGB (PI: Leifer)

"Whole brain calcium imaging in freely behaving nematodes"

Total Direct & Indirect Costs: \$320,000

9/2017–8/2019 National Institute of Health, 1R21NS101629, (PI: Murray, U Penn)

"Multicolor labeling for cell identification in the C. elegans nervous system"

Total Direct & Indirect Costs: \$500,000 (\$250,000 to Leifer)

9/2014-8/2016, Princeton University, Inaugural Dean's Innovation Fund for New Ideas in the Natural Sciences (co-PI with Shaevitz)

"All-neuron I/O in freely behaving animals"

Total Direct Costs: \$200,000 (\$100,000 to Leifer)