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## EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego, CA  
Doctor of Philosophy in Physics, October 2025  
Advisor: Stefan G. Llewellyn Smith

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California State University, Northridge, CA  
Master of Science in Physics with Distinction, May 2018  
Advisor: Donna D. N. Sheng

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University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS  
Completed 24 units toward a Master of Music in Piano Performance  
from Aug. 2011 to Dec. 2012

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Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA  
Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance, July 2011

## SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS/AWARDS/HONORS

- 2024 Office of Naval Research Grant (UCSD)
- 2018 Election to Sigma Pi Sigma
- 2018 Mack I. Johnson Research Award for Outstanding Graduate Student in the College of Science and Mathematics (CSUN)
- 2018 C. Y. Liang Outstanding Graduate Student Award (CSUN)
- 2017 Leslie and Terry Cutler Scholarship (CSUN)
- 2016 Summer Research Grant (CSUN)

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- June 2022 – September 2024 Senior TA/Associate at UCSD  
Lab Teaching Assistant Coordinator (LTAC/Head TA) of the PHYS 1-series labs
- Aug. 2018 – June 2022 Teaching Assistant at UCSD  
Taught PHYS 1BL, 2BL, 2D, 10, and 140A. Lab Teaching Assistant Coordinator (LTAC/Head TA) of PHYS 2BL in Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Summer I 2021, and Spring 2022.

Nov. 2013 – Aug. 2018	Staff Pianist at Temple City Mandarin Baptist Church
Mar. 2013 – Aug. 2018	Collaborative Pianist
May 2010 – July 2018	Private Piano Teacher
	Member of the Music Teachers Association California from Oct. 2013 to Oct. 2014
Jan. 2018 – May 2018	Teaching Assistant at CSUN
	Taught PHYS 220AL
Aug. 2013 – Sept. 2016	Hathaway-Sycamores Child and Family Services Learning Center Instructor
	In my role as an instructor at Hathaway-Sycamores, I tutored K-12 students in language arts, math, and the sciences within the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). In addition to weekday tutoring sessions, I served as the math instructor for the Hathaway-Sycamores Summer SAT Workshop, which was organized in partnership with three local high schools from 2014 to 2016. I reprised this role as an SAT instructor in 2017 and 2018 as a volunteer.
May 2013 – Nov. 2015	Private Math Tutor
Aug. 2011 – Aug. 2012	Graduate Teaching Assistant at KU
	Taught PIAN 121, 221, 284, and 321

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages with proficiency: Python, Rust, OCaml, Haskell  
 Programming Languages with working knowledge: JavaScript, TypeScript, Julia, Lua, Vim-Script  
 Others: LLVM IR, MIPS Assembly, WebAssembly, HTML/CSS

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- [2] S.-S. Gong, W. Zheng, M. Lee, Y.-M. Lu, and D. N. Sheng, “Chiral spin liquid with spinon Fermi surfaces in the spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  triangular Heisenberg model”, [Phys. Rev. B \*\*100\*\*, 241111 \(2019\)](#).
- [1] M. Lee, T. R. Look, S. P. Lim, and D. N. Sheng, “Many-body localization in spin chain systems with quasiperiodic fields”, [Phys. Rev. B \*\*96\*\*, 075146 \(2017\)](#).

## PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

- [2] M. Lee and S. G. Llewellyn Smith, *SQG Point Vortex Dynamics with Order Rossby Corrections*, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2508.12619>, Aug. 2025, submitted.
- [1] M. Lee and S. G. Llewellyn Smith, *Stability of SQG Kolmogorov Flow*, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2511.10904>, Nov. 2025, submitted.

## TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- [4] “Stability of SQG Kolmogorov flow with order Rossby corrections”, SoCal Fluids XVII, Apr. 2024.
- [3] “Spin Liquid and Quantum Phase Diagram on a Spin-Orbit Coupled Triangular Lattice”, International Conference on Magnetism, July 2018.
- [2] “Spin Liquid and Quantum Phase Diagram on a Spin-Orbit Coupled Triangular Lattice”, APS March Meeting, Mar. 2018.
- [1] “Many-Body Localization in Spin Chain Systems with Quasiperiodic Fields”, CSUNposium, Apr. 2017.