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PhD in Applied Physics, science communicator

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Summary

- Goal** A career that helps bridge the communication gap between scientists and non-scientists through writing, audio, video, and in-person engagement efforts.
- Science Communication** Throughout my PhD I have sought out training and experiences presenting to, writing for, and working with diverse audiences. I relentlessly pursue context in making science understandable, interesting, and relevant for audiences.
- Self-Starter** Started the Students of Applied Physics project to get more experience shaping stories written about science for a general audience.
- Analytical Thinking** A PhD in applied physics with specific expertise in materials science, nanotechnology, energy efficiency, and high-performance computing.

Education

- Expected:** **PhD in Applied Physics**, *University of Michigan*, Ann Arbor, MI.
January 2019 Relevant Coursework: Public Policy 650 – Introduction to Science and Technology Policy Analysis
- 2012 **B.S. in Physics**, *Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*, Troy, NY.
Magna cum laude, dual major in mathematics

Work Experience

- June-August 2013 **Computational Chemistry and Materials Science Fellow**,
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, CA.

Awards

- 2014 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program
- 2012 **Nadia Trinkala Service Award** [Link for Verification], Rensselaer Physics Department
- 2010 **Founder's Award of Excellence** [Link for Verification], Rensselaer Physics Department
- 2008 Boy Scouts of America, Eagle Scout

Public Engagement

- 2018 **Engaging Scientists in Policy and Advocacy.**
Volunteer for "Ask a Scientist at Art Fair", where I spoke to adults interested in science at a large local event in an informal setting.
- 2018 **Skype a Scientist** [Link].
Volunteered for the Skype a Scientist program, where I skyped into multiple high school classrooms to talk about science, becoming a scientist, and other topics. More information on my blog, [here](#). [Link]
- 2017 **Nerd Nite** [Link] **Ann Arbor Talk.**
Gave a 20 minute talk about my research at a local bar to an audience of mostly non-scientists. A recording is available at: [LED Light Bulbs: Why Do They Cost an Arm and a Leg?](#) [Link]

- 2013-2016 **American Society for Engineering Education.**
Organized and ran a table at K-Grams Kid's Fair – an elementary school visit to University of Michigan. At the table, I helped demonstrate some concepts of signal analysis by using a laser to transmit music through open air.
- 2008-2012 **Society of Physics Students.**
Organized and ran multiple outreach events at local schools and on campus. A large project that I was involved with was organizing a full-day program on light and solar cells for the Harlem Academy's visit to Rensselaer with my advisor, Peter Persans.

Leadership

- 2018-Present **Organizer**, *ComSciCon Michigan*, Ann Arbor, MI.
Work with other graduate students to organize, publicize and run a conference devoted to science communication in Ann Arbor Michigan.
- 2017-Present **Senior Editor**, *Students of Applied Physics Project*, *Applied Physics Student Council*, Ann Arbor, MI.
I work with PhD students to develop understandable and engaging articles about research in the applied physics department. [Example article \[Link\]](#)
- 2014-2015 **President**, *Local Chapter of American Society for Engineering Education*, Ann Arbor, MI.
Organize and run meetings, ensure that skill workshops have teachers, plan future workshops based on the needs of University of Michigan students.
- 2009-2011 **President**, *Local Chapter of Society of Physics Students*, Troy, NY.
Organize meetings and social events, foster a community of physics students, act as intermediary between faculty and students, help organize and run engagement events in local area.

Writing and Editing for a General Audience

1. [Using LEDs to Tell Plants What We Want From Them \[Link\]](#), *Science in the News Blog*, 2018.
Worked with the "Friends of Joe's Big Idea" program by National Public Radio.
2. **Senior Editor**, *Students of Applied Physics*, *Applied Physics Student Council*.
I work with PhD students to develop understandable and engaging articles about research in the applied physics department. [Example article \[Link\]](#)
3. [Atomistic Calculations Predict That Boron Incorporation Increases The Efficiency Of LEDs \[Link\]](#), *University of Michigan Materials Science & Engineering News*, 2017.
Press release for research group. Picked up by the Department of Energy, National Energy Research Scientific Computer Center, and Semiconductor Today.
4. [How Gecko Feet Will Make Your Next Move Easier \[Link\]](#), *Michigan Science Writers*, 2017.
I also work as a content editor for Michigan Science Writers, where I provide feedback and help develop a rough draft developing of a piece by another graduate student.

High-Performance Computing Awards

- 2015-2018 Electronic and optical properties of novel photovoltaic and thermoelectric materials from first-principles, National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center
PI: Emmanouil Kioupakis
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| o 2018: 5,000,000 CPU Hours | o 2017: 7,300,000 CPU Hours |
| o 2016: 2,301,200 CPU Hours | o 2015: 8,000,000 CPU Hours |

Professional Memberships

American Association for the Advancement of Science ■ American Physical Society ■
American Society for Engineering Education ■ **Materials Research Society** ■ Society for
the Social Studies of Science

Service

2018 Organizer for ComSciCon Michigan

Department Service

2016-2018 Applied Physics Student Council

2017 Panelist and Editor for NSF Fellowship Workshop

Journal Referee

Applied Physics Letters (1), Physical Review B (2)

Technical Publications

1. Jimmy-Xuan Shen, Daniel Steiauf, **Andrew McAllister**, Guangsha Shi, Emmanouil Kioupakis, Anderson Janotti, and Chris Van de Walle, Impact of phonons and spin-orbit coupling on Auger recombination in InAs, *submitted*
2. **Andrew McAllister**, Dylan Bayerl, Emmanouil Kioupakis, Auger and radiative recombination in indium nitride, *Applied Physics Letters*, **112**, 251108 (2018) [doi:10.1063/1.5038106](https://doi.org/10.1063/1.5038106)
3. Kyeongwoon Chung, **Andrew McAllister**, David Bilby, Bong-Gi Kim, Min Sang Kwon, Emmanouil Kioupakis, Jinsang Kim, Designing interchain and intrachain properties of conjugated polymers for latent optical information encoding, *Chemical Science* **6**, 6980-6985 (2015) [doi:10.1039/c5sc02403j](https://doi.org/10.1039/c5sc02403j)
4. **Andrew McAllister**, Daniel Åberg, André Schleife, and Emmanouil Kioupakis, Auger recombination in sodium-iodide scintillators from first principles, *Applied Physics Letters* **106**, 141901 (2015) [doi:10.1063/1.4914500](https://doi.org/10.1063/1.4914500)
5. Daniel Recht, David Hutchinson, Thomas Cruson, Anthony DiFranzo, **Andrew McAllister**, Aurore J. Said, Jeffrey M. Warrender, Peter D. Persans, and Michael J. Aziz, Contactless Microwave Measurements of Photoconductivity in Silicon Hyperdoped with Chalcogens, *Applied Physics Express* **5**, 041301 (2012) [doi:10.1143/apex.5041301](https://doi.org/10.1143/apex.5041301)

Technical Presentations

Contributed

1. **Andrew McAllister**, Dylan Bayerl, Christina Jones, Emmanouil Kioupakis, Auger Recombination From First-principles in Group-III Nitride Alloys, American Physical Society March Meeting 2018, Los Angeles, CA
2. **Andrew McAllister**, Dylan Bayerl, Emmanouil Kioupakis, Auger Recombination in Group-III Nitrides from First Principles, Materials Research Society Fall Meeting, 2017, Boston, MA
3. **Andrew McAllister**, Dylan Bayerl, Emmanouil Kioupakis, Radiative and Auger Recombination in InN, International Conference on Nitride Semiconductors, 2017, Strasbourg, France
4. **Andrew McAllister**, Dylan Bayerl, Emmanouil Kioupakis, Radiative and Auger Recombination of Degenerate Carriers in InN American Physical Society March Meeting, 2017, New Orleans, LA
5. **Andrew McAllister**, Emmanouil Kioupakis, Auger recombination in InN from first principles, American Physical Society March Meeting, 2016, Baltimore, MD
6. **Andrew McAllister**, Emmanouil Kioupakis, Daniel Åberg, André Schleife, Auger recombination in scintillator materials from first principles, American Physical Society March Meeting, 2015, San Antonio, TX
7. **Andrew McAllister**, Predictive modeling of quantum processes for optoelectronic devices, Physics Graduate Student Symposium, 2014, Ann Arbor, MI
8. **Andrew McAllister**, Emmanouil Kioupakis, Daniel Åberg, André Schleife, Auger recombination in sodium iodide, American Physical Society March Meeting, 2014, Denver, CO

Poster

1. **Andrew McAllister**, Dylan Bayerl, Emmanouil Kioupakis Auger Recombination in Indium Nitride from First-Principles, Electronic Materials Conference, 2017, South Bend, IN [\[Link\]](#)