Mahesh C. Gandikota

mcgandikota@gmail.com Contact Havemeyer Hall, Information 3000 Broadway, mcgandikota.github.io New York, NY 10027. Present Postdoc in the Cacciuto Group, EMPLOYMENT Department of Chemistry, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA. **EDUCATION** Ph.D., Physics, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, USA 2021 Thesis Advisor: Prof. J. M. Schwarz G.P.A.: 3.7/4.0 Integrated M.Sc., Physics, National Institute of Science Education and Research, Orissa, India 2015 Thesis Advisor: Prof. Somendra Bhattacharjee, Ashoka University, Haryana, India G.P.A.: 8.2/10.0 Twelfth grade board exam, National College, Bangalore, India 2010 Marks: 81% Tenth grade board exam, HJKP, Bangalore, India 2008 Marks: 97.4% EMPLOYMENT Research Assistant, Department of Physics, Syracuse University, USA 2016-2021 Teaching Assistant, Department of Physics, Syracuse University, USA 2015-2020 **PUBLICATIONS** 5. M. C. Gandikota and A. Cacciuto, "Effective forces between active polymers", Physical Review E, 105, 034503 (2022). 4. M. C. Gandikota Amanda Parker and J. M. Schwarz, "Rigidity transitions in zero-temperature polygons", Physical Review E, 106, 055003 (2022). 3. M. C. Gandikota and J. M. Schwarz, "Buckling without bending morphogenesis: Nonlinearities, spatial confinement, and branching hierarchies", New Journal of Physics, 23, 063060 (2021). 2. M. C. Gandikota, Katarzyna Pogoda, Anne van Oosten, T. A. Engstrom, A. E. Patteson, P. A. Janmey, J. M. Schwarz, "Loops versus lines and the compression stiffening of cells", Soft Matter, 16(18), 4389-4406 (2020). 1. S. Paul, M. C. Gandikota, "Fourier Transform of Electric Signal using Kundt's Tube", Student Journal of Physics, 6(2), 95-100 (2016). TEACHING Recitations/Substitute Lecturer EXPERIENCE PHY 216, General Physics II for honors and majors Spring & Fall 2017, Spring 2018

Spring & Fall 2016

Fall 2015

PHY 212, General Physics II

PHY 211, General Physics I

Labs

AST 101, Our Place in the Universe Fall 2020

PHY 102, Major Concepts of Physics II Spring 2019, 2020

Grading/Substitute Lecturer

PHY 635, Physical Cell Biology Fall 2018

PHY 360, Vibrations, Waves and Optics Fall 2018

Mentoring Undergraduate Students

Alexandra Brown (REU program) Summer 2016

LANGUAGES Human: English (fluent), Hindi, Telugu (mother tongue), Kannada (native).

Computer: Bash, C++, Python, MATHEMATICA.

Markup: LATEX, Markdown, HTML, CSS.

Operating System: Linux, Windows.

AWARDS Summer Graduate Fellowship, Soft Matter Program, Syracuse University Summer 2017

Henry Levinstein Fellowship, Physics Department, Syracuse University Summer 2016

All India Rank 24, Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) 2015

Summer Research fellow, Indian Academies of Sciences Summer 2012

INSPIRE fellowship, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India 2010-15

Conferences/ Workshops APS March Meeting, contributed talks. 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Soft Matter Summer School, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, poster. 2017

Monsoon School: Physics of Life, National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bangalore. 2013

Summer School in Experimental Physics, NIUS - HBCSE, TIFR. 2012

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE Organizer, Soft Matter Journal Club, Syracuse University. 2019-2020

Moderator, APS Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics, Syracuse University. 2016

Volunteer, Photographer, Active and Smart Matter conference, Syracuse University. 2016

Volunteer, Science Day, annual joint outreach program to high school students,

NISER, IOP, Bhubaneswar. 2011, 2012, 2014

NON-ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES President, Argentine Tango Club, Syracuse University.

Fall 2017 - Fall 2020

Editorial Board, Jignasa, annual magazine of NISER, Bhubaneswar.

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References

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