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# Millicent Ayako

# **Prospective Graduate Student**

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January 2021 - January 2022

Newark, DE

#### EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Physics , University of Delaware	2018 - 2022
Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics, University of Delaware	2018 - 2022
Minor in Computer Science	
UD Presidential Scholarship, University of Delaware	2018 - 2022
DuPont Women in STEM Scholarship, DuPont de Nemours, Inc.	2018 - 2022

#### TECHNICAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### **Undergraduate Research Assistant & Independent Research Student**

Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Delaware

Principle Investigator: Dr. Mark Ku

- Constructed a nitrogen vacancy (NV) center quantum sensor to study to a variety of quantum materials in order to develop new tools for probing condensed matter and materials, including magnetic  $Fe_5GeTe_2$  flakes.
- Utilized MATLAB to simulate the magnetic field generated by the NV laser system when observing samples and compared simulated and experimental results to assess the validity of my model.

**Summer Research Scholar** June 2020 — August 2020 Newark, DE

Department of Mathematical Sciences at the University of Delaware Principle Investigator: Dr. Gilberto Schleiniger & Dr. Bruce Boman

 Developed a MATLAB script which used a second order finite difference scheme to model tissue organization using age structured population dynamics. Project findings were presented at the University of Delaware's Undergraduate Research Symposium.

**Energy Research Intern** June 2019 — August 2019

Energy Research Institute at the University of Delaware

Principle Investigator: Dr. Zubaer Hossain

 Investigated how the dimensional, geometric, and spatial characteristics of individual quantum dots affect the overall confinement of SiGe quantum dot arrays using COMSOL Multiphysics and MATLAB software.

 Presented findings at the University of Delaware's Undergraduate Research Symposium. This was revised and later presented at the APS April 2020 meeting.

# **Undergraduate Research Assistant & Summer Research Scholar**

Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Delaware

Principle Investigator: Dr. Zubaer Hossain

Sept 2018 — May 2020

Newark, DE

Newark, DE

- · Investigated how deformational and compositional heterogeneity affects the localization of electronic states of alloy quantum dots in thermodynamic equilibrium using COMSOL Multiphysics and MATLAB software.
- Developed analytical functions to model the material composition of quantum dots.

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### **Laboratory Teaching Assistant**

August 2020 - Present

Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Delaware

Newark, DE

- · Instructed labs for several electricity and magnetism courses developed for students ranging from algebra based physics to calculus based electrical engineering. 300 students total.
- Emphasized various applications of physics through labs examples such as electrical impulses traveling through neurons and the construction of piezoelectric transducers.
- Prepared lectures introducing physics concepts, graded lab reports and exams, and created rubrics to aid in the transition to online learning due to COVID-19.

- PHYS202: Intro. Physics II (Algebra) - 2022 Winter (1 section), 2022 Spring (2 sections)

90 hours total 120 hours total

- PHYS208: Intro. Physics II (Calc) - 2021 Winter (2 sections), 2021 Spring (2 sections)

150 hours total

- PHYS245: Electricity and Electronics for Engineers - 2020 Fall (2 sections), 2021 Fall (3 sections)

# SERVICE, OUTREACH, AND MENTORSHIP

# President, Society of Physics Students (SPS), University of Delaware Chapter

July 2020 - May 2022

Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Delaware

Newark, DE

- Organized and led biweekly club meetings where students were presented with opportunities to get involved in physics.
- Meetings consisted of events such as research presentations from students and faculty, science presentations about various topics in physics and astronomy, and opportunities to connect with active researchers.

# Member, Committee for Climate Diversity, Equity, & Inclusivity (CDEI)

Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Delaware

Newark, DE

July 2020 - Present

- Created accessible channels for communication for all levels of the department such as climate surveys and supplying reporting resources.
- Took part in the departmental hiring process several times and provided CDEI considerations for candidates though personal CDEI interviews.
- · Worked with the the American Institute of Physics TEAM-UP Project through workshops and webinars to implement structural changes to improve the CDEI conditions of the DPA.
- Provided other departmental committees with quantitative CDEI consulting. Results include more diverse colloquium speakers, greater student involvement in SPS and the Physics and Astronomy Graduate Student Society, and more holistic interviews for candidates on all levels.

# 100,000 Strong Educational Exchange Grant Recipient

Sept 2016 - August 2017

Delaware Summer Chinese Language Initiative for Communicating STEM Program

Beijing, Hangzhou, and Shanghai, China

- Attended classes at the Wanxiang Polytechnic College pertaining to Chinese language and culture as well as STEM topics concerning renewable energy.
- · Wrote a thesis on the future of green architecture through sustainable building materials in developing countries using recent Chinese cultural and scientific developments.
- I presented my findings at both the Wanxiang Polytechnic College in Hangzhou, China and the Delaware Department of Education in Dover, Delaware.

# PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, & POSTERS

- Chen, H. et al. Revealing room temperature ferromagnetism in exfoliated  $Fe_5GeTe_2$  flakes with quantum magnetic imaging. 2D Mater. 9 025017 (2022)
- Yang, H. Ayako, M. Sarpong, N. Hossain, Z. Electronic structure basis of diameter-dependent properties of carbon nanotubes. (In Review)
- Ayako, M. Hossain, Z. Electronic Confinement in SiGe Quantum Dot Arrays. Contributed Poster at the American Physical Society April Meeting, Washington, D.C. April 18, 2020 D21.00010.

### **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Tools and Languages
<b>Quantitative Research</b>
Practical

Mathematica, MATLAB, Python, C/C++, COMSOL Multiphysics

Optimization, Mathematical Modeling, Numerical Analysis, Data Visualization Circuit Design, Standard Electronic Testing and Instrumentation Equipment

# **AWARDS & ACTIVITIES**

- Department of Physics Student Leadership Award 2022
- Department of Physics Climate and Inclusion Service Award 2022
- Department of Physics Student Leadership Award 2021
- Society of Physics Students UD Chapter President, Fall 2020 - Spring 2022

• UD Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers

Delaware African Students Association

· Society of Black Physicists

Fall 2018 — Spring 2022

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