

# Nicholas D. Haynes

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**Summary** PhD candidate with a deep mathematical background. Experience generating, storing, analyzing, and explaining large datasets. Passionate about finding order in complex systems.

**Education** **PhD, physics** **Expected May 2018**  
Duke University, Durham, NC

**MS, applied mathematics** **May 2013**  
University of Dayton, Dayton, OH

**BS, *magna cum laude*** **August 2011**  
University of Dayton, Dayton, OH  
Majors: physics, philosophy

**Experience** **Graduate research assistant**, Duke University, Durham, NC **May 2013 – Present**

- Studying the fundamental dynamics of networks built with programmable digital hardware and applications for high-speed machine learning
- Building proof-of-principle recurrent neural networks in hardware
- Conducting high-throughput analysis of ~100s GB experimental data using Open Science Grid
- Presented results in 2 peer-reviewed publications and 6 conference posters

**Contractor**, U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory, Dayton, OH **October 2009 – May 2013**

- Characterized novel optical materials being developed for next-generation laser platforms
- Employed a mix of experimental, theoretical, and computational techniques
- Presented results in 3 peer-reviewed journals and at 2 international conferences

**Instructor**, University of Dayton Math Department, Dayton, OH **August 2012 – December 2012**

- Taught (as sole instructor) a 30-student section of introductory calculus
- Developed lectures, designed and graded assessments, and assigned final grades

**Technical Skills** **Programming and development**  
Python (+ numpy, scipy, scikit-learn, pandas), C++, SQL and relational databases, Verilog, git, Bash and \*nix environment, Amazon Web Services

**Data analysis and machine learning**  
Classification, regression, clustering, feature selection and engineering, parallelization and high-throughput computing

**Selected Coursework** **Math and statistics**  
Mathematical statistics I, II; Random Processes; Linear algebra; Numerical analysis I, II

**Computer science**  
Algorithms and data structures; Artificial intelligence; Data-intensive computing systems

**Awards and Fellowships**

- Lindau meeting of Nobel laureates, young scientist participant (2015)
- Wireless Intelligent Sensor Networks fellowship (2013 – 2015)
- Rocco M. Donatelli Award to the Senior with the Strongest Record in the Humanities and the Sciences (2011)
- Sigma Pi Sigma Award of Merit to Senior in Physics (2011)
- Award of Excellence to the First Outstanding Senior in Philosophy (2011)
- Eagle Scout Award (2003)