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EDUCATION

M.S. / Ph.D. in Physics (May 2019 / Anticipated 2022)
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213
- ≈ Field: Experimental nuclear/particle physics, neutrino physics
- ≈ Advisor: Diana Parno
- ≈ Thesis Committee: Curtis Meyer, Diana Parno, Riccardo Penco, Brian Quinn
- ≈ Highlighted Courses: Introductory Mathematical Physics, Quantum Mechanics I & II, Statistical Mechanics, Classical Electrodymanics I & II, Particle Physics I & II, Quantum Field Theory, Introductory Astrophysics

B.A., Physics & Mathematics (May 2017)
Washington & Jefferson College, Washington, PA 15301
- ≈ Advisors: Michael McCracken (Physics), Faun Doherty (Math)
- ≈ Honors: *Summa Cum Laude*, ΦBK, George Winchester Prize (Physics), Clyde Sheperd Atchison Prize (Math)

GRADUATE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- ≈ Member of the COHERENT Collaboration (August 2017 - present)
  - ◦ Studying coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering at the Spallation Neutron Source (SNS)
  - ◦ Maintainer for a Geant4 simulation predicting the neutrino production at the SNS
    - – Advised Shuaixiang Zhang in his construction of the SNS Second Target Station (Summer 2019)
  - ◦ Ongoing work with the MARS neutron monitoring subsystem (simulation and data analysis)
  - ◦ Contributing to design studies for a D_2O detector to normalize neutrino flux
  - ◦ Investigating optimal bin edges for fits in photoelectrons detected and recoil time
  - ◦ Serving as Data Coordinator for the collaboration (January 2020 - present)
- ≈ Worked with Brian Quinn to characterize photomultiplier tubes for parity-violation experiments and achieved nonlinearity on the order of 0.2% under CRex operating conditions (August - December 2018)

PUBLICATIONS

- ≈ First constraint on coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering in argon
  COHERENT collaboration, Phys. Rev. D. **100**. 115020 – 9 December 2019.

PREPRINTS

- ≈ First Detection of Coherent Elastic Neutrino-Nucleus Scattering on Argon
  COHERENT collaboration, 2020 preprint, arXiv: 2003.10630v1 [nucl-ex]

- ≈ Sensitivity of the COHERENT Experiment to Accelerator-Produced Dark Matter
  COHERENT collaboration, 2019 white paper. arXiv:1911.06422v1 [physics.hep-ex]

- ≈ COHERENT 2018 at the Spallation Neutron Source
  COHERENT collaboration, 2018 white paper. arXiv:1803.09183v2 [physics.ins-det]

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- ≈ COHERENT Plans for D_2O at the Spallation Neutron Source
  American Physical Society Division of Particles & Fields Meeting 2019. arXiv: 1910.00630 [physics.ins-det]

Recent Presentations

- ∼ Invited: ORNL Neutrino Flux Simulations: FTS and STS
  Magnificent CEvNS Workshop 2019, Chapel Hill, NC (11 November 2019)

- ∼ Contributed: COHERENT Plans for D_2O at the Spallation Neutron Source
  American Physical Society Division of Particles & Fields Annual Meeting, Boston, MA (1 August 2019)

- ∼ Invited: Spallation Neutron Source Neutrino Flux
  Workshop on Fundamental Physics at the Second Target Station, Oak Ridge, TN (27 July 2019)

- ∼ Contributed: Pion production at the Spallation Neutron Source
  The 15th International Conference on Meson-Nucleon Interactions and the Structure of the Nucleon, Pittsburgh, PA (4 June 2019)

- ∼ Poster: Neutrino Flux Simulations at the ORNL Spallation Neutron Source
  XXVIII International Conference on Neutrino Physics and Astrophysics (Neutrino 2018), Heidelberg, Germany (6 June 2018)

Professional Development

- ∼ Junior Member Representative to the COHERENT Collaboration Board (January 2020 - present)
- ∼ American Physical Society's Conferences for Undergraduate Women in Physics
  - ◦ 2020: Organization of PghCUWiP
    - – Drafted initial proposal to APS to host a CUWiP site in Pittsburgh
    - – Member of the national organizing committee, chaired local admissions and logistics committees
    - – Led coordination of volunteers, served as primary point of contact for all participants
    - – Panelist for *Work/Life Balance: Personal Interests*, chaired student research talk session
  - ◦ Assisted in networking events as a graduate student in 2019 (TCNJ)
  - ◦ Attended as an undergraduate in 2016 (ODU/JLab) and 2017 (Princeton)
- ∼ Constructive Interference: Women and Minorities in Physics (August 2017 - present)

Technical Skills

- ∼ Programming:
  - ◦ Languages/Tools: python, Mathematica, LabVIEW, Arduino, C++, Geant4, ROOT, RooFit, coda
  - ◦ Techniques: large-scale data analysis, data visualization and fitting, Monte Carlo simulation, basic instrument interfacing, data acquisition
- ∼ Electronics: oscilloscopes, basic circuit construction, high voltage operations, PMT base design and DAQ

Teaching Experience

- ∼ Teaching Assistant for 33-121: Physics I for Science Students   August 2017 - May 2019
  Department of Physics, Carnegie Mellon University

  Spring 2019 - Recitation (1), Course Center (1), Grading   Professor: Manfred Paulini

  Fall 2018 - Recitation (2), Course Center (1.5), Grading   Professor: Stephen Garoff

  Spring 2018 - Recitation (2), Course Center (2), Grading   Professors: Kunal Ghosh and Matt Walker

  Fall 2017 - Recitation (2), Course Center (1), Grading   Professor: Stephen Garoff

- ∼ Math and Physics Tutor   August 2014 - May 2017
  Peer-Assisted Learning, Washington & Jefferson College   Supervisor: Doree Baumgart

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