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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Cambridge, MA
Ph.D. in Physics	2026 (expected)
Advisor: Xiao-Gang Wen	
University of Cambridge	Cambridge, UK
MPhil in Physics	2021
Thesis: <i>Emergent Axions in $U(1)$ Quantum Spin Liquids</i>	
Advisor: Claudio Castelnovo	
Boston University	Boston, MA
B.A. with honors & M.A. in Physics	2020
Thesis: <i>The Fine Structure Constant in Quantum Spin Ice</i>	
Advisor: Christopher Laumann	

Selected Awards and Honors

Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics Graduate Fellowship	2024
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2021 – 2025
Churchill Scholarship	2020 – 2021
American Physical Society LeRoy Apker Award Finalist	2020
Learning Assistant of the Year	2019
Goldwater Scholarship	2019

Scientific Papers [[Google Scholar](#)]

- [17] [S. D. Pace](#), Ö. M. Aksoy, and H. T. Lam, “Spacetime symmetry-enriched SymTFT: from LSM anomalies to modulated symmetries and beyond,” [arXiv:2507.02036](#).
- [16] [S. D. Pace](#), M. L. Kim, A. Chatterjee, and S.-H. Shao, “Parity anomaly from LSM: exact valley symmetries on the lattice,” [arXiv:2505.04684](#).
- [15] [S. D. Pace](#), A. Chatterjee, and S.-H. Shao, “Lattice T-duality from non-invertible symmetries in quantum spin chains,” *SciPost Phys.* **18** (2025) 121, [[arXiv:2412.18606](#)].
- [14] [S. D. Pace](#), H. T. Lam, and Ö. M. Aksoy, “(SPT-)LSM theorems from projective non-invertible symmetries,” *SciPost Phys.* **18** (2025) 028, [[arXiv:2409.18113](#)].
- [13] A. Chatterjee, [S. D. Pace](#), and S.-H. Shao, “Quantized axial charge of staggered fermions and the chiral anomaly,” *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **134** (2025) 021601, [[arXiv:2409.12220](#)].
- [12] [S. D. Pace](#), G. Delfino, H. T. Lam, and Ö. M. Aksoy, “Gauging modulated symmetries: Kramers-Wannier dualities and non-invertible reflections,” *SciPost Phys.* **18** (2025) 021, [[arXiv:2406.12962](#)].

- [11] [S. D. Pace](#) and Y. L. Liu, “Topological aspects of brane fields: Solitons and higher-form symmetries,” *SciPost Phys.* **16** (2024) 128, [[arXiv:2311.09293](#)].
- [10] [S. D. Pace](#), C. Zhu, A. Beaudry, and X.-G. Wen, “Generalized symmetries in singularity-free nonlinear σ models and their disordered phases,” *Phys. Rev. B* **110** (2024) 195149, [[arXiv:2310.08554](#)].
- [9] [S. D. Pace](#), “Emergent generalized symmetries in ordered phases and applications to quantum disordering,” *SciPost Phys.* **17** (2024) 080, [[arXiv:2308.05730](#)].
- [8] [S. D. Pace](#) and X.-G. Wen, “Exact emergent higher-form symmetries in bosonic lattice models,” *Phys. Rev. B* **108** (2023) 195147, [[arXiv:2301.05261](#)].
- [7] Y.-T. Oh, [S. D. Pace](#), J. H. Han, Y. You, and H.-Y. Lee, “Aspects of \mathbb{Z}_N rank-2 gauge theory in $(2+1)$ dimensions: Construction schemes, holonomies, and sublattice one-form symmetries,” *Phys. Rev. B* **107** (2023) 155151, [[arXiv:2301.04706](#)].
- [6] [S. D. Pace](#) and X.-G. Wen, “Emergent higher-symmetry protected topological orders in the confined phase of $U(1)$ gauge theory,” *Phys. Rev. B* **107** (2023) 075112, [[arXiv:2207.03544](#)].
- [5] [S. D. Pace](#) and X.-G. Wen, “Position-dependent excitations and UV/IR mixing in the \mathbb{Z}_N rank-2 toric code and its low-energy effective field theory,” *Phys. Rev. B* **106** (2022) 045145, [[arXiv:2204.07111](#)].
- [4] [S. D. Pace](#), C. Castelnovo, and C. R. Laumann, “Dynamical Axions in $U(1)$ Quantum Spin Liquids,” *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **130** (2023) 076701, [[arXiv:2109.06890](#)].
- [3] [S. D. Pace](#), S. C. Morampudi, R. Moessner, and C. R. Laumann, “Emergent Fine Structure Constant of Quantum Spin Ice Is Large,” *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **127** (2021) 117205, [[arXiv:2009.04499](#)].
- [2] [S. D. Pace](#), K. A. Reiss, and D. K. Campbell, “The β Fermi-Pasta-Ulam-Tsingou Recurrence Problem,” *Chaos* **29** (2019) 113107, [[arXiv:1908.00564](#)].
- [1] [S. D. Pace](#) and D. K. Campbell, “Behavior and breakdown of higher-order Fermi-Pasta-Ulam-Tsingou recurrences,” *Chaos* **29** (2019) 023132, [[arXiv:1811.00663](#)].

Invited Talks

Oxford [<i>slides to appear</i>]	Nov '25
Simons Center for Geometry and Physics [<i>slides to appear</i>]	Oct '25
CU Boulder CTQM Theory Colloquium [<i>slides to appear</i>]	Sept '25
OIST TSVP Symposium: Aspects of Generalized Symmetries [<i>slides</i>]	June '25
OIST Thematic Program: Generalized Symmetries in Quantum Matter [<i>pre-talk notes</i>] [<i>main talk slides</i>]	June '25
Georgia Tech [<i>slides</i>]	May '25
KITP Program: Generalized Symmetries in Quantum Field Theory: High Energy Physics, Condensed Matter, and Quantum Gravity [<i>slides</i>] [<i>recording</i>]	Apr '25
UCLA [<i>pre-talk notes</i>] [<i>main talk slides</i>]	Feb '25
Symmetry Seminar [<i>slides</i>] [<i>recording</i>]	Feb '25
IBS PCS Workshop: Effective Field Theory Beyond Ordinary Symmetries [<i>slides</i>] [<i>recording</i>]	Dec '24
Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics [<i>slides</i>] [<i>recording</i>]	Nov '24
Ohio State University [<i>slides</i>]	Oct '24

Harvard [slides]	Oct '24
SCGP Workshop: Applications of Generalized Symmetries and Topological Defects to Quantum Matter [slides] [recording]	Sept '24
Boston University [notes]	May '24
Symmetry Seminar [slides] [recording]	Sept '23
Boston University [slides]	June '22
Max Planck Institute for the Physics of Complex Systems [slides]	Nov '20

Teaching Experience

Schools and workshops

Invited TA: The Physics and Mathematics of Boundaries, Impurities, and Defects	Fall '25
Invited TA: Atlantic TQFT Spring School 2025	Spring '25

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Two-time guest lecturer of 8.513: Modern Quantum Many-Body Physics	Fall '23
Two-time guest lecturer of 8.231: Physics of Solids I	Fall '22

Boston University

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant (Learning Assistant)

– PY406: Electromagnetic Fields and Waves II	Spring '20
– PY405: Electromagnetic Fields and Waves I	Fall '19
– PY452: Quantum Physics II	Fall '19
– PY451: Quantum Physics I	Spring '19
– PY410: Statistical Physics & Thermodynamics	Spring '19
– PY351: Modern Physics I	Fall '18
– PY313: Waves and Modern Physics	Fall '18

Guest lecturer of PY410: Statistical Physics & Thermodynamics	Spring '19
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Mentorship and Academic Services

SciPost referee

Physical Review referee

Mentor for [Project SHORT](#) 2020 – Present

[MIT Physics Graduate Student Council](#) Officer 2021 – 2024

MIT UROP Supervisor 2022 – 2023

Mentor for [Boston University's PRISM](#) 2018 – 2020