ZACHARY BALDWIN

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EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

June 2019 - July 2026 (expected)

- Ph.D. in Nuclear & Particle Physics

The College of William & Mary | Williamsburg, Virginia

August 2015 - May 2019

- B.S. Honors in Physics & Mathematics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Carnegie Mellon University | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

June 2019 - Present

- Graduate Research Associate

The University of Glasgow | Glasgow, Scotland

May 2018 - August 2018

- Visiting Researcher

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Carnegie Mellon University – GlueX experiment

Advisor: Curtis Meyer | 2019 - Present

- An ongoing search for the existence of exotic hybrid mesons, particularly in the $\pi^0\eta$ and $\pi^0\eta'$ systems, is being performed. The interest in these two systems is due to the strong possibility of the presence of exotic J^{PC} (quantum) numbers in their final states. By comparing both systems, the role of flavor symmetry should be illuminated as to allow for a better understanding of meson production mechanisms.
- During this project, a complete partial wave analysis is being implemented.

The College of William & Mary - GlueX experiment

Advisor: Justin Stevens | 2016 - 2019

- Studied the reaction $\gamma p \to \pi^0 \gamma$ alongside an exploratory study of the Compton scattering process $\gamma p \to \gamma p$. This was to aid in the understanding of production mechanisms in high-energy photoproduction. The results provided a stepping stone to ultimately measure the Σ beam asymmetry for large angle Compton scattering.
- During this analysis, a fix to the GlueX calorimeter clustering algorithm was implemented in order to view the separation of small decay angles of $\pi^0 \to \gamma \gamma$.

The University of Glasgow - MAMI experiment

Advisor: Ken Livingston | 2018

- The project's main goal was to develop a compact pair polarimeter and spectrometer for use in hadronic physics experiments at photon beam facilities. A prototype was developed and tested. New challenging techniques were also employed to observe the degree and angle of polarization from electron and positron separation, along with other polarization observables.
- During this project, a brand new approach using machine learning and neural networks was developed to try and gather the problematic degree of polarization for the photons.

PUBLICATIONS

Search for photoproduction of axion-like particles at GlueX

DOI: Phys. Rev. D 105, 052007 [Physical Review D | arXiv]

March 2022

Measurement of Spin Density Matrix Elements in $\Lambda(1520)$ Photoproduction at 8.2 GeV to 8.8 GeV

DOI: Phys. Rev. C 105, 035201 [Physical Review C | arXiv] March 2022

Measurement of beam asymmetry for $\pi^- \Delta^{++}$ photoproduction on the proton at $E_{\gamma} = 8.5 GeV$

DOI: Phys. Rev. C 103, L022201 [Physical Review C | arXiv] February 2021

SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS	
The William & Mary Honors Fellowship	April 2018 - May 2019
Howard Hughes Medical Institute Summer Research Fellowship	March 2017 - August 2017
Howard Hughes Medical Institute Summer STEM Course Scholarship	March 2016 - August 2016
The Wren Scholarship August 2	
HONORS & AWARDS	
The Open Science Grid User School Madison, Wisconsin	July 2022
The International HPC School on Challenges in Computational Sciences Athens	s, Greece June 2022
Division of Nuclear Physics Travel Grant (Unclaimed due to COVID-19)	February 2020
INVITED SEMINARS & COLLOQUIA	
Physics Colloquium – <i>Union College</i> : "Enhancing Scientific Research Utilizing Hig & High-Throughput Computing: An Overview With Uses In Nuclear & Particle Phys	•
CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS	
26 th International Conference on Computing in High Energy Physics Norfolk, V	Virginia May 2023
APS Division of Nuclear Physics (Virtual due to COVID-19) Boston, Massachuse	etts October 2021
Topical Group on Hadronic Physics (Virtual due to COVID-19) Sacramento, Cal	lifornia April 2021
APS Division of Nuclear Physics (Virtual due to COVID-19) New Orleans, Louis	iana October 2020
American Physics Society (Virtual due to COVID-19) Washington, D.C.	April 2020
APS Division of Nuclear Physics Fall Joint Meeting Island of Hawai'i, Hawaii	October 2018
Zone 4 SPS Meeting College Park, Maryland	April 2018
American Physics Society Columbus, Ohio	April 2018
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE	
AI Super-Resolution Simulations: From Climate Science to Cosmology - Helped organize conference meeting.	February 2022
OUTREACH	
Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair	March 2022

- Presented concepts and research on nuclear and particle physics to high school teachers.