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EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Chicago	Oehme Postdoctoral Fellow, Enrico Fermi Institute	2020-Present
UC Santa Barbara	MA, PhD in Physics Dissertation: NEW APPROACHES TO THE HIERARCHY PROBLEM AND THEIR SIGNATURES FROM MICROSCOPIC TO COSMIC SCALES advised by Prof. Nathaniel Craig	Aug 2020
UPenn	BA in Physics (w/ honors, astro concentration) and Math, MS in Physics	May 2015
Montgomery County Community College	gap year after high school due to illness	2010-2011

HONORS AND AWARDS

UChicago EFI 91st Arthur H. Compton Lecturer, 2023

American Physical Society's 2022 Sakurai Dissertation Award

UCSB Graduate Student Association's 2019 Excellence in Teaching Award

UPenn Roy and Diana Vagelos Science Challenge Award, full tuition scholarship

UPenn William E. Stephens Memorial Prize for a graduating physics major

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

The Hierarchy Problem: From the Fundamentals to the Frontiers is a pedagogical guide to renormalization and the hierarchy problem I wrote as an introduction to my dissertation

UChicago Introduction to Particle Physics Seminar – Spring 2021

I volunteered to lead an undergraduate reading seminar on introductory particle physics as I was concerned students weren't getting time with professors during the pandemic. I lectured on important concepts, emphasized the role of quantum mechanics, and wrote mastery questions for students to work on to firm their understanding. I also introduced particle simulation software and wrote a final project to reinterpret an ATLAS search and 'discover' the Higgs.

At UCSB, research mentor to undergraduates Aidan Herderschee (→ UMichigan grad), Samuel Alipourfard (→ MIT grad), and Umut Can Öktem (→ UC Davis grad)

Worster Fellowship for summer mentorship (awarded 2017 and 2019)

Introduction to Quantum Mechanics 1 – Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018

Complex Variables – Winter 2020

With Nathaniel Craig in Fall 2017, I worked to overhaul the Introductory Quantum Mechanics course using active learning methods and placing increased effort on pedagogy and on instructor accessibility. This worked marvelously and students both had better learning outcomes and reported feeling more comfortable in the classroom and with the material. Since then, our model has been implemented throughout the physics classes at UCSB.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

UCSB High Energy Grad Group
Organizer

Sept 2017 – Sept 2019

In addition to organizing our seminar series, this position rendered me the spiritual leader of the high energy theory grads. In that role I worked hard to create a welcoming and supportive environment, to foster a collaborative community, and to advocate for a more equitably focused theory group.

Penn Secular Society, *Founder*

President

Jan 2012 – May 2014

I created PSS to fill a void in the dialogue on campus surrounding philosophy, science and theology, and to provide community for a then-unrepresented population of students. The group became well-known at Penn for its efforts to encourage people to think critically about their beliefs, and fully succeeded in influencing and improving campus dialogue.

Penn For Liberty, *Co-founder*

Vice-, then Co-President

Jan 2012 – Jan 2014

PFL focused its activism on protecting free speech and civil liberties, opposing police overreach and our military interventions abroad, keeping the government out of people's bedrooms and their bodies, and advocating for drug policy reform, all of which I remain proud of. I write at some length on my website why I have amended my views on classical liberalism as concerns economic policy.

TALKS AND SEMINARS

Invited Talks

UV/IR Mixing and the Hierarchy Problem

Yale Mossman Seminar, November 2019

SoCal Grads Fields and Strings at UC Los Angeles, February 2020

Cornell/University of Maryland Particle Phenomenology Seminar, October 2020

LBNL/UC Berkeley Particle Seminar, October 2020

Caltech High Energy Physics Seminar, October 2020

University of Michigan Particle Theory Seminar, November 2020

The Hydrogen Mixing Portal, Its Origins, and Its Cosmological Effects

University of Toronto Theoretical High Energy Physics Seminar, November 2020

Fermilab Theoretical Physics Seminar, November 2020

Discrete Gauged B-L and the Cosmological Lithium Problem

Stony Brook University Theoretical Physics Seminar, December 2021

UW Madison High Energy/Cosmology Theory Seminar, April 2022

American Physical Society Sakurai Dissertation Award Talk, New York, April 2022

Harvard CMSA Quantum Matter Seminar, May 2022

UC Irvine Particle Physics Seminar, June 2022

UNAM Instituto de Fisica Seminario Sandoval Vallarta, June 2022

Brookhaven National Lab High Energy Theory Seminar, August 2022

UI Urbana-Champaign High Energy Phenomenology Seminar, September 2022

Notre Dame Particle Physics Seminar, October 2022

MIT Nuclear and Particle Theory Seminar, October 2022

UMaryland Particle Theory Seminar, December 2022

Contributed Talks

IHEP Workshop on the High Energy Circular Electron-Positron Collider, Beijing, November 2018

CERN Fifth Workshop of the LHC Long-Lived Particle Community, Geneva, May 2019

Galileo Galilei Institute New Physics From The Sky Workshop, October 2021

Aspen Center for Physics Frontiers of Particle Physics Workshop, March 2022

Pheno at University of Pittsburgh, May 2022

Cambridge High Energy Workshop at Harvard CMSA, August 2022

ICTP-SAIFR New Directions in Particle Physics, São Paulo, Brazil, September 2022

Publications

Available at [Inspire HEP](#) or [NASA ADS](#) or [Google Scholar](#).