

# Arvind Murugan

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## Appointments

### Associate Professor

PHYSICS + JAMES FRANCK INSTITUTE

University of Chicago

2023 -

### Assistant Professor

PHYSICS + JAMES FRANCK INSTITUTE

University of Chicago

2015 - 2023

### Postdoctoral fellow

APPLIED MATH (MICHAEL BRENNER GROUP)

Harvard University

2012 - 2015

### Member

SIMONS CENTER

Institute for Advanced Studies

2009 - 2012

### Visiting researcher

STANISLAS LEIBLER GROUP

Rockefeller University

2009 - 2012

## Education

### Princeton University

PH.D IN PHYSICS

Princeton, NJ

09/2004 - 07/2009

- Thesis: Gauge-gravity duality with renormalization group flow and reduced supersymmetry
- Advisor: Igor R. Klebanov

### California Institute of Technology

B.S. IN MATHEMATICS W/ HONORS

Pasadena, CA

09/2000 - 06/2004

- Advisor: Anton Kapustin

## Awards

- 2023 **National Science Foundation CAREER Award**, NSF
- 2017 **Simons Investigator**, Simons Foundation
- 2010 **Addie and Harold Broitman Member in Biology**, Institute for Advanced Study
- 2004 **Princeton University Graduate Centennial Fellowship**, Princeton University

## Publications

### Articles

1. Evans, Constantine Glen, O'Brien, Jackson, Winfree, Erik & Murugan, Arvind. Pattern recognition in the nucleation kinetics of non-equilibrium self-assembly. *Nature* **625**, 500–507 (2024).
2. Narla, Avaneesh, Hwa, Terence & Murugan, Arvind. Dynamic coexistence driven by physiological transitions in microbial communities. *bioRxiv*, 2024–01 (2024).
3. Arinze, Chukwunonso, Stern, Menachem, Nagel, Sidney R & Murugan, Arvind. Learning to self-fold at a bifurcation. *Physical Review E* **107**, 025001 (2023).
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5. Falk, Martin, Strupp, Adam, Scellier, Benjamin & Murugan, Arvind. Contrastive learning through non-equilibrium memory. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2312.17723* (2023).
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8. Stern, Menachem & Murugan, Arvind. Learning without neurons in physical systems. *Annual Review of Condensed Matter Physics* **14**, 417–441 (2023).

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13. Falk, Martin J, Alizadehyazdi, Vahid, Jaeger, Heinrich & Murugan, Arvind. Learning to control active matter. *Physical Review Research* **3**, 033291 (2021).
14. Murugan, Arvind, Husain, Kabir, Rust, Michael J, Hepler, Chelsea, Bass, Joseph, Pietsch, Julian MJ, Swain, Peter S, Jena, Siddhartha G, Toettcher, Jared E, Chakraborty, Arup K, et al. Roadmap on biology in time varying environments. *Physical biology* **18**, 041502 (2021).
15. Son, Minjun, Wang, Andrew G, Tu, Hsiung-Lin, Metzger, Marie Oliver, Patel, Parthiv, Husain, Kabir, Lin, Jing, Murugan, Arvind, Hoffmann, Alexander & Tay, Savaş. NF- $\kappa$ B responds to absolute differences in cytokine concentrations. *Science signaling* **14**, eaaz4382 (2021).
16. Galstyan, Vahe, Husain, Kabir, Xiao, Fangzhou, Murugan, Arvind & Phillips, Rob. Proofreading through spatial gradients. *Elife* **9**, e60415 (2020).
17. Husain, Kabir & Murugan, Arvind. Physical constraints on epistasis. *Molecular Biology and Evolution* **37**, 2865–2874 (2020).
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19. Stern, Menachem, Arinze, Chukwunonso, Perez, Leron, Palmer, Stephanie E & Murugan, Arvind. Supervised learning through physical changes in a mechanical system. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* **117**, 14843–14850 (2020).
20. Stern, Menachem, Pinson, Matthew B & Murugan, Arvind. Continual learning of multiple memories in mechanical networks. *Physical Review X* **10**, 031044 (2020).
21. Zhong, Weishun, Lu, Zhiyue, Schwab, David J & Murugan, Arvind. Nonequilibrium statistical mechanics of continuous attractors. *Neural Computation* **32**, 1033–1068 (2020).
22. Husain, Kabir, Pittayakanchit, Weerapat, Pattanayak, Gopal, Rust, Michael J & Murugan, Arvind. Kalman-like Self-Tuned sensitivity in biophysical sensing. *Cell systems* **9**, 459–465 (2019).
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24. O'Brien, Jackson & Murugan, Arvind. Temporal pattern recognition through analog molecular computation. *ACS Synthetic Biology* **8**, 826–832 (2019).
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32. Zhong, Weishun, Schwab, David J & Murugan, Arvind. Associative pattern recognition through macro-molecular self-assembly. *Journal of Statistical Physics* **167**, 806–826 (2017).
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34. Murugan, Arvind. Renormalization group flows in gauge-gravity duality. [arXiv preprint arXiv:1610.03166](https://arxiv.org/abs/1610.03166) (2016).
35. Murugan, Arvind & Vaikuntanathan, Suriyanarayanan. Biological implications of dynamical phases in non-equilibrium networks. *Journal of Statistical Physics* **162**, 1183–1202 (2016).
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42. Klebanov, Igor R, Kutasov, David & Murugan, Arvind. Entanglement as a probe of confinement. *Nuclear physics B* **796**, 274–293 (2008).
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## Invited talks

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### MIT

APPLIED MATH SEMINAR - *Evolution of non-equilibrium order*

Cambridge, MA

May 24

### 1st Solvay conference in Biology

THE ORGANIZATION AND DYNAMICS OF BIOLOGICAL COMPUTATION - *Low dimensional error correction*

Brussels, Belgium

Apr 24

### Simons Foundation

NITMB ANNUAL MEETING - *Evolution of non-equilibrium order*

New York, NY

Apr 24

### APS March meeting

INVITED TALK - *Learning multicomponent phase diagrams*

Minneapolis, MN

Mar 24

### Aspen Institute for Physics

COMPUTATION IN PHYSICAL SYSTEMS - *Review/introduction talk*

Aspen, CO

Jan 24

### 29th Solvay conference on Physics

STRUCTURE AND DYNAMICS OF DISORDERED SYSTEMS - *Learning in disordered systems*

Brussels, Belgium

Oct 23

### American Academy of Arts and Sciences

LIFE IN THE UNIVERSE II - *A free lunch of speed and accuracy*

Boston, MA

Sep 23

### University of California, Merced (Remote)

PHYSICS COLLOQUIUM - *Learning without neurons*

Merced, CA

Sep 23

### University of Michigan

ICAM COMPLEX MECHANICAL METAMATERIALS WORKSHOP - *Learning without neurons*

Ann Arbor, MI

Jul 23

### Gordon Conference on Molecular Mechanisms of Evolution

*Evolution of proofreading*

Stonehill College, MA

Jun 23

### Northwestern University

QBIO SYMPOSIUM - *Dimensionality reduction in biology*

Chicago, IL

Jun 23

### APS March meeting

STATISTICAL PHYSICS TUTORIAL - *Learning without neurons*

Las Vegas, NV

Mar 23

### NYU

PHYSICS COLLOQUIUM - *Learning without neurons*

NYC, NY

Mar 23

### Harvard Medical School

THEORY LUNCH - *Learning without neurons*

Boston, MA

Feb 23

### Gordon Research Conference

STOCHASTIC PROCESSES IN BIOLOGY - *Evolution of proofreading*

Ventura, CA

Jan 23

### AMOLF

PHYSICS COLLOQUIUM - *Origin of Maxwell Demons*

Amsterdam, NL

Nov 22

### AMOLF

WORKSHOP ON INFORMATION PROCESSING - *Neural computation with molecules*

Amsterdam, NL

Nov 22

### TU Eindhoven

PHYSICS/CHEMISTRY COLLOQUIUM - *Neural computation with molecules*

Eindhoven, NL

Nov 22

### Stanford

COHERENT NETWORK COMPUTING - *Pattern recognition through nucleation*

Palo Alto, CA

Oct 22

### Cargese Summer School

SUMMER SCHOOL - *Origin of kinetic proofreading*

Corsica, France

Sep 22

<b>Simons Center for Geometry and Physics</b>	<i>Stony Brook, NY</i>
GEOMETRY, TOPOLOGY, AND SYMMETRY IN SOFT AND LIVING MATTER - <i>Pattern recognition through nucleation</i>	<i>May 22</i>
<b>Johns Hopkins</b>	<i>Baltimore, MD</i>
BIOPHYSICS SEMINAR - <i>Pattern recognition through nucleation</i>	<i>May 22</i>
<b>Harvard University</b>	<i>Cambridge, MA</i>
WIDELY APPLIED MATHEMATICS - <i>Learning without neurons</i>	<i>Apr 22</i>
<b>Illinois Institute of Technology</b>	<i>Chicago, IL</i>
<i>Pattern recognition through nucleation</i>	<i>Apr 22</i>
<b>APS March Meeting</b>	<i>Chicago, IL</i>
INVITED TALK - <i>Learning without neurons</i>	<i>Mar 22</i>
<b>University of Michigan</b>	<i>Ann Arbor, MI</i>
PHYSICS SEMINAR - <i>Pattern recognition through nucleation</i>	<i>Sep 21</i>
<b>Cold Spring Harbor (remote)</b>	<i>Cold Spring Harbor, NY</i>
<i>Clocks, Hourglasses, and History-dependent Clocks</i>	<i>May 21</i>
<b>University of Amsterdam (remote)</b>	<i>Amsterdam, NL</i>
<i>Materials that learn from examples</i>	<i>May 21</i>
<b>Biological Physics/Physical Biology series (Virtual)</b>	<i>Zoom</i>
<i>Neural network-like collective dynamics of molecules</i>	<i>Apr 21</i>
<b>qEvo 2021</b>	<i>Zoom</i>
<i>Physical constraints on epistasis</i>	<i>Jan 21</i>
<b>Max Planck Institute (remote)</b>	<i>Göttingen, Germany</i>
<i>Neural network-like collective dynamics in molecules</i>	<i>Dec 20</i>
<b>Imperial College</b>	<i>London, UK</i>
PHYSICS OF LIFE SERIES - <i>Neural network-like collective dynamics in molecules</i>	<i>Nov 20</i>
<b>Tel Aviv University</b>	<i>Tel Aviv, Israel</i>
WORKSHOP ON PATHWAYS, SEQUENCE AND MEMORY - <i>Supervised learning in mechanics</i>	<i>Jun 20</i>
<b>Banff International Research Station</b>	<i>Banff, Canada</i>
WORKSHOP ON GENE REGULATION - <i>Self-tuned sensitivity</i>	<i>Feb 20</i>
<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b>	<i>Cambridge, MA</i>
PHYSICS SEMINAR - <i>Neural network-like collective dynamics in matter</i>	<i>Jan 20</i>
<b>EPFL</b>	<i>Lausanne, Switzerland</i>
CECAM WORKSHOP - <i>Learning in matter</i>	<i>Jan 20</i>
<b>University of California, Los Angeles</b>	<i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
PHYSICS SEMINAR - <i>Learning from examples</i>	<i>Oct 19</i>
<b>National Science Foundation</b>	<i>Alexandria, VA</i>
MRSEC DIRECTORS MEETING - <i>Learning from examples</i>	<i>Sep 19</i>
<b>University of Pennsylvania</b>	<i>Philadelphia, PA</i>
PHYSICS SEMINAR - <i>Learning from examples</i>	<i>Sep 19</i>
<b>Aspen Center for Physics</b>	<i>Aspen, CO</i>
INFORMATION PROCESSING IN CELLS - <i>Self-tuned sensitivity</i>	<i>Jul 19</i>
<b>Frontiers of Biophysics</b>	<i>Paros, Greece</i>
<i>Interrupted transients</i>	<i>Jun 19</i>
<b>Chan-Zuckerberg Biohub</b>	<i>San Francisco, CA</i>
THEORY IN BIOLOGY DAY - <i>Interrupted Transients</i>	<i>Mar 19</i>
<b>Gordon Research Conference</b>	<i>Ventura, CA</i>
STOCHASTIC PHYSICS AND BIOLOGY - <i>Self-tuned trust in clocks</i>	<i>Jan 19</i>
<b>University of Illinois</b>	<i>Urbana Champaign, IL</i>
PHYSICS SEMINAR - <i>Transients in physics and biology</i>	<i>Nov 18</i>

<b>Peking University</b>	<i>Beijing, China</i>
CENTER FOR QUANTITATIVE BIOLOGY - <i>Transients in physics and biology</i>	Oct 18
<b>DNA 24</b>	<i>Dajin, China</i>
PLENARY TALK - <i>Associative memory in frustrated materials</i>	Oct 18
<b>Penn State</b>	<i>College Station, PA</i>
PHYSICS SEMINAR - <i>Internal models of the external world</i>	Oct 18
<b>Emory University</b>	<i>Atlanta, GA</i>
PHYSICS COLLOQUIUM - <i>Associative memory in materials</i>	Apr 18
<b>Simons Foundation</b>	<i>New York, NY</i>
THEORY IN BIOLOGY CONFERENCE - <i>Internal models of the external world</i>	Apr 18
<b>Rice University</b>	<i>Houston, TX</i>
PHYSICS SEMINAR - <i>Internal models of the external world</i>	Apr 18
<b>APS March Meeting</b>	<i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
INVITED TALK - <i>Towards a theory of self-folding</i>	Mar 18
<b>KITP</b>	<i>Santa Barbara, CA</i>
MEMORIES WORKSHOP - <i>Associative memory in frustrated materials</i>	Feb 18
<b>Princeton Center for Theoretical Science</b>	<i>Princeton, NJ</i>
WORKSHOP ON FRUSTRATION - <i>Associative memory in frustrated materials</i>	Nov 17
<b>MIT</b>	<i>Cambridge, MA</i>
PHYSICS SEMINAR - <i>Internal models of the external world</i>	Oct 17
<b>University of Texas Southwestern</b>	<i>Dallas, TX</i>
SYSTEMS BIOLOGY SEMINAR - <i>Internal models of the external world</i>	Oct 17
<b>Washington University in St. Louis</b>	<i>St Louis, MO</i>
PHYSICS SEMINAR - <i>Internal models of the external world</i>	Sep 17
<b>QBio workshop</b>	<i>New Brunswick, NJ</i>
<i>Continuous attractors as unreliable estimators</i>	Jul 17
<b>Los Alamos National Lab</b>	<i>Santa Fe, NM</i>
CNLS ANNUAL WORKSHOP - <i>Fitting internal models to the external world</i>	May 17
<b>Harvard University</b>	<i>Cambridge, MA</i>
WIDELY APPLIED MATH SEMINAR - <i>Fitting internal models to the external world</i>	Mar 17
<b>Northwestern University</b>	<i>Chicago, IL</i>
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, - <i>When is something self-folding?</i>	Jan 17
<b>Harvard University</b>	<i>Cambridge, MA</i>
WORKSHOP ON AGING AND FAILURE IN BIOLOGY - <i>Error correction through catastrophes</i>	May 16
<b>Foundations of Nanoscience (FNANO)</b>	<i>Snowbird, UT</i>
INVITED SPEAKER - <i>Control of heterogeneous self-assembly</i>	Apr 16
<b>University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign</b>	<i>Urbana, IL</i>
URBANA COND-MAT SYMPOSIUM - <i>Associative memory: A forgotten property of frustrated disordered materials</i>	Mar 16
<b>Santa Fe Institute</b>	<i>Santa Fe, NM</i>
KINETIC NETWORKS WORKSHOP - <i>More computation by matter</i>	Sep 15
<b>Rockefeller University</b>	<i>New York, NY</i>
CENTER FOR STUDIES IN PHYSICS AND BIOLOGY - <i>Control vs multi-functionality in disordered frustrated systems</i>	Apr 15
<b>University of Colorado</b>	<i>Colorado, Boulder</i>
PHYSICS COLLOQUIUM - <i>Design principles for heterogeneous structure synthesis: Lessons from biology</i>	Mar 15
<b>University of Colorado</b>	<i>Colorado, Boulder</i>
PHYSICS SEMINAR - <i>Non-equilibrium error correction in biological and synthetic systems</i>	Mar 15
<b>APS March Meeting</b>	<i>San Antonio, TX</i>
INVITED TALK - <i>Non-equilibrium error correction in biological and synthetic systems</i>	Mar 15

<b>University of Massachusetts</b>	Massachusetts, Amherst
PHYSICS SEMINAR - <i>Design principles for heterogeneous structure synthesis: Lessons from biology</i>	Mar 15
<b>University of San Diego</b>	San Diego, CA
PHYSICS SEMINAR - <i>Design principles for heterogeneous structures</i>	Feb 15
<b>MIT</b>	Cambridge, MA
PHYSICS SEMINAR - <i>Design principles for heterogeneous structures</i>	Feb 15
<b>Aspen Institute for</b>	Physics, Aspen
UNIFIED CONCEPTS IN GLASS PHYSICS VI, - <i>Associative memory: A forgotten property of marginal frustrated systems</i>	Feb 15
<b>Cornell</b>	Ithaca, NY
LASSP APPLIED PHYSICS SEMINAR - <i>Design principles for heterogeneous structure synthesis: Lessons from biology</i>	Jan 15
<b>University of Chicago</b>	Chicago, IL
JAMES FRANCK INSTITUTE, - <i>Design principles for heterogeneous structure synthesis: Lessons from biology</i>	Jan 15
<b>Princeton University</b>	Princeton, NJ
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY, - <i>Design principles for heterogeneous structure synthesis: Lessons from biology</i>	Dec 14
<b>Universite Joseph Fourier</b>	Grenoble, France
<i>Associative memory and bottom-up materials synthesis</i>	Jul 14
<b>University of Nice</b>	Nice, France
LABORATORY OF CONDENSED MATTER PHYSICS SEMINAR - <i>Associative memory and bottom-up materials synthesis</i>	Jun 14
<b>ESPCI</b>	Paris, France
<i>Associative memory and bottom-up materials synthesis</i>	Jun 14
<b>Brandeis</b>	Waltham, MA
PHYSICS DEPARTMENT - <i>Design principles for heterogeneous materials synthesis: Lessons from biology</i>	Jun 14
<b>University of Chicago</b>	Chicago, IL
COMPUTATIONS IN SCIENCE SEMINAR - <i>Design principles for heterogeneous materials synthesis: Lessons from biology</i>	May 14
<b>University of Maryland</b>	Maryland College Park, MD
INSTITUTE FOR PHYSICAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, - <i>Design principles for material synthesis : Lessons from biology</i>	Apr 14
<b>Northwestern</b>	Evanston, IL
APPLIED MATH COLLOQUIUM - <i>Design principles for material synthesis : Lessons from biology</i>	Jan 14
<b>Boston Physical Biology Hangout</b>	Cambridge, MA
<i>Principles of non-equilibrium error-correction</i>	Dec 13
<b>Harvard</b>	Cambridge, MA
BAUER FORUM - <i>Self-assembly in imperfect conditions</i>	Nov 13
<b>Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics</b>	Waterloo, ON
YOUNG RESEARCHERS CONFERENCE - <i>Gauge-gravity duality in 2 + 1 dimensions</i>	Dec 08
<b>Institute for Nuclear Theory</b>	Seattle, WA
STRING THEORY METHODS IN THE REAL WORLD, - <i>Entanglement as a probe of confinement</i>	May 08
<b>Princeton University</b>	Princeton, NJ
HIGH-ENERGY THEORY GROUP SEMINAR - <i>Entanglement and Confinement</i>	Apr 08
<b>Cornell University</b>	Ithaca, NY
HIGH-ENERGY THEORY GROUP SEMINAR - <i>Entanglement and Confinement</i>	Apr 08
<b>University of Chicago</b>	Chicago, IL
HIGH-ENERGY THEORY GROUP SEMINAR - <i>Entanglement as a measure of confinement</i>	Nov 07

## Teaching

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Ph 490	<b>Principles of Biological Physics</b>	Fall 2015
Ph 330	<b>Mathematical Methods for Physicists</b>	Fall 2016
Ph 490	<b>Principles of Biological Physics</b>	Fall 2017
Ph 330	<b>Mathematical Methods for Physicists</b>	Fall 2017
Ph 255	<b>Biological Physics</b>	Spring 2018
Ph 330	<b>Mathematical Methods for Physicists</b>	Winter 2019
Ph 121	<b>General Physics</b>	Fall 2019
Ph 330	<b>Mathematical Methods for Physicists</b>	Winter 2020
Ph 121	<b>General Physics</b>	Fall 2020
Ph 121	<b>General Physics</b>	Fall 2021
Ph 490	<b>Biological Physics</b>	Fall 2022
Ph 121	<b>General Physics</b>	Fall 2023
Ph 255	<b>Biological Physics</b>	Winter 2023
Ph 121	<b>General Physics</b>	Fall 2024
Ph 490	<b>Biological Physics</b>	Winter 2024

## Trainees

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### POSTDOCS

#### Riccardo Ravasio

Current postdoc

*Yen Fellow*

2020 - present

#### Martin Falk

Current postdoc

*Schmitt Futures Fellow*

2019 - present

#### Yoshiya Matsubara

Current postdoc

*Origins Initiative*

2023 - present

#### Maryn Carlson

Current postdoc

2023 - present

#### Kabir Husain

CURRENTLY: FACULTY, PHYSICS, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON (2024)

*James McDonnell Fellow*

2018 - 2023

#### Zhiyue Lu

CURRENTLY: FACULTY, CHEMISTRY, UNC CHAPEL HILL (2024)

2017 - 2019

### GRADUATE STUDENTS

#### Darren Liu

Current graduate student

2023 - present

#### Rudy Mendez Reina

Current graduate student

2020 - present

#### Milena Chakraverti-Wuerthwein

Current graduate student

*Hertz Fellow*

2022 - present

#### LaNijah Flagg

Current graduate student

2022 - present

#### Eric Rouviere

Current graduate student

2018 - present

#### Christopher Russo

Current graduate student

2020 - present

#### Kristina Trifonova

Current graduate student

*NSF GRFP*

2024 - present

#### Vedant Sachdeva

CURRENTLY: EVOZYNE (BIOTECH STARTUP) (2023)

*Harper Dissertation Fellow*

2017 - 2022

#### Jackson O'Brien

CURRENTLY: LINCOLN PARK CAPITAL (BIOTECH VC) (2023)

2016 - 2021

## Weerapat Pittayakanchit

CURRENTLY: KRUNGTHAI BANK, THAILAND (2023)

2016 - 2021

## Chukowunso Arinze

CURRENTLY: KAOSHI (FOUNDER) (2022)

2018 - 2020

## Menachem Stern

CURRENTLY: FACULTY, AMOLF (2024)

*APS GSNP Award, Bloomenthal prize*

2016 - 2019

## UNDERGRADUATES

**Michael Peruzzo**, *Current student*

2022 - present

**Sumana Turimella**, *Current student*

2022 - present

**Leon Zhou**, *Current student*

2022 - present

**Sedona Kessler**, *Current student*

2023 - present

**Finn Roach**, *Current student*

2021 - 2022

**Sophia Smith**, Now: Grad Student, UT Austin Applied Math (2022)

2020 - 2021

**Sophia Chiang**, Now:

2020 - 2021

**Viraaj Jayaram**, Now: Grad Student, Yale Physics (2022)

2017 - 2019

**Leron Perez**, Now: Grad Student, Stanford (2022)

2018 - 2019

**Jon Kutasov**, Now: Optiver (fintech) (2021)

2019 - 2019

**Amber Bourdier**, Now: ESILV, Paris (2019)

2017 - 2018

**Ryan Thiermann**, Now: Grad Student, UC San Diego Physics (2022)

2015 - 2017

**Weishun Zhong**, Now: Grad Student, MIT Physics (2022)

2016 - 2017

**Alexandra Carruthers Ferrero**, Now: Grad Student, Univ Puerto Rico (2018)

2016 - 2016

## Service

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2023 -	<b>Deputy Director</b> , NSF Physics Frontier Center - U Chicago Center for Living Systems	<i>Chicago, IL</i>
2022 -	<b>Reviewing Editor</b> , eLife, Physics of Living Systems section	<i>elifesciences.org</i>
2026	<b>Organizer</b> , Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics, 3 week workshop on 'learning without neurons'	<i>Santa Barbara, CA</i>
2025 - 27	<b>Chair line</b> , Gordon Research Conference, Stochastic Physics in Biology	<i>Ventura, CA</i>
2024 - 25	<b>Chair line</b> , American Physics Society, Delbruck prize committee	
2024	<b>Organizer</b> , Aspen Center for Physics, Computing in Physical Systems Winter workshop	<i>Aspen, CO</i>
2018 - 21	<b>Program committee</b> , Annual q-Bio meeting	<i>Various</i>
2017,19,21	<b>Organizer</b> , American Physics Society March meeting, sessions on information and computing in biology	<i>Various</i>