

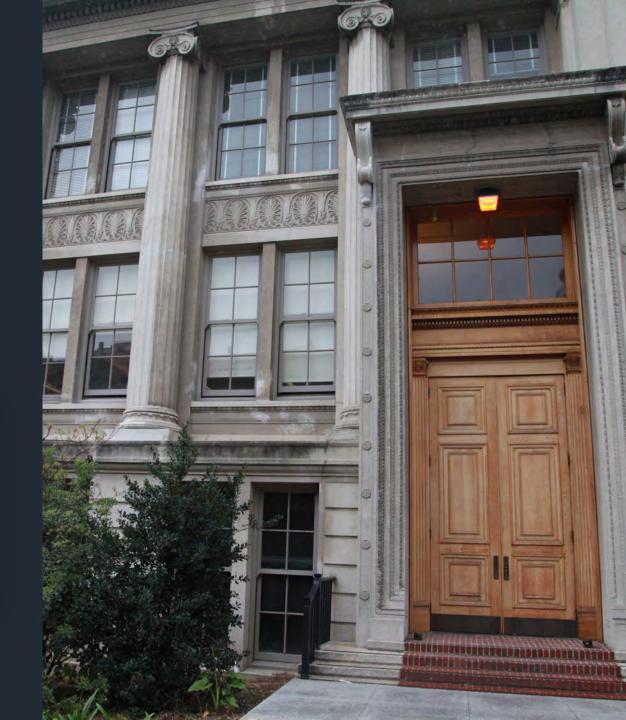
Our Science

OUR HISTORY

A Tradition of Scientific Discovery

Physics continues to flourish at Cal

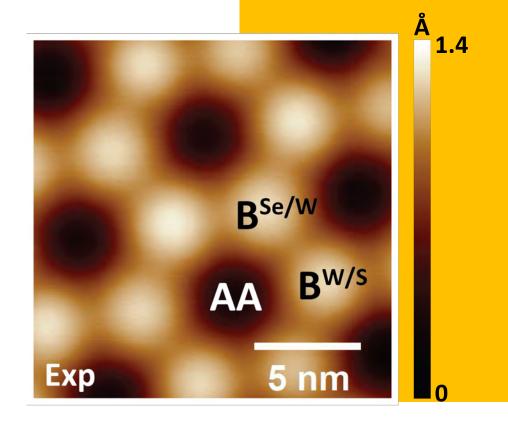
From accelerators to atoms, achievements in a wide spectrum of scientific disciplines continue to bring distinction to the department in the form of prizes, technology transfer, impactful papers, and distinguished alumni.

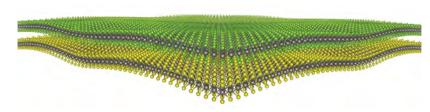


QUANTUM MATERIALS

2D Condensed Matter Physics

- Discovery of tunable Mott insulator, superconductivity, orbital magnetism, and Chern insulator in a single trilayer graphene/hBN moire superlattice.
- Discovery of moire excitons, Mott insulators, and generalized Wigner crystals in WS_2 / WSe_3 moire superlattices.



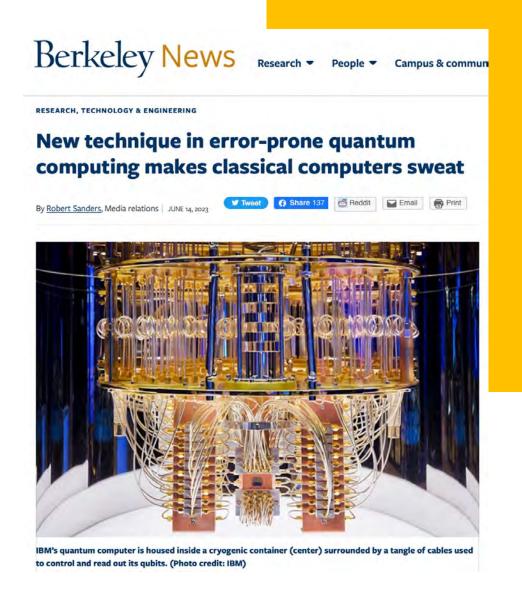




QUANTUM PHYSICS

Quantum Computers and Simulators

Researchers at IBM Quantum in New York and their collaborators at the University of California, Berkeley, and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory report in the journal *Nature* that they pitted a 127-qubit quantum computer against a state-of-the-art supercomputer and, for at least one type of calculation, the quantum computer bested the supercomputer.



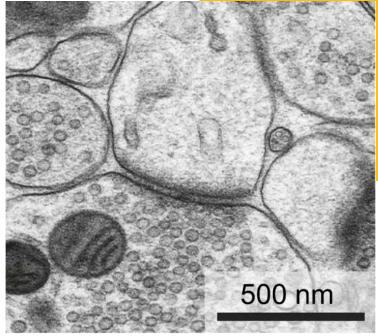
BIOPHYSICS

Brain: From Data to Model

- We can measure the neural correlates (e.g., activity of neurons) of mental activity. Human Brain Project: A full, digital, 3D model at the resolution of the individual cell tracing cellular connections
- Physics, the most quantitatively accurate descriptions of natural phenomena, and physicists are needed to understand ourselves.

Brain
3 lb.
1000 cm³



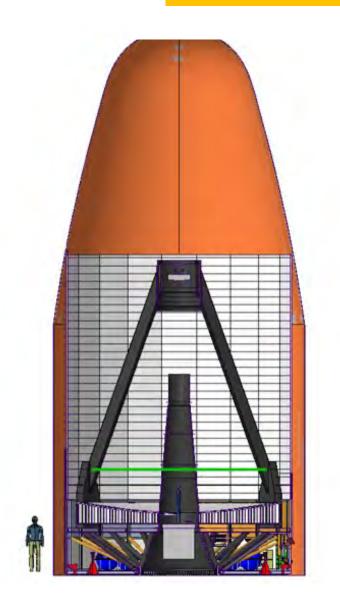


Synapse 10¹⁵ (1 quadrillion)

SPACE SCIENCE

SSL: New Capabilities and Missions

Berkeley is working with private funding to study – and likely build and launch – a space telescope taking advantage of "new space" capabilities. The goal is to demonstrate the possibility of building a series of inexpensive (MidEx cost) space sciences missions, each learning from the previous, and each focusing on different science goals.

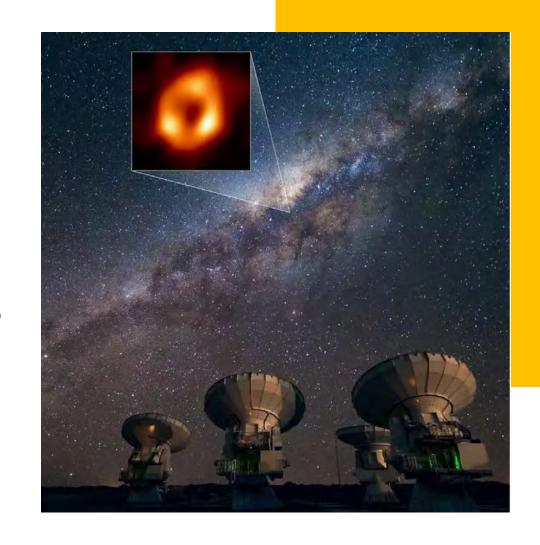




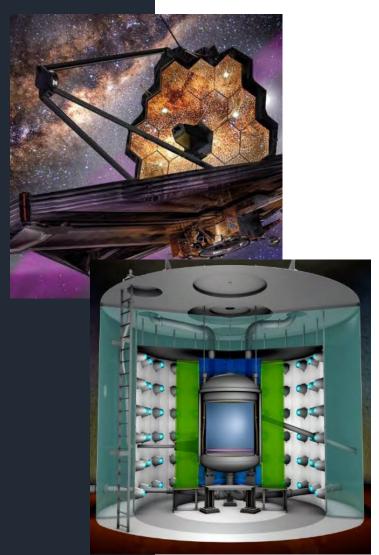
QUANTUM GRAVITY & QUANTUM INFORMATION

Gravity in the Quantum Information Age

- Information theory gives us a common language to approach the theories of gravity and quantum mechanics
- New quantum tools give us table-top methods to explore fundamentally new ideas in the physics of the universe: scrambling, quantum null energy condition, ...



Our Centers



Dark Matter Annihilation can turn on the lights inside neutrino detectors →

N3AS

Network for Neutrinos, Nuclear Astrophysics and Symmetries

Science Mission

Neutrino physics and astrophysics, nuclear astrophysics topics ranging from supernova and neutron star modeling to dark matter, and fundamental symmetries.

- Fundamental Symmetries
- Nucleosynthesis
- Dense Matter and Neutron Stars
- Dark Matter
- Astrophysical Simulations



Challenge Institute for Quantum Computation

CIQC

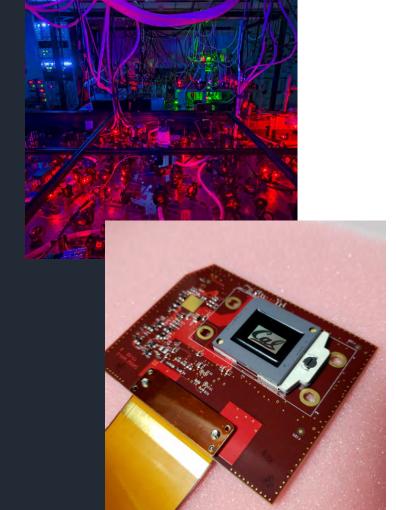
Fundamental challenges to the development of the quantum computer

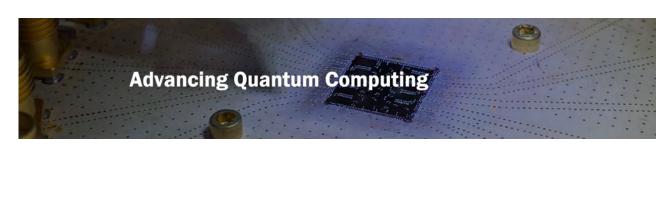
Science Mission

Our primary research theme is quantum computing, along with connected topics in quantum simulation, sensing, and technology development, and quantum-inspired classical computing.

- Quantum Algorithms
- Verifiable Quantum Advantage
- Scaling Quantum Systems







AQT

Superconducting Quantum Computers for Science

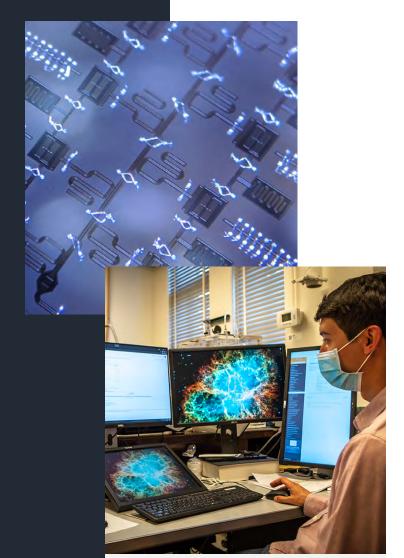
Science Mission

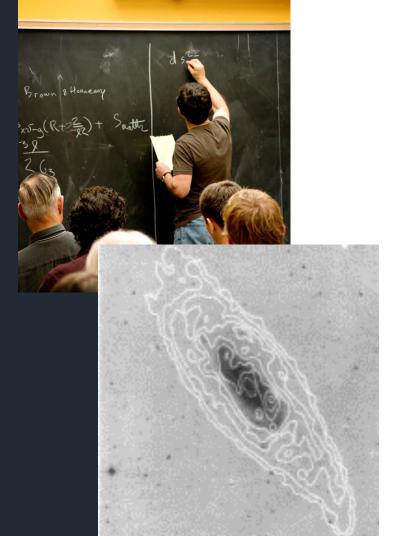
The Advanced Quantum Testbed (AQT) is an advanced superconducting platform for full-stack quantum computing, fostering, deep collaborations with users selected through a competitive process.

- Quantum Processor Development
- Quantum Control
- Quantum Computation & Simulation











BCTP

The most pressing scientific questions about the Universe.

Science Mission

Furthering our understanding of matter, spacetime and the Universe, or more specifically quantum gravity, dark matter, neutrinos, the Higgs boson, and even the multiverse, ...

- Particle Theory
- Particle Cosmology
- String Theory and Quantum Gravity





UCEIC



CALIFORNIA EIC CONSORTIUM

UC-wide Center Focused on the Physics of the Electron Ion Collider (EIC)

Science Mission

The EIC will be a particle accelerator that collides electrons with protons and nuclei to produce snapshots of those particles' internal structure—like a CT scanner for atoms.

- How does the mass of protons and neutrons arise from the nearly massless quarks and gluons?
- How does the spin of the nucleon arise?
- What are the emergent properties of dense systems of gluons?

BPIE - The Berkeley Physics International Education (BPIE) Program partners with universities around the world to provide undergraduate international students an opportunity to study abroad at UC Berkeley for one semester or one year.

BETA Physics - The Berkeley Experience and Training in Advanced Physics (BETA Physics) Program is a certificate non-degree program which hosts visiting students from around the country and the world to provide them with an opportunity to study advanced graduate level physics at UC Berkeley for one or two semesters.

The Berkeley Pre-Core Transfer Summer Program is designed specifically to help prospective and newly admitted transfer students strengthen their skills to transition successfully into physics, astrophysics, and earth and planetary science (EPS) majors at UC Berkeley.

REYES - The Remote Experience for Young Engineers and Scientists (REYES) virtual STEM-H learning experience aims to increase science literacy, inspire and train the next generation of engineers and scientists. We also help increase diversity in STEM fields by lowering barriers of entry for all, including students from underrepresented backgrounds. To date, more than 11,000 learners in 135 countries have registered for REYES.

Berkeley Connect in Physics: The Berkeley Connect program opens up the extraordinary resources of the university to you: the extraordinary students on our campus. By joining, students will become part of a community of like-minded faculty, mentors, and students that will provide a supportive environment in which to exchange and discuss ideas and goals.

Pi2 - The Physics Innovators Initiative is our vision for modernizing, streamlining, and strengthening the path students follow as they pursue their undergraduate careers. The Pi2 Summer Scholars Program is designed to create funded summer research opportunities for undergraduates and rewards graduate students and postdocs for their mentorship.

BUILDING NEW BRIDGES

Every Student By Name And Need



Our Community



Physics



"My research largely focuses on understanding the emergence of low-energy nuclear physics directly from the fundamental theory of quark and gluons, namely quantum chromodynamics (QCD)."

A Wilson Award winner whose work has expanded different subfields of nuclear and particle physics, including QCD spectroscopy, lattice QCD, scattering theory, hadron structure, nuclear structure, and quantum computing.



"Using AMO and precision measurement techniques we can perform new tests of fundamental physics on a table-top, with real-world applications in fields such as navigation and medicine."

A world-leading experimentalist having developed advanced methods where the frequencies of two highly precise atomic clocks are compared to one part in 10²⁰, the highest precision of any measurement to date.

1943

Adolph C. and Mary Sprague Miller entered into a trust with the Board of Regents to establish an institute "dedicated to the encouragement of creative thought and conduct of research and investigation in the field of pure science."

1953

Adolph Miller passes away.

1955

The Statement Establishing the Institute for Basic Research in Science was submitted to the Regents and was subsequently approved.

1957

Mary Sprague Miller passes away. The names of the donors became public and the Institute was designated: "The Adolph C. and Mary Sprague Miller Institute for Basic Research in Science."

Six professors were named the first Miller Research Professors:

James Carson, Jr., Chemistry

Jack Evernden, Geology & Geophysics

Daniel Mazia, Zoology

Jerzy Neyman, Statistics

William Nierenberg, Physics

Roger Stanier, Bacteriology

1958

1st Visiting Miller Professor is named: Leopold Schmetterer, Statistics

1960

1st Miller Fellows are named:

John Fletcher, Physics

James Kinsey, Chemistry

Carl Sagan, Astronomy

Dana Scott Mathematics

Charles Shuster, Bacteriology

Paul Whitfeld, Biochemistry

1997

Miller Institute establishes an annual Interdisciplinary Symposium

2005

The Miller Institute celebrates 50 years of science and establishes development campaign to provide for continued support of its programs.





The Miller Institute is "dedicated to the encouragement of creative thought and the conduct of research and investigation in the field of pure science and investigation in the field of applied science in so far as such research and investigation are deemed by the Advisory Board to offer a promising approach to fundamental problems."



Visiting Professors

Philip Kim, Harvard University

Vahid Sandoghdar, Max Planck Institute for the Science of Light

Michael Turner, Rauner Distinguished Service Professor, Kavli Institute for Cosmological Physics

Jure Zupan, University of Cincinnati

Fellows

Augusto Ghiotto, Columbia University Ethan Lake, MIT Calvin Leung, MIT Xueyue (Sherry) Zhang, Caltech



Faculty Awards

Ehud Altman Simons Foundation Investigator

Stuart Bale American Geophysical Union Fellowship

Mike Crommie Department of Defense Vannevar Bush

Faculty Fellow

Hernan Garcia Chan-Zuckerberg Biohub Investigator

Elizabeth D. Hay New Investigator

Alessandra Lanzara UC Berkeley Bakar Fellow Prize

Dunghai Lee American Academy of Arts and Sciences

Fellow

Chung-Pei Ma American Astronomical Society Fellow

Eric Ma Amazon Physical Science Fellowship

Geoff Pennington DOE Early Career Award

Matt Pyle DOE Early Career Award

Ben Safdi Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship

Dan Stamper-Kurn American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellow

Michael Zaletel L&S Faculty Award DOE Early Career Award



"I hope to contribute to the mission, vision, and goals of the Department by supporting student success and satisfaction, and by partnering with other academic staff/departments."

Marjani previously worked at the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) as an academic advisor for the occupational therapy department. At UIC, she was a primary resource for prospective and enrolled students. She was chair of the Applied Health Sciences staff council committee.





"My dad is a mathematician and a physicist, so an appreciation for science runs deep in my family! My goal is to promote the continuing growth of our programs and create a fun and memorable experience for all of our visiting Physics students."

A consultant and strategist with ample experience in marketing, advertising, website creation, digital storytelling and campaigns, content curation and social media strategy. Alex is from the Bay Area and a UC Santa Cruz graduate.

Berkeley People & Culture

- **Collaboration** Enhances individual work by soliciting contributions from others and enhances others' work by contributing to their success to more effectively meet unit goals.
- Goal Accomplishment Achieves individual goals that contribute to unit priorities.
- Inclusion & Belonging Demonstrates respect for people and their differences, and understands the benefits of a diverse workforce, is trusted and respected by others, includes and welcomes others, and works to understand the perspective of others.
- Innovation Uses knowledge, skills, and professional experience to seek efficiencies and improve work outcomes.
- **Job Mastery** Demonstrates the knowledge, skills, and abilities that result in high performance and contributions within the scope of the employee's job description.

STAFF RECOGNITION

SPOT Awards

Anna Hilke
Laura Fantone
Elizabeth Nakahama-Ryan
Joelle Miles
Kathleen Cooney
Carlos Bustamante
Isabella Mariano
Simon Leaver-Appelman
Mari Royer
Beth McCleary
Anthony Vitan





Where Students Are Achievers

Graduate Student Incoming Class

Abdalla, Ahmed Ibrahim Adhidewata, Jyesta Mahayu

Afifa, Umaima

Alcott, Samuel David

Alsallom, Faisal

Bariuan, Luis Gabriel Carlos

Bartlett, Alexa

Bear, Soren Jorgensen

Blackburn, Albany Eve

Carrel, Dashiell

Castro, Juan Antonio

Cui, Jeffery

D'Ambrosia, Samuel Hewitt (Sam)

David, Marco

Derrico (Abby), Abigail

Devereaux, Kyle

Duim, Rowan

Fahs, Adam

Fultineer, Aaron Timothy

Gong, Xiaoxun

Hong, Vi Thanh

Hwang, Minyoung Chris (Tucker)

Jahanbani, Shahin

Lee (Tsaichen Lee), Tsai-Chen

Lim, Hyungbin

Louie, Garrett

Naumov, Kirill

Pan, Shuaiwei

Pope, Isaac Matteo

Raman, Kailash Anirudh

Sewalls, Harper Clay

Shiferaw, Abel Misikir

Shtov, Alexander Sergeevich

Singh, Roshni

Suryanarayanan, Aswath

Tabor, Elisa

Turnbull, Joey

Wang, Yi-Cheng

Xiang, Tai

Yousuf, Fatima

Zhu, Tong

Meet the new graduate class

- 1195 Applicants; 42 acceptances
- 6 Major Fields of Physics
- Applicants from Across the Globe

		Applied	Accepted
Research Type	Experiment	630	24
	Theory	560	18
Concentration	AMO	175	7
	Astrophysics	131	4
	Biophysics	31	1
	СМ	370	12
	HEP	318	12
	Nuclear	44	2





A Community Of Researchers

Incoming Postdoctoral Scholars

Andrews, Bartholomew Bhattacharyya, Prabudhya Bloch, Itai Bonnefoy, Quentin Chang, Yen-Yung Chen, Lebing Cheong, Patrick Chi Kit Colin-Ellerin, Sean I Feggeler, Thomas Freschi, Marco Froustey, Julien Ge, Zhehao Hashim, Akel Hodgkinson, Danielle Louise Jackura, Andrew Ji, Lingyuan Karamanis, Minas Lin, Yu-Ping Liu, Chuanhong Lopez-Collado, Elena de la Hoz

Luo, Hailan
Mitscherling, Johannes
Mukhopadhyay, Payel
Myles, Justin
Paterson, Jessy
Pritchard Cairns, Luke
Ray, Anupam
Saez, Maria Manuela
Salazar Wong, Farid
Schneider, Lucas
Wang, Ke
Wu, Qiming
Zhang, Fang
Zhang, Jessie T



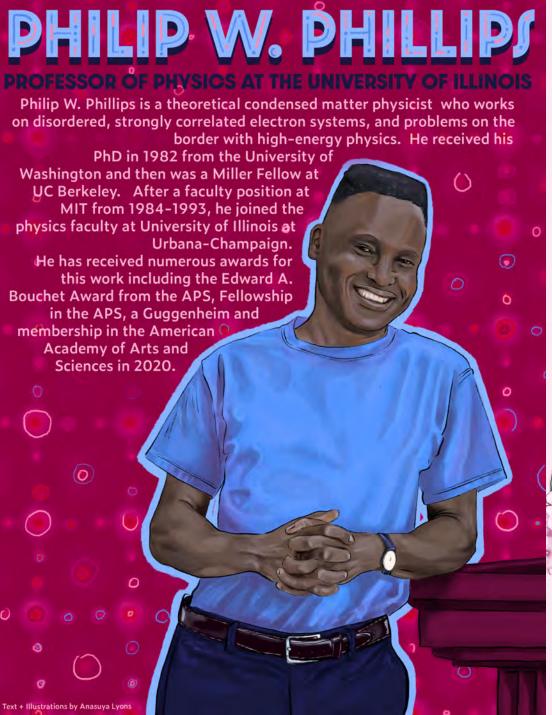


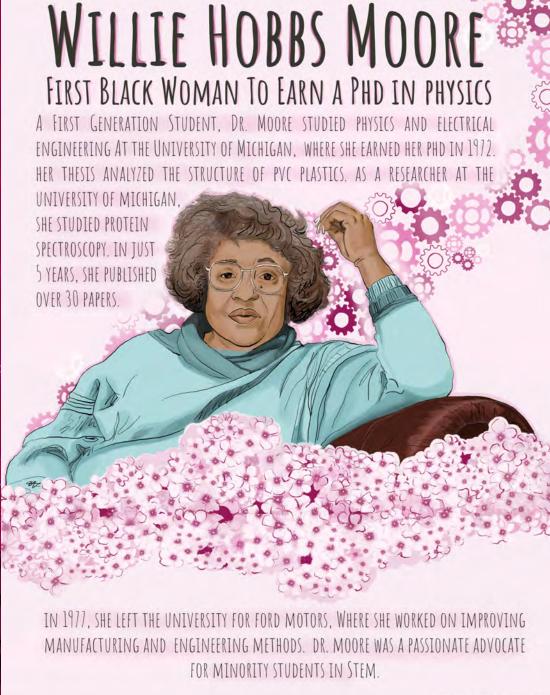
Physics Student Organizations

Student Org activities include: mentoring, social events, faculty/student lunches, community outreach, BBQs, study halls, guest speakers, undergraduate student seminars, physics tournaments, workshops, research lecture series, poster sessions, research support,...

A Vibrant Community







Physics major
Ana Lyons has
created a
series of 12
posters in
response to
renewed
conversations
about equity
and justice in
the Physics
Department.

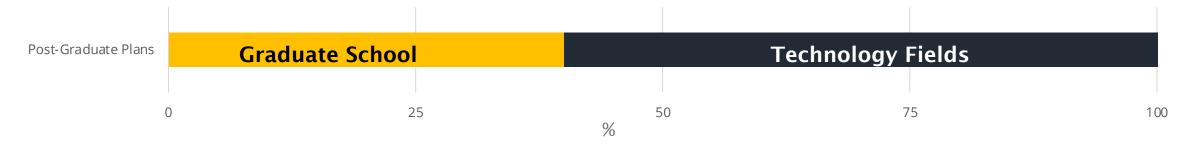
"I've always loved drawing and painting", she says, "and creating a series of portraits of influential Black physicists seemed a fun way to contribute.





Our Undergraduate Class

'22-'23 AY: 110 Graduates





- research assistant/specialist
- software engineer
 STEM teacher
- data scientist
- quantitative analyst
- quantum device test engineer



Faculty Retirements



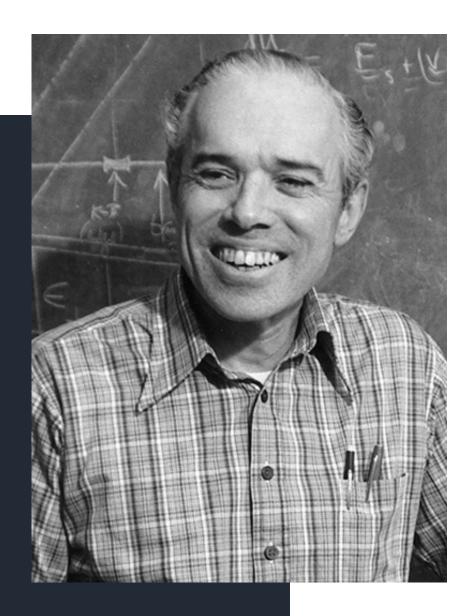




Steve Louie



Marjorie Shapiro



Remembering Allan Kaufman

Allan Nathan Kaufman, Professor of Physics at UC Berkeley, passed away peacefully on December 2, 2022 in Moraga, California. He was 95.

Professor Kaufman made seminal contributions in plasma physics, specifically in the areas of wave chaos, wave kinetic equations, ponderomotive effects, quasilinear diffusion and mode conversion in nonuniform plasmas.

Physics

Our Vision

"I came to UCB as an undergrad from Berkeley High School in 1959. My maternal and paternal grandmothers, my mother and all of my aunts on both sides of my family preceded me, one of my grandmothers graduating from UCB in 1897, the other in 1908. I served in Physics as Facilities and Operations Manager for 24 years. Though now retired, I still love supporting the Physics Department.

Physics is special because of the people and their values: amazing faculty, extraordinary staff, awesome students who enjoy working together and supporting one another in achieving shared goals."



Strengthening Community

With the devastating effects of COVID mostly behind us, revive and grow the inclusive and vibrant community that has made the Physics Department so special—the joy of contributing collectively to the success of our Department.

Infrastructure

Reorganize and refresh appropriate spaces and upgrade infrastructure to attract and retain top-notch faculty, staff, and students and support cutting-edge research and teaching programs.





INFRASTRUCTURE

Math & Physics Master Plan





Nextgen
Teaching and
Research
Facilities



- Master Plan commissioned by MPS Dean Steve Kahn late 2022
- Payette and LMS selected as architects to develop Master Plan
- Explore options and pathways to meet Physics' evolving space needs and Math's vacating of Evans and future space needs
- Two scenarios being presented to Campus and UCOP leadership



"I arrived at Berkeley in 1990 to begin my undergraduate studies at Cal. During my undergraduate years, I worked as a student assistant in the Physics Library. I joined the Physics Department in 1995 and have now been here nearly 28 years, all in our incredible Physics **Student Services Unit.**

Berkeley Physics is like no other. I have been in Berkeley Physics for a number of years now and have seen our department experience incredible achievements and also many challenges/hardships. We have made it through them all because I choose to believe that we all care and we all want to contribute to a positive and thriving community."



Strengthening Community

As a Department (faculty, students, staff, postdocs, visitors, lecturers, etc.) and in partnership with all its members, we all need to rebuild the sense of community and collaboration in all areas.



Support

We should develop a realistic, workable, actionable plan for recruitment and retention of a diverse faculty and students. We also need to have a mechanism to properly support our new members when they are here.





EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Building A Welcoming and Vibrant Community

CLIMATE
Engaged Citizenship
Transparent
Communications

INSPIRED BY
A SENSE OF
BELONGING

RECRUITMENT
UC's, CSUs, CAMPARE
Summer REUS

ALUMNI NETWORK
Mentorship
Recruiting
Reputation

Honoring all Traditions

An E&I plan for Berkeley Physics needs to foster a sense of belonging through all steps in the intellectual pathway





"I joined UC Berkeley on July 23, 2013 as the Director of Instructional Support. When I arrived from the east coast, I knew no one in the bay area, and I had to leave my family behind. My first impression of Berkeley was that I was now part of a second family my family at Berkeley.

Berkeley Physics is special to me because of the people, both faculty/staff and students, who embrace you into the community."



Transparency

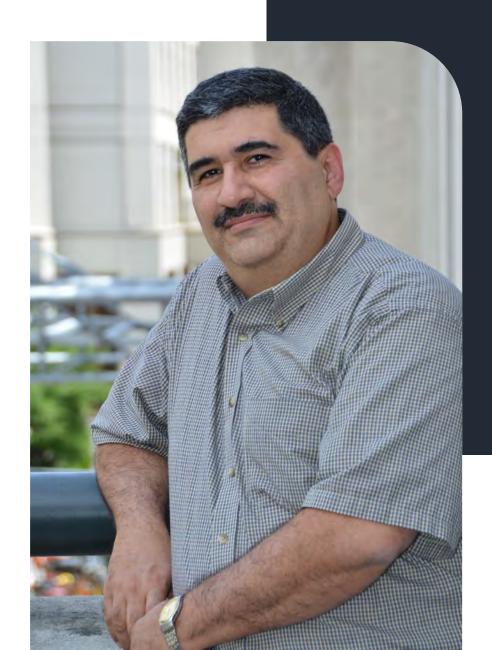
A transparent community contributes to better retention and a stronger bond among its constituents. It allows individuals within the community to openly express their views and share their thoughts. It enhances the quality of work and life for community members.



Shared Governance

Shared governance in our community ensures a culture of trust, and mutual accountability. It promotes collaboration, a diversity of ideas, shared responsibility, collegiality, and institutional excellence.





New Physics Department Vice Chairs







Dan McKinseyFaculty Affairs

Yury Kolomensky
Instruction

Martin White
Faculty Appointments

New Head Undergraduate Faculty Advisors



Na Ji

Gabriel Orebi-Gann

"I've been at Berkeley since 2006, after five years working at Mills College, but I am a Bay Area native and UCB was always close by. The reputation of Berkeley Physics as a great place to work was well known before I applied to work here. This has absolutely been the case for me - I have found the staff and faculty to be excellent (whip smart, experienced, devoted, caring) and I immediately felt at home.

Berkeley Physics is special to me because of the people, both faculty/staff and students, who embrace you into the community."



Strengthening Community

I also want to amplify our efforts to strengthen equity, inclusion and belonging for all individuals in our community: students, staff, faculty, postdocs, lecturers, researchers and so on. I want to be a part of a community that sees diversity as its strength and celebrates the contribution each of us makes on a daily basis.



Undergraduate Experience

I am very focused on the undergraduate experience - mentoring, belonging, academic support, resources. There is so much we can do to strengthen the experience for pre-majors and majors, and inspire more students to choose, and stay, with physics at Berkeley, regardless of their eventual career path.







EQUITY & INCLUSION

Joint Anti Racism Workshop Series with LBNL



being

seen and

heard

Feeling generally

people share things

about themselves

Be Educated, Be A Good Achiever



2022

opini

- · How to Hold Civil Discussions about Racism
- Othering and Belonging
- Expanding our Cultural Lens

A Partnership In Discovery



2023

Exploring ways to improve mentoring.



EQUITY & INCLUSION

Physics Department Community Principles Handbook

A process was started during the Physics First Friday workshop in November 2020 to create a set of unique principles for the Physics Department, a set of agreements rooted in our own community values, beliefs and interests.

https://physics.berkeley.edu/equity-inclusion/physics-department-community-principles



This *Handbook* was compiled by a group of Physics Staff, a subgroup of Physics Staff for Action on Racial Justice. The *Handbook* is offered in five chapters, one chapter for each of the five principles. You are invited to browse it or to refer to it as needed when you encounter challenges in implementing the *Physics Department Community Principles*. This *Handbook* is definitely a work in progress, a living document that will evolve as our community evolves. We invite you to let us hear your suggestions, questions, concerns, and ideas for improving it and making it more useful. Please don't hesitate to fill out our feedback form or to connect with any of us in person.

Respectfully submitted, Claudia Trujillo, Kristen Greenland, Anna Hilke, and Eleanor Crump

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Our Events

2023 SEGRÈ LECTURE

10.30.23
John Clauser
Experimental proof that nonlocal quantum entanglement is real

