

# JONATHAN LIU

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Quantitative biology, gene regulation, synthetic biology, systems biology, stochastic processes

## EDUCATION

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**University of California, Berkeley**

PhD in Physics

Advisor: Hernan Garcia

*Aug 2016 - Present*

**California Institute of Technology**

BS in Applied Physics with Honors

*Sept 2011 - June 2015*

## APPOINTMENTS

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**NDSEG Graduate Research Fellow** - UC Berkeley

*Aug 2017 - Present*

**Graduate Student** - UC Berkeley

*Aug 2016 - Aug 2017*

**Fulbright Visiting Student** - Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

*Sept 2015 - July 2016*

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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2017 NDSEG Graduate Fellowship

2015 U.S. Fulbright Student Fellowship

2015 Caltech B.S with Honors

2014 DAAD RISE Research Internship

2013 Caltech SURF Fellowship

2012 Caltech SURF Fellowship

## PUBLICATIONS

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1. **Jonathan Liu**, Donald Hansen, Hernan Garcia. “Dynamic modeling of the eukaryotic transcription cycle using live imaging.” Under preparation.
2. Elizabeth Eck\*, **Jonathan Liu\***, Shelby Blythe, Hernan Garcia. “Non-equilibrium regulation of chromatin accessibility and transcription in development.” Under preparation. (\*equal authorship)
3. Matthias Morasch, **Jonathan Liu**, *et al.* “Heated gas bubbles enrich, crystallize, dry, phosphorylate, and encapsulate prebiotic molecules.” *Nature Chemistry*, Jul 2019.

## TALKS PRESENTED

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| Aug 2019 | Contributed | DoD NDSEG Graduate Conference                                      |
| May 2019 | Invited     | DoD STIx on the Hill: Science, Technology, and Innovation Exchange |
| Jan 2019 | Contributed | Gordon Conference: Stochastic Physics in Biology                   |
| Dec 2018 | Invited     | DoD Science, Technology, and Innovation Exchange                   |
| Nov 2018 | Invited     | UC Berkeley Physics Compass Lecture Series                         |
| Feb 2018 | Contributed | Biophysical Society 62nd Annual Meeting                            |
| Aug 2017 | Invited     | Canadian-American-Mexican Graduate Student Physics Conference      |
| Mar 2016 | Invited     | German Fulbright Berlin Conference                                 |

## TEACHING AND MENTORING

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**Graduate Student Mentor** - UC Berkeley SURF Office *May 2019 - Aug 2019*

Graduate student mentor for undergraduate research program  
Designed and organized professional development workshops and oversaw Math and Physical Sciences undergraduate summer research programs

**Teaching Assistant** - Caltech Physical Biology Boot Camp *Sept 2018*

Assisted with week-long physical biology course for incoming graduate students  
Designed and ran experimental module on live imaging of transcription in fruit flies

**Graduate Student Instructor** - Physics for Engineers and Scientists (7B) *Aug 2016 - May 2017*

Taught small sections for large undergraduate physics course  
Prepared section material, supervised lab projects, graded exams

**Student Tutor** - Caltech Undergraduate Dean's Office *Sept 2012 - June 2015*

Tutored undergraduate students in STEM courses

### Students mentored:

Donald Hansen (graduate, 2019)  
Liya Oster (graduate, 2018)  
Aaron Perez (undergraduate, 2018)

## OUTREACH AND SERVICE

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**Member** - UC Berkeley Physics Faculty Search Committee *Jan 2019 - Mar 2019*

Graduate student member of department faculty search committee for AY 2019-2020

**Organizer** - Grounds for Science *July 2018 - Present*

Organizer for local public science lecture series, run by and for graduate students

**Reader** - UC Berkeley SURF Office *Mar 2018*

Reviewed applications for summer undergraduate research fellowship program in the Math and Physical Sciences division

**Organizer** - Berkeley Physics Graduate Student Seminar *Jan 2017 - Aug 2018*

Started and helped run seminar series for graduate students in UC Berkeley Physics

**Member** - Berkeley Physics Admissions Committee *Jan 2018 - Mar 2018*

Member of committee planning and organizing admitted graduate student visit program

Member of undergraduate committee overseeing undergraduate curriculum and research issues  
Chaired 2015 committee on updating Applied Physics department curriculum requirements

## WRITING

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1. "Machine Learning: Chapter 3 (Particle Physics)." *Berkeley Science Review (Fall 2018)*.  
<http://www.berkeleysciencereview.com/article/machine-learning-chapter-3/>
2. "Why (anti)hydrogen matters." *Berkeley Science Review (Spring 2017)*.  
<http://berkeleysciencereview.com/article/why-antihydrogen-matters/>

## MISCELLANEOUS

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| Programming languages:  | MATLAB, Python, Java, Mathematica, LabVIEW  |
| Software:               | Autodesk Inventor, Adobe Illustrator, COMSOL  |
| Experimental skills:    | Fluorescence microscopy, molecular biology, <i>Drosophila</i> husbandry, gene editing |
| Analytical skills:      | Statistical inference, modeling, computational and theoretical physics                |
| Mathematical knowledge: | Calculus, linear algebra, differential equations, probability, statistics             |
| Languages:              | English (native), Mandarin (proficient), German (proficient)                          |