Faculty-student matchmaking session: summer research in chemistry, the physical sciences and engineering

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Performing cutting-edge research is an integral component of Yale's undergraduate education



Yale Summer Fellowships

Yale College First Year Summer Research Fellowships

- Supports10-12 weeks of natural science research in Yale labs. Fellowships pay \$430/week., max 10 weeks funded.
- Last year, 83% first years received funding.
- As part of their research experience, students participate in a weekly class called "Entering Research"
- Fellowships due March 7.

Yale Summer Fellowships

STARS Summer Research fellowship

- Supports 30 rising sophomores doing 10 weeks of research in Yale labs. All expenses paid, plus \$2,500 stipend.
- Last year 20% of students who applied received this fellowship.
- Students must first identify a mentor (Jan 28th). Selected students have to submit a proposal (Feb 27).

Yale Summer Fellowships

Yale College Dean's and Rosenfeld Research Fellowships

- Supports sophomores and juniors doing research in Yale labs. Fellowships pay \$430-450/week, max 10 weeks funded.
- Last year, 60% sophomores and juniors received funding.
- Fellowships due Feb. 21.

Student-Faculty Matchmaking

- Students pick two potential mentors for further interactions.
- Faculties choose the students they want to mentor, and work with them to craft a good research proposal.
- Students who do not match with mentors, and faculties who do not get students should contact me for an additional round of matching (electronically).
- For students on financial aid, you can use your domestic summer award (DSA) to help fund your summer research. Check "yes" on the DSA box in the fellowship application.
- Much more info at: https://science.yalecollege.yale.edu/

Faculty sciences

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Novel 2D Materials as Switchable Ultimate Permeation Membranes

Eric I. Altman, Department of Chemical & Environmental Engineering



Diffusion rate goes as ℓ/d **Conventional Membrane** $\ell/d \sim 10,000$ 10 μm

2D SiO₂



New Materials Discovery: 2D GaPO₄ as a Switchable, Atomically Thin Size Exclusion Membrane

2D GaPO₄ – a new material predicted to include "molecular hinges."



Undergraduate Projects

Materials growth and transfer





Testing

(a)



Modeling





Experimental Neutrino and Particle Physics at Wright Lab

Prof. David Moore, *david.c.moore@yale.edu*

Our group is developing new technologies aimed at answering some of the major outstanding questions in nuclear and particle physics:

- What are the fundamental properties of neutrinos?
- · What is the nature of dark matter and dark energy?
- Are there deviations from gravity that can be observed at microscopic distances?

Answering these questions requires applying cutting-edge techniques from particle, nuclear, atomic, and optical physics.

See http://campuspress.yale.edu/moorelab/ for more details



Join us!

- We typically have projects available for 1-2 students per summer to work in our labs
- Recent undergraduate researchers: Ilana Kaufman (YC17), Adam Fine (YC19), Cady van Assendelft (YC19), Alec Emser (YC19), Michael Mossman (YC19), Sam Day-Weiss (YC20), Shoumik Chowdhury (YC21), Charlotte Kavaler (YC21)











Experimental High Energy Physics

Professor Keith Baker



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- quantum computing
 - begin with classical simulator of quantum algorithm
 - implement on IBM QC using QISKIT



- FPGA programming
 - monolithic cmos silicon pixel research and development
 - VHDL language, for detector readout and control



student mentoring



- on-campus laboratory (Wright Laboratory)
- professor present daily (except when traveling)
- graduate student expert in all projects; present daily (except when traveling)
- postdoctoral researcher (search underway); present daily (except when traveling)
- single funded student for this summer
- experience mentoring > 6 undergraduate students during summer





Understanding force production mechanisms in cells at the nanometer scale

Julien Berro (MB&B, Cell Biology, Nanobiology Institute)



Clathrin-mediated endocytosis



Too small and too fast to observe or measure directly => develop computational & mathematical

tools to infer molecular mechanisms

Your summer project: Develop machine learning algorithms to align noisy datasets and infer mechanisms of endocytosis



Adapted from Picco et al 2015

Get in touch if you want to know more!



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Lab meetings every Monday 12 – 1 pm Journal clubs every Friday 9 – 10:30 am



Ruchira Ray TC '21



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Xiaobai Li



Dr Ronan Fernandez



Dr Rui Ma



Dr Yuan Ren



YOU !!

INHERITED CARDIOMYOPATHIES



- Dominant pattern of inheritance
- Often caused by sarcomeric mutations
- High risk of sudden death
- Delayed onset (15-35 years of age)
- Long term: Heart failure

MANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS: MECHANISMS? DIAGNOSIS? CURE?

STUDY PATIENT CARDIAC MUSCLE UNDER CONTROLLED CONDITIONS

ENGINEERED HEART TISSUE



COMPUTATIONAL MODELING



Engineered Heart Tissue from Specific Patients





What would STARS students do in my lab?

Design and Build Stuff



Muscle Physiology Simulations





Make Engineered Heart Tissue



UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

The research group of Juan Fernandez de la Mora (Yale Mechanical Engineering) uses fluid flow phenomena such as electrospray and high speed flows in a variety of scientific and technological problems such as

Electrical propulsion

Size-Analysis of viral particles for disease diagnostics

Studies of very small clusters in the gas phase.

Development of flow instruments operating LAMINARLY at high speed

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electrosprays



- Beautiful fluid flow problem
- Applications in biochemical analysis, Propulsion, cluster studies
- Various research projects are available depending on the student's interests

The differential mobility analyzer (DMA) as a high speed flow device for analysis pf clusters biomolecules and viral particles

- Special features of this instrument over other ion mobility devices are its high speed of analysis at atmospheric pressure, preservingmaximally the structure of biomolecuels.
- From the fluid dynamics point of view it achieves Reynolds number ~300,000 while keeping the flow laminar.
- Various research projects are available depending on the student's interests

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Yale University

Undergraduate Student Research Presentation



Hazari Group (nilay.hazari@yale.edu)

Inorganic Chemistry

Catalysts

A *catalyst* is a substance that alters the rate of a reaction without being consumed in the reaction





Almost 90% of chemicals that are produced commercially utilize a catalyst at some point in their synthesis

We develop transition metal based catalysts for a variety of different applications

The Hazari Group

Research in synthetic inorganic and organometallic chemistry

- Applications and links to organic chemistry
- Synthesis of both fine and commodity chemicals
- Energy related problems

Research areas and techniques

- Inorganic synthesis
- Organic synthesis
- Catalysis
- Materials

- NMR, UV-Vis, IR spectroscopy
- X-ray crystallography
- Mass spectrometry
- Electrochemistry





Please feel free to contact me for more information

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Kyriakides Lab

Where discovery meets application





Potential Summer/Semester Project

Diabetic Kidney Fibrosis and Treatment Growth-factor imbedded biomaterials

Nano-patterned BMG Implant in Rodents Mechanical Characterization of Cell-derived Matrix



How can you get involved?



- Graduate students as day-to-day mentors
- Bimonthly project meetings followed by journal club
- 2 funded students
- 4 BME students completed their senior thesis with us past year

Prof. Shu Hu Yale Energy Sciences Institute Photoelectrochemical Materials and Interface

Group Meeting at Mason Lab 321B
 Every Wed 4pm <u>shu.hu@yale.edu</u>



Yale west campus

Light-Driven Chemistry and Materials Synthesis: A Living System



Common rules for photocatalysis and materials growth

Projects & Mentorship Organization

Projects: Looking for 2-3 students

- Sunlight production of hydrogen peroxide
- Grow cheap energy conversion materials at large scale
- Converting (fracking) nature gas to liquid fuels

Previous summer students: Feel free to ask them

• Avram During ('19); Ian Billinge ('19); Jacob Miller ('20)

Mentorship:

- Assistance with summer research fellowship applications (STARs program, Silliman SEAS, fellowship in your R.C.
- Weekly one-on-one meeting together with student mentor
- Participate in group meeting, feedback for presentations
- Hands-on lab with professor, and *ad hoc* mentoring

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optimizations

Projects





- (i) Programmable RadioEnvironment(ii) Self-Upgrading Radios
- (iii)Semantic Computation Reuse



Logistics

- Target: 2-3 undergrads
- Work closely with the PhD student leads
- Typically meet with me 1-2 times a week
- Previous summers: Josh Chavez (2017, 2018), Michael McNamara (2018)

Multiscale Mechanobiology Lab





Collective Cellular Systems



- Prof. Michael Mak
- Michael.Mak@Yale.edu
- MakResearchLab.com
- Mechanobiology: intersection of mechanics and biology
- Topics: cell biophysics, tumor microenvironment, extracellular matrix, microscopy, image analysis, microfluidics, cancer immunotherapy, collective systems
- Computational and experimental approaches

Projects

- 1) Studying cell-matrix and cell-cell interactions in cancer and other diseases.
- 2) Microfluidic assays for measuring biophysical properties of cells.
- 3) Computational modeling of cell migration and tumor invasion, intracellular signaling, and cytoskeletal dynamics.
- 4) Additional topics can be discussed.

Activities

- Weekly individual meetings.
- Weekly group meetings.
- Regular guidance from graduate students and postdocs.
- Interactive, multifaceted, and integrative environment with opportunities for both individual and group projects.



Laura Newburgh <u>laura.newburgh@yale.edu</u>

Next-generation Cosmology Instrumentation and Science with Millimeter and Radio Telescopes

Cosmic Microwave Background Measurements with the Simons Observatory (and CMB-S4)

- Simons Observatory: 4 telescopes in ~2020
- Main science goals using measurements of the power spectrum, maps, and lensing: inflation, neutrino mass sum, light relics, dark energy
- I lead the group on 'data acquisition' (a group of ~15 people spread throughout the SO collaboration) focusing on software development: all acquisition and control, auxiliary readout hardware and software, timing, live monitoring



21 cm Measurements of Dark Energy with CHIME and HIRAX

- CHIME is a new radio interferometer in Canada, seeking to use a new technique ('21cm intensity mapping') to expand the reach of galaxy surveys to very high redshift, critical for improving our understanding of Dark Energy
- I work on calibration: measuring the PSF of the instrument using a co-located a steerable dish and quadcopter drone measurements
- I also am a collaborator on HIRAX, a prototype instrument in South Africa which should overlap with other cosmological surveys (like SO)











- Mentoring

- Formal: one-on-one meeting per week
- Experiment: typically one meeting per week
- Informal: students feel free to drop by, I usually go through the lab at least once/day
- Informal: its likely (depending on project) you'd be paired with either a graduate student or a postdoc as well
- Number of students: looking for one, people have already expressed interest, highly encourage you to look for funding of your own (STARs program, grants within your college, etc).
- Feel free to ask my previous/current students about their experiences:
 - Ry Walker, Sam Day-Weiss, Ava Polzin (Northwestern), Maxime Pradier (more upon request)

Trying to Reach the Iron Age

Prof. Patrick Holland http://holland.chem.yale.edu/

Organometallic Chemistry Bioinorganic Chemistry Organic Chemistry



Traditional catalysts for alkenes use precious metals



New methods using <u>iron</u> catalysts



Lo, Gui, Yabe, Pan, Baran Nature 2014, 516, 343.

However, low yields and limited applicability

Lo, **Kim**, Pan, Edwards, Yabe, Gui, Qin, Gutierrez, Giacoboni, Smith, **Holland**, Baran *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2017**, *139*, 2484.



goal: development and testing more active iron catalysts **methods**: organic and inorganic synthesis, analytical testing **current undergrads**: Kuan Jiang '19, Josef Lawrence '20, Dan DiPrimio '21

Newhouse Research Group

Use machine learning and quantum chemical calculations to predict feasibility of synthetic plans



Email me to make an appointment to meet, include CV: timothy.newhouse@yale.edu

<u>We are seeking:</u> motivated, enthusiastic researchers interested in the intersection of computational chemistry and organic synthesis

(Positions also available for conducting experimental research!)

Join the team! Email me a CV: timothy.newhouse@yale.edu



- Daily one-on-one meetings
- Weekly team meetings
- Weekly group meetings

Masha Elkin (graduate student mentor)



Prof. Corey S. O'Hern

Laboratory for computational modeling of soft and biological materials

Departments of Mechanical Engineering & Materials Science, Physics, and Applied Physics

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Undergraduate Summer Research Projects

1.Computational modeling of deformable particles



Reconstruction of bubble packing

Packing of bubbles

2. Dense packing in protein cores



Packing of deformable polyhedra

Packing of keratinocytes

Details of Mentoring

1. Computational modeling of deformable particles: Lead: Dr. Arman Boromand (postdoctoral research associate), daily meetings with Dr. Boromand, weekly updates at subgroup meetings with PI, graduate students, and undergraduates on Fridays; Office in Mason Lab, Room 313

2. Dense packing in protein cores: Lead: Jack Treado (3rd year Ph.D. student in Mechanical Engineering & Materials Science) and Zhe Mei (3rd year Ph.D. student in Chemistry), daily meetings with Jack and Zhe, weekly updates at subgroup meetings with PI, graduate students, and undergraduates on Thursdays; Office in Mason Lab, Room 227

3. Skills to be learned: computer programming in C++, python, Matlab, and Cuda; running codes on Yale's High Performance Computing facilities, molecular dynamics simulations, computational modeling; research at interface of physics, biology, and engineering

4. Interested in 2-3 undergraduate researchers in summer 2019

5. Since 2002, hosted more than 50 undergraduates in summer research; 6 undergraduates have appeared as authors on publications





Working with the Yale Nanoprobe Group

- One on one meetings once every two weeks.
- Students present on their research updates.
 - > A maximum of two students for summer.
 - > My personal research experience.

Is nanotechnology the gateway to the future for human beings on Earth?

Where does your imagination take you?





Lawrence Staib

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• Focus on:

Medical Image analysis and Machine Learning for quantification and characterization of normal and pathological structure and function for diagnosis and prognosis



Potential Projects

- Biomedical Image Processing & Analysis with Machine Learning
- Applications in neuroimaging, cardiology and cancer



- Image segmentation
- Image classification
- Outcome Prediction
- End-to-end quantification

Biomedical Image Processing and Analysis Applications in neuroimaging, cardiology and cancer

- Mentoring: touch base with me every day with a longer meeting each week; open door policy
- Prior projects:
 - Predicting liver tumor growth from imaging features
 - Lung lesion segmentation/classification
 - Dermoscopic image generation



Meg Urry meg.urry@yale.edu Research:

- Supermassive black holes
- Co-evolution with host galaxies
- Multiwavelength surveys and data analysis
- Theoretical models of cosmic black hole growth

Potential summer student projects

- Studies of host galaxies of accreting black holes (BHs)
 - Fitting galaxy models to new high-resolution optical images
 - Using Artificial Intelligence to isolate galaxy light
 - Comparing data at different depths, signal-to-noise ratio, wavelength
 - Fitting spectral energy distributions
 - Measuring stellar masses of Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN)
- Diagnosing BH accretion w X-ray spectra of AGN
- Detecting new AGN in X-ray imaging data from the Chandra satellite
- Separating stellar light and black hole accretion in dusty galaxies



- Typically 3-6 undergrads per summer
- Weekly group meetings (everyone summarizes work done, work planned)
- Additional meetings as needed
- Daily supervision by grad student or postdoc
- Granville Academy (astro skills + social justice issues)

Are you interested in helping us build prosocial computing technologies?





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Are you interested in HCI, HRI, Robotics, AI, or Applied ML?









Design

Social Perception

Decision Making

Group Interactions





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Contact us!

What can you do in the lab? Help us prototype robotic systems, conduct

user experiments, and/or implement algorithms.

Mentoring: Direct supervision by Marynel. Weekly meetings.

Students: We are looking for 2-3 students.

Want to learn more? http://interactive-machines.gitlab.io



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Nisheeth Vishnoi

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Joined Yale Computer Science in Jan. 2019

Research interests:

- Theoretical CS, Optimization, Machine Learning
- What design principles nature drive nature's algorithms?
- How to design Al systems for societal/humanitarian good?



Can we design robust and fair Al systems?





"panda"

57.7% confidence

 $+\epsilon$

"gibbon" 99.3% confidence



Percentage of women in top 100 Google image search results for CEO: 11% Percentage of U.S. CEOs who are women: 27%

Mentoring

Quality	 Strong mathematical background with a passion to design AI systems for social good
Mentoring	 Will help formulate the precise problem, guide through the process of solving it and developing a demo for the solution
Meetings	 Once a week one-on-one update meeting including project update reports. Informal drop ins welcome
Funding	 Looking for up to two students, encourage to find funding of your own!

Good Luck!



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Google's A.I. Program Rattles ^{The New York Times} Chinese Go Master as It Wins Match

Google DeepMind

YaleNews EXPLORE TOPICS .

Marriage of data science and neuroscience at Yale gets support from NSF

By Bill Hathaway SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

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With so much at stake, the need for the field of neuroscience and AI to come together is now more urgent than ever before. **Google DeepMind**

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