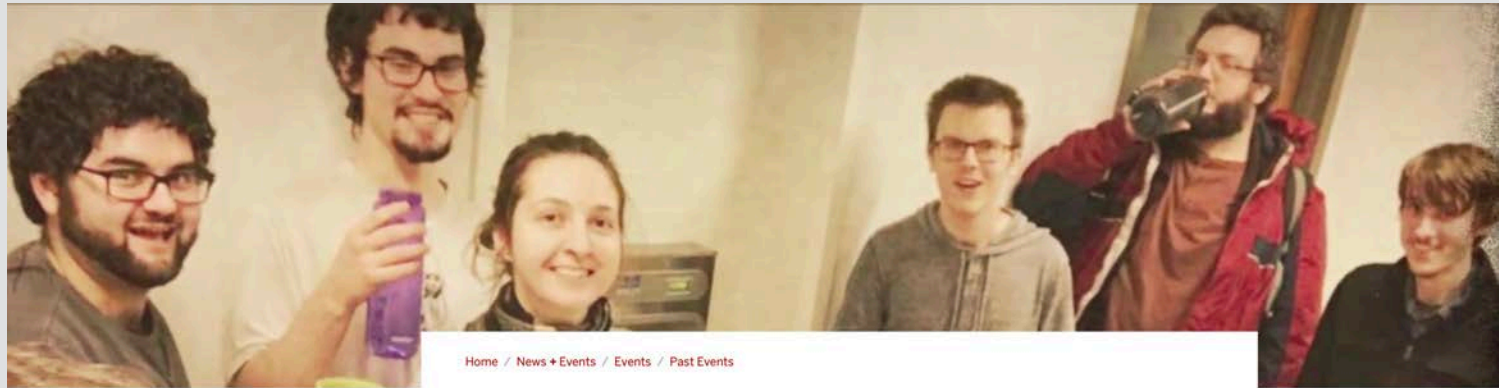


Overview and Timeline of our PhD program

R. Dermisek
Grad Day
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Graduate Visitation Day

Saturday, March 13, 2021

9:00 A.M.

Location: Zoom

Welcome students!

Thank you for your interest in our physics PhD program. Our goal for this visitation day is to introduce you to our department and give you a chance to interact (albeit virtually) with our faculty and students. The program today consists of:



- a welcome from our department chair,
- overview of graduate program requirements and our research activities,
- an opportunity to talk with some of our current graduate students,
- discussions with faculty about their research, and
- a virtual tour of the physics building (Swain Hall West) in beautiful Bloomington, Indiana.

Introductions, Physics Graduate Student Services



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Introductions

Graduate Students:

- ~90 students
- 19% female
- 28% international
- 17% from under-represented groups
- average time-to-degree for 2021 grads was 6.6 yrs
- Employment: for 60 PhDs 2014-18
 - 37% career research
 - 10% industry or business
 - 37% post-doc research
 - 7% non-tenure track faculty

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Qualifying exam:

- details: <https://physics.indiana.edu/student-portal/graduate/doctoral-degrees/qualifying-exam.html>
- in Aug after 1st year
- on material covered in undergraduate and 1st year grad courses
- Passing the qualifying exam is based not only on the student's performance on the written examination, but also on their performance in courses and, in particular, in research.
- Large majority of our students pass

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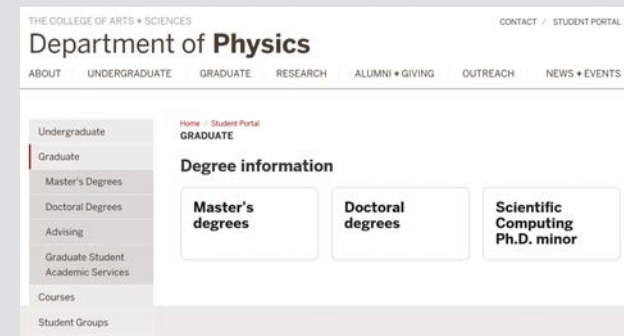
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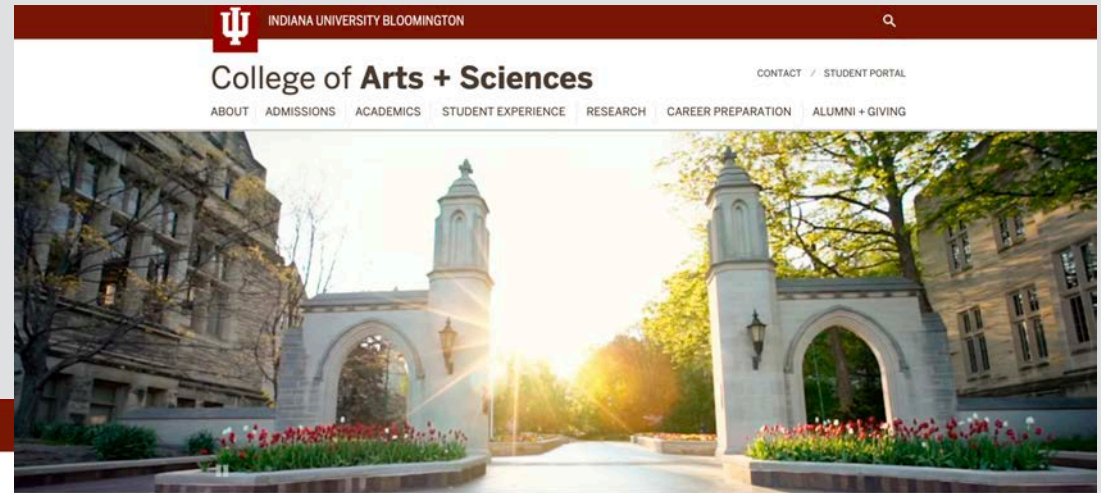
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Thanks for applying to our program, thanks for attending today, and we hope you join us this fall!

Graduate Student Visitation Day 2023

Today

Morning: Swain West 130 (Tea Room)

~8:45 AM	Light morning refreshments	
9:00 AM	Welcome	Walter Pettus
9:05 AM	Department and research overview	Dave Baxter, Chair
9:20 AM	Overview of PhD program and requirements	Radovan Dermisek, DGS
9:30 AM	<i>Breakout discussions with research groups</i>	
10:35 AM	Coffee break	
10:50 AM	Tour of Simon Hall	Phil Richerme
11:10 AM	Tour of Swain Hall	Dave Baxter <i>et al.</i>
12:00 PM	Lunch and walking tour of campus with graduate students	Nick Parris <i>et al.</i>

Afternoon: MESH NLCR

2:30 PM	CEEM Overview	Scott Wissink
2:45 PM	Tour of MESH	Mike Snow, Rex Tayloe
4:00 PM	Grad student panel	<i>No faculty allowed</i>
5:00 PM	Reception	All
7:00 PM	<i>Event conclusion and return to hotel</i>	
8:00 PM	Bloomington excursions <i>Meet in hotel lobby</i>	Graduate students



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