Research Appointments

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Nov 2019

Mar 2018

Jul 2017

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University of Chicago, Urban Science Lab/Murugan Lab PhD Researcher Aug 2020-Present Social and evolutionary dynamics through the intersection of physics, neuroscience and information theory

Université de Lausanne, Departément des Operations Visiting Scholar Jun-Sep 2023
Bayesian modeling of dynamical principal agent problem

University of Chicago, Bernien Lab MS. RA, Exper. and Computational Thry. Oct 2018-Oct 2020 Founding graduate student in experimental atomic quantum computing lab

MIT, Metric Geometry and Gerrymandering Group RA, Computational Thry. Summer 2018
Mathematical modeling and data analysis of problems in congressional redistricting

Tufts University, Surface Physics Lab: RA, Exper. and Computational Thry. May 2016-May 2018 Theoretical and experimental characterization of surface scattering in thin-metal films

California Institute of Technology, LIGO: RA, Exper. and Computational Thry.

Experimental acoustic characterization of mirror material for LIGO Voyager upgrades

Academic Leadership

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Office, UChicago PSD: Student Advisor Feb 2018-Present Speaking, recruitment at academic events. Administrative liaison, graduate mentor

Tufts Community Union: Class of 2018 Senator May 2017-May 2018 Budgeted student activities monies and advocated for STEM student interests

Society of Physics Students, Tufts University Chapter: Vice President May 2017 - May 2018 Coordinated research symposiums, talks by Tufts and external researchers, and community outreach events

Relevant Publications

- Kemp, J. T., Kline, A. G., & Bettencourt, L. M. A. (2024). Information Synergy Maximizes the Growth Rate of Heterogeneous Groups. PNAS Nexus (Under review)
- Kemp, J. T., Hongler, M. O., & Gallay, O. (2023). Stochastic Pairwise Preference Convergence in Bayesian Agents. arXiv preprint arXiv:2311.02899.
- Kemp, J. T., & Bettencourt, L. M. A. (2023). Learning increases growth and reduces inequality in shared noisy environments. PNAS Nexus, 2(4), pgad093.
- Kemp, J. T., & Bettencourt, L. M. A. (2022). Statistical dynamics of wealth inequality in stochastic models of growth. Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and its Applications, 607, 128180.
- Singh, K., Anand, S., Pocklington, A., Kemp, J. T., & Bernien, H. (2022). Dual-element, two-dimensional atom array with continuous-mode operation. Physical Review X, 12(1), 011040.

Invited Talks

Network Inequality Group Seminar, Complexity Sciences Hub Vienna	$\mathrm{Jan}\ 2024$
Knowledge Lab Seminar, The University of Chicago	Nov 2023
Quantitative Life Sciences Smnr., The Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics	Jul 2023
Masters in Computational Social Science Computation Workshop, The University of Chicago	Mar 2023
Computational and Applied Math Seminar, The University of Chicago	Mar 2023
Seminar, London Mathematical Laboratory	$\mathrm{Jun}\ 2021$
Materials Research Science and Engineering Center Seminar, The University of Chicago	$\mathrm{Feb}\ 2020$
Awards and Scholarships	
ThinkSwiss Research Scholarship, Swiss Federal Government	Jun 2023
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (NSF GRFP)	$\mathrm{Apr}\ 2020$

Best Speaker in Photonics and Optical Physics, NSBP Annual Conference

Carl Rouse Fellowship, Caltech LIGO, National Society of Black Physicists (NSBP)

The Class of 1911 Prize Scholarship, Tufts University