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Education:

B. S. in Physics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, June 2005.

M. S. in Physics, Brandeis University, February 2014.

PhD in Physics, Brandeis University, August 2015.

Research Interests:

Statistical physics of nonequilibrium systems, universality and renormalization, information theory, eco-evolutionary dynamics, quantum probability, physics education.

Funding History:

- Co-Principal Investigator (with PI C. A. Fuchs), “Symmetric Informationally Complete Measurements and Quantum Computation,” NSF grant 2210495, 1 September 2022 – 31 August 2025. Total funding: 400,000 USD.
- Project Leader (with co-leader C. A. Fuchs), “Geometric Phases and Symmetric Quantum Measurements,” contract for John Templeton Foundation, 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2020. Total funding: 211,370 USD.
- Principal Investigator (with co-PI C. A. Fuchs), “Why the Quantum? A Video Series,” contract for Foundational Questions Institute (FQXi), 1 December 2016 – 31 December 2017. Total funding: 4,500 USD.

Publications:

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- B. C. Stacey, “Further Exercises about Sporadic SICs,” supplement to the *First Course* textbook listed above, [arXiv:2312.11946 \[quant-ph\]](#) (2023).
- B. C. Stacey, “Towards a World Game-Flavored as a Hawk’s Wing.” In *Phenomenology and QBism: New Approaches to Quantum Mechanics* (Routledge, 2023).
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- C. A. Fuchs and B. C. Stacey, “QBism, Polishing Some Points,” [arXiv:2512.14122 \[quant-ph\]](#) (2025).

Teaching:

In the spring 2020 term, I taught the graduate statistical physics course (PHYS 614) for the University of Massachusetts Boston. I have also taught thermodynamics for undergraduates and quantum mechanics at both undergraduate and graduate levels. In addition, I have run discussion sections for introductory classical mechanics.

From 2007 through 2017, I taught at the New England Complex Systems Institute’s [winter and summer schools](#) on complex-systems science, hosted at MIT. My responsibilities included lecturing, supervising students’ group work projects and facilitating the programming lab that introduced scientific computing with Python. My standard course of lectures included the following:

- “Introduction to Complex Networks”
- “Genetic Algorithms: Solving Problems with Applied Evolution”
- “Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos”
- “Random Processes, Probability and Information”

At Brandeis University, I graded and wrote solution sets for quantum physics, advanced classical mechanics, thermodynamics and electromagnetism, as well as regularly staffing the homework-help office that provided assistance to undergraduates.

Selected Talks:

- “What Goes Wrong When Teaching College Physics?” [Scholar.Social Summer School](#), 23 July 2024.

- “An Actually Pretty Good Mental Picture of a Qubit,” [Scholar.Social Summer School](#), 29 July 2023.
- “Introduction to Nonclassical Correlations and Their Use in Quantum Computation,” Linköping University, 28 September 2022.
- “Why in Blazes are Physics Textbooks So Expensive?!” [Scholar.Social Summer School](#), 25 July 2022.
- “Integers Across The Eighth Dimension!” [Scholar.Social Summer School](#), 31 July 2021.
- “On Reconstructing Quantum Theory,” [Scholar.Social Summer School](#), 29 July 2020.
- “From Quantum to Qplex and Back,” Quantum Chaos and Quantum Information seminar, Jagiellonian University, 15 June 2020.
- “Symmetric Informationally Complete Measurements Pinpoint the Essential Difference between Classical and Quantum Probability Theories,” APS March Meeting, 7 March 2019.
- “Two Departures from Classical Information Theory,” Brandeis IGERT Summer Institute, 27 June 2018.
- “Symmetric Informationally Complete quantum measurements,” CMS seminar, Tufts University, 4 April 2018.
- “Symmetric Informationally Complete measurements: Where quantum information meets sphere packing,” [American Mathematical Society sectional meeting](#), Ohio State University, 17 March 2018.
- “A Quantum-Informational Introduction to SICs,” opening talk of the “Seeking SICs” workshop, MIT Center for Theoretical Physics, November 2016.
- “Probability, Information Theory and Multiscale Structure in Complex Systems,” three lectures at the Brandeis IGERT Summer Institute, July 2015.
- “Mesoscopic Structure in Complex Networks,” Brandeis IGERT Summer Institute, August 2013.
- “Community Formation in Nonequilibrium Spatial Ecosystems,” IGERT seminar at Brandeis University, 19 September 2012.
- “Beyond the Mean Field in Spatial Evolutionary Ecology,” in the Adaptive Networks session of ICCS 2011.
- “Motif Statistics in Protein Geometric Networks,” ICCS 2006.
- “Relation of Electron Scattering Cross Sections to Drift Measurements in Noble Gases,” APS/AAPT joint session, May 2005.

Professional Community Engagement:

Academic journals for which I have written peer reviews include *Annalen der Physik*, *Complexity*, *EPL (Europhysics Letters)*, the *Journal of Genetics*, *NPJ Quantum Information*, *Physical Review A* and *Physical Review E*. I have refereed textbook proposals for the university presses of both Oxford and Cambridge.

I organized the “Seeking SICs” workshop at the MIT Center for Theoretical Physics, held on 15 November 2016.

With A. Khrennikov, I co-edited the [Quantum Foundations: Informational Perspective](#) special issue of *Foundations of Physics* (2017).

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- J. C. Baez and J. Biamonte, “A Course on Quantum Techniques for Stochastic Processes,” [arXiv:1209.3632 \[quant-ph\]](#) (2012).
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- H. Sayama, [Introduction to the Modeling and Analysis of Complex Systems](#). (Open SUNY, 2015.)
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- M. A. M. de Aguiar, “Speciation in the Derrida–Higgs model with finite genomes and spatial populations,” *Journal of Physics A* **50** (2017): 085602.
- J. C. Baez, [This Week’s Finds in Mathematical Physics: Weeks 1 to 50](#) (2021).