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*One Hundred Seventeenth Annual Commencement  
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Friday Morning at Ten O'Clock  
June Tenth, Two Thousand Eleven

IN HIS DIARY ENTRY of September 1, 1891, Pasadena philanthropist Amos Throop wrote, “Planted potatoes, cleaned a water pipe, husked the corn . . . In afternoon, saw Mr. Wooster and rented his block for five years . . . and hope I have made no mistake.” Were he here today, Throop could rest assured in his decision. For the building of which he wrote, the Wooster Block, was rented for the purpose of establishing Throop University—the forerunner of Caltech.

In November of that year, Throop University opened its doors to 31 students and a six-member faculty. Could anyone have imagined then that the school would become a world center for science and engineering research and education? Perhaps . . . for in the first year, the board of trustees began to reconsider the mission of the school. In 1892, they decided to emphasize industrial training, and in 1893, reflecting this new focus, they renamed the school Throop Polytechnic Institute.

Throop might have remained just a good local school had it not been for the arrival in Pasadena of George Ellery Hale. A faculty member at the University of Chicago and a noted astronomer, Hale settled here in 1903. From that time until his death in 1938, he made significant contributions to Pasadena and Southern California: he established the Mount Wilson Observatory, raised funds for Palomar Observatory and its 200-inch telescope, participated in the creation of the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens, helped design the Civic Center in downtown Pasadena, and—perhaps his single greatest

achievement—set the course for the development of Throop into the California Institute of Technology, a school he envisioned as a scientific institution of the highest rank.

In 1913, Hale convinced Arthur Amos Noyes, professor of chemistry and former president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to join him in Pasadena. With the arrival in 1917 of Robert Andrews Millikan, professor of physics at the University of Chicago, Hale had assembled the founders of the new institution. The world center of scientific and engineering research and education he had imagined soon took shape under a new name, the California Institute of Technology, administered by Millikan and enriched with the scientific talents of Noyes and his faculty colleagues.

And amazing things indeed have happened at Caltech over the years. Theodore von Kármán developed the principles that made jet flight possible, Charles Richter published his logarithmic scale for measuring the magnitude of earthquakes, and astronomer Maarten Schmidt discovered the nature of quasars. Here Linus Pauling determined the nature of the chemical bond, Max Delbrück conducted the studies of bacterial viruses that led to a new branch of biology called molecular genetics, Murray Gell-Mann theorized that all particles are made up of quarks and anti-quarks, and Roger Sperry developed new insights into the implications of right-brain and left-brain functions. And it was not just faculty but also Caltech alumni who came to have great impact on the world. Alumnus Charles Townes developed the laser; Chester Carlson invented Xerography; David Ho did landmark work in creating an effective AIDS drug treatment; Gordon Moore founded a semiconductor industry. Many alumni have gone on to make substantial marks in the business world, such as Simon Ramo and Ben Rosen, while others have become astronauts, university presidents, government leaders, and even authors, directors, and performance artists of note. Caltech's reach has certainly been wide and long-lasting.

Caltech today has a 124-acre campus and operates seven off-campus astronomical, seismological, and marine biological facilities, and also administers NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. At present, the Institute has an enrollment of over 2,100 students, more than half of whom are in graduate studies; about 300 professorial faculty members, including five Nobel laureates and two Crafoord laureates; and about 75 research faculty members. Today, Caltech will award 235 students the B.S. degree; 117 students the M.S. degree; and 168 doctoral candidates the Ph.D. degree, for a total of 520 graduates—quite a leap from the one man and one woman who constituted the first collegiate graduating class of Throop Polytechnic Institute.

THESE TRIBAL RITES HAVE a very long history. They go back to the ceremony of initiation for new university teachers in medieval Europe. It was then customary for students, after an appropriate apprenticeship to learning and the presentation of a thesis as their masterpiece, to be admitted to the Guild of Masters of Arts and granted the license to teach. In the ancient University of Bologna, this right was granted by authority of the pope and in the name of the Holy Trinity. We do not this day claim such high authority.

As in any other guild, whether craft or merchant, the master's status was crucial. In theory at least, it separated the men from the boys, the competent from the incompetent. On the way to his master's degree, a student might collect a bachelor's degree in recognition of the fact that he was half-trained, or partially equipped. The doctor's degree was somewhat different. Originally indistinguishable from the master's, the doctor's gradually emerged by a process of escalation into a super magisterial role—first of all in the higher faculties of theology, law, and medicine. It will come as no surprise that the lawyers had a particular and early yen for this special distinction.

These graduations and distinctions are reflected in the quaint and colorful niceties of academic dress.

Of particular interest is the cap or mortarboard. In the form of the biretta, it was the peculiar sign of the master. Its use has now spread far beyond

that highly select group to school girls and choir boys and even to the nursery school. *Sic transit . . .*

The gown, of course, is the basic livery of the scholar, with its clear marks of rank and status—the pointed sleeves of the bachelor, the oblong sleeves of the master, the full sleeves and velvet trimmings of the doctor. The doctors, too, may depart from basic black and break out into many colors—Harvard crimson or Yale blue or the scarlet splash of Oxford.

Color is the very essence of the hood: color in the main body to identify the university; color perhaps in the binding to proclaim the subject of the degree—orange for engineering, gold for science, the baser copper for economics, white for arts and letters, green for medicine, purple for law, scarlet for theology, and so on. Size is a further variable, as the hoods tend to lengthen from the three feet of the bachelor to the four of the doctor. So the birds are known by their plumage.\*

With this color and symbolism, which is medieval though mutated, we stage our brief moment of pageantry, paying homage to that ancient community of scholars in whose shadow we stand, and acknowledging our debt to the university as one of the great institutional constructs of the Middle Ages. While looking back, however, we also celebrate the achievements of this present generation of students and look forward to the future of these our younger colleagues, whom we now welcome to our midst.

*David C. Elliot (1917–2007)*  
*Professor of History, Emeritus*

\* *Black robes are traditionally worn by undergraduates; however, at Caltech, some students elect to wear a colored robe representing their student house.*



AHMED H. ZEWAIL, Caltech's Linus Pauling Professor of Chemistry and professor of physics, received the 1999 Nobel Prize in Chemistry. The honor came in recognition of his groundbreaking research that established the field of femtochemistry by enabling chemical reactions to be studied in real time, on a scale of one quadrillionth of a second. More recently, the renowned chemist and his group have developed four-dimensional electron microscopy for direct imaging of matter in 3-D and in time, with applications spanning physical and biological sciences.

In 2009, Zewail was appointed to President Obama's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology. That same year, he was named the first U.S. Science Envoy to the Middle East as part of a program created by the State Department to foster science and technology collaborations between the United States and nations throughout the Middle East, North Africa, and South and Southeast Asia. Since the revolution in Egypt in early 2011, he has played an active role in his home country's transition to a democratic state.

Zewail has long been a statesman and active participant in global affairs, particularly as they relate to science, education, and world peace. His commentaries on these global issues have appeared in the *International Herald Tribune*, the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Financial Times*, among other publications. He has written more than 500 articles and books and has given public addresses all over the world.

His numerous honors include the Albert Einstein World Award of Science, the Benjamin Franklin Medal, the Robert A. Welch Award in Chemistry, the Leonardo da Vinci Award, the Wolf Prize, the King Faisal International Prize, and the American Chemical Society's highest honor, the Priestley Medal. He was awarded the Grand Collar of the Order of the Nile, Egypt's highest state honor, and was featured on postage stamps issued to honor his contributions to science and humanity. He holds honorary degrees from 40 universities around the world and is an elected member of many professional academies and societies, including the National Academy of Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, the Royal Society of London, and the Swedish, Russian, Chinese, and French Academies.

Zewail completed his early education in Egypt, receiving his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in chemistry from Alexandria University. He obtained a Ph.D. in chemical physics from the University of Pennsylvania and, after a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of California, Berkeley, joined the faculty at Caltech in 1976, and was granted tenure in 1978.

A C A D E M I C P R O C E S S I O N

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*Chief Marshal*

Konstantinos P. Giapis, Ph.D.

*Marshals*

Geoffrey A. Blake, Ph.D.

Scott E. Fraser, Ph.D.

Melany L. Hunt, Ph.D.

Richard M. Murray, Ph.D.

Anneila I. Sargent, Ph.D.

Tapio Schneider, Ph.D.

*Faculty Officers*

Dennis A. Dougherty, Ph.D.

Sossina M. Haile, Ph.D.

Fiona Cowie, Ph.D.

M A R C H I N G O R D E R

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science  
Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science  
Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy  
Faculty Officers  
The Faculty  
The Chairs of the Divisions  
The Dean of Graduate Studies  
The Provost  
The Trustees  
The Commencement Speaker  
The President  
The Chair of the Board of Trustees

PROGRAM

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Organ Prelude	Leslie J. Deutsch, Ph.D.
PROCESSIONAL	The Caltech Convocations Brass and Percussion Ensemble <i>William W. Bing, M.M., Conductor</i>
PRESIDING	Kent Kresa <i>Chair of the Board of Trustees California Institute of Technology</i>
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER Revolutions in Science and Society	Ahmed H. Zewail, Nobel Laureate <i>Linus Pauling Professor of Chemistry and Professor of Physics California Institute of Technology</i>
CHORAL SELECTION “For the Splendor of Creation” Words by Carl P. Daw, Jr. Music by Gustav Holst (1874–1934) adapted from his 1916 orchestral suite, <i>The Planets</i> Arranged by Jameson Marvin ( <i>Lyrics are on page 58.</i> )	The Caltech Glee Club <i>Nancy Sulahian, M.M., Music Director</i>
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	Jean-Lou Chameau, Ph.D. <i>President California Institute of Technology</i>
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES	
For the Degree of Bachelor of Science	Anneila I. Sargent, Ph.D. <i>Vice President for Student Affairs</i>
For the Degree of Master of Science	Joseph E. Shepherd, Ph.D. <i>Dean of Graduate Studies</i>
For the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy	Joseph E. Shepherd, Ph.D.

Biology	Stephen L. Mayo, Ph.D. <i>Division Chair</i>
Chemistry and Chemical Engineering	Jacqueline K. Barton, Ph.D. <i>Division Chair</i>
Engineering and Applied Science	Ares J. Rosakis, Ph.D. <i>Division Chair</i>
Geological and Planetary Sciences	Kenneth A. Farley, Ph.D. <i>Division Chair</i>
Humanities and Social Sciences	Jonathan N. Katz, Ph.D. <i>Division Chair</i>
Physics, Mathematics and Astronomy	B. Thomas Soifer, Ph.D. <i>Division Chair</i>

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS  
AND CONCLUDING REMARKS

Jean-Lou Chameau, Ph.D.  
*President*

ALMA MATER

“Hail CIT”

By Manton Barnes, B.S. '21  
*(The audience may join in;  
lyrics are on page 59.)*

The Caltech Glee Club,  
the Caltech Convocations Brass  
and Percussion Ensemble,  
and Organ

RECESSIONAL

The Caltech Convocations Brass  
and Percussion Ensemble

Organ Postlude

“The Throop Institute March”

Composed by E. C. Kammermeyer  
in 1900 for the Throop Institute  
Guitar and Mandolin Society

Leslie J. Deutsch, Ph.D.

*Live streaming of Caltech's 2011 commencement ceremony will begin shortly before 10 a.m.  
on Friday, June 10, at <http://ustream.tv/caltech>.*



*Bachelor of Science*

Ioana Laura Aanei\* *Onesti, Bacau, Romania* Chemistry  
 Zagid Abatchev *Boise, Idaho* Physics  
 Kiefer Pio Aguilar\* *Lubbock, Texas* Bioengineering (Synthetic Biology)  
 Dallin Satoshi Akagi\* *Draper, Utah* Computer Science  
 Anguel Tchavdarov Alexiev *Granada Hills, California* Chemistry  
 Shamili Allam *Union City, California* Bioengineering (Synthetic Biology)  
 Margaret Anastasia Allen *San Diego, California* Mechanical Engineering  
 Amit Alon *Haiifa, Israel* Electrical Engineering  
 Arda Antikacioglu\* *Istanbul, Turkey* Mathematics and Computer Science  
 Anuj Anil Arora\* *Mumbai, India* Electrical Engineering and Business Economics and Management  
 Vishwaratn Asthana\* *Miami, Florida* Bioengineering (Synthetic Biology)  
 Bamini Balaji \* *New Delhi, India* Chemical Engineering (Biomolecular)  
 Ana Silvia Balibanu\* *Cluj-Napoca, Romania* Mathematics  
 Neal Bansal *New Delhi, India* Engineering and Applied Science (Materials Science)  
 Rebecca Ann Barter *Poland Spring, Maine* Engineering and Applied Science (Computational and Neural Systems)  
 Donatela Elsa Bellone\* *Miami, Florida* Chemistry  
 Yakov Ilich Berchenko-Kogan\* *Raleigh, North Carolina* Mathematics and Control and Dynamical Systems (Minor)  
 Christopher Grant Berlind\* *Brookline, New Hampshire* Computer Science  
 Christopher Bilinski\* *Oceanside, California* Astrophysics and Business Economics and Management  
 Gary Allen Binder\* *Minot, North Dakota* Physics  
 Timothy James Fornell Black\* *Madison, Wisconsin* Mathematics  
 Brianne Marie Blakesley *Sacramento, California* Chemistry and History (Minor)  
 Clifford Alan Blakestad *Highlands Ranch, Colorado* Mathematics  
 Jason Charles Bland\* *West Chester, Pennsylvania* Mathematics  
 Anton Mario Bongio Karrman *Santa Rosa, California* Applied and Computational Mathematics  
 Michael Alex Borisov *Chicago, Illinois* Electrical Engineering

\* *Students whose names are followed by an asterisk are being graduated with honor in accordance with a vote of the faculty.*

† *Students whose names are followed by a dagger are close to completion and will receive diplomas at the end of the academic year in which all graduation requirements are met.*

## *Bachelor of Science* continued

- Edward Hing Bramston-Cook *Long Beach, California* Chemical Engineering (Process Systems)
- Tristan Robert Brown\* *Woodland Hills, California* Chemistry
- Vanessa Marie Burns\* *Roseburg, Oregon* Bioengineering (Synthetic Biology) and English (Minor)
- Can Cai\* *Plainsboro, New Jersey* Chemical Engineering (Materials)
- Grayson Lee Chadwick\* *Santa Barbara, California* Biology
- Laainam Chaipornkaew\* *Bangkok, Thailand* Geophysics
- Deboki Chakravarti\* *Plainview, New York* Bioengineering (Synthetic Biology) and English
- Rishi John Chandy\* *Coral Spring, Florida* Computer Science
- Fei Chen\* *Beaverton, Oregon* Electrical Engineering
- Huiling Chen\* *Republic of Singapore* Physics
- Xi (Cece) Chen *Troy, Michigan* Mechanical Engineering
- Christine Cheng\* *Suzhou, People's Republic of China* Electrical Engineering
- Benjamin J. Cherian† *San Jose, California* Applied Physics
- Justine Xi-Yen Chia *Walnut Creek, California* Chemical Engineering (Biomolecular)
- Abhiram Chivukula *Cary, North Carolina* Physics
- Sean Seol Woong Choi\* *South Pasadena, California* Computer Science and Business Economics and Management
- Anthony Yu-Yong Chong *Saratoga, California* Computer Science
- Laura Teh Cladek\* *Oak Brook, Illinois* Mathematics
- Jack Edward Cochran\* *Baton Rouge, Louisiana* Engineering and Applied Science (Aeronautics)
- Emma Grace Cohen\* *Los Angeles, California* Mathematics
- Arianne Xaviera Collopy *Urbana, Illinois* Chemistry
- Perrin Thalia Sau Pung Considine *Beaverton, Oregon* Biology
- Jeremy Coulter Davis† *Mesa, Arizona* Computer Science
- Laura Jane Decker *Bridgewater, New Jersey* History
- Ryan Arthur Denlinger\* *Sacramento, California* Applied and Computational Mathematics
- Tina Xin Ding *Walnut, California* Chemistry
- Vu Quoc Dinh\* *Anaheim, California* Biology
- Susan Juel Dittmer\* *Saint Charles, Illinois* Physics
- Sherwin Doroudi *Mission Viejo, California* Economics
- Janesha Dua\* *New Delhi, India* Electrical Engineering
- Sachith Anurudde Dunatunga\* *Tucson, Arizona* Mechanical Engineering
- Jeremy Ehrhardt *Hamilton Square, New Jersey* Computer Science
- Fady Mohamed El-Gabalawy\* *San Marino, California* Computer Science
- Ryan Scott Elmquist\* *Woodbury, Minnesota* Computer Science
- Colin Michael Ely\* *Sudbury, Massachusetts* Mechanical Engineering
- Daniel Marc Erenrich\* *West Palm Beach, Florida* Computer Science



## *Bachelor of Science* continued

- Nnoduka Chukwudile Eruchalu\* *Nnobi, Anambra, Nigeria* Electrical Engineering
- Benjamin Justus Faber\* *Hays, Kansas* Physics
- Daniil N. Feldman *Kew Gardens, New York* Astrophysics
- Michelle Nora Filiba\* *San Diego, California* Computer Science
- Kristina Marie Flavier *Carlsbad, California* Chemistry
- Paul Alan Fleiner *McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania* Physics
- Christine Leonore Fuller\* *Auburn, California* Mechanical Engineering
- Sarvesh Garimella *Athens, Georgia* Planetary Science and Engineering and Applied Science (Environmental Science and Engineering)
- Theresa Lynn Geiger\* *Sleepy Hollow, Illinois* Chemistry
- Casey Carter Glick\* *Chico, California* Applied Physics and Geochemistry and History (Minor)
- Prakhar Goel\* *Dallas, Texas* Mathematics and Business Economics and Management
- Keir Gonyea† *Naperville, Illinois* Mechanical Engineering
- Scott Lee Goodfriend *Enterprise, Alabama* Chemical Engineering (Biomolecular)
- Deepthi Gopal† *Bangalore, India* Physics
- Sarah Danielle Griffis\* *Crown Point, Indiana* Engineering and Applied Science (Environmental Science and Engineering)
- Cameron Thomas Gross *Solon, Iowa* Engineering and Applied Science (Materials Science)
- Hassan I. Guled *Mogadishu, Somalia* Economics and Applied and Computational Mathematics
- Pallavi Kavita Gunalan *Salt Lake City, Utah* Bioengineering (Synthetic Biology) and English
- Luke W. Guo\* *San Diego, California* Electrical Engineering
- Sonal Gupta *New Delhi, India* Computer Science
- Daniel Riley Haas *Nashville, Tennessee* Physics
- Tyler J. Hannasch\* *Brentwood, Tennessee* Mechanical Engineering and Business Economics and Management
- Kevin Alexander Hartman *Oak View, California* Chemical Engineering (Biomolecular)
- Lucas Allan Hartsough\* *Scottsdale, Arizona* Bioengineering (Synthetic Biology)
- Joseph Cole Kelner Hershkowitz\* *Arlington, Virginia* Mechanical Engineering
- Albert Aibo Ho\* *Naperville, Illinois* Mechanical Engineering
- Sarah Louise Howell\* *Oklahoma City, Oklahoma* Applied Physics
- Guozhi Huang\* *Nanjing, People's Republic of China* Mechanical Engineering
- Li Hong Huang\* *Cupertino, California* Computer Science
- Alexander Chunhachatchawalkul Hudson\* *Vancouver, Washington* Applied Physics
- Ran Huo\* *Scarsdale, New York* Physics
- Nadia Iqbal *Williamsville, New York* Bioengineering (Synthetic Biology)
- Jamie Lynn Jackson† *Germantown, Tennessee* Computer Science

## *Bachelor of Science* continued

- Ning-Jiun Jan *Howell, New Jersey* Bioengineering (Synthetic Biology)
- Casey Jao\* *Dayton, Maryland* Mathematics
- James Malvern Hill Jester *Coronado, California* Electrical Engineering
- Suyao Ji\* *Qingdao, People's Republic of China* Electrical Engineering
- Menglu Michelle Jiang\* *Vancouver, Washington* Mechanical Engineering and Business  
Economics and Management
- Kirit Sukrit Karkare\* *Thousand Oaks, California* Physics and English (Minor)
- Brett Harris Kassof *Baldwin, New York* Applied and Computational Mathematics
- Lauren Christine Kendrick *Jacksonville, Florida* Applied Physics
- Christopher Thomas Kennelly\* *Munster, Indiana* Computer Science
- Asif R. Khan\* *Columbia, South Carolina* Electrical Engineering
- Deyeon Kim *Seoul, Republic of Korea* Business Economics and Management and Political  
Science
- Emily S. Kim\* *Bellevue, Washington* Biology
- Jeffrey Michael Kiner *Kirkland, Washington* Mathematics
- Daniel Walter Kolodrubetz\* *San Antonio, Texas* Physics
- Pranay Dipak Kothari\* *Sugar Land, Texas* Biology and Business Economics and  
Management
- Jonathan David Krause\* *Strongsville, Ohio* Computer Science
- Jessie Ku\* *Diamond Bar, California* Applied Physics
- Pauline Juliet Ku† *River Grove, Illinois* Biology
- Calvin Kuo\* *Newton, Massachusetts* Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science
- Benjamin Bernard Kurtz *Golden, Colorado* Physics
- Manuel De Jesus Lagang, Jr.\* *Pasadena, California* Computer Science
- Anson Lam *Calgary, Alberta, Canada* Astrophysics
- Thomas Jared Lampo\* *Elmhurst, Illinois* Chemical Engineering (Biomolecular)
- Alexander Moore Lapidés\* *Naperville, Illinois* Chemistry
- Christina Esther Lee\* *Saratoga, California* Computer Science
- Dylan Lee *Corvallis, Oregon* Mechanical Engineering
- Grace Yoon Lee† *Budang, Republic of Korea* Applied and Computational Mathematics
- Joshua Warren Lee *Sherman Oaks, California* Applied Physics
- Kyung Ha Lee\* *Daegu, Republic of Korea* Physics
- Mariya Levina\* *Los Angeles, California* Geology
- Stacy Michelle Levine *Northridge, California* Mechanical Engineering and Aerospace  
(Minor)
- Garrett Darl Lewis *Albuquerque, New Mexico* Applied Physics and Political Science and  
Aerospace (Minor)
- Bobo Li *Plano, Texas* Computer Science
- Flora Mian Li\* *Cerritos, California* Biology
- Lily Li† *Irvine, California* Bioengineering (Synthetic Biology)

## *Bachelor of Science* continued

Lin Li\* *Tianjin, People's Republic of China* Mechanical Engineering  
Lisha Li\* *New York, New York* Applied and Computational Mathematics  
Warren Liao *Cerritos, California* Engineering and Applied Science (Materials Science)  
Dongkook Dennis Lim\* *West Lafayette, Indiana* Biology  
Jeffrey Thomas Lin\* *Pleasanton, California* Mathematics and Physics  
Joy Lin\* *Diamond Bar, California* Geochemistry  
Kurt James Litsch\* *Ransom Canyon, Texas* Physics  
Kyle Richard Littler *Mission Viejo, California* Computer Science  
Hanna Ken-Yuin Liu\* *Los Angeles, California* Geobiology  
Joyce Liu\* *Fremont, California* Chemical Engineering (Biomolecular)  
Colin Murdoch Logan\* *Austin, Texas* Applied and Computational Mathematics and  
Business Economics and Management  
Dingchao Lu\* *Fullerton, California* Electrical Engineering and Business Economics and  
Management  
Helen Yu Luo\* *Sammamish, Washington* Chemical Engineering (Biomolecular)  
Erik Madsen\* *Danville, California* Physics and Economics  
Elizabeth Marie Mak\* *Pasadena, California* Biology  
Aliza Ilana Malz *New York, New York* Physics and History (Minor)  
Faith Gregory Manary *San Diego, California* Mechanical Engineering and English  
Sarah Epstein Marzen\* *McLean, Virginia* Physics  
Michael Vincent Maseda\* *Tampa, Florida* Astrophysics and English  
Maral Mazrooei *Irvine, California* Bioengineering (Synthetic Biology)  
Gabriel Joel Mendoza\* *El Paso, Texas* Independent Studies Program  
Brian Ka-Jun Mok\* *Temple City, California* Mechanical Engineering  
Kevin D. Monajati *Rochester, New York* Mechanical Engineering  
Joseph Ellis Moore, Jr. *Plant City, Florida* Applied and Computational Mathematics and  
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Gerardo Antonio Morabito *Caracas, Venezuela* Mechanical Engineering  
Evan Adrian Robjohn Murphy *Lutherville, Maryland* Computer Science  
Chantal Lian Mustoe *Golden, Colorado* Chemistry and English (Minor)  
Hoi Yee Nam\* *Hong Kong, PRC* Mechanical Engineering  
Karthik Narsimhan\* *West Lafayette, Indiana* Chemical Engineering (Materials)  
Priya Mehta Nayak\* *Van Nuys, California* Physics  
Ryan Lane Newton\* *Austin, Texas* Mechanical Engineering and Business Economics and  
Management  
Albert Han Ng\* *Freehold, New Jersey* Electrical Engineering  
Long Thanh Nguyen† *Houston, Texas* Mechanical Engineering  
Viet Anh Nguyen Huu\* *Warsaw, Poland* Chemical Engineering (Biomolecular)  
Daniel Stuart Obenshain *Glyndon, Maryland* Computer Science and English (Minor)  
Dongyoon Oh\* *Seoul, Republic of Korea* Physics

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Jim Ouyang† *Chapel Hill, North Carolina* Computer Science  
Aleksandr Palatnik\* *Pewaukee, Wisconsin* Computer Science  
Saurabh Kumar Pandey\* *Rochester, Michigan* Applied and Computational Mathematics  
Antanu Paul\* *Pittsburg, Kansas* Applied and Computational Mathematics  
Jeanne Yiwen Peng *New Orleans, Louisiana* Electrical Engineering  
Kathryn A. Peters *Phoenix, Arizona* Business Economics and Management  
Erik Axel Peterson\* *Henderson, Nevada* Mathematics  
Alan Michael Pezeshki\* *Troy, Michigan* Chemical Engineering (Environmental)  
Suzanna Marie Piatt *Ridgecrest, California* Mechanical Engineering  
Andrey D. Poletayev\* *Moscow, Russia* Chemistry  
Andre Pradhana Tampubolon\* *Jakarta, Indonesia* Applied and Computational  
Mathematics  
Andrew John Price\* *La Jolla, California* Applied Physics  
Nicholas Elijah Price *Santa Clarita, California* Electrical Engineering  
Sedona H. Price\* *Fairbanks, Alaska* Physics  
Sylvia Mary Puglisi† *Oxnard, California* Engineering and Applied Science (Computational  
and Neural Systems)  
Kasra Rahbar *Houston, Texas* Electrical Engineering  
Pradeep Ramesh\* *Thousand Oaks, California* Applied Physics  
Arjun Ravikumar\* *Carlsbad, California* Bioengineering (Synthetic Biology)  
Sara Elizabeth Renfrew\* *Sewickley, Pennsylvania* Chemical Engineering (Materials)  
Nicholas Rosa *Tupelo, Mississippi* Chemistry and Biology  
Daniel Ethan Rosenberg\* *Jupiter, Florida* Computer Science  
Robert Alan Rosenberg *Santa Monica, California* Applied Physics  
Jacqueline Dodds Rousseau\* *San Jose, California* Physics and Business Economics and  
Management  
Gregory Jacob Rubinstein\* *Chapel Hill, North Carolina* Chemical Engineering (Materials)  
and Business Economics and Management  
Aryan Safaie *Fountain Valley, California* Mechanical Engineering  
Gerard Francis Salinas *Austin, Texas* Mechanical Engineering  
Allison Jill Saltzman *Merrick, New York* Mechanical Engineering  
Daniel Roland Sanchez *Miami, Florida* Chemistry  
Karthik Venkataraman Sarma\* *Burr Ridge, Illinois* Computer Science  
Sanket Satpathy\* *Bhubaneswar, Orissa, India* Electrical Engineering and Applied and  
Computational Mathematics  
Joseph Adam Schmitz\* *O'Neill, Nebraska* Electrical Engineering  
Elliott Schneider\* *Cos Cob, Connecticut* Physics  
Rebecca Lynn Scholz\* *Bend, Oregon* Biology  
Nicholas Scianmarello\* *Miami, Florida* Physics

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- Jasmine Soria Searst† *Beaverton, Oregon* Applied Physics and English
- Dongjin Seo\* *Davis, California* Electrical Engineering
- Michael Shafer *Thousand Oaks, California* Computer Science
- Katherine Blackburn Shakman *Chicago, Illinois* Biology
- Nitin Sharma\* *Noida, India* Electrical Engineering
- Dongying (Erin) Shen† *Shanghai, People's Republic of China* Chemical Engineering  
(Biomolecular)
- Jing Shi\* *Chongqing, People's Republic of China* Physics
- Kedron Pyle Silsbee\* *Mansfield, Connecticut* Physics
- Marland Hoy Sitt\* *Lititz, Pennsylvania* Electrical Engineering and Business Economics  
and Management
- Alexandra Lauren Smith *La Cañada Flintridge, California* Mechanical Engineering
- William Martin Steinhardt\* *Princeton, New Jersey* Geophysics
- William Insang Suh *Rancho Palos Verdes, California* Biology
- Yuxiao Sun *Louisville, Kentucky* Chemistry
- Yoon Chan Taak† *Seoul, Republic of Korea* Physics
- Dalia Beth Taylor\* *Lake Oswego, Oregon* Biology
- Gloria Eve Tran\* *Orange, California* Biology and English (Minor)
- Ying-Ying Tran *Princeton Junction, New Jersey* Mathematics
- Debbie G. Tseng *Danville, California* Biology
- Brian Louis Ventura *Nacogdoches, Texas* Mechanical Engineering and History (Minor)
- Kyle Joseph Verdone *Spring, Texas* Business Economics and Management
- Pengcheng Wang\* *Guangzhou, People's Republic of China* Biology and Chemistry
- Richard Yufan Wang\* *Taiwan, ROC* Mechanical Engineering
- Yi Jenny Wang\* *Wellesley, Massachusetts* Mechanical Engineering
- Ziying Wang *Shanghai, People's Republic of China* Chemistry
- Talia Michelle Weiss\* *New Rochelle, New York* Bioengineering (Devices)
- Kevin Thomas Welch *Austin, Texas* Bioengineering (Synthetic Biology) and English
- Qing Yu Weng\* *Charlotte, North Carolina* Biology and English
- Christopher Michael Whelan *Dana Point, California* Physics
- Christopher Joseph White\* *Waldwick, New Jersey* Physics and Mathematics and  
Philosophy (Minor)
- Claudia Anne Whitten *Dallas, Texas* Computer Science
- Aaron Joseph Wilkowski *Woodland, California* Computer Science
- Christopher Allen Wong\* *Berkeley, California* Applied and Computational Mathematics
- Fan Tony Wu\* *Fort Collins, Colorado* Electrical Engineering
- James Jiegang Wu *Miami, Florida* Applied and Computational Mathematics
- Stephanie Marie Wuerth\* *Newburgh, Indiana* Geochemistry and English
- Patrick Jing Xia\* *Wilmette, Illinois* Computer Science and Electrical Engineering

*Bachelor of Science* continued

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- Daniel Esteban Hurtado Sepulveda (*Mechanical Engineering and Applied and Computational Mathematics*) Licenciado, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile 2002; Ingeniero Civil, 2003; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2007.  
Thesis: Multiscale Modeling of Microcrystalline Materials.
- Nachiket Ganesh Kapre (*Computer Science*) B.E., Government College of Engineering, Pune 2002; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2005.  
Thesis: Spice<sub>2</sub>: A Spatial, Parallel Architecture for Accelerating the SPICE Circuit Simulator.
- Edward A. Keehr (*Electrical Engineering*) S.B., Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2001; S.M., 2002.  
Thesis: Techniques for Mixed-Signal Linearization and Large Signal Handling in Radio-Frequency Receiver Circuits.
- Gretchen Keppel-Aleks (*Environmental Science and Engineering*) S.B., Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2004; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2006.  
Thesis: Constraints on the Global Carbon Budget from Variations in Total Column Carbon Dioxide.
- Christopher Kovalchick (*Mechanical Engineering*) B.S., The Johns Hopkins University 2006; B.M., Peabody Conservatory 2006; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2007.  
Thesis: Mechanics of Peeling: Cohesive Zone Law and Stability.
- Alan Jake-Man Kwan (*Environmental Science and Engineering*) B.S., University of California, Berkeley 2000.  
Thesis: Investigating Sources and Sinks of Organic Aerosols: NO<sub>3</sub>-initiated Oxidation of Isoprene and Heterogeneous Oxidation of Organic Aerosol.
- Andrew G. Lamperski (*Control and Dynamical Systems*) B.S., The Johns Hopkins University 2004.  
Thesis: Hierarchies, Spikes, and Hybrid Systems: Physiologically Inspired Control Problems.
- Javad Lavaeiyanesi (*Control and Dynamical Systems*) B.E., Sharif University of Technology 2003; M.A.Sc., Concordia University 2007.  
Thesis: Large-Scale Complex Systems: From Antenna Circuits to Power Grids.
- Francisco López Jiménez (*Aeronautics*) M.E., University of Seville 2006; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2007.  
Thesis: Mechanics of Thin Carbon Fiber Composites with a Silicone Matrix.
- John Allen Meier (*Mechanical Engineering*) B.S., Stanford University 2006; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2007.  
Thesis: A Novel Experimental Study of a Valveless Impedance Pump for Applications at Lab-On-Chip, Microfluidic, and Biomedical Device Size Scales.

*Doctor of Philosophy continued*

- Ashley Moore (*Control and Dynamical Systems*) B.S., University of Colorado 2006; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2007.  
Thesis: Discrete Mechanics and Optimal Control for Space Trajectory Design.
- Marcos Nahmad Bensusan (*Control and Dynamical Systems and Biology*) Licenciatura, University Autonoma Metropolitana 2002; M.Sc., McGill University 2005.  
Thesis: Interpretation and Scaling of Positional Information during Development.
- Fabien Georges André Paulot (*Environmental Science and Engineering*) B.S., École Polytechnique 2005.  
Thesis: Insights into the Isoprene Photochemical Cascade.
- Luigi Emanuele Perotti (*Mechanical Engineering and Applied and Computational Mathematics*) Laurea, Politecnico di Milano 2004; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2006.  
Thesis: Modeling the Behavior of Fiber Reinforced Sandwich Structures Subjected to Underwater Explosions.
- Concetta Pilotto (*Computer Science*) Laurea, University of Roma “La Sapienza” 2003; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2007.  
Thesis: Local-to-Global in Multi-Agent Systems.
- Yaniv Plan (*Applied and Computational Mathematics*) B.A., University of California, Berkeley 2004.  
Thesis: Compressed Sensing, Sparse Approximation, and Low-Rank Matrix Estimation.
- Celia Reina Romo (*Aeronautics*) M.E., University of Seville 2006; M.S., École Centrale Paris 2006; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2007.  
Thesis: Multiscale Modeling and Simulation of Damage by Void Nucleation and Growth.
- Naresh Satyan (*Electrical Engineering*) B.Tech., Indian Institute of Technology, Madras 2005; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2007.  
Thesis: Optoelectronic Control of the Phase and Frequency of Semiconductor Lasers.
- Shaunak Sen (*Control and Dynamical Systems*) B.Tech., Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur 2003; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2011.  
Thesis: Regulatory Consequences of Bandpass Feedback in a Bacterial Phosphorelay.
- Sormeh Shadbakht (*Electrical Engineering*) B.S., Sharif University of Technology 2004; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2006.  
Thesis: Entropy Region and Network Information Theory.
- Young Shik Shin (*Bioengineering*) B.S., Seoul National University 2002; M.S., 2004; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2006.  
Thesis: Micro- and Nanotechnology-Based Platforms to Study Biology at Small Scale: From DNAs to Single Cells.

*Doctor of Philosophy* continued

- Michael Lee Silva (*Aeronautics and Geology*) B.S., University of California, San Diego 2005; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2006.  
Thesis: Damage Evolution in Composite Materials and Sandwich Structures under Impulse Loading.
- Merrielle Therese Spain (*Computation and Neural Systems*) B.S., University of California, Los Angeles 2005.  
Thesis: Modeling and Predicting Object Attention in Natural Scenes.
- Olive Remington Stohman (*Aeronautics*) B.S., Carnegie Mellon University 2006; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2007.  
Thesis: Repeatability in Joint-Dominated Deployable Masts.
- Phanish Suryanarayana (*Aeronautics*) B.Tech., Indian Institute of Technology, Madras 2005; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2006.  
Thesis: Coarse-Graining Kohn-Sham Density Functional Theory.
- Molei Tao (*Control and Dynamical Systems and Physics*) B.S., Tsinghua University 2006.  
Thesis: Multiscale Geometric Integration of Deterministic and Stochastic Systems.
- Andrew Allen Tchieu (*Aeronautics*) B.S., University of California, San Diego 2004.  
Thesis: The Development of Low-Order Models for the Study of Fluid-Structure Interactions.
- Ali Vakili (*Electrical Engineering*) B.S., Sharif University of Technology 2004; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2006.  
Thesis: Random Matrix Recursions in Estimation, Control and Adaptive Filtering.
- David Ashley Van Valen (*Applied Physics*) S.B., Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2003.  
Thesis: Case Studies in Quantitative Biology: Biochemistry on a Leash and a Single-Molecule Hershey-Chase Experiment.
- Gabriela Natalia Venturini (*Aeronautics and Chemistry*) Chemical Engineer, Universidad de Buenos Aires 2004; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2006.  
Thesis: Topics in Multiscale Modeling of Metals and Metallic Alloys.
- Udi Benjamin Vermesh (*Bioengineering*) B.S., Emory University 2003.  
Thesis: Technologies for Protein Analysis and Tissue Engineering, with Applications in Cancer.
- Svitlana S. Vyetenko (*Applied and Computational Mathematics*) B.S., National Taras Shevchenko University of Kyiv 2003; M.S., University of Arkansas 2005; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2008.  
Thesis: Network Coding for Error Correction.
- Sameer S. Walavalkar (*Applied Physics*) B.S.E., The University of Michigan 2004.  
Thesis: Optical, Mechanical, and Electronic Properties of Etched Silicon Nanopillars.

## *Doctor of Philosophy* continued

- Geoffrey Ward (*Aeronautics*) B.S., University of Arizona 2005; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2006.  
Thesis: The Simulation of Shock- and Impact-Driven Flows with Mie-Grüneisen Equations of State.
- Ching-Chih Weng (*Electrical Engineering and Applied and Computational Mathematics*) B.S., National Taiwan University 2004; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2007.  
Thesis: The Roles of Majorization and Generalized Triangular Decomposition in Communication and Signal Processing.
- Jerome S. White, Jr. (*Computer Science*) B.S., Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute 2003; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2008.  
Thesis: Receive Buffer Dynamics and OS Scheduling.
- Michael Lon Winterrose (*Materials Science and Applied Physics*) B.S., Washington State University 2004; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2007.  
Thesis: Quantum Mechanical Simulation and X-Ray Scattering Applied to Pressure-Induced Invar Anomaly in Magnetic Iron Alloy.
- Yue Yang (*Aeronautics*) B.E., Zhejiang University 2004; M.S., China Academy of Science 2007.  
Thesis: Lagrangian and Vortex-Surface Fields in Turbulence.
- Roseanna N. Zia (*Mechanical Engineering and Chemical Engineering*) B.S.M.E., University of Missouri 1995; M.E., The University of Michigan 1999; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2008.  
Thesis: Individual Particle Motion in Colloids: Microviscosity, Microdiffusivity, and Normal Stresses.

## DIVISION OF GEOLOGICAL AND PLANETARY SCIENCES

- Benjamin Kimball Harrison (*Geochemistry*) B.A., Carleton College 2003.  
Thesis: Microbial Colonization of Minerals in Marine Sediments – Method Development and Ecological Significance.
- Alexander G. Hayes (*Planetary Science and Geology*) B.A., Cornell University 2003; M.E., 2004; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2008.  
Thesis: Hydrocarbon Lakes on Titan and Their Role in the Methane Cycle.
- YoungHee Kim (*Geophysics*) A.B., University of California, Berkeley 2002; M.S., Seoul National University 2004; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2008.  
Thesis: Properties of the Subduction System in Mexico.
- Le Kuai (*Planetary Science and Environmental Science and Engineering*) B.S., Nanjing University 2003; M.S., Iowa State University 2006; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2008.  
Thesis: I. Retrieval of Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide from High-Resolution Spectra.  
II. Interannual Variability of the Stratospheric Quasi-Biannual Oscillation.

## *Doctor of Philosophy* continued

Megan E. Schwamb (*Planetary Science*) B.A., University of Pennsylvania 2006; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2008.

Thesis: Beyond Sedna: Probing the Distant Solar System.

Michelle Marie Selvans (*Geophysics*) B.A., University of Colorado at Boulder 2004; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2008.

Thesis: Geophysical Investigations of Near-Surface Structure on the Earth and Mars.

Sonja Spasojevic (*Geophysics*) B.S., University of Belgrade 2001; M.S., University of Houston 2003.

Thesis: Dynamics of Long-Term Sea-Level Change and Vertical Motion of Continents.

### DIVISION OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Ian Michael Krajbich (*Behavioral and Social Neuroscience*) B.S., California Institute of Technology 2005; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2008.

Thesis: Neurometrically Informed Mechanism Design and the Role of Visual Fixations in Simple Choice.

Andrea Robbett (*Social Science*) B.S., Haverford College 2005; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2008.

Thesis: Experiments on the Dynamics of Community Formation.

### DIVISION OF PHYSICS, MATHEMATICS AND ASTRONOMY

Yacine Ali-Haimoud (*Astrophysics*) Diplôme d'Ingénieur, École Polytechnique 2006; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2008.

Thesis: A New Spin on Primordial Hydrogen Recombination and a Refined Model for Spinning Dust Radiation.

Miguel Angel Bandrés Motola (*Physics*) B.S., Tecnológico de Monterrey 2002; M.A., State University of New York at Stony Brook 2005.

Thesis: Superconformal Chern-Simons Theories and Their String Theory Duals.

Ersen Bilgin (*Physics*) B.A., Williams College 2006; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2011.

Thesis: Simulation of Strongly Correlated Quantum Many-Body Systems.

Jason Nathaniel Bode (*Physics*) B.A., Knox College 1997; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2010.

Thesis: Black Hole Mergers and Their Electromagnetic Counterparts.

Kyung Soo Choi (*Physics*) B.S., State University of New York, Stony Brook 2006.

Thesis: Coherent Control of Entanglement with Atomic Ensembles.

*Doctor of Philosophy continued*

- Michael Isaac Cohen (*Physics*) B.Sc., University of Canterbury 2003; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2010.  
Thesis: Topics in Gravitation – Numerical Simulations of Event Horizons and Parameter Estimation for LISA.
- David Andrew Doll (*Physics*) B.A., B.S., University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill 2005; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2009.  
Thesis: Measurement of the Rare Transition  $b \rightarrow s \psi$  using the Complete BABAR Data Set.
- Timothy Ryan Dulaney (*Physics*) B.S. (*Mathematics*), B.S. (*Physics*), University of Maryland, College Park 2006.  
Thesis: Beyond the Standard Cosmology: Anisotropic Inflation and Baryophilic Dark Matter.
- Hernan G. Garcia (*Physics*) B.S., University of Buenos Aires 2003.  
Thesis: Transcriptional Regulation by the Numbers.
- Heather Mary Gray (*Physics*) B.S., University of Cape Town 2001; B.Sc., 2002; M.S., 2003; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2007.  
Thesis: The Charged Particle Multiplicity at Centre of Mass Energies from 900 GeV to 7 TeV Measured with the ATLAS Experiment at the Large Hadron Collider.
- Mehmet Selim Hanay (*Physics*) B.S., Sabanci University 2003.  
Thesis: Towards Single-Molecule Nanomechanical Mass Spectrometry.
- Alexander I. Himmel (*Physics*) B.S., Harvey Mudd College 2006.  
Thesis: Antineutrino Oscillations in the Atmospheric Sector.
- Nathan Oken Hodas (*Physics*) B.A., Williams College 2004.  
Thesis: Nonlinear Dynamics of Nanoscale Systems.
- Mansi M. Kasliwal (*Astrophysics*) B.S., Cornell University 2005; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2007.  
Thesis: Bridging the Gap: Elusive Explosions in the Local Universe.
- Arthur Elias Lipstein (*Physics*) B.S., Columbia University 2006.  
Thesis: Integrability of  $N = 6$  Chern-Simons Theory.
- David López Mateos (*Physics*) S.B., Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2005; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2007.  
Thesis: Measurement of Multi-jet Production Cross Section at a Center-of-Mass Energy of 7 TeV at the Large Hadron Collider with the ATLAS Detector.
- Joel Ryan Louwsma (*Mathematics*) B.S., The University of Michigan 2004.  
Thesis: Extremality of the Rotation Quasimorphism on the Modular Group.
- Milivoje Lukic (*Mathematics*) B.Sc. (*Astrophysics*), University of Belgrade 2006; B.Sc. (*Mathematics*), 2007; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2010.  
Thesis: Spectral Theory for Generalized Bounded Variation Perturbations of Orthogonal Polynomials and Schrödinger Operators.

*Doctor of Philosophy continued*

- Prabha Mandayam Doddamani (*Physics*) B.S., University of Madras – Ethiraj College 2004; M.S., Indian Institute of Technology, Madras 2005.  
Thesis: Emerging Paradigms in Quantum Error Correction and Quantum Cryptography.
- Zachary Louis Marshall (*Physics*) B.A., University of California, Berkeley 2005; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2007.  
Thesis: A Measurement of Jet Shapes in Proton-Proton Collisions at 7.0 TeV Center-of-Mass Energy with the ATLAS Detector at the Large Hadron Collider.
- Paul Nelson (*Mathematics*) A.B., Princeton University 2006.  
Thesis: Some New Aspects of Mass Equidistribution.
- Pinkesh Kiritbhai Patel (*Physics*) B.S., Drexel University 2005; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2009.  
Thesis: Search for Gravitational Waves from a Nearby Neutron Star using Barycentric Resampling.
- Kerstin M. Perez (*Physics*) B.A., Columbia University 2005; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2008.  
Thesis: Inclusive Jet Cross Sections in Proton-Proton Collisions at 7.0 TeV Center-of-Mass Energy with the ATLAS Detector at the Large Hadron Collider.
- Rory James Perkins (*Physics*) B.S., Carnegie Mellon University 2004.  
Thesis: Experimental and Analytical Studies of Merging Plasma Loops on the Caltech Solar Loop Experiment.
- Anthony Robert Pullen (*Physics*) B.S., Southern University and A&M College 2004.  
Thesis: A Survey of Results in Modern Precision Cosmology.
- Yonathan Schwarzkopf (*Physics*) B.Sc., Tel Aviv University 2005; M.Sc., Weizmann Institute of Science 2006.  
Thesis: Complex Phenomena in Social and Financial Systems: From Bird Population Growth to the Dynamics of the Mutual Fund Industry.
- Junho Suh (*Physics*) B.S., Seoul National University 2001.  
Thesis: Coupled Dynamics of a Nanomechanical Resonator and Superconducting Quantum Circuits.
- Ian Sorensen Sullivan (*Physics*) B.A. (*Mathematics*), B.A. (*Physics*), University of Oregon 2003; M.S., 2004.  
Thesis: CIBER: A Near-Infrared Probe of the Epoch of Reionization.
- Matthew C. Sumner (*Physics*) A.B., Harvard College 1996.  
Thesis: Optimizing End-to-End System Performance for Millimeter and Submillimeter Spectroscopy of Protostars: Wideband Heterodyne Receivers and Sideband-Deconvolution Techniques for Rapid Molecular-Line Surveys.
- Tiam Hock Tay (*Physics*) B.S., National University of Singapore 2000.  
Thesis: Variational Studies of Exotic Bose Liquid, Spin Liquid, and Magnetic Phases.



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Nahid Walji (*Mathematics*) B.A., Cambridge University 2002; M.Sc., Imperial College London 2005.

Thesis: Supersingular Distribution, Congruence Class Bias, and A Refinement of Strong Multiplicity One.

Chao Zhang (*Physics*) B.S., University of Science and Technology of China 2002.

Thesis: Precision Measurement of Neutrino Oscillation Parameters and Investigation of Nuclear Georeactor Hypothesis with KamLAND.

Dapeng Zhang (*Mathematics*) B.S., Peking University 2003; M.S., 2006.

Thesis: Projective Dirac Operators, Twisted K-Theory, and Local Index Formula.

Yue Zou (*Physics*) B.S., Tsinghua University 2004.

Thesis: Quantum Phases and Phase Transitions in Disordered Low-Dimensional Systems: Thin Film Superconductors, Bilayer Two-Dimensional Electron Systems, and One-Dimensional Optical Lattices.



## PRIZES AND AWARDS

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*Prizes and awards are listed only for those students receiving degrees in 2011, and include prizes and awards received by them in previous years.*

### FREDERIC W. HINRICHS, JR., MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to the seniors who, in the opinion of the undergraduate deans, have made the greatest undergraduate contribution to the welfare of the student body and whose qualities of leadership, character, and responsibility have been outstanding.

2011 *Timothy James Fornell Black, Andrew John Price*

### MABEL BECKMAN PRIZE

Awarded to an undergraduate woman upon completion of her junior or senior year in recognition of demonstrated academic and personal excellence, contributions to the Institute community, and outstanding qualities of character and leadership.

2011 *Menglu Michelle Jiang, Elizabeth Marie Mak*

### GEORGE W. HOUSNER AWARD

Formerly the Sigma Xi Award, awarded to a senior selected for an outstanding piece of original scientific research.

2011 *Erik Madsen, Kedron Pyle Silsbee*

### MILTON AND FRANCIS CLAUSER DOCTORAL PRIZE

Awarded to the Ph.D. candidate whose research is judged to exhibit the greatest degree of originality as evidenced by its potential for opening up new avenues of human thought and endeavor as well as by the ingenuity with which it has been carried out.

*Name of recipient to be announced at commencement.*

*The prizes above are announced at the commencement ceremony.*

UPPER CLASS MERIT PRIZE (ROSALIND W. ALCOTT MERIT SCHOLARSHIP, CARNATION SCHOLARSHIP, AND JOHN STAUFFER MERIT SCHOLARSHIP)

Caltch awarded the Upper Class Merit Prize, funded by the Carnation Merit Award Fund, for academic excellence to undergraduates. The prize was based solely on merit (selection was made on the basis of grades, faculty recommendations, and demonstrated research productivity), with no consideration given to need or any other nonacademic criteria.

2008 *Alexander Chunhachawalkul*  
*Hudson*

2009 *Yakov Ilich Berchenko-Kogan*      *Elizabeth Marie Mak*  
*Alexander Chunhachawalkul*      *Sarah Epstein Marzen*  
*Hudson*  
*Erik Madsen*

2010 *Kiefer Pio Aguilar*      *Daniel Walter Kolodrubetz*  
*Grayson Lee Chadwick*      *Erik Madsen*  
*Fei Chen*      *Elizabeth Marie Mak*  
*Suyao Ji*      *Karthik Venkataraman Sarma*  
*Asif R. Khan*      *Dongying (Erin) Shen*  
*Emily S. Kim*      *Wesley Yung-Hsu Yu*

AXLINE MERIT SCHOLARS

These scholarships, which were renewable contingent on academic performance, were awarded to selected freshmen whose record of personal and academic accomplishment was judged outstanding among incoming freshmen.

2008 *Yakov Ilich Berchenko-Kogan*      *Susan Juel Dittmer*  
*Timothy James Fornell Black*      *Sarah Louise Howell*  
*Fei Chen*      *Elizabeth Marie Mak*

*Sarah Epstein Marzen*

*Wesley Yung-Hsu Yu*

*Gabriel Joel Mendoza*

2009

*Yakov Ilich Berchenko-Kogan*

*Elizabeth Marie Mak*

*Timothy James Fornell Black*

*Sarah Epstein Marzen*

*Fei Chen*

*Gabriel Joel Mendoza*

*Susan Juel Dittmer*

*Wesley Yung-Hsu Yu*

*Sarah Louise Howell*

2010

*Yakov Ilich Berchenko-Kogan*

*Elizabeth Marie Mak*

*Timothy James Fornell Black*

*Sarah Epstein Marzen*

*Fei Chen*

*Gabriel Joel Mendoza*

*Susan Juel Dittmer*

*Wesley Yung-Hsu Yu*

*Sarah Louise Howell*

#### APOSTOL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING IN MATHEMATICS

In 2010, the mathematics option set up the Apostol Teaching Award, named in honor of Tom Apostol, who was a great teacher at Caltech for over 50 years. These three to five awards are given each year to recognize excellence in teaching by graduate and undergraduate teaching assistants.

2011 *Paul Nelson*

#### CHARLES D. BABCOCK AWARD

Awarded, by vote of the aeronautics faculty, to a graduate student whose achievements in teaching or other assistance to students have made a significant contribution to the aeronautics department.

2008 *Celia Reina Romo*

2009 *Christopher Kovalchick*

2010 *Olive Remington Stohlman*

#### ROBERT P. BALLE CALTECH MATHEMATICS SCHOLARS AWARD

Awarded to the mathematics major entering his or her senior year who has demonstrated the most outstanding performance in mathematics courses completed in the student's first three years at Caltech.

2010 *Jason Charles Bland*

#### WILLIAM F. BALLHAUS PRIZE

Awarded to aeronautics students for outstanding doctoral dissertations.

2011 *Justin Brown*

#### ERIC TEMPLE BELL UNDERGRADUATE MATHEMATICS RESEARCH PRIZE

Awarded to one or more juniors or seniors for outstanding original research in mathematics.

2011 *Jeffrey Thomas Lin*

#### BHANSALI PRIZE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Awarded to an undergraduate student for outstanding research in computer science in the current academic year.

2011 *Karthik Venkataraman Sarma*

#### AMASA BISHOP SUMMER STUDY ABROAD PRIZE

Awarded to freshmen, sophomores, or juniors to fund summer study abroad in an organized program with the aim of gaining exposure to foreign language and international issues or cultures, including global issues in the sciences and engineering.

2009 *Laainam Chaipornkaew*

2010 *Gloria Eve Tran*

#### RICHARD G. BREWER PRIZE IN PHYSICS

Awarded to the freshman with the most interesting solutions to the Physics 11 “hurdles,” in recognition of demonstrated intellectual promise and creativity at the very beginning of his or her Caltech education.

2008 *Grayson Lee Chadwick*

#### ROLF D. BUHLER MEMORIAL AWARD IN AERONAUTICS

Awarded to an aeronautics student for outstanding academic achievement in the master’s program.

2007 *Celia Reina Romo*

2011 *Neal Phillip Bitter*

#### FRITZ B. BURNS PRIZE IN GEOLOGY

Awarded to an undergraduate who has demonstrated both academic excellence and great promise of future contributions in the fields represented by the Division of Geological and Planetary Sciences.

2009 *Laainam Chaipornkaew*

2011 *William Martin Steinhardt*

#### THE W. P. CAREY & CO., INC., PRIZE IN APPLIED MATHEMATICS

Awarded to a student receiving a Doctor of Philosophy degree for an outstanding doctoral dissertation in applied mathematics or pure mathematics.

2011 *Stephen Becker, Yaniv Plan, Molei Tao*

#### CENTENNIAL PRIZE FOR THE BEST THESIS IN MECHANICAL AND CIVIL ENGINEERING

Awarded each year to a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in applied mechanics, civil engineering, or mechanical engineering whose doctoral thesis is judged to be the most original and significant by a faculty committee appointed annually by the executive officer for mechanical and civil engineering. The prize consists of a citation and a cash award of \$1,000 and was established with gifts from alumni following the Mechanical Engineering Centennial Celebration in 2007.

2011 *Justin Brown*

### RICHARD BRUCE CHAPMAN MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to a graduate student in hydrodynamics who has distinguished himself or herself in research in the Division of Engineering and Applied Science.

2011 *Yue Yang*

### DONALD S. CLARK MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to two juniors in recognition of service to the campus community and academic excellence. Preference is given to students in the Division of Engineering and Applied Science and to those in chemical engineering.

2010 *Karthik Venkataraman Sarma, Fei Yang*

### THE DONALD COLES PRIZE IN AERONAUTICS

Awarded to the graduating Ph.D. student in aeronautics whose thesis displays the best design of an experiment or the best design for a piece of experimental equipment.

2011 *Nicholas Sebastian Boechler*

### DEANS' CUP AND STUDENT LIFE AND MASTER'S AWARDS

Two awards, selected by the deans, the director of student life, and the master of student houses, presented to undergraduates whose concern for their fellow students has been demonstrated by persistent efforts to improve the quality of undergraduate life and by effective communication with members of the faculty and administration.

2009 *Alexander Chunhachatchawalkul Hudson*

2010 *Karthik Venkataraman Sarma, Dean's Cup*

*Joy Lin, Dean's Cup*

*Daniel Stuart Obenshain, Student Life and Master's*

2011 *Lucas Allan Hartsough, Dean's Cup*

*Wesley Yung-Hsu Yu, Dean's Cup*

*Flora Mian Li, Student Life and Master's*



*Paul Alan Fleiner, Student Life and Master's*

*William Martin Steinhardt, Student Life and Master's*

*Jenny Zhou Xiong, Student Life and Master's*

#### DEMETRIADES-TSAFKA-KOKKALIS PRIZE IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP OR RELATED FIELDS

Awarded annually for the best business plan or proposal, start-up, thesis, publication, discovery, or related efforts by student(s) in entrepreneurship or related fields at the Institute in the preceding 12 months. This prize is made possible by a gift from Anna Kokkalis Demetriades and Sterge T. Demetriades, Eng '58.

2008 *John Matthew Delacruz*

2011 *Vivian Eleanor Ferry*

#### DEMETRIADES-TSAFKA-KOKKALIS PRIZE IN ENVIRONMENTALLY BENIGN RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES OR RELATED FIELDS

Awarded annually to a Ph.D. candidate for the best thesis, publication, discovery, or related efforts in benign renewable energy sources or related fields at the Institute in the preceding 12 months. This prize is made possible by a gift from Anna Kokkalis Demetriades and Sterge T. Demetriades, Eng '58.

2011 *William C. Chueh*

#### DEMETRIADES-TSAFKA-KOKKALIS PRIZE IN NANOTECHNOLOGY OR RELATED FIELDS

Awarded annually to a Ph.D. candidate for the best thesis, publication, or discovery in nanotechnology or related fields at the Institute in the preceding 12 months. This prize is made possible by a gift from Anna Kokkalis Demetriades and Sterge T. Demetriades, Eng '58.

2011 *Shelby Hutchens*

#### CONSTANTIN G. ECONOMOU MEMORIAL PRIZE

Awarded to a chemical engineering graduate student distinguished by outstanding research accomplishments and exemplary attitude while fulfilling candidacy requirements for the Ph.D. degree.

2007 *Yvonne Yu-Hsuan Chen*

2008 *Chung Hang Jonathan Choi*

#### EVERHART DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE STUDENT LECTURER AWARD

Awarded to a graduate student who has demonstrated exemplary presentation ability and graduate research.

2010 *Marcos Nahmad Bensusan*

2011 *Mansi Manoj Kasliwal, Roseanna Nellie Zia*

#### DORIS EVERHART SERVICE AWARD

Awarded annually to an undergraduate who has actively supported and willingly worked for organizations that enrich not only student life, but also the campus and/or community as a whole, and who has, in addition, exhibited care and concern for the welfare of students on a personal basis. The award was established in 1999 by Martin and Sally Ridge in honor of Doris Everhart.

2010 *Menglu Michelle Jiang*

2011 *Qing Yu Weng*

#### LAWRENCE L. AND AUDREY W. FERGUSON PRIZE

Awarded to the graduating Ph.D. candidate in biology who has produced the outstanding doctoral thesis for the past year.

2011 *Liming Wang*

#### RICHARD P. FEYNMAN PRIZE IN THEORETICAL PHYSICS

Awarded to a senior on the basis of excellence in theoretical physics.

2011 *Gary Allen Binder*

#### HAREN LEE FISHER MEMORIAL AWARD IN JUNIOR PHYSICS

Awarded to a junior physics major who demonstrates the greatest promise of future contributions in physics.

2010 *Sarah Epstein Marzen*

#### HENRY FORD II SCHOLAR AWARD

Awarded either to the engineering student with the best academic record at the end of the third year of undergraduate study, or to the engineering student with the best first-year record in the graduate program.

2010 *Luke Wang Guo*

#### JACK E. FROEHLICH MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to a junior in the upper five percent of his or her class who shows outstanding promise for a creative professional career.

2010 *Erik Madsen, Elizabeth Marie Mak*

#### GRADUATE DEANS' AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

Awarded to a Ph.D. candidate who, throughout his or her graduate years at the Institute, has made great contributions to graduate life and whose qualities of leadership and responsibility have been outstanding.

2011 *David Andrew Doll, Tara Adele Gomez, Jai Anand Pattur Shanata,  
Roseanna N. Zia*

#### GEORGE W. AND BERNICE E. GREEN MEMORIAL PRIZE

Awarded to the undergraduate student who, in the opinion of the division chairs, has shown outstanding ability and achievement in creative scholarship.

2009 *Grayson Lee Chadwick*

2011 *Elliott Schneider*

### LUCY GUERNSEY SERVICE AWARD

Awarded to one or two students who have provided exceptional service to the Caltech Y and/or the community, are involved with service projects, have demonstrated leadership in community and volunteer service efforts, and who exemplify a spirit of service.

2009 *Tara Adele Gomez*

2010 *David Andrew Doll*

2011 *Casey Jao, Hanna Ken-Yuin Liu*

### ARIE J. HAAGEN-SMIT MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to a sophomore or junior in biology or chemistry who has shown academic promise and who has made recognized contributions to Caltech.

2010 *Wesley Yung-Hsu Yu*

### ALEXANDER P. AND ADELAIDE F. HIXON PRIZE FOR WRITING

Awarded annually in recognition of the best writing in freshman humanities courses.

2008 *Erik Madsen*

### HANS G. HORNING PRIZE

Awarded for the best oral Ph.D. defense presentation by a student advised by aerospace faculty. The decision is made by a committee of students who attend all thesis presentations for the year.

2011 *Nicholas Sebastian Boechler*

### BIBI JENTOFT-NILSEN MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to an upperclass student who exhibits outstanding qualities of leadership and who actively contributes to the quality of student life at Caltech.

2011 *Donatela Elsa Bellone*

SCOTT RUSSELL JOHNSON GRADUATE DISSERTATION PRIZE IN  
MATHEMATICS

Awarded for the best graduate dissertation in mathematics.

2011 *Milivoje Lukic, Paul Nelson*

SCOTT RUSSELL JOHNSON PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE  
STUDY IN MATHEMATICS

Awarded to continuing graduate students for excellence in one or more of the following: extraordinary progress in research, excellence in teaching, or excellent performance as a first-year graduate student.

2007 *Paul Nelson*

2008 *Paul Nelson*

2010 *Serin Hong, Paul Nelson*

SCOTT RUSSELL JOHNSON PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE AS A FIRST-YEAR  
GRADUATE STUDENT

2010 *Serin Hong*

SCOTT RUSSELL JOHNSON UNDERGRADUATE MATHEMATICS PRIZE

Awarded for the best graduating mathematics major. Special consideration is given to independent research done as a senior thesis or SURF project.

2011 *Yakov Ilich Berchenko-Kogan, Jason Charles Bland*

KALAM PRIZE FOR AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

Awarded to a student in the aerospace engineering master's program whose academic performance was exemplary and who shows high potential for future achievements at Caltech. This prize was made possible through the generosity of Dr. Abdul Kalam, the 11th president of India, himself an aerospace engineer.

2011 *Subrahmanyam Duvvuri, Daniel Roszhart Zehr*

#### D. S. KOTHARI PRIZE IN PHYSICS

Awarded to a graduating senior in physics who has produced an outstanding research project during the year.

2011 *Erik Madsen*

#### MARGIE LAURITSEN LEIGHTON PRIZE

Awarded to one or two undergraduate women who are majoring in physics or astrophysics, and who have demonstrated academic excellence.

2009 *Sedona H. Price*

#### HARRY LEITER MEMORIAL MECHANICAL ENGINEERING PRIZE

Awarded to a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering who has demonstrated extraordinary creativity as judged by a faculty committee appointed each year by the executive officer for mechanical engineering. The prize consists of a citation and a cash award and was made possible by a gift from Dr. Symme Leiter.

2011 *Colin Michael Ely*

#### THE LEMELSON-MIT CALTECH STUDENT PRIZE

Awarded through an annual competition to a senior or graduate student who has created or improved a product or process, applied a technology in a new way, redesigned a system, or in other ways demonstrated remarkable inventiveness. The winner receives \$30,000.

2009 *Ophir Vermesh*

#### LIBRARY FRIENDS' SENIOR THESIS PRIZE

This prize was established in 2010 to recognize a senior thesis that exemplifies scholarly research, including the effective use of library resources and other bibliographic materials. A \$1,200 cash award accompanies the citation. The senior thesis is an extensive, independent written work usually undertaken during a senior thesis course series. The university librarian and the Friends of Caltech Libraries oversee the evaluation and nomination process and make

recommendations to the Undergraduate Academic Standards and Honors Committee for final selection. At the discretion of the Friends of Caltech Libraries, more than one award, or none, may be made in any year.

2011 *Hanna Ken-Yuin Liu*

#### MARI PETERSON LIGOCKI ('81) MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to a student who has improved the quality of student life at Caltech through his or her personal character.

2011 *Saurabh Kumar Pandey*

#### DOROTHY B. AND HARRISON C. LINGLE SCHOLARSHIP

This prize, which was renewable contingent on academic performance, was awarded to an incoming freshman in recognition of interest in a career in science or engineering, outstanding academic record, demonstrated fair-mindedness, and unquestioned integrity.

2008, 2009, 2010 *Wesley Yung-Hsu Yu*

#### THE HERBERT NEWBY MCCOY AWARD

Awarded to chemistry doctoral students for outstanding contributions to the science of chemistry.

2011 *Peigen Cao*

*John Andrew Enquist*

*Peter Michael Clark*

*Alexander James Minden Miller*

*Jillian Lee Dempsey*

#### MARY A. EARL MCKINNEY PRIZE IN LITERATURE

Awarded to undergraduate students for excellence in writing, in two categories: poetry and prose fiction.

2009 *Ryan Arthur Denlinger*

2010 *Casey Carter Glick*

2011 *Perrin Thalia Sau Pung Considine*

ROBERT L. NOLAND LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to undergraduate students who exhibit qualities of outstanding leadership, which are most often expressed as personal actions that have helped other people and that have inspired others to fulfill their capabilities.

2010 *Elizabeth Marie Mak, Andrew John Price*

2011 *Dongkook Dennis Lim, Faith Gregory Manary, Karthik Venkataraman Sarma*

RODMAN W. PAUL HISTORY PRIZE

Awarded to a junior or senior who has displayed an unusual interest in and talent for history.

2010 *Elizabeth Marie Mak*

PRESIDENT’S SCHOLARS

These scholarships, which were renewable contingent on academic performance, were awarded to selected freshmen to promote the breadth and diversity of the Caltech undergraduate student body.

2007 *Kevin Alexander Hartman* *Aliza Ilana Malz*

2008 *Kiefer Pio Aguilar* *Mariya Levina*

*Gary Allen Binder* *Aliza Ilana Malz*

*Jeremy Coulter Davis* *Maral Mazrooei*

*Kristina Marie Flavier* *Jasmine Soria Sears*

*Christine Leonore Fuller* *Gloria Eve Tran*

*Kevin Alexander Hartman*

2009 *Kiefer Pio Aguilar* *Mariya Levina*

*Gary Allen Binder* *Aliza Ilana Malz*

*Jeremy Coulter Davis* *Maral Mazrooei*

*Kristina Marie Flavier* *Jasmine Soria Sears*

*Christine Leonore Fuller* *Gloria Eve Tran*



2010    *Kiefer Pio Aguilar*                      *Mariya Levina*  
          *Gary Allen Binder*                         *Aliza Ilana Malz*  
          *Jeremy Coulter Davis*                    *Maral Mazrooei*  
          *Kristina Marie Flavier*                 *Jasmine Soria Sears*  
          *Christine Leonore Fuller*               *Gloria Eve Tran*

2011    *Aliza Ilana Malz*

#### HOWARD REYNOLDS MEMORIAL PRIZE IN GEOLOGY

Awarded to a sophomore or junior who demonstrates the potential to excel in the field of geology and who actively contributes to the quality of student life at Caltech.

2009    *Casey Carter Glick*

#### HERBERT J. RYSER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to undergraduate students for academic excellence, preferably in mathematics.

2010    *Jason Charles Bland, Yakov Ilich Berchenko-Kogan*

#### SAN PIETRO TRAVEL PRIZE

Awarded to sophomores, juniors, or seniors to fund adventurous and challenging summer travel experience that expands the recipients' cultural horizons and knowledge of the world.

2009    *Dongkook Dennis Lim*

2010    *Donatela Elsa Bellone, Colin Michael Ely, Stephanie Marie Wuerth*

2011    *Ryan Lane Newton, Tyler J. Hannasch*

#### ELEANOR SEARLE PRIZE IN LAW, POLITICS, AND INSTITUTIONS

The Eleanor Searle Prize was established in 1999 by friends and colleagues to honor Eleanor Searle. The prize is awarded annually to an undergraduate or graduate student whose work in history or the social sciences exemplifies Eleanor Searle's interests in the use of power, government, and law.

2009    *Erik Madsen*

### ERNEST E. SECHLER MEMORIAL AWARD IN AERONAUTICS

Awarded to an aeronautics student who has made the most significant contribution to the teaching and research efforts of GALCIT (Graduate Aeronautical Laboratories of the California Institute of Technology). Preference is given to students working in structural mechanics.

2009 *Nicholas Sebastian Boechler*

### RENUKA D. SHARMA AWARD

Awarded to a sophomore chemistry major for outstanding performance during his or her freshman year.

2009 *Wesley Yung-Hsu Yu*

### DON SHEPARD AWARD

Awarded to students who would find it difficult, without additional financial help, to engage in extracurricular and cultural activities. The recipients are selected on the basis of their capacity to take advantage of and to profit from these activities rather than on the basis of their scholastic standing.

2007 *Rebecca Ann Barter*

2008 *Hanna Ken-Yuin Liu*

2009 *Vanessa Marie Burns*

2010 *Donatela Elsa Bellone, Saurabh Kumar Pandey, Arjun Ravikumar*

### HALLETT SMITH PRIZE

Established in 1997 to commemorate Professor Smith's long career as one of the 20th century's most distinguished Renaissance scholars. The cash prize is given annually by the literature faculty to the undergraduate student who writes the finest essay on Shakespeare.

2011 *Stephanie Marie Wuerth*

### JOHN STAGER STEMPLE MEMORIAL PRIZE IN PHYSICS

Awarded to a graduate student in physics for outstanding progress in research as demonstrated by an excellent performance on the oral Ph.D. candidacy examination.

2007     *Zachary Louis Marshall*

### PAUL STUDENSKI MEMORIAL FUND PRIZE

A travel grant awarded to a Caltech undergraduate who would benefit from a period away from the academic community in order to obtain a better understanding of self and his or her plans for the future.

2011     *Laura Jane Decker*

### ALAN R. SWEEZY PRIZE IN ECONOMICS

Awarded to a senior who has shown unusual interest in and talent for economics.

2010     *Erik Madsen*

### FRANK TERUGGI MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to an undergraduate student who honors the spirit of Frank Teruggi's life through participation "in the areas of Latin American studies, radical politics, creative radio programming, and other activities aimed at improving the living conditions of the less fortunate."

2010     *Donatela Elsa Bellone*

### CHARLES AND ELLEN WILTS PRIZE

Awarded to a graduate student for outstanding independent research in electrical engineering leading to a Ph.D.

2011     *Edward Arthur Keehr*

## *For the Splendor of Creation*

For the splendor of creation that draws us to inquire,  
For the mysteries of knowledge to which our hearts aspire,  
For the deep and subtle beauties which delight the eye and ear,  
For the discipline of logic, the struggle to be clear,  
For the unexplained remainder, the puzzling and the odd:  
For the joy and pain of learning, we give you thanks, O God.

For the scholars past and present whose bounty we digest,  
For the teachers who inspire us to summon forth our best,  
For our rivals and companions, sometimes foolish, sometimes wise,  
For the human web upholding this noble enterprise,  
For the common life that binds us through days that soar or plod:  
For this place and for these people, we give you thanks, O God.

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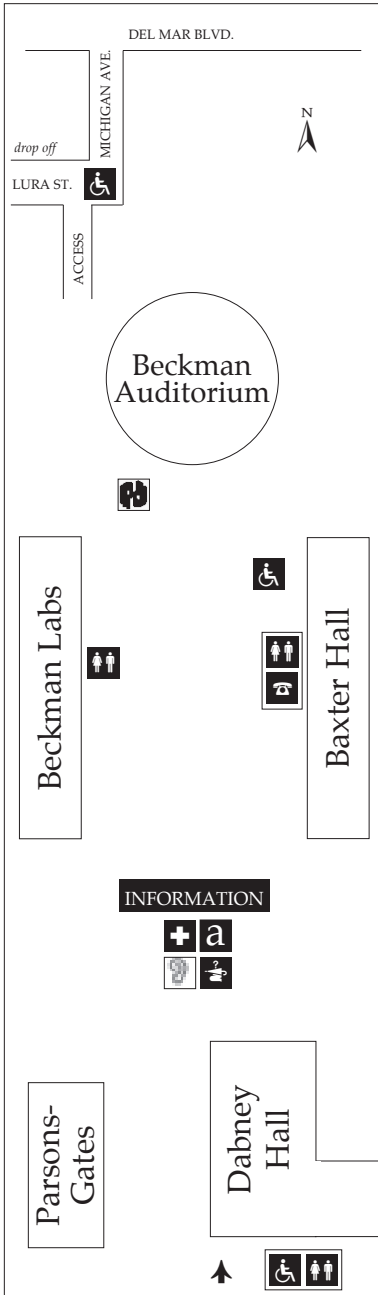
## *Hail CIT*

*(Caltech alma mater)*





By Manton Barnes, B.S. '21

In Southern California with grace and splendor bound,  
Where the lofty mountain peaks look out to lands beyond,  
Proudly stands our Alma Mater, glorious to see;  
We raise our voices proudly, hailing, hailing thee.  
Echoes ringing while we're singing over land and sea,  
The halls of fame resound thy name, noble CIT.










## SERVICES FOR COMMENCEMENT GUESTS

-  PUBLIC TELEPHONES are available in Baxter Hall.
-  RESTROOMS are available in Baxter Hall, Beckman Labs, and Dabney Hall.
-  FIRST AID SERVICES are available at the Information Center.
-  LOST AND FOUND items may be reported and/or claimed at the Information Center.

ATHENAEUM luncheon tickets will be on sale at the Information Center from 8 to 10 a.m.

## SPECIAL SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

-  ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES are available at the Information Center. A driver's license or state-issued ID card is required.
-  LARGE-TYPE PROGRAMS (abridged) are available at the Information Center.
-  AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) interpreters are stationed at the west front of the ceremony seating area.
-  PEOPLE WHO USE WHEELCHAIRS, and their guests, will find a special section near the east front of the ceremony seating area.
-  RESTROOMS ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WHO USE WHEELCHAIRS are located on the first floors of Dabney Hall and Baxter Hall.

