

# students, faculty and opportunities for collaboration

James Battat (on behalf of my colleagues)

## Wellesley College (founded 1870)



#### 13 miles west of Boston

#### Undergrad liberal arts college

"provide an excellent liberal arts education to women who will make a difference in the world."

#### 2,400 students

Need-blind admissions 50% students of color 25% first-gen 20% low-income

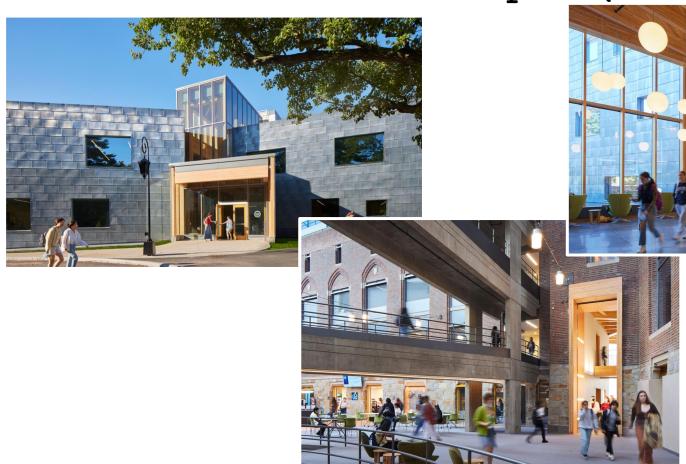
#### Cross-registration

MIT Olin (engineering) Babson (business)

#### **Emerging Research Institution**

ERI, but not an MSI Eligible for DOE RENEW & FAIR

## New Science Center/Complex (2022)



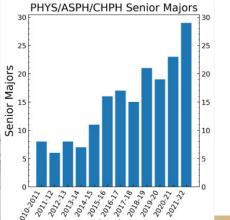
## Wellesley physics students, then and now





## Growing physics major

2012: 6 majors/yr2022: 29 majors/yr







## Bachelors degrees, women in physics, per year (2017-2021)

	Institution	Highest Degree	Women per year
1	University of Washington	PhD	35
2	UC Berkeley	PhD	28
3	MIT	PhD	24
4	Illinois Urbana/Champaign	PhD	24
5	UCLA	PhD	20
6	Wellesley College	Bachelors	18
7	UC Santa Cruz	PhD	18
8	Rutgers	PhD	17
9	U. Texas, Austin	PhD	16
10	Colorado School of Mines	PhD	16

## Bachelors degrees, women in physics, per year (2017-2021)

	Institution	Highest Degree	Women per year	Total per year
1	University of Washington	PhD	35	177
2	UC Berkeley	PhD	28	125
3	MIT	PhD	24	73
4	Illinois Urbana/Champaign	PhD	24	146
5	UCLA	PhD	20	78
6	Wellesley College	Bachelors	18	18
7	UC Santa Cruz	PhD	18	69
8	Rutgers	PhD	17	76
9	U. Texas, Austin	PhD	16	90
10	Colorado School of Mines	PhD	16	65

Data: Patrick Mulvey, AIP

## Wellesley physics alumnae you may know



#### Persis Drell '77

2017 - 2023 Provost, Stanford 2014 - 2017 Dean of Engineering, Stanford 2007 - 2012 Director, SLAC



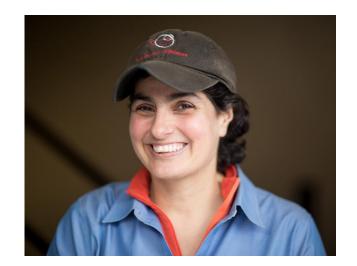
## Pam Melroy '83

2021 - now NASA Deputy Administrator

Astronaut
2007 STS-120 Mission
Commander
2002 STS-112 Pilot

STS-92 Pilot

2000



### Nergis Mavalvala '90

2020 - Dean MIT School of Science2010 MacArthur Fellow

Leading member of LIGO

## Recent alums (e.g.)

12 of my lab alumnae who graduated in the past 4 years joined grad programs in physics/STEM: Berkeley, U. Chicago (2), Harvard, Michigan State, U. Minnesota, MIT, Stanford, Tufts, Virginia Tech, U. Wisconsin & Yale.

... also one Fulbright fellowship (astroparticle physics, University of Tokyo)





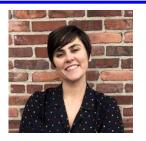
## Wellesley physics, astronomy and engineering faculty





































## Wellesley Solar Lab PI: Rebecca Belisle

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Developing wide bandgap perovskites for tandem solar cells.

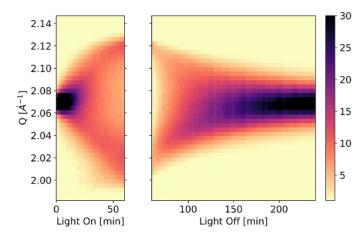
Uses *in situ* Grazing-Incidence Wide-Angle X-ray Scattering to characterize crystallization and degradation of perovskites.

Currently working at SSRL, and would be interested in expanding work to NSLS II (11-BM).

Wellesley students working at SSRL



GIWAXS data collected on mixed halide perovskites under illumination at SSRL beamline 11-3





## Samantha Lewis Assistant Professor

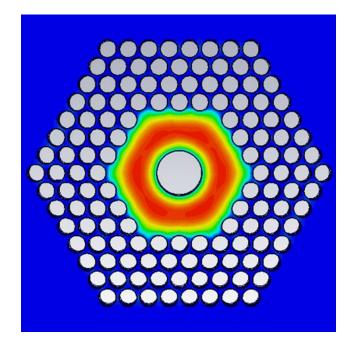
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## Axion haloscope cavities Novel resonator designs for axion haloscopes

Advanced accelerator cavities
Developing cavities to enable high
gradient particle accelerators

## Quantum sensing

Impact of ionizing radiation on superconducting qubit errors; interested in applying qubits to axion dark matter searches



Simulated electric field of tunable photonic band gap resonator prototype for HAYSTAC axion search.



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### Background:

- BS/PhD in Nuclear Science and Engineering (MIT, Berkeley, FNAL)
- Experience with many accelerator systems, electron sources Instructor at USPAS (US Particle Accelerator School) January 2023, previous attendee

#### Would like to learn more about:

- BNL accelerator R&D, potential collaboration opportunities for cavity and/or electron source development
- Any low temperature or high magnetic field test facilities
- Resources for developing nuclear physics and particle accelerator coursework



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## Future work in Quantum Information Theory

Topologically protected computing algorithms to be explored through the dynamical braiding of anyonic excitations

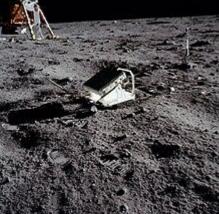
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## Lunar Laser Ranging (APOLLO)





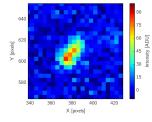


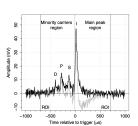


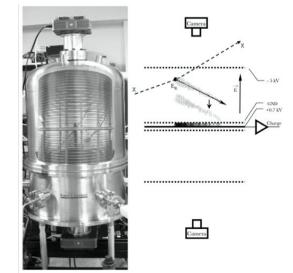
Dark matter detection (directional)
Gas-based Time Projection Chambers

DMTPC electron drift (CF<sub>4</sub>), CCD imaging

DRIFT negative-ion drift (SF<sub>6</sub>), wire readout









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#### Digital Wire Analyzer of Mechanical Tension, Electrical Continuity, and Isolation

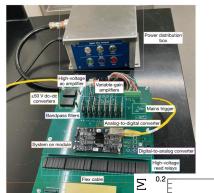
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#### Neutrino detection

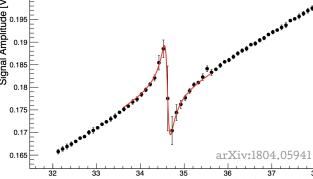


Wellesley joined DUNE in 2019 First LAC member (to my knowledge)

Far detector Anode Plane Assembly wire tension measurements



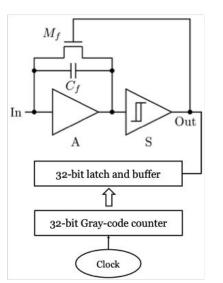
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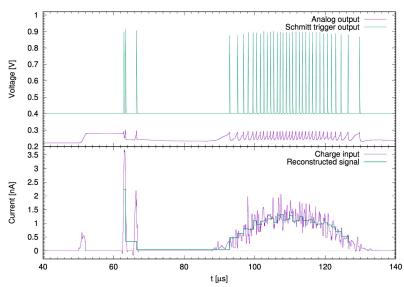


AC Frequency [Hz]



#### Pixelated Readout for LAr detectors













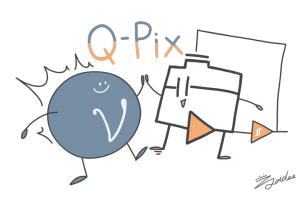






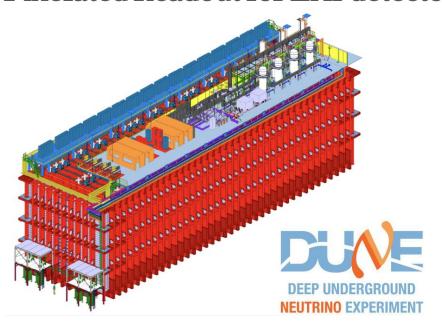








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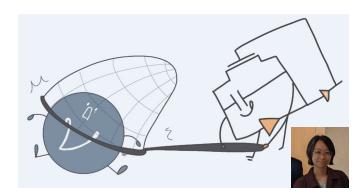






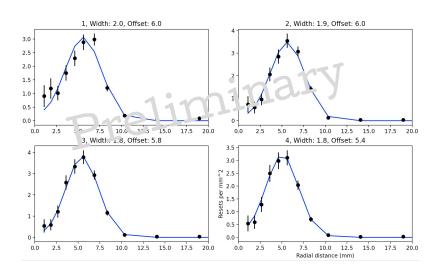








## Measurement of e<sup>-</sup> diffusion in gas using Q-Pix prototype at Wellesley



















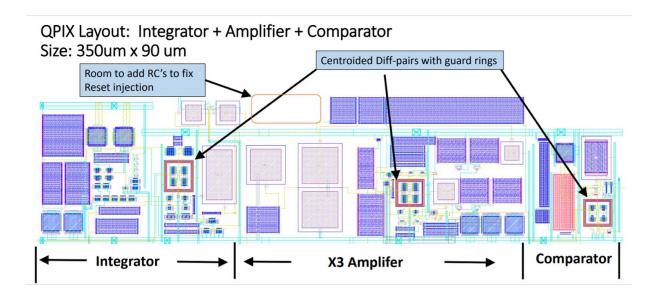








## Q-Pix ASIC now exists - time to test























## Quantum Information





Robbie Berg

Katie Hall

Expand research and hands-on curricular opportunities related to quantum information and devices.

#### Currently our students are:

building entangled photon sources, measuring single photon interference, measuring optically detected magnetic resonance with nitrogen vacancies in diamond









Dr. Tina Brower-Thomas Dr. Kimberly Jones Howard University

Investigating applications for non-classical states of light (with Dr. Jon Habif at USC's ISI in Waltham, MA)

Actively pursuing projects and partnerships to increase opportunities for our students in these fields and to help grow the quantum workforce.

# We look forward to continued conversations and future collaborations!



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