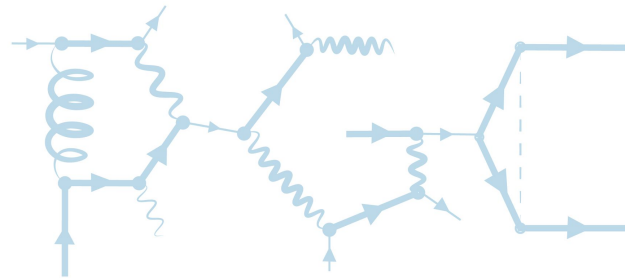


PGC Presentation Open House 2020 (Zoom Edition)



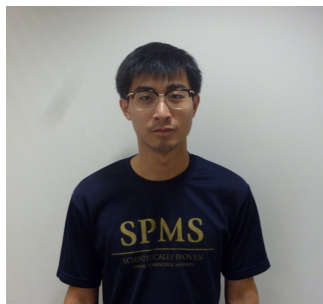
Columbia Physics Grad Council

Representatives from Physics Graduate Council
(Apoorv, Bárbara, Ben, Elena, Luke, Roman, Sun)

Current PGC Board



President
Roman Berens



Graduate Liaisons
Guanhao Sun and Luke Krauth



Climate and Diversity Liaison
Bárbara Cruvinel Santiago



Social Chairs
Ben Gilbert and Elena Busch



International Liaison
Apoorv Jindal

What does the PGC do?

- The Physics Graduate Council serves as a formal and direct link between graduate students and the Physics Department and professors.
- The PGC coordinates different graduate student initiatives and leadership roles within the department.
- Formed at the start of 2017 after discussion at the Nevis Retreat.
- Annual presentation about student concerns at the Nevis Retreat.
- Elections held at the start of spring semester.

Recent Initiatives

- Restructuring of PGC (from 5 to 7 members)
- Official GSAS recognition (\$\$\$)
- Open Thesis Defenses
 - Began fall 2018
- Advising Committees
 - Third-years and above have to meet once a year with their committees to track their progress
- PGC has faculty advising group
- New and improved department website

Recent Initiatives (cont)

- **Quals**
 - Survey
 - Push to restructure
 - Town hall to be rescheduled to the COVID-19 outbreak
- **Coursework**
 - Push to expand current graduate course offerings
 - Push to make requirements more flexible
- **Social events**
 - Budget from dept
 - Push to have more student/faculty interactions
 - New events started

Welcome Trivia



A chalkboard with a scoreboard showing the final results of the trivia event. The scoreboard lists teams and their scores across five rounds, with a total score for each team.

TEAM	Round 1 Physics	Round 2 NYC & Cultural	Round 3 Entertainment	Mid-tournament Talks	Round 4 / Round 5 Geography / Arts vs. Science	TOTAL
ITZ121:	5.5	2	5.5	13	4 4	21
5 guys, 1 girl	7.5	3	8.5	19	2.5 3	24.5
Children of Christ are old!	4.5	2	6	12.5	3 3	18.5
Fiber on Tigers	2.5	3	5	10.5	3 1	14.5
Barbless barbules barbarous Bards	4.5	3	6	13.5	3 4	20.5
Mean Field Theory	7	4	6	17	9 4	30**

First Annual Summer Barbeque



First Annual Halloween Party



Events organized by the department/other students

- Coffee Hour
- Friday Happy Hour/Student Talk
- Spectra lunches with professors
- Spectra Annual LN2 Ice Cream
- Annual Nevis Retreat
- Community Round Table

Other Department Activities

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A Momentous Coffee Break

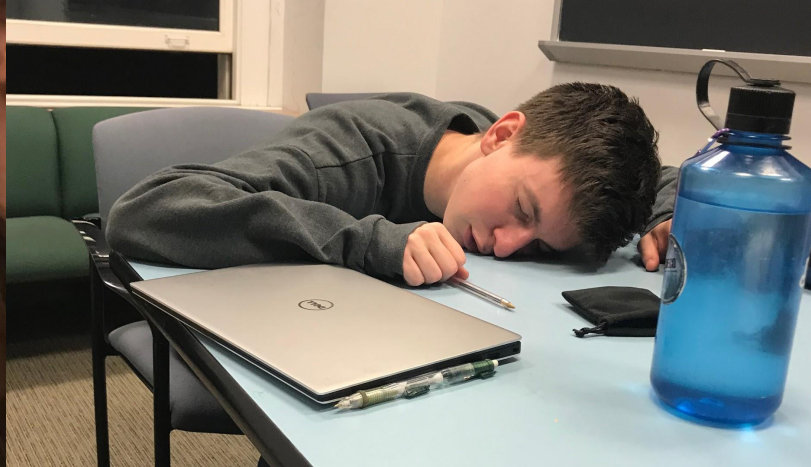
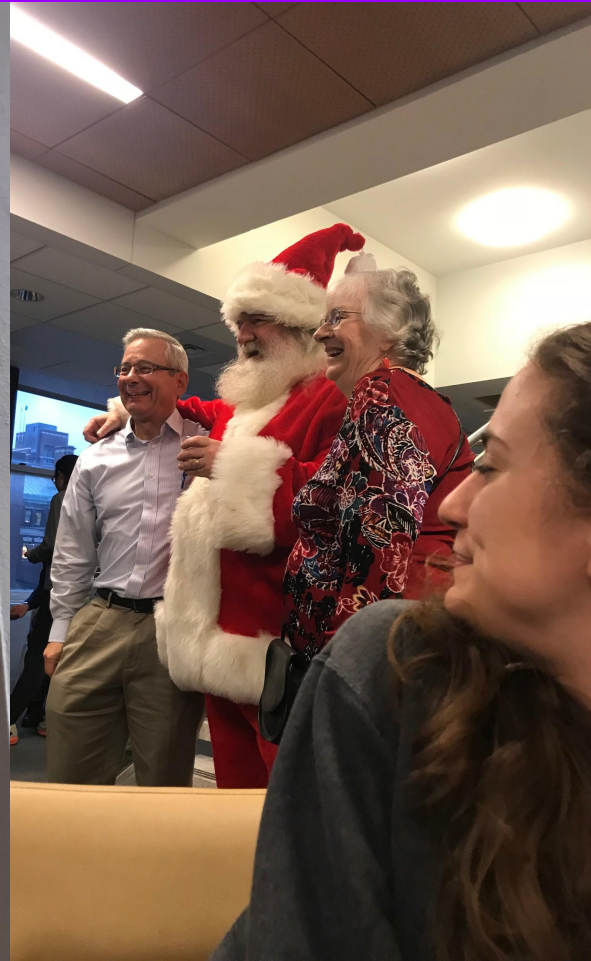
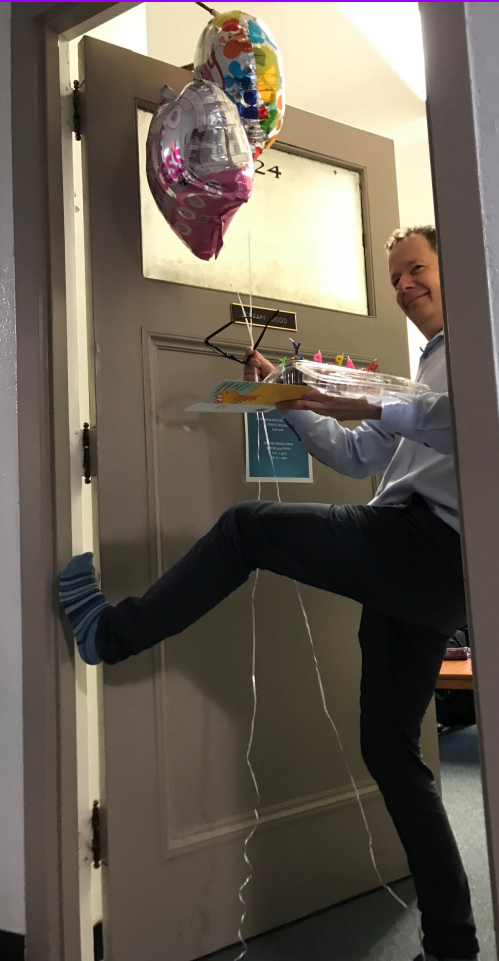
It was at a coffee break at the Pupin Physics Building on the Columbia campus that Dr. Schwartz first proposed the possibility of creating beams of high-energy neutrinos in the laboratory for use as research tools. With Dr.



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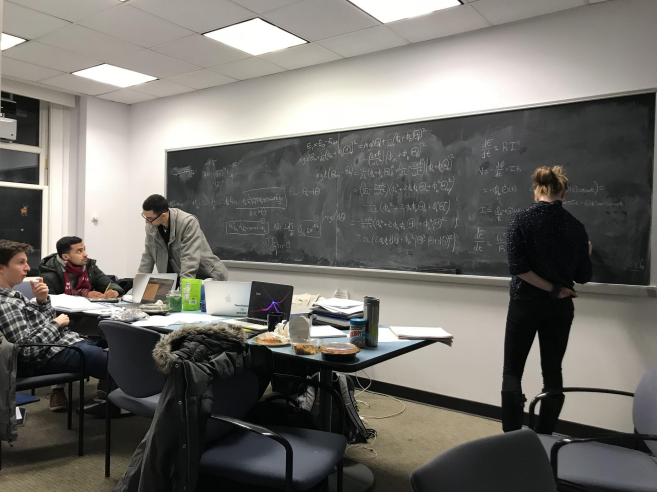
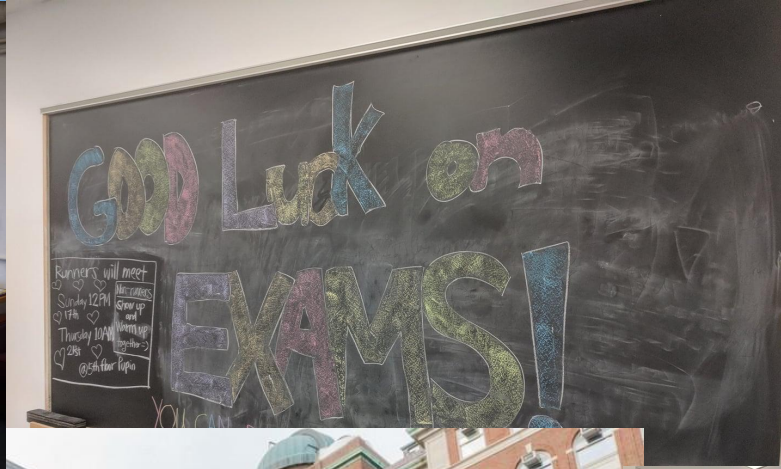
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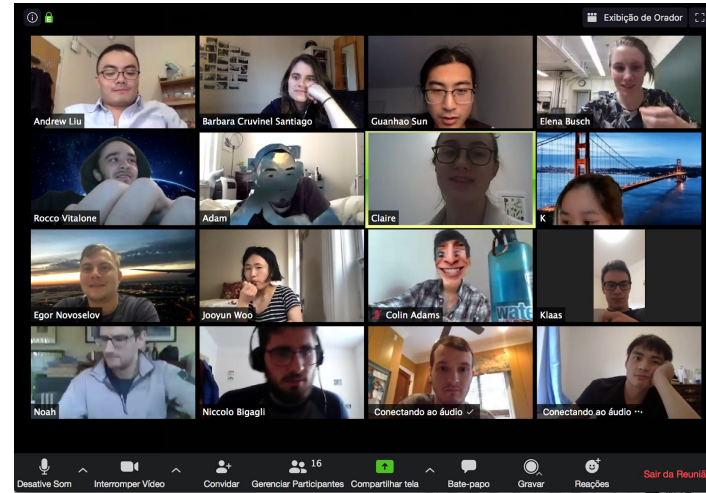


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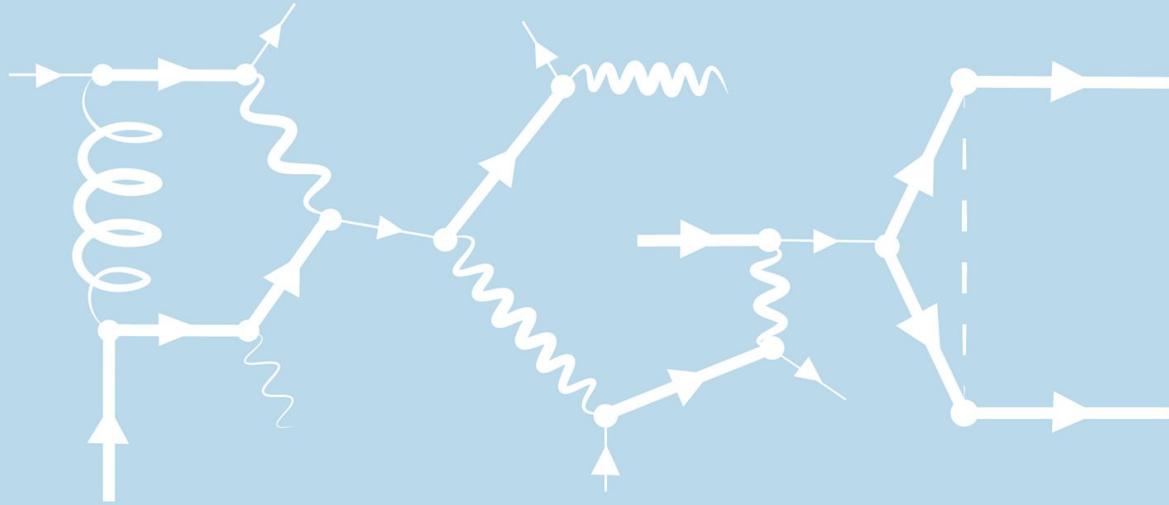


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- Contact any of us!
- Find our emails on the department page:
<https://physics.columbia.edu/content/physics-graduate-council>
- Come to Coffee Hour today!!! (Link in the chat.)
 - Meeting ID: 401-041-509



Thank you for your time!



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