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## Education

Washington University, St. Louis, MO. *September 2003 to May 2007*  
B.S. in Physics, Second Major in Applied Math

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI *September 2008 to July 2015*  
Ph.D. Physics

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## Academic Research Experience

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| <b>Princeton University</b><br><i>Postdoctoral Scholar</i> (Adviser: Jeff Thompson)  | Princeton, NJ<br><i>Aug. 2019 to present</i>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ytterbium tweezer arrays for quantum computing</li><li>• Strong atom-atom interactions through Rydberg states</li></ul>                    |  |
| <b>California Institute of Technology</b><br><i>Postdoctoral Scholar</i> (Adviser: Jeff Kimble)  | Pasadena, CA<br><i>Aug. 2015 to Aug. 2019</i>  |
| <i>Promoted to Quantum Optics Research Scientist (Sep. 2017)</i>   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Quantum optics with atoms trapped near nanophotonic structures</li><li>• Atom photon interactions in photonic crystal waveguides</li></ul> |  |
| <b>University of Michigan Physics Department</b><br><i>Graduate Student Research Assistant</i> (Adviser: Duncan Steel)   | Ann Arbor, MI<br><i>May 2010 to July 2015</i>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Quantum dot spectroscopy</li><li>• Quantum information and entanglement studies with quantum dots</li></ul>                                |  |
| <b>University of Michigan Physics Department</b><br><i>Graduate Student Research Assistant</i> (Adviser: Bing Zhou)  | Ann Arbor, MI<br><i>Feb. 2009 to May 2010</i>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Experimental high energy physics (ATLAS collaboration)</li></ul>   |  |
| <b>Princeton University Physics Department</b><br><i>Research Scientist</i> (Supervisor: Christiano Galbiati)  | Princeton, NJ<br><i>July 2007 to July 2008</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Astroparticle physics/detector characterization</li></ul>  |  |
| <b>Washington University Physics Department</b><br><i>Undergraduate Research Assistant</i> (Adviser: Henric Krawczynski)   | St. Louis, MO<br><i>June 2004 to May 2007</i>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• X-Ray astrophysics</li></ul>   |  |
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## Academic Honors

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| <b>Wirt and Mary Cornwell Prize</b> (University of Michigan)   | 2015         |
| "Given to a single graduate student who has demonstrated the greatest intellectual curiosity, original study and creative work." |              |
| <b>Ford Fellowship</b> (University of Michigan)  | 2008 to 2010 |
| "Given to one incoming graduate student covering full tuition and stipend for 2 years."  |              |
| <b>McDonnell Fellowship</b> (Washington University)  | 2006         |

### Teaching Experience

- Graduate student instructor for “Applied Quantum Mechanics” 2014
- Leading two recitation sections each week and grading assignments.
- Graduate student instructor “Electricity and Magnetism Lab” 2011
- Taught two labs each week covering concepts in E&M.
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### Volunteering & Outreach

- Career Day Volunteer at KIPP Illuminar Academy, East Los Angeles 2016-2019
- Talk with students about a career in STEM.
- Innovation day volunteer at KIPP Illuminar Academy, East Los Angeles 2017-2109
- Helps students navigate projects promoting science and engineering.
- Physics Graduate council **\*Founding Member\***, Michigan 2014-2015
- Organize events and outreach.
- Coordinator for Physics gradstudent summer symposium, Michigan 2010
- Organize summer lecture series; line up speakers.
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### Journal Referee

- Physical Review Letters
  - Quantum Materials, Nature
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### Publications

**Burgers, A. P.**, Ma, S., Liu, G., Wilson, J., Zhang, B., Thompson, J. D., *High-fidelity multi-qubit gates in Yb atom arrays using a nuclear spin qubit*. In preparation (2021)

**Burgers, A. P.**, Ma, S., Saskin, S., Wilson, J., Thompson, J. D., *Controlling Rydberg excitations using ion core transitions in alkaline earth tweezer arrays*. In review PRX Quantum (2021) arXiv:2110.06902

Beguin, J., Laurat, J., Luan, X., **Burgers, A. P.**, Luan, X. Qin, Z., & Kimble, H. J. *Reduced volume and reflection for bright optical tweezers with radial Laguerre-Gauss beams*. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. **117**, 26019-26117 (2020) arXiv:2001.11498

X. Luan, J-B Beguin, **A. P. Burgers**, ZZ Qin, S-P Yu, H. J. Kimble, *The Integration of Photonic Crystal Waveguides with Atom Arrays in Optical Tweezers*. Advanced Quantum Technologies **2020**, 2000008.

Wilson, J., Saskin, S., Meng, Y., Ma, S., **Burgers, A. P.** Thompson, J. D., *Efficient trapping of alkaline earth Rydberg atoms in optical tweezers*. In review Phys Rev Lett (2021). arXiv:1912.08754

Beguin\*, J., **Burgers\***, **A. P.**, Luan, X. Qin, Z., & Kimble, H. J. *An advanced apparatus for the integration of nanophotonics and cold atoms*. Optica, **7**, 1 (2020). arXiv:1912.02198

\*Equal contribution

**Burgers, A. P.**, Peng, L. S., Muniz, J. A., McClung, A. C., M. J. Martin & Kimble, H. J. *Clocked delivery of cold atoms to a photonic crystal waveguide*. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. **116**, 456-465 (2019). arXiv:1810.07757

Beguin, J., Qin, Z., **Burgers, A. P.**, Peng, L. S., & Kimble, H. J. *Mechanical modes in a photonic crystal waveguide*. In Preparation (2019).

Paudel, U., **Burgers, A. P.**, Yakes, M. K., Bracker, A. S., Gammon, D., & Steel, D. G. *Frequency-dressing a stream of single photons with preserved coherence*. Phys. Rev. A **98**, 011802(R) (2018).

Hill, A. D., Hervas, D., Nash, J., Graham, M., **Burgers, A. P.**, Paudel, U., ... & Wang, J. *Optimizing single-mode collection from pointlike sources of single photons with adaptive optics*. *Optics Express*, **25(16)**, 18629-18642 (2017).

**Burgers, A. P.** "Towards Quantum Teleportation from a Spontaneous Parametric Down-Conversion Source to a Quantum Dot Spin by Hong-Ou-Mandel Interference." Dissertation, University of Michigan (2015).

**Burgers, A. P.**, Schaibley, J. S., Steel, D. G., *Entanglement and Quantum Optics with Quantum Dots*, In "From Atomic to Mesoscale: The Role of Quantum Coherence in Systems of Various Complexities". World Scientific Press, Ed. Svetlana Malinovskaya, Irina Novikova, and Christian Buth. (2015).

Schaibley\*, J. S., **Burgers\***, A. P., McCracken, G. A., Duan, L-M, Berman, P. R., Bracker, A. S., Gammon, D., Sham, L. J., Steel, D. G., *Demonstration of Quantum Entanglement Between a single Quantum Dot Electron Spin and a Photon*. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **110**, 167401 (2013). Editor's Choice in **Science**.

\*Equal contribution

Schaibley, J.S., **Burgers, A.P.**, McCracken, G.A., Bracker, A.S., Gammon, D., Sham, L.J., Steel, D.G., *Direct Detection of Time Resolved Rabi Oscillations in a Single Quantum Dot via Resonance Fluorescence*. *Phys. Rev. B* **87**, 115311 (2013)

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## Invited Talks

**Quantum Science with Ytterbium Rydberg Atoms in Optical Tweezer Arrays**. APS March Meeting, Denver, CO (March 2020)

**Quantum Matter Built from Strongly Interacting Systems of Atoms and Photons**. Department of Physics, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO (February 2020)

**Atom-Light Interactions in Photonic Crystal Waveguides**. Department of Physics, University of Indiana, Bloomington, IN (February 2019)

**Atom-Light Interactions in Photonic Crystal Waveguides**. Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY (January 2019)

**Engineering Atom-Light Interactions in Photonic Crystal Waveguides**. Physics of Quantum Electronics Conference (PQE), Snowbird, UT (January 2019)

**Engineering Atom-Light Interactions in Photonic Crystal Waveguides**. Physics Department, Washington University, St. Louis, MO (November 2018)

**Engineering Atom-Light Interactions in Photonic Crystal Waveguides**. College of Optical Sciences, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ (February 2018)

**Engineering Atom-Light Interactions in Photonic Crystal Waveguides**. Physics Department, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ (December 2017).

**Engineering Light-Matter Interactions in Photonic Crystal Waveguides**. Institute for Quantum Information and Matter, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA (November 2017)

**Coherent Optical Control of Quantum Dots: Spin Qubits and Flying Qubits** APS March Meeting, San Antonio, TX (2015)

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## Conference Presentations

A. P. Burgers, S. Ma, S. Saskin, J. Wilson, J.D. Thompson “*Quantum Science with Ytterbium Rydberg Atoms in Optical Tweezer Arrays*” APS Division of Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics, Vitual (2021)

A. P. Burgers, L. S. Peng, J.A. Muniz, A.C. McClung, H.J. Kimble, “*Engineering Atom-Light Interactions in Photonic Crystal Waveguides*” Gordon Research Conference: Atomic Physics, Newport, RI (2019)

A. P. Burgers, L. S. Peng, J.A. Muniz, A.C. McClung, H.J. Kimble, “*Engineering Atom-Light Interactions in Photonic Crystal Waveguides*” International Conference on Atomic Physics (ICAP), Barcelona, Spain (2018)

A. P. Burgers, L. S. Peng, J.A. Muniz, A.C. McClung, H.J. Kimble, “*Engineering Atom-Light Interactions in Photonic Crystal Waveguides*” Gordon Research Conference: Quantum Science, Easton, MA (2018)

A. P. Burgers, L. S. Peng, J.A. Muniz, A.C. McClung, H.J. Kimble, “*Engineering Atom-Light Interactions in Photonic Crystal Waveguides*” APS March Meeting, Los Angeles, CA (2018)

A. P. Burgers, L. S. Peng, J.A. Muniz, A.C. McClung, H.J. Kimble, “*Engineering Atom-Light Interactions in Photonic Crystal Waveguides*” APS Division of Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics, Sacramento, CA (2017)

A. P. Burgers, L. S. Peng, J.A. Muniz, A.C. McClung, H.J. Kimble, “*Optical Lattice Transport of Atoms to Photonic Crystals*”, Workshop on Light Matter Interactions in Low Dimensions. ICFO, Castel De Fells, Spain (2017)

A. P. Burgers, L. S. Peng, J.A. Muniz, A.C. McClung, H.J. Kimble, “*Optical Lattice Delivery of Atoms to Photonic Crystals*” Gordon Research Conference: Atomic Physics, Newport, RI (2017)

A. P. Burgers, L. S. Peng, J.A. Muniz, A.C. McClung, H.J. Kimble, “*Nanosopic Atomic Lattices with Light Mediated Interactions*” Gordon Research Conference: Quantum Science, Easton, MA (2016)

A. P. Burgers, J. R. Schaibley, G. A. McCracken, L.-M. Duan, P. R. Berman, and D. G. Steel A.S. Bracker and D. Gammon L. J. Sham, “*Entanglement between a Quantum Dot and a Photon*”, Quantum Innovators Workshop, Waterloo, Canada (2014).

A. P. Burgers, J. R. Schaibley, G. A. McCracken, L.-M. Duan, P. R. Berman, and D. G. Steel A.S. Bracker and D. Gammon L. J. Sham, “*Demonstration of Entanglement between a photon and a Quantum Dot*”, APS Division of Laser Science Annual Meeting, Laser Science, Orlando, FL (2013).

A. P. Burgers, J. R. Schaibley, G. A. McCracken, L.-M. Duan, P. R. Berman, D. G. Steel, Allan Bracker, Daniel Gammon, and Lu Sham, “*Direct Detection of Optical Rabi Oscillations from a Single Quantum Dot*” CLEO/QELS, San Jose, CA (2013).