

Physics Department
Committee Assignments for 2026-2027

Department Chair	Biswas
Associate Chair	Weatherford

Undergraduate

Coordinator	Hershfield
Advisors	Andrews, Birzu, Hershfield, Laroche, Ray, S. Xu
Director of Labs	Yapa
Experiential Learning Coordinator	Weatherford
Online Teaching Coordinator	Kodikara
Learning Assistant Coordinator	Krishna
Large Course Textbook Coordinator	Kodikara
SPS Advisor	Andrews
Undergrad Affairs (Curriculum) Cmte	Hershfield (chair), Kodikara, Klimenko, Ray, *B. Xue

Graduate

Coordinator	Angelini
Ombuds	Chang
TA Training Coordinator	Pokharel
Grad Student Affairs Cmte (GSAC)	Angelini (chair), *B. Xue, Y. Lee, Houtz
Grad Recruitment & Admissions (GRAC)	*Fulda (chair, S27), Klimenko (chair, F26), Bartos, Blecha, Chen, Dror, *Hamlin, Korytov, Takahashi, J. Yu, Birzu, C. Jia, Konigsberg, S. Lee, Pedrozo, *Wang, S. Xu
Prelim Exam	Chair: Muttalib
	Reviewer: *B. Xue
	Exam Committee I – “sunrise” committee writes & grades Aug 2027, Jan 2028 exams: Andrews, Chang, P., *Fulda, Gazizulin, *Hamlin, C. Jia, Korytov, Laroche, Meisel, *Saab, Stewart, Takahashi
	Exam Committee II – “sunset” committee writes & grades Aug 2026, Jan 2027 exams: Ema, Furic, Klimenko, Maslov, Pedrozo, Ray, Simsek, Tanner, Woodard, S. Xu, *W. Xue, X.-X. Zhang

Teaching

Advisory Cmte on Teaching	*Saab (chair, S27), Yelton (chair, F26), Hershfield, Angelini, Bartos, Krishna
Large Course Teaching Cmte	Weatherford (chair), Bartos, *Fulda, *Hamlin, Hershfield, Kodikara, Korytov, Krishna, Pokharel, *Saab, Takano, Woodard, *B. Xue, Yelton, P. Chang (statistician)
Peer Evaluation of Teaching Cmte	Sullivan (chair), Krishna (co-chair), Andrews, Blecha, Ema, Maslov, Muttalib, *Saab, Stewart, Takano, Woodard, *W. Xue
Advanced Lab Committee	Furic (chair), Yapa, *Fulda, Takahashi, Tanner

Research/Infrastructure

Computing	Stanton (chair), Blecha (co-chair), Chang, Hansen, C. Jia
Helium	*Hamlin (chair), Y. Lee, X.-X. Zhang, Sullivan
Space & Safety Cmte	Stewart (S26), Furic, Stanton, Takano
Technical Operations Cmte	*Hamlin (chair), X.-X. Zhang (co-chair), S. Lee, Meisel, Sullivan

Personnel & Governance

Department Advisory Cmte	Ex officio: Hershfield, Angelini, Weatherford
Term ends Fall 2027:	Jeff Andrews, Philip Chang, *James Hamlin
Term ends Fall 2026:	[vacant], Laura Blecha, *Paul Fulda
Salary Review Cmte	Weatherford (chair)
Term ends Fall 2027:	*Paul Fulda, Selman Hershfield, Dominique Laroche
Term ends Fall 2026:	*Tarek Saab, David Tanner, *BingKan Xue
Faculty Meeting Recorder	Chen (F26), Pan (S27)
Broader Impacts (BIP)	Houtz (chair), Blecha, Hirschfeld, C. Jia, Laroche, Simsek, Takahashi, *B. Xue

Events, Awards, & Funds

Advanced Theor Physics Fund	Maslov (chair), Hirschfeld, Birzu, Dror, S. Xu
Commencement Marshal	Woodard (chair), Furic, Gazizulin, Kodikara, Pokharel, Simsek, Takano, *W. Xue
Faculty Award Nominations	Tanner (chair), Maslov (co-chair), Stewart
Undergrad Student Awards Cmte	Hershfield (chair), Chang, Houtz, Stanton
Fall Grad Poster Party (Dec 2026)	Pan, Simsek
GRE Review	Woodard, Takano

Center Directors

CCMS	C. Jia (interim)
IFT	Dror (Director), Shabanov (Assoc Dir), Maslov, Andrews, Birzu
IHEPA	Tanner, Korytov
Microkelvin	Meisel
QTP	Hennig

Seminars

Astrophysics	S. Xu (chair), Bartos
Colloquium Cmte	*B. Xue (F26 chair), *W. Xue (S 27 chair), Hirschfeld, C. Jia, Klimenko, Meisel, Takahashi
Condensed Matter / Biophysics	J. Yu, Simsek, X.-X. Zhang
High Energy	Dror, Ema

College & University

CLAS Committees:	Weatherford (Faculty Assembly Chair, 2026-2027), Krishna (Chair Nominating committee, 2025-27), *Fulda (Faculty Council, 2026-28), T&P (Stewart, 2023-26), Finance (Hamlin, 2023-26);
Univ Committees:	Pokharel (Faculty Senate, 2026-29), Curriculum (Weatherford), Krishna (Graduate School Teaching Awards), Ray (Genl Educn), Stewart (AFTPRS Cmte, 2024-27)

* Sabbatical/PDL/Leave:

Xue, W.	Sabbatical in AY2027-2028
Wang	Sabbatical in Fall 2026
Hamlin	Sabbatical in Fall 2026
Saab	Sabbatical in Fall 2026
Fulda	Sabbatical in Fall 2026, Fall 2027
Xue, B.	Sabbatical in Spr 2027

Faculty Mentoring

Andrews	Sullivan (chair), Blecha, Stanton
Birzu	*B. Xue (chair), Hagen, Angelini
Chen	X.-X. Zhang (chair), Y. Lee, Tanner
Chang	Korytov (chair), Klimenko, Takano
Dror	Klimenko (chair), Blecha, Stanton
Ema	Woodard (chair), Yelton, *Saab
Gazizulin	Meisel (chair), *Saab, *Hamlin
Houtz	Ray (chair), Yelton, Hirschfeld
Jia	Stanton (chair), Blecha, Hirschfeld
Kodikara	Weatherford (chair), Yelton, *Hamlin
Laroche	Lee (chair), Biswas, Maslov
S. Lee	Meisel (chair), Y. Lee, Takano
Pan	Hirschfeld (chair), Stanton, *Hamlin
Pedrozo Peñafiel	*Hamlin (chair), *Wang, Tanner
Pokharel	Weatherford (chair), Yelton, *Saab
Simsek	Angelini (chair), *B. Xue, Hagen
Takahashi	Korytov (chair), Yelton, *Saab
S. Xu	Blecha (chair), Bartos, Maslov
N. Yapa	Weatherford (chair), Krishna, Furic
J. Yu	Hirschfeld (chair), Sullivan, *Wang

Faculty Searches	TBD
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