

## APPOINTMENTS

- 2022 - present **Assistant Professor** University of California, San Diego  
Department of Computer Science and Engineering  
Department of Mathematics
- 2019 - 2022 **Postdoctoral Fellow** University of Waterloo - Institute for Quantum Computing

## EDUCATION

- 2013 - 2019 **Massachusetts Institute of Technology** Cambridge, MA.  
PhD in Computer Science  
*Three Complexity Classification Questions at the Quantum/Classical Boundary*  
Advisor: Scott Aaronson
- 2009 - 2013 **University of South Carolina** Columbia, SC.  
B.S. in Computer Science and Mathematics, GPA: 4.0

## PUBLICATIONS AND PREPRINTS

The premier conferences in my area are the Symposium on Theory of Computing/Foundations of Computer Science (STOC/FOCS) for general theoretical computer science and the conference on Quantum Information Processing (QIP) for quantum computing. For the papers appearing in one of these venues, I have included the name of the conference in bold. Since QIP does not have published proceedings, those works may also appear elsewhere. Also note that author ordering in my field is alphabetical by default (all exceptions below are evident).

- A. Bouland, D. J. Brod, I. Datta, B. Fefferman, D. Grier, F. Hernández, M. Oszmaniec. Complexity-theoretic foundations of BosonSampling with a linear number of modes. (**QIP 2024**)
- D. Grier, H. Pashayan, L. Schaeffer. Sample-Optimal Classical Shadows for Pure States. (TQC 2022).
- D. Grier, D. Brod, J. M. Arrazola, M. Benicio, N. Quesada. The Complexity of Bipartite Gaussian Boson Sampling. *Quantum*, 6:863, 2022. (**QIP 2022**).
- S. Bravyi, D. Gosset, D. Grier, L. Schaeffer. Classical Algorithms for Forrelation. *arXiv:2102.06963*. (**QIP 2022**).
- D. Grier, N. Ju, and L. Schaeffer. Interactive Quantum Advantage with Noisy, Shallow Clifford Circuits. *arXiv:2102.06833*. In submission 2021 (**QIP 2021**).
- D. Gosset, D. Grier, A. Kerzner, and L. Schaeffer. Fast Simulation of Planar Clifford Circuits. *arXiv:2009.03218*. In submission 2023 (**QIP 2021**).
- D. Padé, S. Fenner, D. Grier, and T. Thierauf. Depth-2 QAC Circuits Cannot Simulate Quantum Parity. *arXiv:2005.12169*. 2020.
- D. Grier, and L. Schaeffer. Interactive Shallow Clifford Circuits: Quantum Advantage Against  $NC^1$  and Beyond. *52nd Annual ACM SIGACT Symposium on Theory of Computing*, pp. 875-888, 2020 (**STOC 2020, QIP 2020**).

- S. Aaronson, D. Grier, and L. Schaeffer. A Quantum Query Complexity Trichotomy for Regular Languages. *IEEE 60th Annual Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science*, 942-965, 2019 (FOCS 2019, QIP 2019).
- D. Grier, and L. Schaeffer. New Hardness Results for the Permanent Using Linear Optics. *Computational Complexity Conference*, 33(19):1-29, 2018.
- D. Grier, and L. Schaeffer. The Classification of Clifford Gates over Qubits. *Quantum*, 6:734, 2022 (QIP 2018).
- S. Aaronson, D. Grier, and L. Schaeffer. The Classification of Reversible Bit Operations. *8th Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science Conference*, 67(23):1-34, 2017.
- I. Arad, A. Bouland, D. Grier, M. Santha, A. Sundaram, and S. Zhang. On the Complexity of Probabilistic Trials for Hidden Satisfiability Problems. *Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science*, 12:1-14, 2016.
- S. Fenner, D. Grier, R. Gurjar, A. Korwar, T. Thierauf. The Complexity of Poset Games. *Journal of Graph Algorithms and Applications*, 26(1):1-4, 2022.
- S. Fenner, D. Grier, J. Messner, L. Schaeffer, and T. Thierauf. Game Values and Computational Complexity: An Analysis via Black-White Combinatorial Games. *International Symposium on Algorithms and Computation*, 689-699, 2015.
- D. Grier. Deciding the Winner of an Arbitrary Finite Poset Game is PSPACE-complete. *International Colloquium on Automata, Languages, and Programming*, 497-503, 2013.
- D. Grier. On the Cyclic Van der Waerden Numbers. *Geombinatorics*, 21:129-131, 2012.

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## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 **Quantum Advantage with Shallow Clifford Circuits**  
Simons Quantum Cluster
- 2023 **Sample-Optimal Classical Shadows for Pure States**  
Google Quantum Theory Seminar  
UCSD Theory Seminar  
Information Theory and Applications Workshop
- 2022 **The Complexity of Bipartite Gaussian Boson Sampling**  
Conference on Quantum Information Processing  
NSF Workshop on Quantum Advantage and Next Steps
- April 2021 **Classical Algorithms for Forrelation**  
QuSoft Research Center for Quantum Software Seminar  
IBM Quantum Computing Seminar
- 2019 - 2020 **Interactive Shallow Clifford Circuits**  
IQC Math and Computer Science Seminar  
Quantum Software and Information seminar at University of Technology Sydney  
Conference on Quantum Information Processing
- January 2019 **A Quantum Query Complexity Trichotomy for Regular Languages**  
Conference on Quantum Information Processing
- 2018 - 2020 **New Hardness Results for the Permanent Using Linear Optics**  
Computational Complexity Conference  
University of Toronto CS Theory/CQICS Seminar  
University of Waterloo Tutte Colloquium

- December 2017 **The Classification of Reversible Bit Operations**  
Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science Conference
- December 2015 **Game Values and Computational Complexity**  
International Symposium on Algorithms and Computation
- July 2013 **Deciding the Winner of an Arbitrary Finite Poset Game is PSPACE-Complete**  
International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming

## TEACHING

- Spring 2024 **Introduction to Quantum Computing** UCSD.
- Fall 2023 **Computability and Complexity** UCSD.
- Spring 2023 **Theory of Computation** UCSD.
- Fall 2022 **Quantum Complexity Theory** UCSD.
- 2017 - 2019 **EECS Communication Lab Advisor** MIT.
- Fall 2017, 2018 **Design and Analysis of Algorithms** Teaching Assistant, MIT.
- Spring 2018 **Automata, Computability, and Complexity** Teaching Assistant, MIT.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2023 **Journal Editor** Quantum
- Program Committee** Quantum Information Processing (QIP 2024), Theory of Quantum Computation, Communication and Cryptography (TQC 2023), IEEE International Conference on Quantum Computing & Engineering (QCE 2020, 2021, 2022)
- Journal Reviewer** Science, Quantum, Theoretical Computer Science, Computational Complexity, Journal of the ACM, Quantum Information and Computation, npj Quantum Information, IEEE Transactions on Computers, IEEE Transactions on Information Theory, Linear Algebra and Its Applications.
- Conference Reviewer** IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS), ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC), Conference on Quantum Information Processing (QIP), Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science (ITCS), Symposium on Theoretical Aspects of Computer Science (STACS), Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science (MFCS), Theory of Quantum Computation, Communication and Cryptography (TQC), IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT).
- 2023 **CS Theory Seminar host** UCSD.
- 2021 - 2022 **IQC-QulCS Math and Computer Science Seminar Co-host** Virtual seminar sponsored by the Institute for Quantum Computing (Waterloo) and the Joint Center for Quantum Information and Computer Science (Maryland).

## AWARDS

- 2013 - 2018 **NSF Graduate Research Fellowship**
- April 2013 **CRA Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Award - Finalist**

April 2013 **Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Mathematics**  
April 2013 **Outstanding Senior in Computer Science**  
March 2012 **Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship**