Welcome to our new hints and tips section! Please email daphne.klemme@yale.edu with any helpful tips that will help us work to our best ability.

For any travel, business or personal, as soon as you know the dates you will be travelling book your flights for the best rates.

A Note from the Climate and Diversity Committee (CDC).

Many of you know about our work, but here is a brief re-introduction of who we are and what we do.

In the CDC we aim to support the Department’s goals to provide a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment for every member of our community. We are staff members, undergraduate and graduate students, and faculty committed to creating a work place whose core principles are based on diversity, equity, and inclusion, as we strive to obtain our goals of excellence in research, teaching, and mentoring.

We identify resources and best practice activities available within the Department and the University, as well as in the wider society, as climate and inclusion is also part of our global national discourse and we actively seek your ongoing input and suggestions for the enhancement of the professional climate and diversity of our Department.

Importantly, the CDC will help to identify confidential resources for any member of the Department should particular challenges arise.

Our goal of joining the Newsletter is to provide a weekly short contribution highlighting resources we consider interesting and relevant to the department.

Please look for it as we attempt to curate material that could make us all better members of the Department and of society at large.

The CDC convenes once a month. If interested in joining please contact Helen Caines (helen.caines@yale.edu), Chair of CDC. You may contact the whole committee at physics-cdc@mailman.yale.edu

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Save the Date

Reading Week is December 7-13, 2018 with exams being December 13-19, 2018, starting at 7pm on December 13th. Good luck!

Seminars

Monday, December 3

2:30pm in Sloane Physics Lab 51. Graduate Methods Seminar. Sohan Vartak, Yale University, "Monte Carlo Methods".

3:30pm in Sloane Physics Lab 57. Physics Club Talk. Bjorn Schenke, Brookhaven National Laboratory, "How small a fluid can we make?". Host: John Harris/Helen Caines. Tea after the talk outside SPL 57.

4:00pm in Sterling Chemistry Lab 160. Department of Chemistry Lecture in Biophysical Chemistry. Dr. Maxim Prigozhin, Stanford University, "New methods to reveal the nanoscale motions of macromolecules"

Tuesday, December 4

11:00am in Yale Quantum Institute Seminar Room. Yale Quantum Institute Colloquium. Olivier Buisson, Institut NEEL, “Fast high fidelity qubit readout using cross-kerr coupling”.


1:00pm in Wright Lab 216. Nuclear/Particle/Astrophysics Seminar. Friederike Bock, CERN, “Photon-related measurement in ALICE”. Lunch in WLC-245 prior to seminar. RSVP required.

2:30pm in Watson Center A-51. Yale Astronomy Post-Doctoral Fellows Seminar. Dr. Shuo Kong, Yale University, “Massive star and cluster formation in the ALMA era: what do we learn by comparing infrared dark cloud with Orion”.


Wednesday, December 5

12:00pm in Wright Lab 216. Yale Physics Professional Development Organization. Panel discussion on Ph.D. summer internships. Luyao Jian, Xin Xiong, and Luyao Shi. Lunch is served starting at 11:45am RSVP requested.

1:00pm in Becton Seminar Room. Solid State & Optics Seminar. Prof. Luqiao Liu, MIT, “Magnetic Switching with Topological Insulator and Compensated Ferrimagnet”. Host: Charles Ahn.
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Sandra Tranquilli (Graduate Registrar) Happy trails to you! And enjoy your retirement. The department will miss you (and your bagels).

Faustin Carter (PhD’15) was featured in the Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences News for his work at the South Pole. Click here for the full story.

Yale Day of Instrumentation - November 16, 2018
On Nov. 16, Yale celebrated the tangible evidence of its commitment to scientific inquiry and research excellence: its array of instrumentation. Click here for full story.

Four Yale faculty members named AAAS Fellows
Charles H. Ahn (William K. Lanman Jr. Professor of Applied Physics)

His previous awards include a fellowship from the American Physical Society and the American Vacuum Society’s Peter Mark Memorial Award. He has also earned an Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship, a Yale Junior Faculty Fellowship, the David and Lucile Packard Fellowship in Science and Engineering, and a National Science Foundation CAREER Award. Ahn was honored for his “leadership in the creation of complex oxide materials and heterostructures with picometer resolution and control of superconductivity, magnetism, and ferroelectricity.”

Ahn is director of the Center for Research on Interface Structures and Phenomena and is also director of the Yale Institute for Nanoscience and Quantum Engineering.

Click here for the full story in Yale News

Peter Rakich (Associate Professor of Applied Physics) research in Yale News, “Making sound ‘chill out’”. Yale scientists have discovered that laser light can be used to cool traveling sound waves in a silicon chip. Their findings appear in the Nov. 27 online edition of the journal Physical Review X. Click here for the full story in Yale News.

3rd Annual WWN Recognition Award – Nominations Are Now Open!

The WWN Recognition Award is an annual award that recognizes up to five women currently employed at Yale who have been exemplary members of the community at Yale. The individuals receiving this honor may be selected for a wide range of achievements, but overall, will have distinguished themselves through a commitment to changing the University through their personal efforts. For example, an awardee could have had an impact on a project or team by demonstrating a positive attitude, gone beyond the call of duty to get the job done, or demonstrated a love for learning new skills.

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Yale Travel News
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Tuition Reimbursement Claims

To learn more and enroll, visit It’s Your Yale – Enroll. Then click Enroll Now, which takes you to Workday. Once in Workday, click on your Inbox icon in the upper right-hand corner and choose the Open Enrollment task to start your enrollment.

Yale Benefits Annual Enrollment!

Now through December 14 is the time for you to elect your medical, dental, and vision benefits for next year. During this time you also have the opportunity to enroll (or re-enroll) in health care and dependent care Flexible Spending Accounts.

If you take no action, your benefits will remain the same for 2019, except for Flexible Spending Accounts. You must enroll (or re-enroll) in Flexible Spending Accounts every year. Please note: Deadline for flexible spending enrollment is December 14, 2018.

Learn More and Enroll

Remember to submit claims for tuition reimbursement now through December 14.

Yale Health, Yale’s flagship plan, is a not-for-profit, physician-led health insurance option exclusively for members of the Yale community. Located in a state-of-the-art medical center on campus, Yale Health offers a wide variety of health care services on-site including primary care, specialty care, 24/7 acute care, radiology, lab, and pharmacy. When your condition requires more specialized care or hospitalization, there’s an extensive network of specialists drawn largely from the faculty of Yale School of Medicine. With Yale Health, emergency care is covered anywhere in the world.

If you have any questions regarding your benefits, please contact an Employee Services representative by phone at 203-432-5552 or by email at employee.services@yale.edu.

Enroll now

Yale Postdoctoral Office – Update to Parental Leave Policy

The university has updated the parental leave policy for postdocs. Previously a postdoc needed to attest that s/he were the primary caregiver and that the spouse worked at least ¼ time during the leave. Under the new policy, a postdoc “must assume significant and sustained responsibility for the care of the child and is expected to be the caregiver at least half-time during normal working hours throughout the leave.” There is no employment requirement for the spouse. If both parents are postdocs, they may each go out on leave and could do so simultaneously if requested. The full policy is described at https://postdocs.yale.edu/policies/policies-postdoctoral-appointments/benefits-25-leaves.

Flu Shot Information

Flu Shot Clinics

Flu shots are free for all Yale staff, faculty, students, seniors and Yale Health members.

Adults and children over 5 years of age can go to any of the flu clinics. Children 6 months through 4 years can ONLY go to the flu clinics offered at the Yale Health Pediatrics Department. Children under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

High dose flu vaccine is available at all of the flu clinics except the ones at the Yale Health Pediatrics Department.

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*On these dates Flu FIT home-based colon cancer screening kits will be available for eligible adults with a Yale Health primary care provider.