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# Yale *Physics*

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## Upcoming Events

No events this week

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## News

### **Yale Physics alumni start peer mentoring program for 1st year graduate students**

SU(5) is a peer support and mentorship program for first year graduate students in physics and astronomy. For many students, the transition from undergraduate to graduate school can be difficult, as students balance TA responsibilities, classes, and research. Our goal is to make this transition easier. We hope



**JOIN SU(5)**

*A peer mentorship and support initiative for 1st year physics & astro students*

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We are a peer mentorship program for 1st year grad students in physics & astro. For many students, the transition from undergrad to grad school can be difficult. We are a group of graduate students who are working together to make this transition easier.

During the fall, students meet every two weeks online in groups of four, and each group is assigned a senior graduate student as a mentor.

We are free and open to all students. We especially encourage underrepresented students to apply. PhD, Master's, and post-baccalaureate students are all welcome.

Interested students can sign up at [www.su5.group/join](http://www.su5.group/join)

**DEADLINE: Aug. 31st, 2020**

to foster connections and community that go beyond this program and follow our students as they make their journey into academia.

[Click here to join.](#)

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### **Welcome Jinyong Ma (Postdoctoral Associate working with Jack Harris)**

Welcome to Jinyong Ma who comes to us as a postdoctoral associate working with Jack Harris. His current research is focused on quantum phenomena in a liquid optomechanical system where a cavity is filled superfluid He. Outside of physics he loves playing the guitar. Currently he is in Australia until he can make it here.

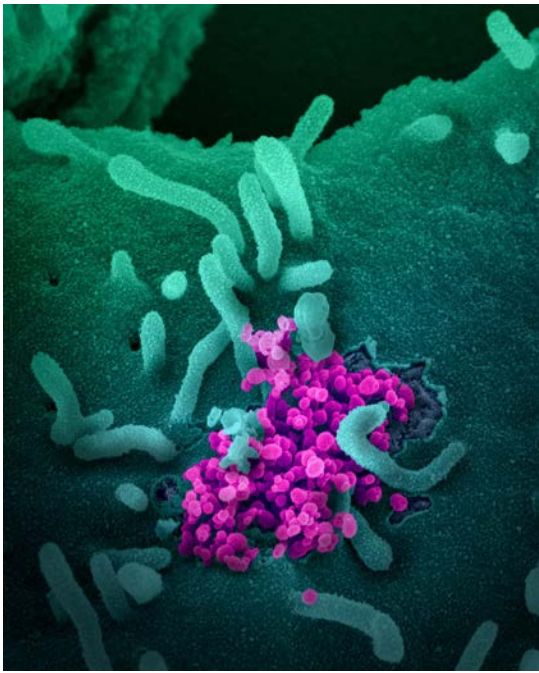
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### **COVID-19 Update – July 31st update**

[July 24th - Update from the University Karsten Heeger. On Phase II in Physics.](#)

[July 24th - Update from the University COVID-19 Coordinator. On mask use.](#)

- [COVID-19 Workplace Guidance website](#)



- [Yale College COVID-19 Announcements and FAQs](#)
- [Graduate School for Arts and Sciences 2020-2021 Academic Year FAQs for Graduate Students](#)
- [Further information on Yale's response.](#)

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## Community



## Climate and Diversity Committee

This week I am circulating this interesting article from the Chronicle of Higher Education on [Why Search Committees need to Emphasize Ideological Diversity](#), that promotes not only increasing campus diversity along demographic grounds but also ideologically. The author notes "Diversity well-practiced means that previously homogenous departments, which once naturally agreed on what they must do to meet common challenges, may still achieve the hard-won consensuses they seek, but only if they are willing to devote the increased time and intrinsic respect necessary to incorporate the views of those who see the world differently." A point we will need to take to heart as we write our department's IDE proposal this summer.

*If interested in joining the CDC, please contact [Helen Caines](#), Chair of CDC. You may contact the whole committee at [physics-cdc@mailman.yale.edu](mailto:physics-cdc@mailman.yale.edu)*

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