

## Gina M. Quan

### Present Address

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- Education**                      **University of Maryland, College Park**  
Ph.D. Physics (Expected)                      (Fall 2012-Present)
- University of California, Berkeley**  
B.A. Physics with High Honors                      (Spring 2012)
- Research Experience**                      **Graduate Research Assistant**                      (Fall 2012 - Present)  
University of Maryland, College Park  
*Supervisors: Dr. Andrew Elby, Dr. Ayush Gupta, Dr. Chandra Turpen*  
–Led interview and classroom data collection, developed interview protocols and surveys, conducted ethnographic and sociocultural analyses, mentored undergraduate researcher.
- Interdisciplinary Research Institute in STEM Education (I-RISE) Scholar**  
Seattle Pacific University                      (August 2012)  
*Supervisor: Dr. Rachel Scherr*  
–Qualitatively analyzed physics teachers’ forms of argumentation during a summer professional development program.
- Research Assistant**                      (Fall 2011- Spring 2012)  
University of California, Berkeley  
*Supervisors: Dr. Randi A. Engle, Dr. Andrea A. diSessa, Dr. Angela Little*  
–Developed a coding scheme to describe how undergraduate physics majors come to consensus on the definition of “physics model.”
- REU Intern**                      (Summer 2011)  
University of Washington  
*Supervisors: Dr. Paula Heron, Dr. Peter Shaffer, Dr. Lillian McDermott*  
–Designed and analyzed survey items probing students’ understanding of heat and temperature.
- Research Assistant**                      (Summer 2009- Fall 2010)  
University of California, Berkeley  
*Supervisors: Dr. Alex Zettl, Dr. Anna Zaniewski*  
–Synthesized plasmonic materials for thin film solar cells using UV and electron beam lithography.
- Awards**                      **UMD Outstanding Graduate Assistant-** Department of Physics                      (Spring 2016)  
**NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program-** Honorable Mention (Spring 2014)  
**UC Berkeley Physics Department Service Award-** Recipient                      (May 2012)  
**UC Berkeley Dean’s List -** Recipient                      (Fall 2011)  
**IBM Thomas J. Watson Scholarship -** Recipient                      (Fall 2008-Spring 2012)

## Teaching Experience

### Teaching Assistant & Curriculum Design

*University of Maryland, College Park*

- Engineering Learning Assistant Pedagogy Course (Fall 2016)  
*Pedagogy seminar for undergraduate peer educators in a freshman engineering design course.*  
–Co-designed discussion activities, course rubrics.
- Summer Girls Physics Summer Camp (Summer 2013, Summer 2014)  
*Modern physics camp for rising high school juniors and seniors.*  
–Redesigned curriculum for modern physics program to include project-based Arduino design component.
- PHYS299B: Developing a Physics Toolbox (Spring 2013, Spring 2014)  
*Research seminar which focuses on research skills, community building, and reflection; pairs students with research mentors.*  
–Co-designed activities to develop research skills, facilitate reflection.
- UNIV100: The Physics Student in the University (Fall 2012, Fall 2013)  
*Community building and problem solving seminar for undergraduate freshmen.*  
–Designed self-reflection rubrics; co-designed problem solving activities, discussion questions.

### High School Student Teacher

(Spring 2011- Fall 2011)

*Berkeley High School, El Cerrito High School*

## Refereed Publications

**Quan, G.,** Gupta, A., *Tensions in the Productivity of Design Task Tinkering.* (Under Review in *Journal of the Learning Sciences*).

**Quan, G.,** Elby, A., (2016) Connecting self-efficacy and views about nature of science in undergraduate research experiences. *Physical Review Physics Education Research*, 12 (2), 020140. <https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevPhysEducRes.12.020140>

**Quan, G.,** Turpen, C., Elby, A., (2016) *Attending to scientific practices within undergraduate research experiences* (Accepted to 2016 PERC Proceedings). Sacramento, CA, July 20-21, 2016, edited by D. L. Jones, L. Ding, and Adrienne Traxler.

**Quan, G.,** Elby, A., (2015) *Connecting Self-Efficacy and Nature of Science Shifts in Undergraduate Research Experiences* In 2015 PERC Proceedings. College Park, MD, July 29-30, 2015, edited by A. D. Churukian, D. L. Jones, and Lin Ding. Retrieved from <http://www.compadre.org/per/items/detail.cfm?ID=13888>

**Quan, G.,** Gupta, A., (2015) *Tensions in the Productivity in Design Task Tinkering - Fundamental* In 122th ASEE Annual Conference and Exposition. Seattle: American Society of Engineering Education. Retrieved from <http://www.asee.org/public/conferences/56/papers/12561/view>

**Quan, G.,** Gupta, A., & Elby, A. (2015) *Problematizing Best Practices for Pairing in K-12 Student Design Teams* In 122th ASEE Annual Conference and Exposition. Seattle: American Society of Engineering Education. Retrieved from <http://www.asee.org/public/conferences/56/papers/12565/view>

**Quan, G.,** Gupta, A., (2014) *Finding Productivity in Design Task Tinkering.* In Polman, J. L., Kyza, E. A., O'Neill, D. K., Tabak, I., Penuel, W. R., Jurow, A. S., O'Connor, K., Lee, T., and D'Amico, L. (Eds.). (2014). *Learning and becoming in*

practice: The International Conference of the Learning Sciences (ICLS) 2014, Volume 3 (1607-1608). Boulder, CO: International Society of the Learning Sciences.

**Invited  
Presentations**

- San José State University Science Education Seminar** (October 2016)  
*Attending to Scientific Practices within Undergraduate Research Experiences*
- Better Astronomy for the Next Generation (UMD Astronomy Seminar Series)** - with Stephen Secules (March 2016)  
*Using Student Perspectives to Understand Equity in STEM Education*
- Bard College Colloquium** (November 2015)  
*How Undergraduate Student Research Experiences Impact Students' Participation in Physics*
- PER Group Meeting, University of Colorado, Boulder** (April 2015)  
*Unpacking the Productivity of Design Task Tinkering*
- National Society of Black Physicists 2015 Winter Meeting** (February 2015)  
*How Undergraduate Student Research Experiences Impact Students' Participation in Physics*
- PERL @ Michigan State University Seminar** (September 2014)  
*Unpacking Partnership in an Arduino Environment*
- American Physical Society (APS) April 2012 Meeting** with Ana Aceves, Badr Albanna, and Joel Corbo (April 2012)  
*Students as Colleagues: An Examination of Teacher-Student Collaboration in Improving Educational Environments*

**Contributed  
Presentations**

- American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) 2016 Summer Meeting** (July 2016)  
*Research on Identity Trajectories in Undergraduate Research Experiences*
- AAPT 2016 Winter Meeting** (January 2016)  
*Becoming a Physicist: Identity Trajectories in Undergraduate Research Experiences*
- AAPT 2015 Summer Meeting** (July 2015)  
*How Undergraduate Research Experiences Support More Central Participation in Physics*
- American Society of Engineering Education Annual Conference** (June 2015)  
*Tensions in the Productivity in Design Task Tinkering*
- American Society of Engineering Education Annual Conference** (June 2015)  
*Problematizing Best Practices for Pairing in K-12 Student Design Teams*
- AAPT 2015 Winter Meeting** (January 2015)  
*How Student Research Experiences Shape Perceptions of Scientists*
- AAPT 2014 Summer Meeting** (July 2014)  
*Research on Productive Tinkering in an Arduino Environment*
- AAPT 2013 Summer Meeting** (July 2013)  
*Research on Building Supportive Undergraduate Communities through Physics Seminars*
- AAPT 2012 Summer Meeting** (August 2012)  
*Modeling Consensus: Understanding how Undergraduate Freshmen Define Physics Model*

**Contributed  
Posters**

- Physics Education Research Conference 2016** (July 2016)  
*Attending to scientific practices within undergraduate research experiences*
- American Educational Research Association** (April 2016)  
*Tracing the Participation of Undergraduate Physics Majors in Research Experiences*
- American Educational Research Association** (April 2016)  
*Unpacking Productivity in the Practice of Design Task Tinkering*
- Physics Education Research Conference 2015** (July 2015)  
*Connecting Self-Efficacy and Nature of Science Shifts in Undergraduate Research Ex-*

*periences*

**Physics Education Research Conference 2014** (July 2014)

*Investigating Access to and Attitudes toward Programming in a Physics Camp*

**International Conference of the Learning Sciences 2014** (July 2014)

*Finding Productivity in Design Task Tinkering*

**Physics Education Research Conference 2013** (July 2013)

*Variation in Student Self-Reports of Study Group Experiences*

**Physics Education Research Conference 2012** (August 2012)

*Characterizing Consensus about the Definition of a Physics Model*

**AAPT 2012 Winter Meeting** (February 2012)

*Building Together: An Undergraduate Freshman Class Defines Physics Model*

**Non-Refereed Writing**

UMD Physics Graduate Committee and **the Access Network**,

*Results of the Mental Health Survey.*

(September 2016)

**Quan, G.**, and Gupta, A., *Bringing our Whole Selves to the Table: Nurturing a Positive Culture.* [PER Consortium of Graduate Students Newsletter.](#) (July 2016)

**Quan, G.**, and Little, A. *Creating Together in Compass: Strategies To Support Participation.* [Compass Website.](#) (April 2013)

**Workshop & Session Organizer**

**AAPT 2017 Winter Meeting** with Eleanor Sayre (February 2017)

*Creating Inclusive Environments at Conferences*

**UMD Physics Department TA Training** with Chandra Turpen (August 2016)

*Assessment and Giving Feedback*

**AAPT 2015 Summer Meeting** with Danielle Champney &

Dimitri Dounas-Frazer

(July 2015)

*Facilitating student self-reflection & personalized instructor feedback* (Workshop)

**PERC 2015** with Chandra Turpen

(July 2015)

*Bridging educational research and practice: Supporting Undergraduate Research Experiences in physics*

**Leadership**

**Core Organizer & Founding Member**

(Spring 2015 - Present)

*The Access Network*

–As a founding core-organizer, I contributed to ideation and writing on an NSF grant, development of organizational structure, and meeting facilitation. Within the UMD Access site, I led the implementation of a mental health survey for physics graduate students, developed mental health workshops, and mentored an undergraduate student leader on running an event for non-academic career paths.

**PERLOC Representative** (Elected)

(Spring 2015 - Winter 2017)

*Physics Education Research Leadership and Organizing Council (PERLOC)*

*PER Consortium of Graduate Students (PERCoGS)*

–I serve as primary liaison between PER graduate student leadership and broader PER leadership. I work with other members of PERCoGS to develop professional development sessions & community building events at conferences, and facilitate online networking and resource-sharing.

**Publicist** (Elected)

(Summer 2013 - Spring 2015)

*PER Consortium of Graduate Students (PERCoGS)*

–As co-founding member of leadership body serving over 200 PER Graduate Students, I co-developed goals and the organizational structure of PERCoGS, and oversaw a quarterly newsletter.

**Committee Member** (Elected) (Spring 2014 - Fall 2015)  
*UMD Physics Graduate Committee*

–The Physics Graduate Committee is an elected group of seven graduate students who work toward improving all aspects of the graduate student experience. As founding member, I contributed to development of leadership structure and charter, coordination of prospective visit weekend, development of a TA mutual expectations agreement, creation of a peer mentoring program for first-year graduate students and creation of an advising award & advising guide.

**Mentor** (Spring 2013 - Spring 2016)  
*UMD Women in Physics*

**Student Leader & Academic Activities Chair** (Summer 2009- Spring 2011)  
*The Compass Project*

–I coordinated a monthly lecture series, organized socials, and served as Resident Assistant to the summer bridge program.

**President** (Summer 2011- Spring 2012)  
*Society of Physics Students at Berkeley*

**Undergraduate Internal Evaluator** (Fall 2011- Spring 2012)  
*Berkeley Physics Departmental Review*

**Memberships** **American Educational Research Association**–Member (Fall 2015-Present)  
**American Association of Physics Teachers**–Member (Fall 2011-Present)  
**American Physical Society**–Member (Fall 2011-Present)

**Referee** **Physical Review - Physics Education Research**  
**American Society of Engineering Education Proceedings**  
**Physics Education Research Conference Proceedings**