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POSITIONS HELD

- 2024 - **Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor for Research and Internationalisation**
 - University of Cape Town, South Africa
- 2020 - **Professor of Mathematical Physics**
 - University of Cape Town, South Africa
- 2020 - 2025 **Simons Associate**
 - International Center for Theoretical Physics, Trieste, Italy
- 2019 - 2021 **Deputy Dean for Postgraduate Matters and Research**
 - Faculty of Science, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- 2016 - 2019 **Research Associate in the Division of Physical Sciences**
 - American Museum of Natural History, New York, USA
- 2016 - 2017 **Member in the School of Natural Sciences**
 - Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, USA
- 2015 - 2019 **Associate Professor**
 - University of Cape Town, South Africa
- 2013 - 2019 **Deputy Head of Department of Mathematics & Applied Mathematics**
 - University of Cape Town, South Africa
- 2010 - 2014 **Senior Lecturer**
 - University of Cape Town, South Africa
- 2006 - 2009 **Lecturer**
 - University of Cape Town, South Africa
- 2004 - 2006 **Postdoctoral Fellow**
 - Department of Physics, Brown University, Providence, USA
- 2000 - 2004 **Sainsbury-Lindbury Fellow**
 - Worcester College, Oxford University, Oxford, UK

EDUCATION

- 2000 - 2004 **PhD in Mathematical Physics**
 - University of Cape Town · Supervisor: George F.R. Ellis
- 2000 - 2002 **Visiting PhD Student**
 - Mathematical Institute, Oxford University · Supervisor: Philip Candelas
- 2000 **MSc in Mathematical Physics** with Distinction
 - University of Cape Town · Supervisor: Igor V. Barashenkov
- 1997 **BSc. (Hons) in Applied Mathematics** with Distinction
 - University of Cape Town, South Africa.
- 1996 **BSc. in Applied Mathematics and Physics** with Distinction
 - University of Cape Town, South Africa.

SPECIALISATION & SKILLS

Research Areas

· Mathematical Physics · Quantum Matter · Quantum Information · Gravity · Topological Data Analysis

Management

· Management of large teams · Fundraising · Conflict Resolution · Institutional Financial Planning

Programming

· C/C++ · Latex · Matlab · Mathematica · Maple

SELECTED PRIZES & HONOURS

- 2022 - **Member**
· Academy of Science of South Africa
- 2020 - 2025 **Simons Associateship**
· The International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Trieste, Italy
- 2018 **Distinguished Teacher Award**
· Highest teaching honour awarded at the University of Cape Town
- 2017 - **Vice-President**
· BRICS Association for Gravity, Astrophysics & Cosmology
- 2015 - **President**
· South African Gravity Society
- 2011 - 2013 **Founding Member**
· South African Young Academy of Science
- 2003 **South African Institute of Physics Prize**
· Best PhD oral presentation in theoretical physics
- 1998 **Bronze Medal**
· South African Mathematical Society
- 1997 **Ivor Lewin Prize**
· Best undergraduate physics result at the University of Cape Town

PUBLICATION RECORD

All research publications indicated appear (or will appear) in ISI rated journals. Authors, by convention in my field, are alphabetically listed unless, rarely, one author has contributed significantly more than others. In all of my research articles, I have contributed at every step, usually conception of the idea, computations and significant parts of writing up the article. All numbers listed as hep-th/xxxxxxx or arXiv:xxxx.xxxx, refer to the electronic bulletin board number (<http://www.arxiv.org/>).

PEER REVIEWED OR SUBMITTED ARTICLES

1. F. Divi, **J. Murugan**, D. Rosa, “*Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev charging advantage as a random walk on graphs*”, Phys.Rev. B 111 (2025) 7, 075138, arXiv:2412.04560
2. **J. Murugan**, Z. Pandit, H.J.R. Van Zyl, “*On complexity and duality*”, JHEP 03 (2025) 062, arXiv:2411.02546
3. C. Beetar, N. Gupta, S. Haque, **J. Murugan**, H.J.R. Van Zyl, “*Complexity and Operator Growth for Quantum Systems in Dynamic Equilibrium*”, JHEP 08 (2024) 156, arXiv:2312.15790
4. C. Lau, C-T Ma, **J. Murugan**, M Tezuka, “*On the backreaction of Dirac matter in JT gravity and SYK model*”, Phys.Lett.B 853 (2024) 138702, arXiv:2312.06128

5. S. Bhatporia, A. Walters, **J. Murugan**, A. Weltman, “A *Topological Data Analysis of the CHIME/FRB Catalogues*”, arXiv:2311.03456
6. A. Bhattacharyya, S. Haque, Ghadir Jafari, **J. Murugan**, D. Rapotu, “*Krylov complexity and spectral form factor for noisy random matrix models*”, JHEP 10 (2023) 157, arXiv:2307.15495
7. **J. Murugan**, R.P. Slayen, H.J.R. Van Zyl, “*Random Chern-Simons Matter in $D = 1$* ”, arXiv:2307.01099
8. K. le Roux, **J. Murugan**, S. Marquard and P. Adams, “*Undergraduate Mathematics Students’ Reported Use of Learning Resources Towards Accessing Mathematics*”, African Journal of Research in Mathematics, 27 (2023)
9. A. Andreanov, M. Carrega, **J. Murugan**, J. Olle, D. Rosa, “*From Dyson Models to Many-Body Quantum Chaos*”, Phys.Rev.B 111 (2025) 3, 035147, arXiv:2302.00917
10. P. Caputa, N. Gupta, S. S. Haque, S. Liu, **J. Murugan**, H. J.R. Van Zyl, “*Spread Complexity and Topological Transitions in the Kitaev Chain*”, accepted in JHEP, arXiv:2208.06311
11. **J. Murugan**, “*From Chern-Tenenblat to Jackiw-Teitelboim via sine-Gordon*”, Nankai Symposium on Mathematical Dialogues arxiv:2201.00026
12. J. Kim, **J. Murugan**, J. Olle & D. Rosa, “*Operator Delocalization in Quantum Networks*,” Phys.Rev.A 105 (2022) 1, L010201, arXiv:2109.05301,
13. C. Beetar, **J. Murugan** & D. Rosa, “*Neural Networks as Universal Probes of Many-Body Localization in Quantum Graphs*,” submitted to PRL, arXiv:2108.05737
14. **J. Murugan**, J. Shock & R.P. Slayen “*Remarks on fermions in a dipole magnetic field*,” **JHEP 10.082** (2021), arXiv:2107.10076
15. **J. Murugan** & H. Nastase, “*A 4D Duality Web*,” submitted to JHEP, arXiv:2103.12667
16. A Bhattacharyya, W Chemissany, S. S Haque, **J Murugan**, B Yan, “*The Multi-faceted Inverted Harmonic Oscillator: Chaos and Complexity*”, SciPost Phys.Core 4 (2021) 002, arXiv:2007.01232.
17. D. J. Burger, N Moynihan, **J Murugan**, “*On-Shell Perspectives on the Massless Limit of Massive Supergravity*”, arXiv:2005.14077
18. C. Lau, C-T Ma, **J Murugan**, M Tezuka, “*Correlated Disorder in the SYK₂ model*”, arXiv:2003.05401
19. N. Moynihan, **J. Murugan**, “*On-Shell Electric-Magnetic Duality and the Dual Graviton*”, arXiv:2002.11085
20. **J. Murugan**, J. P. Shock, R.P. Slayen, “*Notes on the Squashed Sphere Lowest Landau Level*”, arXiv:1909.08042
21. T. Ali, A. Bhattacharyya, S.S. Haque, E.H. Kim, N. Moynihan & **J. Murugan**, “*Chaos and Complexity in Quantum Mechanics*,” arXiv:1901.04561, submitted to Phys. Rev. Lett.
22. **J. Murugan** & D. Robertson, “*An Introduction to Topological Data Analysis for Physicists: From LGM to FRBs*,” arXiv:1904.11044, submitted to JCAP.
23. J-G. Hartmann, **J. Murugan** & J.P. Shock, “*Chaos and Scrambling in Quantum Small Worlds*,” arXiv:1901.04561, submitted to Phys. Rev. Lett.
24. **J. Murugan** & H. Nastase, “*One-dimensional bosonization and the SYK model*,” arXiv:1812.11929, submitted to JHEP.
25. P-H. C. Lau, C-T. Ma, **J. Murugan** & M. Tezuka, “*Randomness and Chaos in Qubit Models*,” accepted in Phys. Lett. B. arXiv:1812.04770

26. **J. Murugan**, R.P. Slayen & J.P. Shock, “*Astrophysical Quantum Matter: Spinless charged particles on a magnetic dipole sphere*,” arXiv:1811.03109, submitted to Phys. Lett. B.
27. N. Moynihan, **J. Murugan**, “*Comments on scattering in massive gravity, vDVZ and BCFW*”, Class. Quant. Grav.**35**, 155005 (2018) arxiv:1711.03956
28. **J. Murugan**, D. Stanford & E. Witten, “*More On Supersymmetric And 2d Analogs of the SYK Model*,” JHEP **1708** (2017) 159, arxiv:1706.05362
29. D. Burger, R. Carballo-Rubio, N. Moynihan, **J. Murugan** & A. Weltman, “*Amplitudes for Astrophysicists I: Known knowns*,” Gen.Rel.Grav. 50 (2018) no.12, 156, arXiv:1704.05067
30. T. Ali, S. Haque & **J. Murugan**, “*Holographic Entanglement Entropy for Gravitational Anomaly in Four Dimensions*,” JHEP **1703:084** (2017), arXiv:1611.03415
31. **J. Murugan** & H. Nastase, “*Particle-vortex duality in topological insulators and superconductors*,” JHEP **1705:159** (2017), arXiv:1512.08926
32. **J. Murugan** & H. Nastase, “*A nonabelian particle-vortex duality in gauge theories*,” JHEP **1608:141** (2016), arXiv:1606.01912
33. D. Burger, **J. Murugan**, GFR Ellis and A. Weltman, arXiv:1511.08517, “*The KLT relations in unimodular gravity*,” submitted to Class. & Quant. Grav.
34. C. Lopez-Arcos, **J. Murugan**, H. Nastase, “*Nonrelativistic limit of the abelianized ABJM model and the ADS/CMT correspondence*,” JHEP **1605:165** (2016), arXiv:1510.01662
35. M. C. Abbott, **J. Murugan**, J. Tarrant, “*Fermionic T-Duality of $AdS_n \times S^n(\times S^n) \times T^m$ using IIA Supergravity*,” Class. Quant. Grav.**3**, 075008 (2016), arXiv:1509.07872
36. M. C. Abbott, **J. Murugan**, S. Penati, A. Pittelli, D. Sorokin, P. Sundin, J. Tarrant, M. Wolf, L. Wulff, “*T-Duality of Green-Schwarz Superstrings on $AdS(d) \times S(d) \times M(10-2d)$* ,” JHEP **1512:104** (2015), arXiv:1509.07678
37. E. Malek, **J. Murugan**, and J. P. Shock, “*The Information Metric on the moduli space of instantons with global symmetries*,” Phys.Lett. **B753** (2016) 660-663, arXiv:1507.08894
38. **J. Murugan** and H. Nastase, “*A Nonabelian Particle-Vortex Duality*,” Phys.Lett. **B753** (2016) 401-405, arXiv:1506.040
39. T. Clingman, **J. Murugan** and J. P. Shock, “*Probability Density Functions from the Fisher Information Metric*,” (2015) arXiv:1504.03184
40. S Kanno, **J. Murugan**, J. P. Shock, J Soda, “*Entanglement entropy of α -vacua in de Sitter space*”, JHEP **1407:072** (2014), arXiv:1404.6815
41. **J. Murugan**, H Nastase, N Rughoonauth, J. P. Shock, “*Particle-vortex and Maxwell duality in the $AdS_4 \times CP^3$ correspondence*”, JHEP **1410:051** (2014), arXiv:1404.5926
42. M. C. Abbott, **J. Murugan**, A Prinsloo, N Rughoonauth, “*Meromorphic Functions and the Topology of Giant Gravitons*”, Phys.Lett. **B730** (2014) 215-220
43. M. C. Abbott, **J. Murugan**, P Sundin, L Wulff, “*Scattering in $AdS(2)/CFT(1)$ and the BES Phase*”, JHEP **1310** (2013) 066
44. C Lopez-Arcos, H Nastase, F Rojas, **J. Murugan**, “*Conductivity in the gravity dual to massive ABJM and the membrane paradigm*”, JHEP **1401** (2014) 036.
45. Y Lozano, **J. Murugan**, A Prinsloo, “*A giant graviton genealogy*”, JHEP **1308** (2013) 109.

46. **J. Murugan** and H. Nastase, “On abelianizations of the ABJM model and applications to condensed matter”, arXiv:1301.0229
47. R. de Mello Koch, **J. Murugan** and N. Nokwara, “Large N anomalous dimensions for large operators in Leigh-Strassler deformed SYM,” Phys. Lett. B 721, p164 (2013) arXiv:1212.6624
48. A. Mohammed, **J. Murugan** and H. Nastase, “Abelian-Higgs and Vortices from ABJM: towards a string realization of AdS/CMT,” Phys. Rev. Lett. (2012), 109, 181601 arXiv:1205.5833
49. “Classical and quantum integrability in AdS_2/CFT_1 ,” **J. Murugan**, P. Sundin and L. Wulff, JHEP **1301:047** (2013) arXiv:1209.6062
50. A. Mohammed, **J. Murugan** and H. Nastase, “Towards a Realization of the Condensed-Matter/Gravity Correspondence in String Theory via Consistent Abelian Truncation,” JHEP **1211:073** (2012) arXiv:1206.7058.
51. R. de Mello Koch, B.A.E. Mohammed, **J. Murugan** and A. Prinsloo, “Beyond the Planar Limit in ABJM,” JHEP **1205:037** (2012) arXiv:1202.4925.
52. D. Giovannoni, **J. Murugan** and A. Prinsloo, “The giant graviton on $AdS_4 \times \mathbb{CP}^3$ - another step towards the emergence of geometry,” JHEP **1112:003** (2011) arXiv:1108.3084.
53. **J. Murugan** and A. Prinsloo, “ABJM Dibaryon spectroscopy”, JHEP **1105:129** (2011) arXiv:1103.1163.
54. D. de Klerk, **J. Murugan** and J.P. Uzan, “The Catenary Revisited: From Newtonian Strings to Superstrings”, To appear in Am. J. Phys. arXiv:1103.0788
55. G.F.R. Ellis, H. van Elst, **J. Murugan** and J.P. Uzan, “On the Trace-Free Einstein Equations as a Viable Alternative to General Relativity”, Class. Quant. Grav. **28**, 225007 (2011) arXiv:1008.1196.
56. A. Mohammed, **J. Murugan** and H. Nastase, “Looking for a matrix model of ABJM”, Phys. Rev D **82** 086004 (2010) arXiv:1003.2599.
57. A. Hamilton, **J. Murugan** and A. Prinsloo, “Lessons from giant gravitons on $AdS_5 \times T^{1,1}$ ”, JHEP **1006:017** (2010) arXiv:1001.2306.
58. R. de Mello Koch and **J. Murugan**, “Emergent Spacetime”, 0911.4817.
59. A. Hamilton, **J. Murugan**, A. Prinsloo and M. Strydom, “A Note on dual giant gravitons in $AdS_4 \times \mathbb{CP}^3$,” JHEP **0904:132** (2009) arXiv:0901.0009 .
60. A. Hamilton and **J. Murugan**, “On the shoulders of giants: Quantum Gravity and braneworld stability”, arXiv:0806.327
61. A. Hamilton, **J. Murugan** and A. Prinsloo, “A note on the Hagedorn behaviour of deformed pp-wave strings”, JHEP **0802:108** (2008) arXiv:0712.3059.
62. A. Hamilton and **J. Murugan**, “Giant gravitons on deformed pp-waves”, JHEP **0707:036** (2007) hep-th/0609135.
63. R. de Mello Koch, **J. Murugan**, J. Smolic and M. Smolic, “Deformed pp-waves from the Lunin-Maldacena background”, JHEP **0508:072** (2005) hep-th/0505227.
64. A. Guijosa, D. Lowe and **J. Murugan**, “A Prototype for dS/CFT”, Phys. Rev. D **72**, 046001 (2005) hep-th/0505145
65. A. Millner and **J. Murugan**, “Transmogrifying fuzzy vortices”, JHEP **0404:009** (2004) hep-th/0403105.
66. G.F.R. Ellis, **J. Murugan** and C.G. Tsagas, “The Emergent Universe: An Explicit Construction” Class. Quant. Grav. **21**, 233-250 (2004) gr-qc/0307112
67. P. Cook, R. de Mello Koch and **J. Murugan**, “Non-Abelian Bionic Brane Intersections,” Phys. Rev. D **68**, 126007 (2003) hep-th/0306250

68. R. Adams and **J. Murugan**, “*Comments on Noncommutative Sigma Models*,” JHEP **0212:073** (2002) hep-th/0211171.
69. G.F.R. Ellis, **J. Murugan** and T Rothman, “*Holonomy in the Schwarzschild-Droste Geometry*,” Class. Quant. Grav.**18** 1217-1234 (2001) gr-qc/0008070.

PROCEEDINGS

1. D. J. Burger, R. Carballo-Rubio, N. Moynihan, **J. Murugan** and A. Weltman, “*Amplitudes, Gravity and Classical Discontinuities*,” Proceedings of the 54th Recontres de Moriond, 2019 arXiv:1905.05128
2. **J. Murugan**, “*Non-singular inflationary cosmology - The emergent universe*”, Proceedings of the workshop “Mathematics Of Gravitation II”. Warsaw, September 1 - 9, 2003. Editors: A. Królak and K. Borkowski.,
3. I.V. Barashenkov and **J. Murugan**, “*Vortices in the gauged complex sine-Gordon model*”, Proceedings of the 3rd Hanno-Rund conference on differential equations and applications, Editor: J Banasiak (2000).

BOOKS AND CHAPTERS

1. Lead Editor: **J. Murugan**, G.F.R. Ellis and A. Weltman, “*Foundations of Space and Time - Reflections on Quantum Gravity*”, with Cambridge University Press (2012), ISBN 9780521114400
2. R de Mello Koch and **J. Murugan**, “*Emergent Spacetime*,” Chapter 9 in “Foundations of Space and Time - Reflections on Quantum Gravity”, Cambridge University Press (2012), ISBN 9780521114400
3. **J. Murugan**, A. Weltman and G.F.R. Ellis, “*The problem with quantum gravity*,” Chapter 1 in “Foundations of Space and Time - Reflections on Quantum Gravity”, Cambridge University Press (2012), ISBN 9780521114400
4. A. Weltman, **J. Murugan** and G.F.R. Ellis, “*Conversations in string theory*,” Chapter 18 in “Foundations of Space and Time - Reflections on Quantum Gravity”, Cambridge University Press (2012), ISBN 9780521114400

SCIENTIFIC SOCIAL NETWORKS

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SELECTED INVITED SEMINARS & LECTURES

- 2022 **65th Congress of the South African Mathematical Society**
·Invited plenary speaker
- 2021 **Nankai Symposium on Mathematical Dialogues**
·Invited plenary speaker
- 2021 **Strings 2021, Sao Paulo, Brazil**
·Invited plenary speaker
- 2021 **Physics Colloquium, Brown University**
·Invited colloquium speaker
- 2020 **National Institute for Theoretical Physics, South Africa**
·Invited colloquium speaker
- 2020 **Physics Colloquium Speaker, University of Washington St. Louis**

- Invited colloquium speaker
- 2020 **Particle Theory Seminar, Oxford University**
- Invited speaker
- 2019 **Amsterdam Summer String Workshop, Amsterdam**
- Invited participant
- 2019 **Strings 2019, Brussels, Belgium**
- Invited session chair
- 2019 **New Pathways in Explorations of QFT and Quantum Gravity Beyond SUSY ICTP, Trieste 2019**
- Invited plenary speaker
- 2019 **Scanning New Horizons String Conference, Groningen, Netherlands**
- Invited plenary speaker
- 2018 **Chaos and Order Extended Workshop, KITP, Santa Barbara, USA**
- Invited session chair
- 2018 **The 4th International Conference on Topological Orders, Emergent Spacetime and Quantum Simulators, China**
- Invited plenary speaker
- 2018 **Holography, quantum entanglement and higher spin gravity II conference, YITP, Kyoto, Japan**
- Invited plenary speaker
- 2017 **SRITP Post-Strings Workshop at the Weizmann Institute, Israel**
- Invited plenary speaker
- 2017 **Fundamental Physics with the SKA, Mauritius**
- Invited plenary speaker
- 2016 **ICTP/SISSA String Workshop, Trieste, Italy**
- Invited plenary speaker
- 2016 **Low Energy Challenges for High Energy Physicists, Perimeter Institute, Canada**
- Invited plenary speaker
- 2014 **Strings 2014, Princeton, USA**
- Invited speaker

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- 2020 **“Viral Spreading in a Small World”,**
· J. Murugan and A. Weltman, South African Journal of Science, 2020 (<https://www.sajs.co.za/idm314>)
- 2016 **“ Gravitational waves: will the global south provide the next pulse of gravity research?”**
· J. Murugan and A. Weltman, The Conversation Africa
- 2016 **“Why it’s crucial that young scientists are taught the value of being wrong”**
· J. Murugan and A. Weltman, The Conversation Africa

SELECT MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2020 **Record attendance for Virtual Strings 2020 conference**
- 2019 **A passion for mathematics leads to success**
- 2019 **No stupid questions in Distinguished Teacher’s classes**
- 2019 **Shaping the Future: topology and big data**
- 2016 **TEDx Table Mountain - The Shape of Things to Come**
- 2012 **Putting the rocket in scientist**

LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATION

DEPARTMENT

- 2013 - **Founder and Head, Laboratory for Quantum Gravity & Strings**
· Responsible for research group of 4 faculty, 2 postdoctoral fellows and \pm 6 graduate students
- 2013 - 2019 **Deputy and Acting Head, Department of Mathematics & Applied Mathematics, University of Cape Town**
· Responsible for the daily management of a large department of roughly 50 staff, 50 graduate students.
- 2014 - 2016 **Chair, MAM 5-year Strategic Planning Committee**
· Responsible for formulating a coherent 5-year vision for departmental research, teaching and development.
- 2010 - 2011 **Member, Mathematics Curriculum Review Committee**
· Responsible for input into revising and updating the course curricula for pure mathematics courses.
- 2009 **Chair, Applied Mathematics Curriculum Review Committee**
· Coordinated the complete revision of the course curricula for undergraduate applied mathematics courses.

FACULTY

- 2020 - 2022 **Core Member, Science Faculty Teaching Task Team**
· Responsible for coordinating the COVID19 post-lockdown restart of graduate program across Faculty of Science.
- 2019 - 2021 **Deputy and Acting Dean of Science for Postgraduate Matters and Research**
· Responsibilities: managing research agenda, graduate students, financial planning and conflict resolution.
- 2019 - 2021 **Core Member, Faculty PhD Committee of Assessors**
· Responsible for independent assessment of all Science PhD examinations and recommending outcomes to DDB.
- 2019 - 2021 **Chair, Faculty MSc Committee of Assessors**
· Responsible for final assessment of outcomes for all Science MSc theses.
- 2019 - 2021 **Member, Science Faculty Teaching & Learning Committee**
· Responsible for providing postgraduate input into the faculty T&L committee.
- 2019 - 2021 **Member, Dean's Executive Committee**
· Advising of the Dean of the Faculty on daily (academic, HR and financial) management of the Faculty of Science.
- 2019 - 2021 **Core Member, Dean's Advisory Committee**
· Responsible for advising the Dean of Science Faculty governance matters.
- 2017 - 2019 **Core member, Faculty of Science Remunerations & Promotions Committee**
· Responsible for assessing ad hominem promotions applications across the full Science Faculty.

UNIVERSITY

- 2023 - **Member, University Executive Committee**
· This is the apex management committee for the University of Cape Town.
- 2021 - **Deputy and Acting Chair, University Research Council**
· Responsible for managing the University research agenda including financial oversight and vision.
- 2020 - 2021 **Core Member, Covid-19 Postgraduate Task Team**
· Responsible for university-wide integration of Science Faculty post-COVID19 graduate programs.
- 2020 - 2021 **Core Member, Covid-19 Research Task Team**
· Responsible for coordinating post-COVID19 research and safety protocols across the university.
- 2023 - **Member, Senate Executive Committee, University of Cape Town**
· As Acting Dean of Science, SEC informs and advises the University Senate.
- 2023 - **Chair, Board for Graduate Studies**
· Science Faculty representative on the governing board for graduate matters across the university.
- 2019 - 2021 **Member, Doctoral Degrees Board**
· Science Faculty representative on the board responsible for all PhD examination processes
- 2023 - **Chair, Postgraduate Funding Committee**
· Deputy Dean (Science) giving input on full financial management for the university-wide graduate program.

- 2018 - 2020 **Senate Representative, Undergraduate Funding Committee**
 - Elected representative of UCT Senate giving input on financial management for the undergraduate program.
- 2017 - **Member, Senate of the University of Cape Town**
 - Active member of the apex decision making body of the university on academic matters.

EXTERNAL

- 2023 - 2023 **Member, US DOE Theory Review Panel**
 - Invited international member of the US Department of Energy grant review panel.
- 2021 - 2023 **Member, String Planning Committee**
 - Chaired by David Gross, this is the senior advisory committee to the annual Strings Conference Series.
- 2019 - 2020 **Chair, Organising Committee, Strings 2020**
 - Responsibilities: Writing the proposal to host, fundraising, conference coordination and planning.
- 2019 - 2020 **Chair, Organising Committee, String Math 2020**
 - Responsibilities: Writing the proposal to host, fundraising, conference coordination and planning.
- 2019 - 2022 **Vice-Chair, Gordon Research Conference for String Theory & Cosmology, 2021**
 - Co-Chair together with Profs Cora Dvorkin and Jan Pieter van der Schaar
- 2014 - 2021 **Invited Member, International Scientific Board, Strings International Conference**
 - Advisory input to local scientific committees for the annual Strings Conferences.
- 2018 - 2022 **Invited Member, DST Expert Panel for Development of NITHECS**
 - Responsible for advising government on the development of a National Institute for Theoretical Sciences
- 2018 - 2019 **Chair, Organising committee, International Conference on “Duality, Disorder & Chaos”**
 - Responsible for fundraising and coordinating this international workshop.
- 2017 - **Vice-President (SA), BRICS Association for Gravity, Astrophysics and Cosmology**
 - Responsible for financial management and coordination of a 5-country multi-lateral partnership.
- 2015 - **President, South African Gravity Society**
 - Responsible for the national coordination of gravity researchers; finance and organisation of annual conference.
- 2011 - 2013 **Founding Member, South African Young Academy of Science**
 - Responsibilities include: scientific outreach and advising governments on science-based policy.
- 2008 - **Member, Scientific Advisory Committee, Cape Town Science Center**