Physics

Department Information

- **Department Chair:**
  Alan Denton, Ph.D.
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- **Application Deadline:**
  For U.S. students, one month before registration; for international students, March 1 for fall semester and September 1 for spring/summer semester.
- **Credential Offered:**
  Ph.D., M.S., Accelerated M.S.
- **Test Requirement:**
  GRE (general and subject recommended)
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**
  RA - TOEFL 71, IELTS 6, Duolingo 105; TA Grader - TOEFL 79, IELTS 6.5, Duolingo 110; TA Instructor - TOEFL 81, IELTS 7, Duolingo 115

**Warren Christensen, Ph.D.**
Iowa State University, 2007
Postdoctoral: University of Maine, 2007-2009
Research Interests: Physics Education Research, Student Content Understanding, Curriculum Development

**Yongki Choi, Ph.D.**
The City University of New York, 2010
Postdoctoral: University of California Irvine, 2010-2014
Research Interests: Nano-Biophysics, Nano-electronics, Single-Molecule science

**Andrew B. Croll, Ph.D.**
McMaster University, 2009
Postdoctoral: University of Massachusetts, 2008-2010
Research Interests: Polymers, Diblock Copolymers, Thin Films, Pattern Formation, Mechanics

**Alan R. Denton, Ph.D., Department Chair**
Cornell University, 1991
Postdoctoral: University of Guelph, 1991-94; Technical University of Vienna, 1994-95, Research Center Julich, 1996-98
Research Interests: Soft Condensed Matter Theory, Computational Physics

**Eric K. Hobbie, Ph.D.**
University of Minnesota, 1990
Research Interests: Nanotechnology, Nanoparticles, Polymers, Optics and Rheology

**Andrei Kryjevski, Ph.D.**
University of Washington, 2004
Research Interests: First-Principles Numerical Techniques for Fermi Systems, Electronic Structure of Nanoparticles

**Mila Kryjevskaia, Ph.D., Graduate Program Coordinator**
University of Washington, 2008
Research Interest: Physics Education Research

**Sylvio May, Ph.D.**
Friedrich-Schiller University, 1996
Postdoctoral: Hebrew University Jerusalem, 1997-98
Research Interests: Physics of Lipid Membranes, Biophysics, Ionic Liquids, Drug delivery
Kyle Strand, Ph.D.
North Dakota State University, 2022
Research Interests: Computational Soft Matter

Alexander J. Wagner, Ph.D.
University of Oxford, 1997
Research Interests: Computational Soft Matter, Phase Separation, Diffusion, Interfaces Physics

Emeritus

Ghazi Q. Hassoun, Ph.D.
University of Minnesota, 1963
Postdoctoral: University of Michigan, 1963-65
Research Interests: Foundations of Quantum Mechanics

Daniel M Kroll, Ph.D.
University of Chicago, 1973
Research Interests: Theoretical and Computational Modeling of Complex Fluids and Biomembranes

Charles A. Sawicki, Ph.D.
Cornell University, 1975
Postdoctoral: Cornell University, 1975-79
Research Interests: Acoustics, Biophysics, Geophysics

Mahendra K. Sinha, Ph.D.
Pennsylvania State University, 1961
Postdoctoral: National Research Council (Ottawa), 1964-66
Research Interests: Field Emission and Field-Ion Microscopy Adjunct

Orven Swenson, Ph.D.
Air Force Institute of Technology, 1982
Research Interests: Laser Materials Processing, Optics Education

Adjunct Faculty

Khang Hoang, Ph.D.
Michigan State University, 2007
Research Interests: Materials theory, Defect physics, Solid state Ionics

Scott A. Wood, Ph.D.
Princeton University, 1985
Research Interests: Geology