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Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
B.S. in Physics and B.S. in Mathematics, 1981

Princeton University
Ph.D. in Physics, 1985 (Advisor: Edward Witten)

Honors and Awards

Harvard Society of Fellows, Junior Fellow, 1985-1988
NSF Presidential Young Investigator Award, 1989
Alfred P. Sloan Award, 1989
Packard Foundation Award, 1989
Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2005–
AMS Leonard Eisenbud Prize for Math and Physics, 2008
Dirac Medal of the ICTP, 2008
Member, National Academy of Sciences, 2009–
Frontiers in Physics Prize, Milner Foundation, 2013
Dannie Heineman Prize for Mathematical Physics, 2016
Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics, 2017
Ellis Island Medal of Honor, 2017

Positions Held

Harvard University
Hollis Professor of Mathematicks and Natural Philosophy 2018-present

Harvard University
Donner Professor of Science, 2003–2018

Harvard University
Professor of Physics, 1990–present

Harvard University
Associate Professor of Physics, 1988–1990

Advisory Boards

Board of Trustees, Simons Center for Geometry and Physics 2005–2010