

Who can change
physics
education?

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My experiences have led me to think often and a lot about physics education.

Who makes decisions and creates change in physics education?

What influences one's physics identity?

How do we create inclusive physics classrooms with diverse students?

The Life of an AAPT Intern

- Edited and wrote grant proposals.
- Edited, created and conducted outreach activities and materials.
- Organized and supported conferences and workshops.



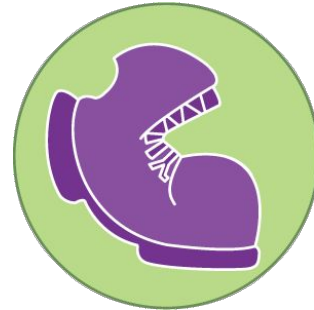
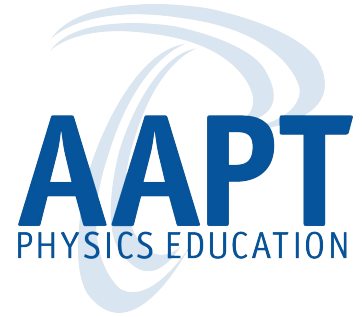
Pictured: Krystina talking to teachers at the AAPTSM about the Sunspots Digikit.

Education Technology



Computational Modeling in Physics First Classrooms in Chicago, Illinois.

- Physics First - Where a student takes physics in the ninth grade.
- Modeling - a method of teaching physics which involves presenting multiple models of a phenomena.



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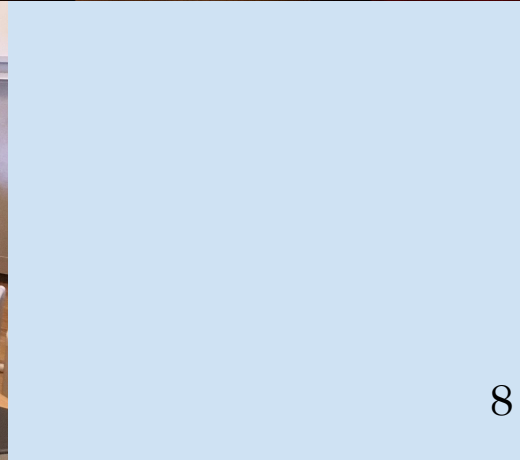
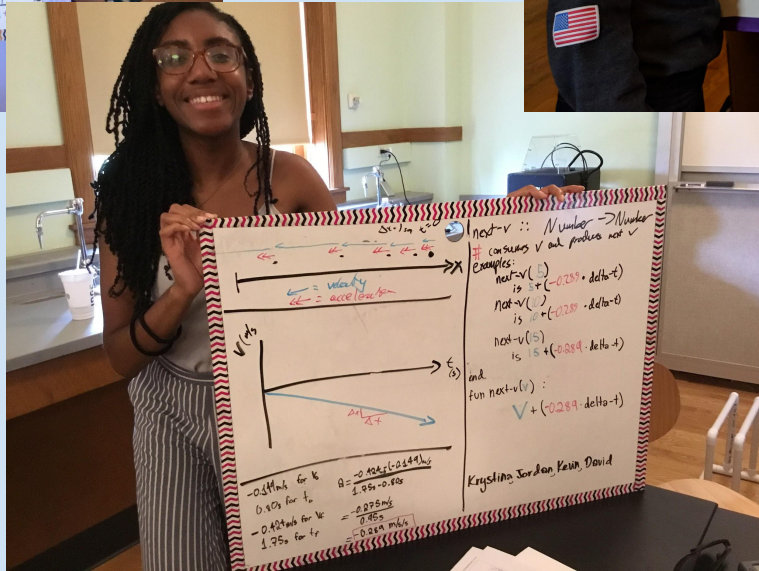
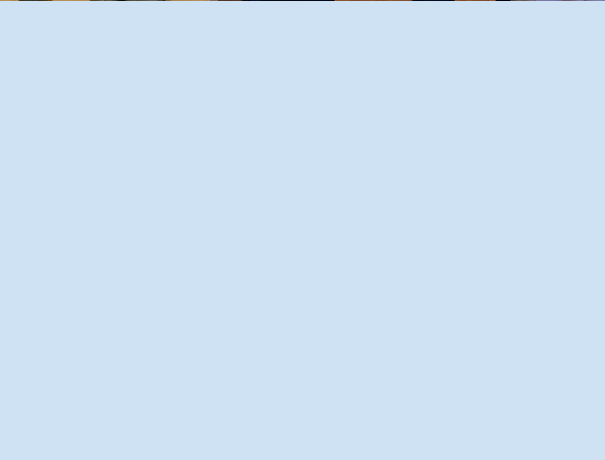
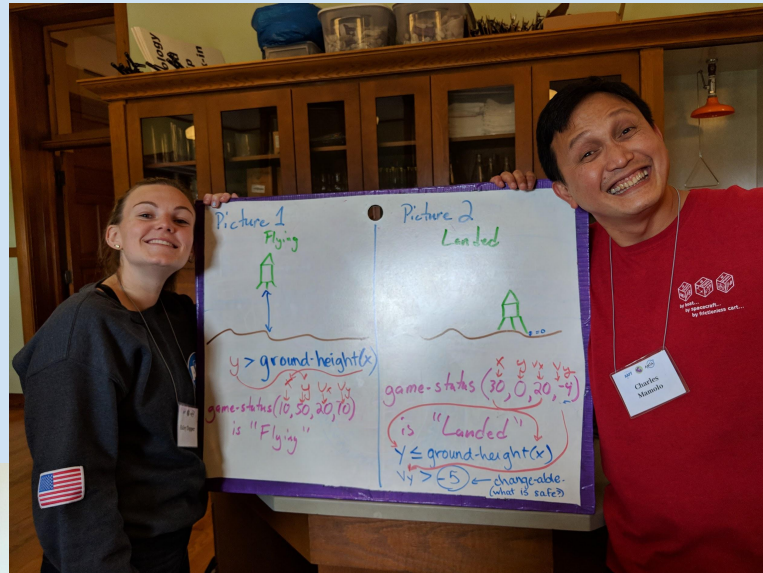
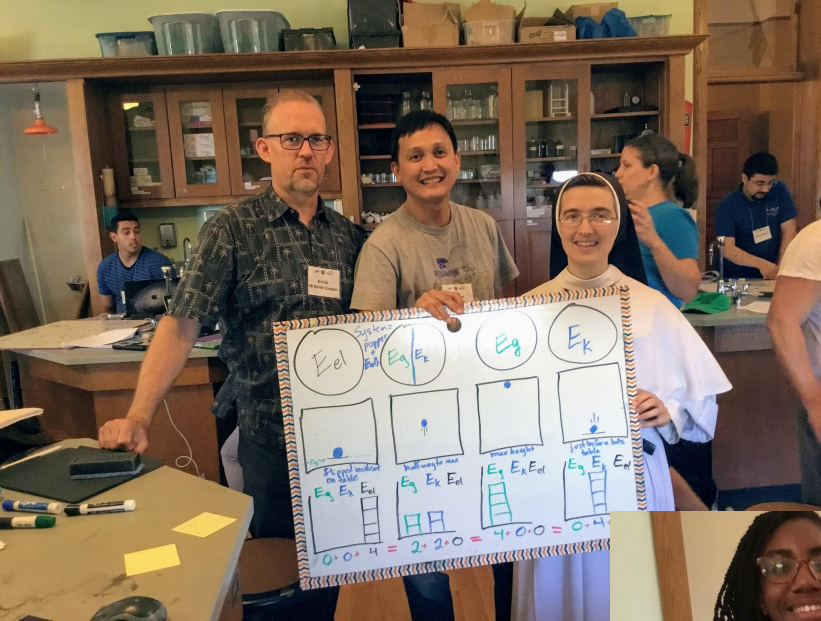
1 include shared-gdrive("Fans", "1gdRcQfpZ6fRXrw0kYsL003PRCzWHMYX6")
2
3 init-x = 0
4 init-v = 65
5 delta-t = 0.1
6
7
8 # Write a function force-status that consumes the sand-force and the fan-
9 # force
10 # as numbers representing units of force, and produces one of three strings:
11 # - "unbalanced-left" if the left-directed force is greater than the right
12 # - "unbalanced-right" if the right-directed force is greater than the right
13 # - "balanced" if they are the same
14
15 force-status :: Number, Number -> String
16 #where the force-status consumes two numbers, the sand force and the fan
17 #force
18 #and then produces a string
19
20 examples:
21 force-status(-2,2) is "balanced"
22 force-status(-1,2) is "unbalanced right"
23 force-status(-3,2) is "unbalanced left"
24 end
25
26 fun force-status(sand-force, fan-force):
27   if (sand-force + fan-force) == 0 : "balanced"
28   else if (sand-force + fan-force) >= 0 : "unbalanced right"
29   else if (sand-force + fan-force) <= 0 : "unbalanced left"
30   end
31 end
32
33 # This kicks off the simulation
34 start(init-x, init-v, delta-t, force-status)
35
36 #picture of map highlighting sectionyou have, system schema for both math
37 #scenarios, and force diagram for both

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Goal:

Create an animation to show how a ball would slow down or speed up when rolling through sand or in front of a fan.





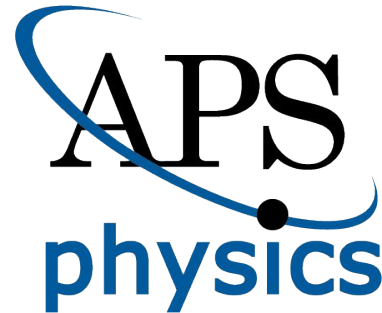
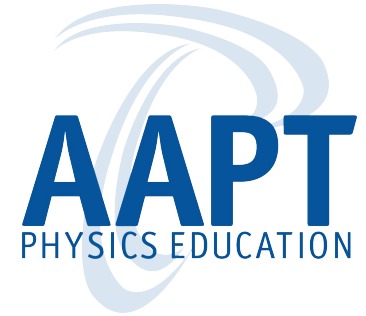
Education Research



Conference in Miami, Florida

Conference Goals:

- Reveal and review data on effectiveness of SU4W materials.
- Revise SU4W Materials.
- Brainstorm ways to propagate SU4W.





It's me!


Education Policy

AAPT/AIP Master Teacher Policy Fellows



There are so many people who affect education policy.

- National Association for the Education of Young Children
- Organization of American States
- The National Academies
- U.S. Department of Education
- State Science Supervisors
- Local Chambers of Commerce
- American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
- American Society of Engineering Education
- National Governors Association
- National Science Foundation



Teachers and
students can -and do!-
cultivate change.

My Next Steps:

- Developing and organizing collaboration between AAPT and Math Teacher's Circles.
- Co-leading a SU4W workshop for STEMTeachersNYC.
- Promote community building and deeper understanding of physics at my college.

Thank you:

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**What questions
do you have?**