

# Biographical Sketch: Markus Deserno

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## (a) Professional Preparation

University of Erlangen/Nürnberg (Germany)	Physics	Diploma, 1996
University of Mainz & MPI for Polymer Research	Physics	Dr. rer. nat., 2000
University of California, Los Angeles	Physics	PostDoc 2000–2003

## (b) Appointments

2003–2007	Scientific Project Leader, MPI for Polymer Research, Mainz, Germany
Sep. 2007–Jun. 2011	Associate Professor of Physics, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh
since July 2011	tenured Associate Professor of Physics, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh
since September 2013	Associate Department Head
since July 2016	Full Professor of Physics, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh

**Member of:** American Physical Society (APS); American Chemical Society (ACS), Biophysical Society (BPS), Deutsche Physikalische Gesellschaft (DPG).

## (c) Selected publications

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### Recent work

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- B.J. Reynwar, G. Illya, V.A. Harmandaris, M.M. Müller, K. Kremer, and M. Deserno, “Aggregation and vesiculation of membrane proteins by curvature-mediated interactions”, *Nature* **447**, 461–464 (2007). URL: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1038/nature05840>.
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- Z.-J. Wang and M. Deserno, “A systematically coarse-grained solvent-free model for quantitative phospholipid bilayer simulations”, *J. Phys. Chem. B* **114**, 11207–11220 (2010). URL: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1021/jp102543j>.

### (d) Ph.D. students

Martin M. Müller (2007); Tristan Bereau (2011); Cem Yolcu (2012); Mingyang Hu (2013); Patrick Diggins (2016); Robert Haussman (2016).

### (e) Postdoctoral Research Scholars

Ira R. Cooke, Gregoria Illya, Vagelis A. Harmandaris, Benedict J. Reynwar, Zunjing Wang, Xiaofei Li, Venkatramanan Krishnamani, Pablo Vázquez-Montejo, Martina Pannuzzo.

### (f) Research interests

I am a Theoretical and Computational Physicist who is interested in the intersection of Soft Matter and Biological Physics. I specifically focus on problems involving lipid membranes and proteins at the meso-scale (tens to hundreds of nanometers), using a relatively wide set of tools—ranging from continuum elasticity, differential geometry, statistical physics, and field theory, up to molecular dynamics and multiscale modelling. For instance, I have worked on membrane mediated interactions, viral budding, lipid bilayer curvature elasticity, lipid tilt, viral capsid stability, the thermodynamics of peptide insertion into bilayers, and the development of a variety of coarse-grained models for studying such phenomena.