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## Gilliss Dyer

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### Bio

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#### BIO

Born and raised on Kauai, I studied Mathematics and Physics at New College of Florida and received my bachelor's degree in 2000. I did my graduate work at the University of Texas at Austin, studying high intensity laser plasma science. After receiving my PhD in 2007 I stayed at UT and joined the Center for High Energy Density Laser Science, as a postdoctoral researcher and scientist, heading the experimental systems of the Texas Petawatt Laser. During this time I also worked at National Energetics designing and building commercial high power laser systems. Inspired by the revolutionary potential of hard X-ray FELs in the field of HED plasma physics I joined LCLS as the MEC department head in 2017.

#### CURRENT ROLE AT STANFORD

I am a Lead Scientist and Department Head of Matter In Extreme Conditions in the Science, Research, and Development division of LCLS. I was Chief Scientist of the MEC-U project, currently paused.

#### EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

- PhD, The University of Texas at Austin , Physics (2007)
- BA, New College of Florida , Physics and Mathematics (2000)

#### LINKS

- MEC Science Department: <https://lcls.slac.stanford.edu/depts/mec>
- Matter in Extreme Conditions Instrument: <https://lcls.slac.stanford.edu/instruments/mec>

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