

About Jorge Cham

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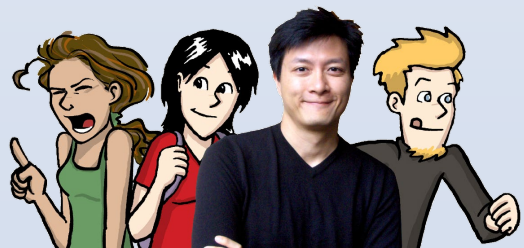
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Yale University*



Jorge at Michigan State U.

"Jorge Cham is not a Nobel laureate, but the popularity of his keynote lectures and his following in the scientific world are enough to make even the most distinguished professor green with envy."

- Science Magazine



Biography

Jorge Cham is the creator of *Piled Higher and Deeper* (PHD Comics), the popular comic strip about life (or the lack thereof) in Academia. He is also the co-founder of PHD TV, a video science and discovery outreach collaborative, the best-selling author of several non-fiction books for kids and adults, and the Emmy-nominated creative director and co-creator of the PBS Kids animated series *Elinor Wonders Why*.

PHD has appeared in the Stanford, MIT, Caltech and Carnegie Mellon newspapers among others, and is published online where it's been read by millions of visitors from over 1000 universities and colleges worldwide.

Jorge Cham was born and raised in the Republic of Panama. He obtained his B.S. from Georgia Tech and his M.S. and Ph.D. from Stanford University, specializing in Robotics. He was subsequently an Instructor and Research Associate at Caltech from 2003-2005, where his work focused on developing "Smart" Neural Implants. He travels and presents all over the world to thousands of graduate students, faculty and administrators on the graduate student experience.

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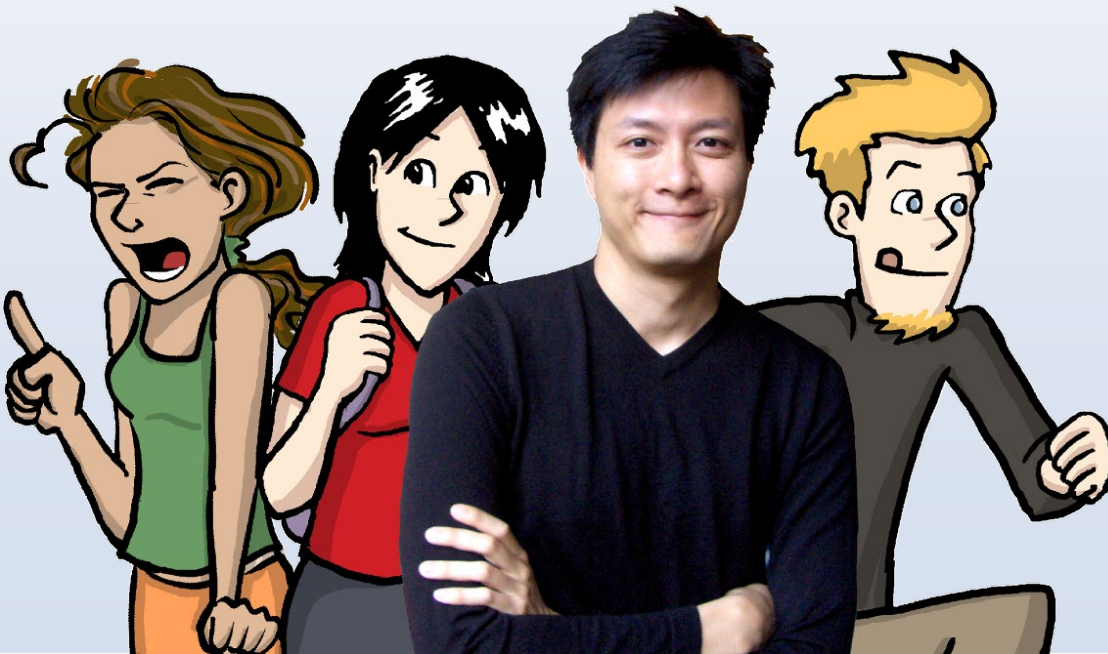
- *The Chronicle of Higher Education*
education.chronicle.com

"You'll laugh and wince at Jorge Cham's smart comic strip."

- *USATODAY.com*

"Use this comic strip for procrastination or decompression, as you see fit."

- *Nature (Journal)*



About The Lectures

In his lectures, Jorge Cham recounts his experiences bringing humor into the lives of millions of stressed out academics and tells stories from his travels to over 300 universities and research centers in the US and across the world. Thought-provoking yet humorous, Jorge Cham's talks examine the source of academics' anxieties, explore the myth of procrastination, and help academics figure out how to convey what they've learned to the outside world.

Typical talk duration: 60 minutes, 15 minutes Q&A



University of Zurich



Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH)

Feedback from Jorge Cham's Lectures

From event organizers:

"The talk was humorous and helpful. Cham's cartoon strip has been a giant plus in helping graduate students acknowledge and cope with the stress they experience."

- Isaac Colbert, Dean of Graduate Students, M.I.T.

"Jorge Cham's talk was just terrific. I loved it and obviously so did our audience here."

-Mary Johnson, Director, Graduate Career Services, Yale University

"The message of the presentation really resonated with our students. The graduate school journey can be extremely isolating, and Jorge Cham's presentation and comics normalize the experience and provide solace and humor."

-John Nonnamaker, Graduate Student Career Development, M.I.T.

"We had such a great turnout and I still can't believe how enthusiastic everyone was!"

-Angela Noel-Hvitved, Graduate Student Association, Rice University

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-Jory Zmuda Ruscio, Chair, Graduate Life Center's Speaker Series, Virginia Tech

"Everyone that I talked to really enjoyed the lecture."

-Gavin Reddick, Chair, Graduate Student Council, Univ. of Virginia

"This was such a successful event for us."

-Cara Skeat, Associate Program Director, Georgia Tech Student Center

"An excellent talk, people thoroughly enjoyed it. The Q&A session was lots of fun."

- Sidharth Jaggi, The Caltech Y

"We were so happy that we were able to pack the room! It was definitely one of the most successful events we've run!"

-Shin-Yi Lin, Chair, Graduate Student Government, Princeton University



Purdue University, from the West Lafayette Journal and Courier Newspaper

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From event organizers (cont'd)

"It was an enormous success resulting in some very nice PR for our office."

-Sharon Belden, Assistant Director, Office of Career Services, Harvard University

"The crowd was so big at Cornell that they were actually hanging from the rafters... It was one of the few times I think the students really thought we 'got it right'!"

-Victoria A. Blodgett, Director, Graduate Student Life & Career Development, Cornell University

"Penn students loved him! We got lots of positive feedback."

-Julie Vick, Associate Director, Career Services, Univ. of Pennsylvania

"If you have not engaged Jorge on your campuses, do so. An exceptionally well-received program by UCLA students."

-Albert E. Dubin, Senior Associate Director, Counseling Services & Campus Relations, UCLA Career Center



Purdue University

Feedback from Jorge Cham's Lectures

From grad students:



"Your talk was awesome and made me feel so much better. I was at a point in my education where I was completely stressed out and losing sight of why I got into science in the first place. Your talk gave me some insight into why I was feeling that way. Keep doing PhD. . .we all rely on it to keep our sanity!"

- Kim, anonymous

"You were very funny. I found myself REALLY pleased with what you had to say. I think your talk was more motivational and educational than most of the career seminars that are organized to supposedly keep us on track."

-Geoff, North Carolina State University

"Your talk has been the topic of conversation for the past couple of days. It was a great talk and very well delivered."

-Gelareh Taban, University of Maryland

"I can't remember when I have had as many laughs and I am sure many of our colleagues will benefit from your philosophy and shared experience."

-Damian, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

"Thank you SO MUCH for signing my books and giving a wonderful talk at Yale. You made my month!"

-Robert Clark, Yale University

"Thanks for helping us to keep a good perspective on grad life."

- Calvin Chan, Princeton University

"It was so nice to go to your lecture and laugh for an hour about how life is for all of us. It is SO good to know that other people are in the same spot as you. It's something we often forget when we're caught up in papers and the drama of grad school."

-Betty Mohler, University of Utah

Recent Talks



Since 2005, Jorge Cham has delivered over 300 invited lectures at Universities and Research Centers worldwide, with audiences of a few dozen to a few thousand.

Please note attendance will vary depending on your institution.



The PHD Movie!

Another popular event is to screen The PHD Movie, the live action adaptation of PHD.

A brainy movie with heart and soul.'

-*The Times Higher Education*

'I don't think I've laughed that hard in a long time! Great movie!!'

-*Paige, U. Wisconsin*

'I really enjoyed your movie because it helped me get my academic life back in perspective.'

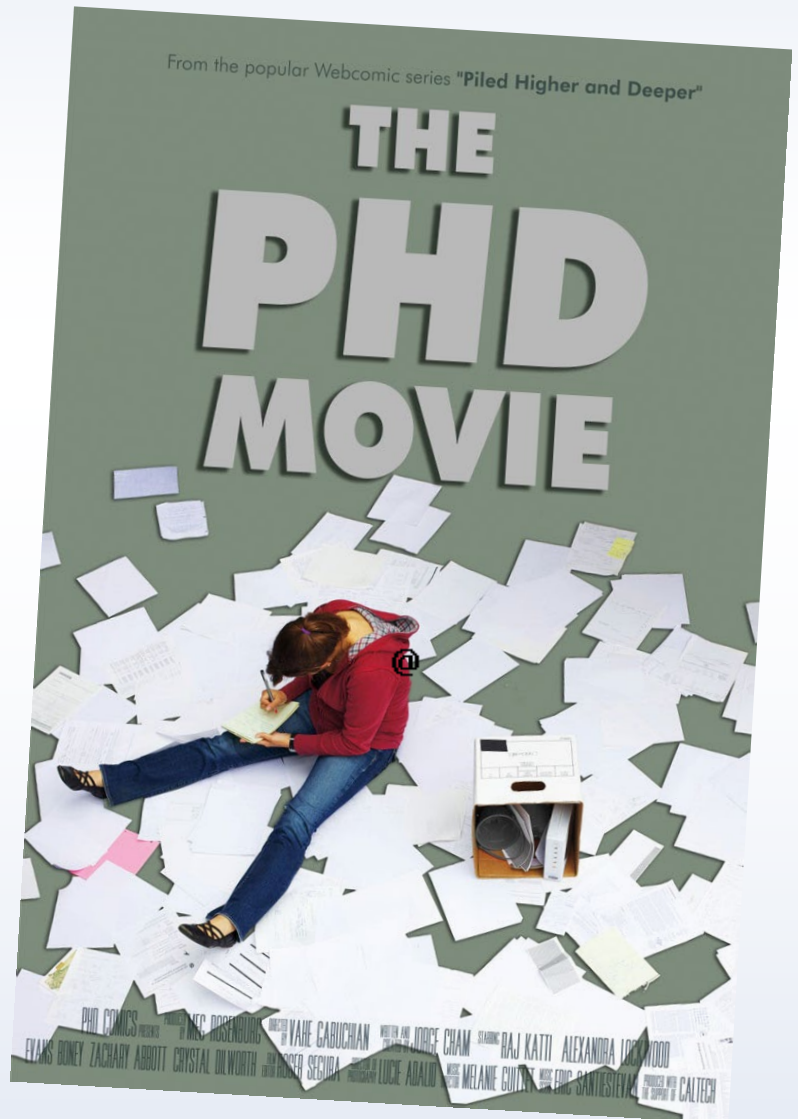
-*Kaitlyn, Michigan Tech U.*

'It was a huge success. Everyone was very positive. We even needed to add more seats to the auditorium.'

-*Pieter, CERN.*

'I just want to let you know that we had 1,535 students turn out. Thanks for the great movie!'

-*Tim, U. Illinois*



For screening information, please contact movie@phdcomics.com