Brian C. **Seymour**

Physicist

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Research interests: general relativity, tests of modified gravity theories, and gravitational waves.

Education

California Institute of Technology — *Pasadena, California*
PhD in Physics — *Aug. 2020 –*

University of Cambridge — *Cambridge, UK*
Part III of the Mathematical Tripos, Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics — *Oct. 2019 - May. 2020*
- Churchill Scholar

University of Virginia — *Charlottesville, Virginia*
B.S. in Physics and Mathematics — *Aug. 2016 - May. 2019*
- With highest distinction, GPA 3.96.

Experience

Undergraduate Researcher — *Charlottesville, Virginia*
University of Virginia — *Oct. 2017 - Present*
- Astrophysical tests of general relativity with Kent Yagi

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow — *Livingston, Louisiana*
LIGO Livingston — *June. 2017 - Aug. 2017*
- Analyzed angular controls systems noise at LIGO with Marie Kasprzack, Adam Mullavey, and Arnaud Pele.

Undergraduate Researcher — *Harrisonburg, Virginia*
James Madison University — *May. 2015 - Aug. 2016*
- Analysis of floating soap bubble rheology under normal stress with Klebert Feitosa

Publications

Published

[1] **B. Seymour** and K. Yagi. Testing General Relativity with Black Hole-Pulsar Binaries. *Phys. Rev.* D98, 124007 (2018). arXiv:1808.00080.

In Preparation

[2] **B. Seymour** and K. Yagi. Probing Massive Scalar Fields from a Pulsar in a Stellar Triple System.
[3] **B. Seymour** and K. Yagi. Probing Massive (Pseudo-)Scalar Fields with Compact Binaries.
[4] N. Hagans, **B. Seymour**, P. Shabane, S. Cheng and K. Feitosa. Attractive and Repulsive Interactions in a Joined Pair of Floating Bubbles.

Honors & Awards

2019 **Stephen T. Thornton Outstanding Undergraduate Physics Research Award** *Charlottesville, VA*
Annual prize for the best physics undergraduate research project at UVA

2019 **Phi Beta Kappa** *Charlottesville, VA*
Collegiate honor society

2019 **Churchill Scholarship** *Charlottesville, VA*
Scholarship for a master's degree at University of Cambridge

2018 **Astronaut Scholarship** *Charlottesville, VA*
National tuition scholarship for scientific research achievement

2018 **College Council Fall Semester Scholars Grant** *Charlottesville, VA*
Research grant funding from UVA College Council.

2018 **Mitchell Summer Research Scholarship,** *Charlottesville, VA*
Summer research stipend from UVA Physics Department

2018 **College Science Scholar Summer Research Stipend** *Charlottesville, VA*
Summer research stipend through College Science Scholar Program

2017 **Shire Award for Collegiate Education Scholarship** *Charlottesville, VA*
Selective national tuition scholarship for academic performance

2016 **College Science Scholar,** *Charlottesville, VA*
Admitted to UVA program based on scientific research achievement.

2015 **Second Century Scholarship** *Harrisonburg, VA*
Selected for JMU tuition scholarship

2014 **Eagle Scout** *Charlottesville, VA*
Highest award offered in Boy Scouts of America for leadership and community service.

Presentations

Apr. 2019	B. Seymour, and K. Yagi. “Black Hole-Pulsar Binary Tests of Gravity,” American Physical Society April Meeting. Denver, CO. (Oral)
Nov. 2018	B. Seymour, and K. Yagi. ”Testing General Relativity with Black Hole-Pulsar Binaries,” Society of Physics Students 8th Annual Undergraduate Physics Research Symposium. Charlottesville, VA. (Oral, 2nd place)
Nov. 2018	B. Seymour, and K. Yagi. “Testing General Relativity with Black Hole-Pulsar Binaries,” Gravity Group Meeting. Charlottesville, VA. (Oral)
Oct. 2018	B. Seymour, and K. Yagi. ”Testing General Relativity with Black Hole-Pulsar Binaries,” Fall College Science Scholar Symposium. Charlottesville, VA. (Poster)
Aug. 2018	B. Seymour, and K. Yagi. “Testing General Relativity with Black Hole-Pulsar Binaries,” Astronaut Scholarship Foundation Technical Conference. Washington DC. (Oral)
Nov. 2017	B. Seymour, M. Kasprzack, A. Pele, and A. Mullavey. “Non-Linear Angular Noise Coupling into Differential Arm Length,” UVa Sigma Pi Sigma Symposium. Charlottesville, VA. (Oral)
Aug. 2017.	B. Seymour, M. Kasprzack, A. Pele, and A. Mullavey. “Characterization of Nonlinear Angular Noise Coupling into Differential Arm Length of the LIGO Livingston Detector,” LIGO SURF Session. Pasadena, CA. (Oral)
Nov. 2016	B. Seymour, O. Cypull, C. O’Dea, S. Cheng, and K. Feitosa. “Stress Induced Rearrangements in a Bubble Raft,” SESAPS Conference. Charlottesville, VA. (Oral)
Oct. 2016	B. Seymour, O. Cypull, C. O’Dea, S. Cheng, and K. Feitosa. “Interfacial Bubble Deformations,” UVa Sigma Pi Sigma Symposium. Charlottesville, VA. (Poster)
Aug. 2016	B. Seymour, O. Cypull, S. Cheng, and K. Feitosa. “Stress Induced Rearrangements in a Bubble Raft,” JMU Summer Symposium. Harrisonburg, VA. (Oral)
Mar. 2016	B. Seymour, O. Cypull, S. Cheng, and K. Feitosa. “Interfacial Bubble Deformations,” 83rd Annual American Physical Society March Meeting. Baltimore, MD. (Poster)
Nov. 2015	B. Seymour, O. Cypull, and K. Feitosa. “Interfacial Bubble Deformations,” Third Annual Virginia Soft Matter Workshop. Charlottesville, VA. (Oral)
Aug. 2015	B. Seymour, O. Cypull, S. Cheng, and K. Feitosa. “Bubble Deformations at the Air-Water Interface,” JMU Summer Symposium. Harrisonburg, VA. (Oral)

Skills

Programming	Python, Java, C++, Matlab, Mathematica, BASH, and Interactive Data Language (IDL)
Physics Software	LaTeX, ROOT, ImageJ, XMGrace, and Igor Pro
Selected Classes	Quantum Field Theory, General Relativity, String Theory, Differential Geometry, and Computational Physics