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EDUCATION	Massachusetts Institute of Technology <i>PhD candidate - Physics</i> Thesis: “ <i>Understanding Dark Matter via Galaxy Cluster Cores</i> ” Advisor: Prof Michael McDonald	2021 - present
	Universität Tübingen <i>MSc Mathematical Physics</i> 1.1 GPA [†] Thesis: “ <i>Exact parallel waves in general relativity</i> ” Advisor: Prof. Carla Cederbaum	2019 - 2021
	University College Cork <i>Bachelor of Science: Physics, 1st class honours</i>	2015 - 2019
AWARDS	DAAD Graduate Program Full Scholarship (2019) - (link) Naughton Research Fellowship (one of 8 in Ireland in 2017) Naughton Foundation Scholarship (one of 29 in Ireland in 2015) - (link) All-Ireland Scholarship (one of 125 in Ireland in 2015; declined) - (link) “College Scholar” - University College Cork	
PUBLICATIONS	First/corresponding author listed in bold <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Roche, C., McDonald M., Vogelsberger, M., et al.; “<i>Brightest Cluster Galaxy Offsets in Cold Dark Matter</i>” (2024) arXiv:2207.03591v2 [gr-qc] (submitted to MNRAS)3. Roche, C., Necib, L., Lin, T., et al.; “<i>The Escape Velocity Profile of the Milky Way from Gaia DR3</i>” (2024) arXiv:2207.03591v2 [gr-qc] (submitted to ApJ)2. Roche, C., Aazami, A.B. & Cederbaum, C.; “<i>Exact parallel waves in general relativity</i>” Gen Relativ Gravit 55, 40 (2023). https://doi.org/10.1007/s10714-023-03083-x1. Roche, C. & Garnavich, P.; “<i>Testing Progenitor Models Using the Late-Time Light Curve of Supernova 1992A</i>” Res. Notes AAS 4 207 (2020) https://doi.org/10.3847/2515-5172/abcb05	
TEACHING	Teaching Assistant - MIT 8.13 Designed and presented lectures on programming, statistics, data analysis, plotting, simulations and errors to be presented as part of the junior lab (8.13) curriculum. Also held office hours, oral exams, assisted in grading, and provided in-lab assistance. (link)	Fall 2023
	Teaching Assistant - MIT 8.13	Fall 2022
	Instructor - Gaia DR3 Hackathon (link)	06/22
	Teaching Assistant - Introductory Physics II Lead tutorials for 1 st year physics undergraduate students at University College Cork on the topics of electromagnetism, optics, special relativity and quantum mechanics.	2017 - 2018
	Leader - Peer Assisted Learning Scheme Lead weekly mathematics/physics learning sessions for undergraduate students in scientific degrees other than math or physics for two years.	2016 - 2018

[†]on a scale of 1-5, where 1 is the highest grade

TALKS

1. “*Galaxies Lacking Dark Matter Produced in a Cosmological Simulation*” 08/04/22
MIT Kavli Institute for Astrophysics and Space Research
2. “*Waves in General Relativity*” 01/07/21
Guest Lecture - Mathematical Relativity Class at the University of Tübingen ([link](#))
3. “*Exact parallel waves in general relativity*” 16/06/21
University of Tübingen Mathematical Physics Colloquium
4. “*How to Stop a Hurricane: Complexity in Physics*” 29/10/20
University College Cork “Blow Your Mind Week” 2020
5. “*Hermiticity of Young Operators*” 30/06/20
Young Tableaux Seminar Series - Universität Tübingen

COMMUNITY

MIT Physics Graduate Admissions Committee 2023/2024 Cycle
Served on the admissions committee to the graduate program in physics as part of SMAC (student members of admissions committee)

MIT Physics Graduate Admissions Committee 2022/2023 Cycle

MIT Summer Research Program Admissions Committee 2022/2023 Cycle
Served on the admissions committee for the MIT Summer research program (MSRP), which aims in particular to provide high-quality research experiences to promising undergraduate students from underrepresented backgrounds. ([link](#))

MIT GAGA Initiative | Co-Lead 06/2022 - 09/2023
The Graduates Advising Graduate Admissions (GAGA) program provides the graduate student perspective to the Chair of Graduate Admissions, offers information and mentorship to underrepresented groups in physics and advises on improvements to the admissions process. ([link](#))

MIT GAGA Initiative | Organising Committee 01/2021 - present

AstroWiki 02/2023 - present
I created and maintain a set of living notes covering most of graduate level astrophysics, specifically designed to aid students when studying for the MIT astrophysics oral qualification exam. ([link](#))

MIT PhysGAAP program - Mentor and Co-Organiser 2021-2023
The Physics Graduate Application Assistance Program (PhysGAAP) provides guidance to prospective applicants on navigating the application process, and liaises with the physics department leadership on issues of accessibility and equity in the graduate application. I have served as a co-organizer for two cycles, and have mentored 5 students through the program. ([link](#))

MIT Physics Graduate Student Council - ([link](#)) 01/2021 - 09/2023

MKI Graduate Student Lunch | Organiser 01/2022 - 08/2023
Organised a weekly lunch and talk series for the physics graduate students of the MIT Kavli Institute for Astrophysics and Space Research.

MIT Graduate Student Union | Organising Committee 09/2021 - 05/2023

UCC Physics and Astronomy Society | Astronomy Officer 2017-2019