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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Physics | Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA starting 09/2020

Master of Physics (4-year MPhys) | University of Oxford, United Kingdom 10/2016 - present

Degree expected: June 2020

Graduate concentration: Laser Physics and Quantum Information Processing, Theoretical Physics

Graduate thesis: Cross-Telescopic Super-Resolution Galaxy Images from Generative Adversarial Networks

- Relevant coursework: laser physics and quantum information processing (2019/20), theoretical physics (2019/20), atomic, molecular and laser physics, quantum physics, condensed matter physics, general relativity and cosmology, particle physics, electromagnetism, optics, biophysics, fluid dynamics, statistical and thermal physics, special relativity, classical mechanics, complex variable calculus, calculus, linear algebra.

International Baccalaureate Diploma | Gymnazium Jur Hronec, Bratislava, Slovak Republic 9/2014 - 6/2016

Subjects: Physics HL, Mathematics HL, English B HL, German B SL, Psychology SL, Slovak A SL.

Score: 42/45

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Student Intern | Tearney Laboratory, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA 7/2019 - 9/2019

Supervisor: Professor Guillermo J. Tearney, MD, PhD

- Created a proof of concept of a new version of the micro-optical coherence tomography, which extends the medical imaging technology to include information about cellular dynamics in addition to the currently available structural information.

Student Researcher | Beecroft Institute of Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology, Oxford, UK 10/2018 - 6/2019

Supervisor: Professor Adrienne Slyz, PhD, Professor Julien Devriendt, PhD

- Developed a machine learning based approach to reconstructing high-redshift quasar spectra around $\text{Ly}\alpha$ to study the Epoch of Reionization that improves on the state-of-the-art model by 14.2% (published in Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society).

Laidlaw Scholar | LIGO Laboratory, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA 7/2018 - 9/2018

Supervisor: Professor Nergis Mavalvala, PhD

- Designed and built an opto-electronic control system called the laser intensity stabilisation servo to produce a shot-noise limited laser beam at 100 Hz - 50 kHz. This system is now used to produce optomechanically squeezed states of light to explore their possible use in future gravitational wave detectors.

Student Researcher | Beecroft Institute of Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology Oxford, UK 10/2017 - 6/2018

Supervisor: Professor Adrienne Slyz, PhD, Professor Julien Devriendt, PhD

- Completed a project on the effect of radiative cooling on galaxy star formation rates in cosmological simulations, comparing the RAMSES and FIRE cooling functions.

Student Intern | Research Center for Quantum Information, Bratislava, Slovakia 6/2017 - 8/2017

Supervisor: Daniel Nagaj, PhD

- Completed a project on the Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm (QAOA) and its possible variations in relation to the NP-complete problem called MAXCUT.

Co-Researcher | M.R. Štefánik Observatory, Hlohovec, Slovakia 2/2015 - 10/2016

Supervisor: Karol Petrík, PhD

- Co-initiated exoplanetary research at the observatory and investigated the transiting exoplanet TrES-1 b in Lyra through multi-band photometric observations, data reduction in Muniwin, and transit light curve analysis.

CERTIFICATES & SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship of the College of the Blessed Mary of Winchester 2017 - 2020

Harvard-MIT Summer Institute for Biomedical Optics Completion Certificate 2019

Institute of Leadership & Management (ILM) Certificate Level 3 2019

McKinsey&Company Next Generation Women Leaders Award 2019

Laidlaw Research and Leadership Scholarship 2018

Distinction in Physics 2017

CONFERENCES & TALKS

Poster:	<i>Neural networks for the early Universe</i> , Royal Society-FAPESP Frontiers of Science Meeting, Sao Paulo	3/2020
Talk:	<i>Neural networks for the early Universe</i> , Particle Physics/Astrophysics/Machine learning Seminar, Oxford	2/2020
Attendee:	First Light and Reionisation Epoch Meeting at Royal Astronomical Society, London	2/2020
Poster:	<i>Developing a motion-weighted micro-optical coherence tomography for in vivo dynamical imaging</i> , Wellman Scientific Retreat, Boston, MA	9/2019
Poster:	<i>Developing a motion-weighted micro-optical coherence tomography for in vivo dynamical imaging</i> , Harvard-MIT Summer Institute for Biomedical Optics Poster Day, Boston, MA	8/2019
Talk:	<i>Dynamical micro-OCT: principles and challenges</i> , Harvard-MIT Summer Institute for Biomedical Optics Presentations, Boston, MA	7/2019
Attendee:	FUTURE of Physics at California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA	11/2018
Poster:	<i>Building a laser intensity stabilisation servo (ISS) for the use of optomechanical squeezing in future GW detectors</i> , Laidlaw Research and Leadership Programme Poster Event, Oxford	10/2018
Talk:	<i>How to quiet a laser? Laser Intensity Stabilisation Servo for Optomechanical Squeezing Experiment</i> , MIT Kavli Institute Undergraduate Research Symposium, Cambridge, MA	8/2018
Talk:	<i>Squeezed States of Light & GW detection</i> , Presentations at New College, Oxford	2/2018

PUBLICATIONS

Ďurovčíková, D., Katz, H., Bosman, S.E.I., Davies, F.B., Devriendt, J., Slyz, A., 2019. Reionization history constraints from neural network based predictions of high-redshift quasar continua. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, Volume 493, Issue 3, April 2020, Pages 4256–4275. <https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/staa505>

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Co-Founder, Mentor | Encouraging Women Across All Borders (EWAAB) | ewaab.org 6/2019 - present
Co-designed a mentorship program targeting first-year female undergraduate students. We aim to encourage women to be more confident and open-minded, to provide them with a set of leadership and communication tools, and to connect them to a global network of inspirational women currently spanning 8 universities around the world.

President, STEM Leader, STEM Advisor | Unimak 9/2016 - present
Leading over 60 members to spread awareness of the possibilities for young Slovaks and Czechs to study at world leading universities via outreach talks, online media, and advice on issues related to choosing and applying to universities.

Vice-President | Oxford University Czech and Slovak Society 3/2017 - 3/2018
Co-organized 15 events throughout the year, ranging from the annual dinner commemorating the Velvet Revolution, discussions with interesting Czech and Slovak citizens, to movie nights, thus connecting Czechs and Slovaks in Oxford.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

IT Proficiency: Python, MATLAB, GitHub, Zemax, Muniwin

Language Proficiency: Slovak (native), Czech (native), English (fluent), German (advanced), Spanish (beginner)

Interests: ukulele, drawing and painting, baking