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EDUCATION	Ph.D., Physics , Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, USA Dissertation Advisor: Prof. Scott Hughes Dissertation Title: <i>Probes of strong-field gravity</i> May 2012 B.S., Physics , California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, USA Degree conferred with honor. Senior Thesis Advisors: Dr. Patrick Sutton and Prof. Alan Weinstein June 2006	
EMPLOYMENT	Assistant Professor , University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS USA Senior Postdoctoral Researcher , Caltech, Pasadena, CA USA NASA Einstein Fellow , Cornell, Ithaca NY, USA Research and Teaching Assistant , MIT, Cambridge MA, USA Teaching Assistant , Caltech, Pasadena, CA, USA Summer Research Fellow , Caltech, Pasadena, CA, USA	August 2018–Present September 2015–August 2018 September 2012–August 2015 September 2006–May 2012 Fall 2004, Spring 2005 June–September 2003/2005
RESEARCH INTERESTS	General relativity (GR), gravitation, and astrophysical phenomena which can elucidate gravity. One major theme is pushing numerical and analytical gravitational-wave (GW) predictions to the precision frontier in advance of next-generation observatories. A second major theme is using GWs to test GR against beyond-GR models, in both theory-independent and theory-dependent models. This involves numerical relativity and renormalization methods applied to specific effective field models for beyond-GR theories.	
HONORS AND AWARDS	CAREER Award , NSF Einstein Postdoctoral Fellow , NASA Henry Kendall Teaching Award , Massachusetts Institute of Technology Upperclass Merit Scholarship , California Institute of Technology	2021–2026 2012–2015 2011 2005–2006
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Assistant Professor , University of Mississippi Phys. 213, General physics I Phys. 401, Electromagnetism I Phys. 402, Electromagnetism II Phys. 709, Advanced Mechanics I Phys. 750, General relativity II	Spring 2021 Falls 2019–2021 Springs 2019–2021 Fall 2018 Spring 2020

	Guest Lecturer , California Institute of Technology	
	Ph236, General relativity	Fall 2017
	Ph237, Gravitational Waves	Spring 2016
	Guest Lecturer , Massachusetts Institute of Technology	
	8.901, Graduate Astrophysics I	Spring 2011
	Teaching Assistant , Massachusetts Institute of Technology	
	8.942, Cosmology	Fall 2011
	8.901, Graduate Astrophysics I	Spring 2011
	8.286, The Early Universe	Fall 2009
	Teaching Assistant , California Institute of Technology	
MENTORING/ SUPERVISION	Ph 7, Nuclear and Quantum Physics Lab	Spring 2005
	Ph 5, Analog Electronics for Physicists	Fall 2004
	Postdoctoral researchers	
	José Tomás Gálvez Gherzi	Fall 2019–present
	Graduate students	
	Maria (Masha) Okounkova, Caltech	Fall 2015–Summer 2019
	Baoyi Chen, Caltech	Fall 2016–Summer 2018
	Undergraduate students	
	Wayne Zhao, Harvard	Summer 2016
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, OUTREACH, AND SERVICE	LISA Consortium, Full member	2020–Present
	UMiss LISA Group leader	2020–Present
	Simulating eXtreme Spacetimes collaboration	2015–Present
	Executive committee member	2018–Present
	American Physical Society, member	2010–Present
	Division of Gravitational Physics	
	Executive Committee Member-at-Large	2016–2019
	Division of Astrophysics	
	Conference organizer	
	Workshop on Numerical Relativity beyond General Relativity , Benasque	June 2018
	Week-long international workshop, 59 participants	
	34 th Pacific Coast Gravity Meeting (PCGM), Caltech	March 2018
	Two-day conference, ~ 125 participants	
	Workshop on Unifying Tests of General Relativity , Caltech	July 2016
	Three day workshop, 52 participants	
	Seminar organizer	
	TAPIR seminar, Caltech	Fall 2015–Spring 2018
	General Relativity Informal Tea-Time Series (GRITTS), MIT	Fall 2011–Spring 2012
	MKI Journal Club, MIT	Fall 2007–Spring 2010

Conference session chair; Judge for best student speaker award

April APS meeting, Columbus, OH	April 2018
34 th Pacific Coast Gravity Meeting (PCGM), Caltech	March 2018
33 rd Pacific Coast Gravity Meeting (PCGM), UCSB	March 2017
“April” APS meeting, Washington D.C.	January 2017
32 nd Pacific Coast Gravity Meeting (PCGM), CSU Fullerton	April 2016
Theoretical Astrophysics in Southern California (TASC), CSU Fullerton	November 2015

Journal referee

Classical and Quantum Gravity, Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics, General Relativity and Gravitation, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, Physics Letters B, Physical Review D, Physical Review Letters, Physical Review X, Reviews of Modern Physics

Agency work

External reviewer for NSF, NASA

Outreach

Guest on the <i>Starts With a Bang</i> podcast Episode 42: Black holes and gravitationa	March 25, 2019
Invited speaker for Latin American Webinar on Physics Webinar 75: “Testing Einstein with numerical relativity”	March 13, 2019
Caltech astronomy public lecture series speaker Lecture: “The truth about black holes”	March 2018
Astronomy on Tap public lecture series speaker and volunteer Close to a monthly basis	2016–2018
Caltech astronomy public lecture series panelist and emcee Approximately every three months	2016–2018
Invited guest lecture on black holes and gravitational waves <i>Science of Space and Time</i> , Hampshire College	November 2017
Invited video Q&A session, public high school physics class <i>The Nova Project</i> school, Seattle	June 2017
Guest on <i>The Titanium Physicists Podcast</i> Episode 80: Picturing the Bach Hole	August 21, 2019
Episode 64: The edges of Einstein	April 25, 2016
Episode 62: Black Bells	February 1, 2016
Quora Q&A Session on gravitational waves and first detection 83.9k+ views, 20.8k+ followers	February 17, 2016
Invited guest host, public screening of <i>COSMOS</i> with Q&A, Science Cabaret/Cornell	March/June 2014
Invited public talk at <i>Frontiers of Cornell Astronomy</i> , Cornell Friends of Astronomy	November 2013
Invited video chat, <i>Topics in Physics</i> course, Stanford Education Program for Gifted Youth	July 2013

COMPUTER SKILLS Expert in MATHEMATICA. Proficient in C/C++, Python, Bash, Javascript. Experience in Java, Haskell. Proficient at *nix and HPC. Markup languages: L^AT_EX, HTML, CSS, Markdown.

Software—Most contributions can be found at <https://github.com/duetosymmetry>. Member of the *Simulating eXtreme Spacetimes* (SXS) collaboration, contributor to the Spectral Einstein Code (SpEC). Member of the *Black Hole Perturbation Toolkit*. Author of `qnm` python package (<https://github.com/duetosymmetry/qnm>). Core collaborator on xACT (<http://xact.es>) abstract tensor calculus package for MATHEMATICA. Coauthor of xTERIOR package for exterior differential geometry under xACT. Co-maintainer of community contributions at <http://contrib.xact.es>. Developed [arXiv-keys](#) browser extension/add-on for Chrome/Firefox.

SUBMITTED PUBLICATIONS

48. Clark, W. A., Gomes, M. W., Rodriguez-Gonzalez, A., **Stein, L. C.**, Strogatz, S. H., (2021) *Surprises in a classic boundary-layer problem*, [[arXiv:2107.11624](#)].
47. Okounkova, M, Farr, W. M., Isi, M., **Stein, L. C.**, (2021) *Constraining gravitational wave amplitude birefringence and Chern-Simons gravity with GWTC-2*, [[arXiv:2101.11153](#)].

COLLABORATION PUBLICATIONS From 2008–2012, I was coauthor on 34 refereed LIGO and/or LIGO/Virgo collaboration publications. The short author-list publications appear below.

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46. Gálvez Gherzi, J. T., **Stein, L. C.**, (2021) *Numerical renormalization group-based approach to secular perturbation theory*, *Phys. Rev. E* **104**, 034219 [[arXiv:2106.08410](#)].
45. Mitman, K., Khera, N., Iozzo, D. A. B., **Stein, L. C.**, et al., (2021) *Fixing the BMS frame of numerical relativity waveforms*, *Phys. Rev. D* **104**, 024051 [[arXiv:2105.02300](#)].
44. Iozzo, D. A. B., Khera, N., **Stein, L. C.**, et al., (2021) *Comparing Remnant Properties from Horizon Data and Asymptotic Data in Numerical Relativity*, *Phys. Rev. D* **103**, 124029 [[arXiv:2104.07052](#)].
43. Tahura, S., Nichols, D. A., Saffer, A., **Stein, L. C.**, Yagi, K. (2020) *Brans-Dicke theory in Bondi-Sachs form: Asymptotically flat solutions, asymptotic symmetries and gravitational-wave memory effects*, *Phys. Rev. D* **103**, 104026 [[arXiv:2007.13799](#)].
42. Tanay, S., **Stein, L. C.**, Gálvez Gherzi, J. T., (2020) *Integrability of eccentric, spinning black hole binaries up to second post-Newtonian order*, *Phys. Rev. D* **103**, 064066 [[arXiv:2012.06586](#)].
41. Gálvez Gherzi, J. T., **Stein, L. C.**, (2021) *A fixed point for black hole distributions*, *Class. Quantum Grav.* **38** 045012 [[arXiv:2007.11578](#)].
40. Okounkova, M., **Stein, L. C.**, Moxon, J., Scheel, M. A., Teukolsky, S. A., (2020) *Numerical relativity simulation of GW150914 beyond general relativity*, *Phys. Rev. D* **101**, 104016 [[arXiv:1911.02588](#)].
39. **Stein, L. C.**, Warburton, N., (2020) *Location of the last stable orbit in Kerr spacetime*, *Phys. Rev. D* **101**, 064007 [[arXiv:1912.07609](#)].
38. Okounkova, M., **Stein, L. C.**, Scheel, M. A., Teukolsky, S. A., (2019) *Numerical binary black hole collisions in dynamical Chern-Simons gravity*, *Phys. Rev. D* **100**, 104026 [[arXiv:1906.08789](#)].
37. Varma, V, et al. (2019) *Surrogate models for precessing binary black hole simulations with unequal masses*, *Phys. Rev. Research* **1**, 033015 [[arXiv:1905.09300](#)].
36. **Stein, L. C.**, (2019) *qnm: A Python package for calculating Kerr quasinormal modes, separation constants, and spherical-spheroidal mixing coefficients*, *J. Open Source Softw.*, **4**(42), 1683 [[arXiv:1908.10377](#)].
35. Boyle, M., et al. (**LCS** is corresponding author) (2019) *The SXS Collaboration catalog of binary black hole simulations*, *Class. Quantum Grav.* **36** 195006 [[arXiv:1904.04831](#)].
34. Barack, L., et al. (2019) *Black holes, gravitational waves and fundamental physics: a roadmap*, *Class. Quantum Grav.* **36** 143001 [[arXiv:1806.05195](#)].

33. Varma, V., **Stein, L. C.**, Gerosa, D., (2019) *The binary black hole explorer: on-the-fly visualizations of precessing binary black holes*, *Class. Quantum Grav.* **36** 095007 [[arXiv:1811.06552](#)], [[project website](#)].
32. Varma, V., Gerosa, D., **Stein, L. C.**, Hébert, F., Zhang, H., (2019) *High-accuracy mass, spin, and recoil predictions of generic black-hole merger remnants*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **122**, 011101 [[arXiv:1809.09125](#)].
31. Isi, M., **Stein, L. C.** (2018) *Measuring stochastic gravitational-wave energy beyond general relativity*, *Phys. Rev. D* **98**, 104025 [[arXiv:1807.02123](#)].
30. Prabhu, K., **Stein, L. C.** (2018) *Black hole scalar charge from a topological horizon integral in Einstein-dilaton-Gauss-Bonnet gravity*, *Phys. Rev. D* **98**, 021503(R) (Rapid Communication) [[arXiv:1805.02668](#)].
29. Gerosa, D., Hébert, F., **Stein, L. C.** (2018) *Black-hole kicks from numerical-relativity surrogate models*, *Phys. Rev. D* **97**, 104049 [[arXiv:1802.04276](#)].
28. Chen, B., **Stein, L. C.** (2018) *Deformation of extremal black holes from stringy interactions*, *Phys. Rev. D* **97**, 084012 [[arXiv:1802.02159](#)].
27. Chen, B., **Stein, L. C.** (2017) *Separating metric perturbations in near-horizon extremal Kerr*, *Phys. Rev. D* **96**, 064017 [[arXiv:1707.05319](#)].
26. Okounkova, M., **Stein, L. C.**, Scheel, M. A., Hemberger, D. A. (2017) *Numerical binary black hole mergers in dynamical Chern-Simons: I. Scalar field*, *Phys. Rev. D* **96**, 044020 [[arXiv:1705.07924](#)].
25. Tso, R., Isi, M., Chen, Y., **Stein, L. C.** (2017) *Modeling the Dispersion and Polarization Content of Gravitational Waves for Tests of General Relativity*, *CPT and Lorentz Symmetry*: pp. 205–208 [[arXiv:1608.01284](#)].
24. McNees, R., **Stein, L. C.**, Yunes, N. (2016) *Extremal Black Holes in Dynamical Chern-Simons Gravity*, *Class. Quantum Grav.* **33** 235013 [[arXiv:1512.05453](#)].
23. Flanagan, É. É., Nichols, D. A., **Stein, L. C.**, Vines, J. (2016) *Prescriptions for Measuring and Transporting Local Angular Momenta in General Relativity*, *Phys. Rev. D* **93**, 104007 [[arXiv:1602.01847](#)].
22. Yagi, K., **Stein, L. C.** (2016) *Black Hole Based Tests of General Relativity*, *Class. Quantum Grav.* **33** 054001 [[arXiv:1602.02413](#)].
21. Yagi, K., **Stein, L. C.**, Yunes, N. (2016) *Challenging the Presence of Scalar Charge and Dipolar Radiation in Binary Pulsars*, *Phys. Rev. D* **93** 024010 [[arXiv:1510.02152](#)].
20. Berti, E., (5 authors), **Stein, L. C.**, (46 more authors) (2015) *Testing General Relativity with Present and Future Astrophysical Observations*, *Class. Quantum Grav.* **32** 243001 [[arXiv:1501.07274](#)].
19. Tsang, D., Galley, C. R., **Stein, L. C.**, Turner, A. (2015) “*Symplectic*” Integrators: Variational Integrators for General Nonconservative Systems, *ApJ* **809** L9 [[arXiv:1506.08443](#)].
18. Yagi, K., **Stein, L. C.**, Pappas, G., Yunes, N., Apostolatos, T. (2014) *Why I-Love-Q: Explaining why universality emerges in compact objects*, *Phys. Rev. D* **90** 063010 [[arXiv:1406.7587](#)].
17. **Stein, L. C.** (2014) *Rapidly rotating black holes in dynamical Chern-Simons gravity: Decoupling limit solutions and breakdown*, *Phys. Rev. D* **90** 044061 [[arXiv:1407.2350](#)].
16. **Stein, L. C.**, Yagi, K., Yunes, N. (2014) *Three-Hair Newtonian Relations for Rotating Stars*, *ApJ* **788** 15 [[arXiv:1312.4532](#)].
15. **Stein, L. C.**, Yagi, K. (2014) *Parameterizing and constraining scalar corrections to general relativity*, *Phys. Rev. D* **89** 044026 [[arXiv:1310.6743](#)].
14. Yagi, K., **Stein, L. C.**, Yunes, N., Tanaka, T. (2013) *Isolated and Binary Neutron Stars in Dynamical Chern-Simons Gravity*, *Phys. Rev. D* **87** 084058 [[arXiv:1302.1918](#)].

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PUBLICATIONS

13. Yagi, K., **Stein, L. C.**, Yunes, N., Tanaka, T. (2012), *Post-Newtonian, Quasi-Circular Binary Inspirals in Quadratic Modified Gravity*, *Phys. Rev. D* **85** 064022 [[arXiv:1110.5950](#)].
12. Vigeland, S., Yunes, N., **Stein, L. C.** (2011), *Bumpy black holes in alternative theories of gravity*, *Phys. Rev. D* **83** 104027 [[arXiv:1102.3706](#)].
11. Yunes, N., **Stein, L. C.** (2011), *Nonspinning black holes in alternative theories of gravity*, *Phys. Rev. D* **83** 104002 [[arXiv:1101.2921](#)].
10. **Stein, L. C.**, Yunes, N. (2011), *Effective gravitational wave stress-energy tensor in alternative theories of gravity*, *Phys. Rev. D* **83** 064038 [[arXiv:1012.3144](#)].
9. Lutomirski, A., Tegmark, M., Sanchez, N. J., **Stein, L. C.**, Urry, W. L., Zaldarriaga, M. (2011), *Solving the corner-turning problem for large interferometers*, *MNRAS* **410** 2075 [[arXiv:0910.1351](#)].
8. Sutton, P., Jones, G., Chatterji, S., Kalmus, P., Leonor, I., Poprocki, S., Rollins, J., Searle, A., **Stein, L.**, Tinto, M., Was, M. (2010), *X-Pipeline: an analysis package for autonomous gravitational-wave burst searches*, *New J. Phys.* **12** 053034 [[arXiv:0908.3665](#)].
7. Chatterji, S., Lazzarini, A., **Stein, L.**, Sutton, P., Searle, A. (2006), *Coherent network analysis technique for discriminating gravitational-wave bursts from instrumental noise*, *Phys. Rev. D* **74** 082005 [[arXiv:gr-qc/0605002](#)].
6. Galley, C. R., Tsang, D., **Stein, L. C.** (2014) *The principle of stationary nonconservative action for classical mechanics and field theories*, [[arXiv:1412.3082](#)].
5. **Stein, L. C.** (2014), *Note on Legendre decomposition of the Pontryagin density in Kerr*, [[arXiv:1407.0744](#)].
4. **Stein, L. C.** (2012), *Probes of Strong-field Gravity*, Ph.D. thesis at Massachusetts Institute of Technology [[hdl:1721.1/77256](#)].
3. Betancourt, M., **Stein, L. C.** (2011) *The Geometry of Hamiltonian Monte Carlo*, [[arXiv:1112.4118](#)].
2. **Stein, L. C.** (2009), *Binary Inspirals Gravitational Waves from a Post-Newtonian Expansion*, Contribution to the Wolfram Demonstrations Project, <http://demonstrations.wolfram.com/BinaryInspiralsGravitationalWavesFromAPostNewtonianExpansion/>
1. **Stein, L. C.** (2006), *Gravitational Wave Burst Source Localization in a Coherent Network Analysis*, Senior thesis at California Institute of Technology

INVITED TALKS

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| 39. SISSA, Current challenges in gravitational physics workshop, | April 2021 |
| 38. Flatiron CCA, Gravitational wave astronomy group seminar, | January 2021 |
| 37. University of Birmingham, astrophysics seminar | September 2020 |
| 36. Albert Einstein Institute, ACR division seminar | July 2020 |
| 35. Black Hole Perturbation Toolkit, Spring 2020 workshop | May 2020 |
| 34. American Physical Society Meeting | April 2020 |
| 33. UVA, physics department colloquium | November 2019 |
| 32. UT Dallas, physics department colloquium | October 2019 |
| 31. Northwestern University, CIERA astrophysics seminar | May 2019 |
| 30. ETH-ITS Zurich, “New horizons for gravity” workshop | May 2018 |
| 29. UC San Diego, astrophysics seminar | March 2018 |
| 28. UC Berkeley, 4D particle physics seminar | March 2018 |
| 27. Kyoto University, YKIS2018a Symposium | February 2018 |
| 26. Oakland University physics seminar | February 2018 |
| 25. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee gravity seminar | January 2018 |

24. Caltech/JPL Gravitational-Wave (CaJAGWR) seminar	January 2018
23. ICN UNAM, Relativity seminar	December 2017
22. University of Mississippi, Astrophysics seminar	November 2017
21. University of Florida, Astrophysics seminar	November 2017
20. University of Nottingham, Mathematical Physics seminar	July 2017
19. Sapienza University of Rome, New Frontiers in Gravitational-Wave Astrophysics	June 2017
18. Rochester Institute of Technology, CCRG seminar	March 2017
17. Penn State, IGC seminar	March 2017
16. University of Mississippi, Strong Gravity/Binary Dynamics workshop	February/March 2017
15. SUNY Stony Brook, “The universe through gravitational waves”	December 2016
14. University of Pennsylvania, New Frontiers in Gravitational Radiation workshop	December 2016
13. Cambridge MA, Event Horizon Telescope collaboration meeting	November/December 2016
12. Northwestern University CIERA, “Fellows at the Frontiers”	August/September 2016
11. Princeton University, GR@100++ panel discussion	April 2016
10. Cambridge MA, Einstein fellows symposium	October 2014
9. Perimeter Institute, Strong gravity seminar	October 2014
8. Cornell University, Friends of astronomy outreach event	November 2013
7. Cambridge MA, Einstein fellows symposium	October 2013
6. SUNY Geneseo, Physics colloquium	October 2013
5. University of Maryland, UMD gravity seminar	October 2013
4. Yale University, YCAA seminar	September 2013
3. Kyoto University, YITP long-term workshop	June 2013
2. Cambridge MA, Einstein fellows symposium	October 2012
1. Cornell University, Relativity lunch	November 2011

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TALKS (SELECTED)

20. American Physical Society Meeting	April 2021
19. American Physical Society Meeting	April 2019
18. American Physical Society Meeting	April 2018
17. Pacific Coast Gravity Meeting	March 2017
16. American Physical Society Meeting	April January 2017
15. Testing Gravity 2017	January 2017
14. 21 st International meeting on GR (GR21)	July 2016
13. American Physical Society Meeting	April 2016
12. Eastern Gravity Meeting	May 2015
11. American Physical Society Meeting	April 2015
10. NEB 16 Recent developments in gravity	September 2014
9. American Physical Society Meeting	April 2014
8. XXVII Texas symposium on relativistic astrophysics	December 2013
7. 20 th International meeting on GR (GR20)	July 2013
6. Eastern Gravity Meeting	June 2013
5. American Physical Society Meeting	April 2013
4. Caltech TAPIR Seminar	December 2011

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| 3. Eastern Gravity Meeting | June 2011 |
| 2. American Physical Society Meeting | April 2011 |
| 1. American Physical Society Meeting | April 2010 |

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