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EDUCATION	<b>Ph.D., Physics</b> , Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, USA Dissertation Advisor: Prof. Scott Hughes Dissertation Title: <i>Probes of strong-field gravity</i> <b>May 2012</b>  <b>B.S., Physics</b> , California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, USA Degree conferred with honor. Senior Thesis Advisors: Dr. Patrick Sutton and Prof. Alan Weinstein <b>June 2006</b>	
EMPLOYMENT	<b>Assistant Professor</b> , University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS USA <b>Senior Postdoctoral Researcher</b> , Caltech, Pasadena, CA USA <b>NASA Einstein Fellow</b> , Cornell, Ithaca NY, USA <b>Research and Teaching Assistant</b> , MIT, Cambridge MA, USA <b>Teaching Assistant</b> , Caltech, Pasadena, CA, USA <b>Summer Research Fellow</b> , Caltech, Pasadena, CA, USA	<b>August 2018–Present</b> <b>September 2015–August 2018</b> <b>September 2012–August 2015</b> <b>September 2006–May 2012</b> <b>Fall 2004, Spring 2005</b> <b>June–September 2003/2005</b>
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	<b>CAREER Award</b> , NSF <b>Einstein Postdoctoral Fellow</b> , NASA <b>Henry Kendall Teaching Award</b> , Massachusetts Institute of Technology <b>Upperclass Merit Scholarship</b> , California Institute of Technology	<b>2021–2026</b> <b>2012–2015</b> <b>2011</b> <b>2005–2006</b>
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<b>Assistant Professor</b> , 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	<b>Spring 2021</b> <b>Falls 2019–2021</b> <b>Springs 2019–2021</b> <b>Fall 2018</b> <b>Spring 2020</b>

	<b>Guest Lecturer</b> , California Institute of Technology	
	Ph236, General relativity	Fall 2017
	Ph237, Gravitational Waves	Spring 2016
	<b>Guest Lecturer</b> , Massachusetts Institute of Technology	
	8.901, Graduate Astrophysics I	Spring 2011
	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , Massachusetts Institute of Technology	
	8.942, Cosmology	Fall 2011
	8.901, Graduate Astrophysics I	Spring 2011
	8.286, The Early Universe	Fall 2009
	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , California Institute of Technology	
MENTORING/ SUPERVISION	Ph 7, Nuclear and Quantum Physics Lab	Spring 2005
	Ph 5, Analog Electronics for Physicists	Fall 2004
	<b>Postdoctoral researchers</b>	
	Károly Csukás	Fall 2021–present
	José Tomás Gálvez Gherzi	Fall 2019–present
	<b>Graduate students</b>	
	Lorena Magaña Zertuche, University of Mississippi	Fall 2018–present
	Sashwat Tanay, University of Mississippi	Fall 2018–present
	Maria (Masha) Okounkova, Caltech	Fall 2015–Summer 2019
	Baoyi Chen, Caltech	Fall 2016–Summer 2018
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, OUTREACH, AND SERVICE	<b>Undergraduate students</b>	
	Wayne Zhao, Harvard	Summer 2016
	<b>LISA Consortium, Full member</b>	2020–Present
	UMiss LISA Group leader	2020–Present
	<b>Simulating eXtreme Spacetimes collaboration</b>	2015–Present
	Executive committee member	2018–Present
	<b>American Physical Society, member</b>	2010–Present
	Division of Gravitational Physics	
	Executive Committee Member-at-Large	2016–2019
	Division of Astrophysics	
	<b>Conference organizer</b>	
	Workshop on <b>Numerical Relativity beyond General Relativity</b> , Benasque	June 2018
	Week-long international workshop, 59 participants	
	34 <sup>th</sup> Pacific Coast Gravity Meeting (PCGM), Caltech	March 2018
	Two-day conference, $\sim 125$ participants	
	Workshop on <b>Unifying Tests of General Relativity</b> , 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 <sup>th</sup> Pacific Coast Gravity Meeting (PCGM), Caltech	March 2018
33 <sup>rd</sup> Pacific Coast Gravity Meeting (PCGM), UCSB	March 2017
“April” APS meeting, Washington D.C.	January 2017
32 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <a href="#">Episode 42: Black holes and gravitationa</a>	March 25, 2019
Invited speaker for Latin American Webinar on Physics <a href="#">Webinar 75: “Testing Einstein with numerical relativity”</a>	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> <a href="#">Episode 80: Picturing the Bach Hole</a> <a href="#">Episode 64: The edges of Einstein</a> <a href="#">Episode 62: Black Bells</a>	August 21, 2019 April 25, 2016 February 1, 2016
Quora <a href="#">Q&amp;A Session</a> 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	<b>March/June 2014</b>
Invited public talk at <i>Frontiers of Cornell Astronomy</i> , Cornell Friends of Astronomy	<b>November 2013</b>
Invited video chat, <i>Topics in Physics</i> course, Stanford Education Program for Gifted Youth	<b>July 2013</b>

**COMPUTER SKILLS** Expert in MATHEMATICA. Proficient in C/C++, Python, Bash, Javascript. Experience in Java, Haskell. Proficient at \*nix and HPC. Markup languages: L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, 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**
49. Tanay, S., Cho, G., **Stein, L. C.**, (2021) *Action-angle variables of a binary black-hole with arbitrary eccentricity, spins, and masses at 1.5 post-Newtonian order*, [[arXiv:2110.15351](#)].
  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.

- REFEREED PUBLICATIONS**
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.**, (2020) *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) “Simplectic” Integrators: Variational Integrators for General Nonconservative Systems, *ApJ* **809** L9 [arXiv:1506.08443].
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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](#)].
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](#)].
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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](#)].
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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 Inspiral Gravitational Waves from a Post-Newtonian Expansion*, Contribution to the Wolfram Demonstrations Project, <http://demonstrations.wolfram.com/BinaryInspiralGravitationalWavesFromAPostNewtonianExpansion/>
1. **Stein, L. C.** (2006), *Gravitational Wave Burst Source Localization in a Coherent Network Analysis*, Senior thesis at California Institute of Technology

UNREFEREED  
PUBLICATIONS

## 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   |

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| 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	<del>April</del> January 2017
15. Testing Gravity 2017	January 2017
14. 21 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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
3. Eastern Gravity Meeting	June 2011
2. American Physical Society Meeting	April 2011
1. American Physical Society Meeting	April 2010

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