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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> B.S., Physics , California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, USA Degree conferred with honor. Senior Thesis Advisors: Dr. Patrick Sutton and Prof. Alan Weinstein	May 2012 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. Recent work is focused on gravitational-wave predictions in beyond-GR theories of gravity. Work in progress and future work includes numerical simulations of black hole mergers in beyond-GR theories, cosmological signatures of beyond-GR theories, and investigations in near-horizon extremal Kerr.	
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 Guest Lecturer , California Institute of Technology Ph236, General relativity Ph237, Gravitational Waves	Spring 2021 Falls 2019–2020 Springs 2019–2021 Fall 2018 Spring 2020 Fall 2017 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	
	Ph 7, Nuclear and Quantum Physics Lab	Spring 2005
	Ph 5, Analog Electronics for Physicists	Fall 2004
MENTORING/ SUPERVISION	Postdoctoral researchers	
	José Tomás Gálvez Gheri	Fall 2019–present
	Graduate students	
	Maria (Masha) Okounkova, Caltech	Fall 2015–Summer 2019
	Baoyi Chen, Caltech	Fall 2016–present
	Undergraduate students	
	Wayne Zhao, Harvard	Summer 2016
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, OUTREACH, AND SERVICE	Simulating eXtreme Spacetimes collaboration	2015–Present
	Executive committee member	2018–Present
	Member, American Physical Society	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

32nd 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 *Starts With a Bang* podcast
 Episode 42: Black holes and gravitationa **March 25, 2019**

Invited speaker for Latin American Webinar on Physics **March 13, 2019**
 Webinar 75: “Testing Einstein with numerical relativity”

Caltech astronomy public lecture series speaker **March 2018**
 Lecture: “The truth about black holes”

Astronomy on Tap public lecture series speaker and volunteer **2016–2018**
 Close to a monthly basis

Caltech astronomy public lecture series panelist and emcee **2016–2018**
 Approximately every three months

Invited guest lecture on black holes and gravitational waves **November 2017**
Science of Space and Time, Hampshire College

Invited video Q&A session, public high school physics class **June 2017**
The Nova Project school, Seattle

Guest on *The Titanium Physicists Podcast*
 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 **February 17, 2016**
 83.9k+ views, 20.8k+ followers

Invited guest host, public screening of *COSMOS* with Q&A, **March/June 2014**
 Science Cabaret/Cornell

Invited public talk at *Frontiers of Cornell Astronomy*, **November 2013**
 Cornell Friends of Astronomy

Invited video chat, *Topics in Physics* course, **July 2013**
 Stanford Education Program for Gifted Youth

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

44. 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](#)].
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*, [[arXiv:2007.13799](#)].

ACCEPTED PUBLICATIONS

42. Tanay, S., **Stein, L. C.**, Gálvez Gherzi, J. T., (2020) *Integrability of eccentric, spinning black hole binaries up to second post-Newtonian order*, [[arXiv:2012.06586](#)].

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

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) “Simplictic” 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](#)].
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](#)].

UNREFEREED
PUBLICATIONS

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

INVITED TALKS

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|---|------------------------|
| 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 |

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| 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 |

CONTRIBUTED
TALKS (SELECTED)

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

REFERENCES

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