

# Stephen Taylor | Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

**Institute of Astronomy, University of Cambridge**

**Cambridge, UK**

*PhD (Astronomy)*

*2010–2014*

**University of Oxford**

**Oxford, UK**

*MPhys, First Class*

*2006–2010*

Graduated 4<sup>th</sup> in University

## Doctoral Thesis

**Title:** *Exploring the cosmos with gravitational waves*

**Supervisor:** Dr. Jonathan R. Gair

**Description:**

## Professional experience

**NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory**

**Pasadena**

*NASA Postdoctoral Fellow*

*2014–Present*

**California Institute of Technology**

**Pasadena**

*Visting scholar (TAPIR group)*

*2014–Present*

## Awards

**2015:** International Pulsar Timing Array (IPTA) Steering Committee Prize — “Honourable Mention”

**2015:** Gravitational Wave International Committee (GWIC) Thesis Prize — “Honourable Mention”

**2014:** NASA Postdoctoral Fellowship (JPL)

**2010:** Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) PhD Studentship at IoA Cambridge

**2007–2010:** Undergraduate Scholar of Jesus College, Oxford

**2008:** Examiner’s Prize, Oxford Physics Speaking Competition

**2007:** Oxford Physics department prize for laboratory work

**2006–2010:** Various Oxford undergraduate departmental and college examination prizes

## Teaching experience

**2011–2013:** Supervisor for Cambridge Part II undergraduate students in RELATIVITY

**2011:** Updated Cambridge Part II undergraduate computing projects from C to Matlab

## Computer skills

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**OS:** Linux/Unix, Windows

**Programming:** C/C++, PYTHON

**Typography:** L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Microsoft Office, Pages, OpenOffice

**Scientific:** Mathematica, Matlab, PYTHON

**GPU Programming:** CUDA C, PyCUDA

## Outreach

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**2013:** Presentation at the Institute of Astronomy Open Day

**2012–2014:** Presentation to prospective students (Institute of Astronomy graduate interviews)

**2012:** Outreach talk at Institute of Astronomy public-observing evening

**2011:** Presentation at the Institute of Astronomy Open Day

## Professional affiliations

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**American Physical Society:** Member

**American Astronomical Society:** Member

**North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational waves (NANOGrav):** Full member

**Royal Astronomical Society:** Fellow

**European Pulsar Timing Array (EPTA):** Member

**International Pulsar Timing Array (IPTA):** Member

## Recent presentations

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[Invited talks.....](#)

[Contributed talks.....](#)

[Seminars.....](#)

**Dec 2015:** Prospects for near future detection and astrophysical inference with PTAs, CaJAGWR seminar, California Institute of Technology

**May 2013:** Searching For Anisotropic Gravitational-wave Backgrounds Using Pulsar Timing Arrays, Albert Einstein Institute (AEI), Hanover

**Feb 2013:** Weighing the evidence for a gravitational-wave background, Institute of Astronomy seminar, University of Cambridge

**Dec 2012:** Weighing the evidence for a gravitational-Wave background, University of Birmingham

**Jun 2012:** Milestones in Spacetime: Double Neutron-Star Binaries as Gravitational-Wave Standard Sirens, Institute of Astronomy seminar, University of Cambridge

[Posters.....](#)

**Aug 2015:** GALACTIC ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS ON GRAVITATIONAL WAVE SIGNALS IN PULSAR TIMING ARRAYS, Postdoc Research Day, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory

**Aug 2012:** COSMOLOGY WITHOUT EM COUNTERPARTS: STANDARD SIRENS IN THE ADVANCED

ERA AND BEYOND, Rattle and Shine, KITP Santa Barbara

**Dec 2011:** COSMOLOGY USING ADVANCED GRAVITATIONAL-WAVE DETECTORS ALONE, Graduate Student Conference 2011, Cavendish Laboratory, University of Cambridge