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Academic Employment

Research Associate , Department of Physics, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	August 2022-present
Research Associate , DAMTP, University of Cambridge	October 2020-June 2022
Research and Teaching Assistant , Princeton University	September 2014-July 2020

Education

PhD, Physics , Princeton University Advisor: Frans Pretorius	September 2014-July 2020
BA, Physics , Columbia University Minor in Mathematics Departmental honors in Physics, <i>summa cum laude</i> , Phi Beta Kappa	September 2010-May 2014

Awards/Grants

Hartle award , ISGRG (GR 22/Amaldi 13 conference)	December 2019
Erwin H. Leiwant Scholarship , Columbia University	September 2013-May 2014
John Jay Scholar , Columbia University	September 2010-May 2014

Teaching and Mentorship

Assistant Instructor, Princeton University	
EGR/PHY 191, An integrated introduction to engineering, math, physics	Fall 2019
PHY 103/105, General Physics I Lab	Fall 2018
PHY 304, Advanced Electromagnetism	Spring 2018
AST 203, The Universe	Spring 2017, 2018
PHY 523, General Relativity (graduate course)	Fall 2017
AST 204, Topics in Modern Astronomy	Spring 2016
PHY 301, Thermal Physics	Fall 2015, Spring 2016

Teaching Assistant, Columbia University	
Math V2000, Introduction to higher mathematics	Spring 2014

Mentorship of PhD students	
Daniel Caballero (University of Illinois)	2023-present
*Abhishek Hegade K. R. (University of Illinois)	2022-present
Hengrui Zhu (Princeton University)	2022-present
*Alex Pandya (Princeton University)	2021-2022
*Tamara Evstafyeva (University of Cambridge)	2021-2022
*Led to publication.	

Mentorship of undergraduate students	
Shikhar Kumar (University of Cambridge)	Summer 2021
Adam Wills (University of Cambridge)	Summer 2021

Professional Activities

External PhD thesis reader	
External thesis reader and committee member for Thanassis Giannakopoulos (University of Lisbon)	September 2022

University of Cambridge, DAMTP
Friday general relativity seminar co-organizer
General relativity journal club co-organizer

October 2020-June 2022
October 2020-June 2022

Princeton University Department of Physics
Member on the Climate and Inclusion Committee

September 2019-May 2020

Referee

Physical Review D, Physical Review Letters, Classical and Quantum Gravity

Computational Experience

I have programming experience with C/C++, Fortran (77/90), Julia, Python, and Mathematica. My Github account: JLRipley314, lists some of the individual computational projects I have worked on. I have also done some work for the GRChombo collaboration, which works on an open-source numerical relativity code written in C++.

Outreach

Princeton citizen scientists

The Princeton Citizen Scientists is a graduate student led group at Princeton University that is dedicated to science policy and outreach at the local, state, and federal level.

President	June 2018–July 2019
Co-organizer for science advocacy trip to Washington, D.C. (article)	December 2018
Co-organizer for science and intersectionality workshop (link to schedule)	February 2018
Co-organizer for science “teach-in” event at Princeton public library (article)	October 2017

Open labs

Open labs is a graduate student group at Princeton University that organizes “science cafes” where local high and middle school students hear talks given by graduate students about their research.

Treasurer and presenter	May 2018–February 2019
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Department of physics, Princeton University

I participated in several science outreach events organized through the department of physics at Princeton University throughout my time as a graduate student. events where I helped plan/organize some of programming are listed below.

Trenton science summer camp (helped plan and run several lessons over 2 weeks)	July 2018
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Interviews on “these vibes are too cosmic”

These vibes are too cosmic is a radio program run through Princeton University.

Interview about exotic compact objects	January 2019
Interview about antigravity	March 2016

Refereed Publications

Link to all papers, including preprints: InSpire Hep

19. Abhishek Hegade K.R., **Justin L. Ripley**, Niolas Yunes, *Where and why does Einstein-scalar-Gauss-Bonnet theory break down?*. Phys.Rev.D 107 (2023) 4, 044044. arXiv:2211.08477
18. Maxence Corman, **Justin L. Ripley**, William E. East, *Nonlinear studies of binary black hole mergers in Einstein-scalar-Gauss-Bonnet gravity*. Phys.Rev.D 107 (2023) 2, 024014. arXiv:2210.09235
17. Alex Pandya, **Justin L. Ripley**. *Dynamics of a nonminimally coupled scalar field in asymptotically AdS_4 spacetime*. Class.Quant.Grav. 39 (2022) 21, 215018. arXiv:2206.08854
16. **Justin L. Ripley**. *Numerical relativity for Horndeski gravity*. IJMPD 31(13):2230017, 2022. arXiv:2207.13074
15. Maxence Corman, William E. East, **Justin L. Ripley**. *Evolution of black holes through a nonsingular cosmological bounce*. JCAP 09 (2022) 063 arXiv:2206.08466

14. **Justin L. Ripley.** *Computing the quasinormal modes and eigenfunctions for the Teukolsky equation using horizon penetrating, hyperboloidally compactified coordinates.* Class. Quantum Grav. 39 (14) 145009 (2022). arXiv:2202.03837
13. William E. East, **Justin L. Ripley.** *Dynamics of Spontaneous Black Hole Scalarization and Mergers in Einstein-Scalar-Gauss-Bonnet Gravity.* Phys. Rev. Lett. 127, 101102 (2021). arXiv:2105.08571
12. **Justin L. Ripley.** *A symmetric hyperbolic formulation of the vacuum Einstein equations in affine-null coordinates.* Journal of Mathematical Physics 62, 062501 (2021). arXiv:2104.09972
11. **Justin L. Ripley,** Nicholas Loutrel, Elena Giorgi, and Frans Pretorius. *Numerical computation of second-order vacuum perturbations of Kerr black holes.* Phys. Rev. D 103 (10), 104018 (2021). arXiv:2010.00162
10. Nicholas Loutrel, **Justin L. Ripley,** Elena Giorgi, and Frans Pretorius. *Second Order Perturbations of Kerr Black Holes: Reconstruction of the Metric.* Phys. Rev. D 103, 104017 (2021). arXiv:2008.11770
9. William E. East, **Justin L. Ripley.** *Evolution of Einstein-scalar-Gauss-Bonnet gravity using a modified harmonic formulation.* Phys.Rev.D 103 4, 044040 (2021). arXiv:2011.03547
8. **Justin L. Ripley,** Frans Pretorius. *Dynamics of a \mathbb{Z}_2 symmetric EdGB gravity in spherical symmetry.* Class. Quantum Grav. 37 (15), 155003 (2020). arXiv:2005.05417
7. **Justin L. Ripley,** Frans Pretorius. *Scalarized black hole dynamics in Einstein-dilaton-Gauss-Bonnet gravity.* Phys. Rev. D 101 (4), 044015 (2019). arXiv:1911.11027
6. **Justin L. Ripley.** *Excision and avoiding the use of boundary conditions in numerical relativity.* Class. Quantum Grav. 36 (23) 237001 (2019). arXiv:1908.04234
5. **Justin L. Ripley,** Frans Pretorius. *Gravitational collapse in Einstein dilaton Gauss-Bonnet gravity* Class. Quantum Grav. 36 (13) 134001 (2019). arXiv:1903.07543
4. **Justin L. Ripley,** Frans Pretorius. *Hyperbolicity in Spherical Collapse of a Horndeski Theory.* Phys. Rev. D 99 (8), 084014 (2019). arXiv:1902.01468
3. **Justin L. Ripley,** Kent Yagi. *Black hole perturbation under a 2+2 decomposition in the action.* Phys. Rev. D 97 (2), 024009 (2017). arXiv:1705.03068
2. Anna Ijjas, **Justin L. Ripley,** Paul J. Steinhardt. *NEC violation in mimetic cosmology revisited.* Phys.Lett. B760 132-138 (2016). arXiv:1604.08586
1. **Justin L. Ripley,** Brian D. Metzger, Almudena Arcones, and Gabriel Martinez-Pinedo. *X-ray Decay Lines from Heavy Nuclei in Supernova Remnants as a Probe of the r-Process Origin and the Birth Periods of Magnetars.* Mon. Not. Roy. Astron. Soc. 438 (4), 3243-3254 (2013). arXiv:1310.2950

GRChombo collaboration papers: I have made some contributions to the GRChombo collaboration numerical relativity code.

2. Radia et al., *Lessons for adaptive mesh refinement in numerical relativity.* Class. Quant. Grav. 39 (13) 135006 (2022). arXiv:2112.10567
1. Andrade et al., *GRChombo: An adaptable numerical relativity code for fundamental physics.* J. Open Source Softw. 6 (2021) 3703. arXiv:2201.03458

Conferences and Seminars

Invited conference talks/seminars

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| 16. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL
<i>Modeling black hole binaries in modified theories of gravity</i> | September 2022 |
| 15. Black Hole Initiative, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (online)
<i>Numerical Relativity and testing General Relativity with gravitational waves: Parts I&II</i> | March 2022 |
| 14. University of Tübingen, Tübingen, DE (online)
<i>Evolution of binary black hole systems in scalar Gauss-Bonnet gravity</i> | February 2022 |
| 13. Albert Einstein Institute, Potsdam, DE (online)
<i>Evolution of binary black hole systems in scalar Gauss-Bonnet gravity</i> | November 2021 |

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| 12. Sapienza University of Rome, Rome, IT (online)
<i>Computing the second order gravitational perturbation of Kerr black holes</i> | May 2021 |
| 11. University of Oxford, Oxford, UK (online)
<i>The classical evolution of binary black hole systems in scalar-tensor theories</i> | February 2021 |
| 10. University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA (online)
<i>The classical evolution of binary black hole systems in scalar-tensor theories</i> | February 2021 |
| 9. Kyoto University, Kyoto, JP (online)
<i>The classical evolution of binary black hole systems in scalar-tensor theories</i> | February 2021 |
| 8. University of Southampton, Southampton, UK (online)
<i>The classical evolution of binary black hole systems in scalar-tensor theories</i> | January 2021 |
| 7. University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK (online)
<i>Computing the second order gravitational perturbation of Kerr black holes</i> | November 2020 |
| 6. Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD (online)
<i>Numerical computation of second order vacuum perturbations of Kerr black holes</i> | November 2020 |
| 5. Princeton University, Princeton, NJ (online)
<i>Classical modifications to Einstein's General Relativity around black holes</i> | October 2020 |
| 4. Perimeter Institute, Waterloo, ON (online)
<i>Exploring the nonlinear dynamics of Einstein dilaton Gauss-Bonnet gravity</i> | April 2020 |
| 3. University of Illinois, Urbana, IL
<i>Testing General Relativity and the nonlinear dynamics of modified gravity theories</i> | January 2020 |
| 2. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA
<i>Second order vacuum perturbation of a Kerr black hole</i> | December 2019 |
| 1. Black Hole Initiative, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
<i>Nonlinear dynamics of Horndeski theories in spherical collapse</i> | December 2019 |

Contributed conference talks/seminars

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| 9. GR23 (online)
<i>Evolution of binary scalar-hairy black holes</i> | July 2022 |
| 8. EPS-HEP2021 Conference (online)
<i>Modeling black hole binaries in scalar-tensor theories of gravity</i> | July 2021 |
| 7. APS April Meeting, Sacramento, CA (online)
<i>Application of the modified generalized harmonic formulation to scalar-tensor gravity theories</i> | April 2021 |
| 6. BritGrav21, UCD, Dublin, Ireland (online)
<i>Computing the second order vacuum perturbation of Kerr black holes</i> | April 2021 |
| 5. XIII Black Holes Workshop, IST, Lisbon, PT (online)
<i>Computing the second order vacuum perturbation of a Kerr black hole</i> | December 2020 |
| 4. APS April Meeting, Washington, DC (online)
<i>Second order perturbation of a Kerr black hole</i> | April 2020 |
| 3. GR 22/Amaldi 13, Valencia, Spain
<i>Nonlinear dynamics of Horndeski theories in spherical collapse</i> | July 2019 |
| 2. APS April Meeting, Denver, CO
<i>Hyperbolicity in gravitational collapse in a modified gravity theory</i> | April 2019 |
| 1. Numerical Relativity beyond General Relativity, Benasque, Spain
<i>Gravitational collapse in a modified gravity theory</i> | June 2018 |