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EDUCATION	University of Glasgow , Glasgow, UK Ph.D. Solar Physics Thesis Title: <i>The Energetics of Small Solar Flares and Brightenings</i> Advisers: Dr Iain G. Hannah, Dr Alexander MacKinnon University of Southampton , Southampton, UK MPhys Astrophysics with a year abroad First-class honours (1:1) Thesis Title: <i>The Superflare Rates of Solar-Like Stars</i> Advisers: Dr Steven H. Saar, Dr Jeremy J. Drake	10/2014 – 04/2019 10/2010 – 06/2014
FUTURE APPOINTMENTS	Postdoctoral Research Fellow , Stanford University W. W. Hansen Experimental Physics Laboratory Mentor , NASA Frontier Development Lab (FDL) SETI Institute/NASA Ames Research Center, Mountain View, CA Project: <i>Super-resolution magnetograms</i>	06/2019 – 06/2019 –
SELECTED PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS	Affiliate Staff Member , University of Glasgow <ul style="list-style-type: none">Used the EBTEL hydrodynamics code to model light curves from coronal loops. The parameter space of these simulations will be constrained by observations obtained during the <i>NuSTAR</i> heliophysics campaign, and to test a variety of coronal analysis techniques. Researcher , NASA Frontier Development Lab (FDL) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Predicted MEGS-A Solar Spectral Irradiance (SSI) with median absolute relative uncertainties of less than 1.6% per emission line using a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) augmented with a Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP).Used a 1x1 CNN to improve the computational speed ($10^3\times$ increase) for differential emission measure (DEM) inversion. Post-Graduate Research Assistant , University of Glasgow <ul style="list-style-type: none">Analysed observations of the Sun with <i>NuSTAR</i>, a telescope not designed for heliophysics. These observations are the most sensitive of their kind and have resulted in numerous, wide-ranging, highly-collaborative peer-reviewed publications.Studied the temperature distribution of the solar atmosphere through the recovery of an ill-posed inverse problem (the differential emission measure, DEM) using techniques such as Tikhonov regularisation, Markov-chain Monte Carlo, Spline fitting, and Sparse Inversion (by Basis Pursuit). Visiting Researcher , NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Explored the possibility of implementing DEM maps in the Helioviewer project, and their usefulness as an input for various established time-series analysis techniques. Research Scholar , Center for Astrophysics Harvard & Smithsonian <ul style="list-style-type: none">Designed and implemented a sophisticated stellar flare detection routine for long-cadence (30 mins) <i>Kepler</i> data obtained from a proprietary set of spectroscopically verified solar-type stars in three open clusters: this work had coverage by Science and the Smithsonian.	10/2017 – 04/2019 06/2018 - 08/2018 10/2014 – 07/2017 04/2016 10/2013 – 06/2014
MEMBERSHIPS	NuSTAR Heliophysics Working Group , Member Royal Astronomical Society , RAS Fellow International Space Science Institute (ISSI) , Young Scientist Member Member of Paola Testa's ISSI Team: <i>New Diagnostics of Particle Acceleration in Solar Coronal Nanoflares from Chromospheric Observations and Modelling</i>	2015 – present 2014 – present 2015 – 2018

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