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Programming

JavaScript,
HTML5 & CSS3
Python, Java
C, C++, Matlab
SQL, LaTeX

Bash, SVN, Git,
Maven, Node.js,
AngularJS

Interests

astrophysics
cosmology
computational physics
science communication
software design

Education

2010–2015 **Bachelor of Engineering** (Software)(Hons, 1st) — University of Queensland

2010–2016 **Bachelor of Science** (Physics)(Hons, 1st) — University of Queensland

Experience

2010–2014 **GBST** — Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

Software Developer

Developed business intelligence reporting solutions , designing and developing server and client based web application code, creation of large scale SQL queries, experience optimising queries, databases and applications for network, processing and memory constraints, developed back-end server code and front-end web applications. Prioritised implementation tasks for strict release schedules, delegated work tasks for other developers and reviewed incoming work for quality.

2015–2016 **Gemini & Australian Astronomical Observatory** — La Serena, Chile

Research Intern

Utilised photometric data of Maffei 1 to determine globular cluster candidates and their properties for spectroscopic follow-up. Utilised data reduction pipelines, automated analysis methods in Python, and applied machine learning techniques to perform object classification.

2016 **Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory** — Berkeley, California

Research Fellowship

Research fellowship at LBNL to work on Bayesian Hierarchical Modelling and its applications to Supernova Cosmology. Specifically, investigating how to use high dimensional hierarchical models to model individual supernova instead of populations to provide better constraints on cosmology using supernova discovered by the Dark Energy Survey.

Awards

2016 **Bok Prize** Outstanding research in Astronomy — Astronomical Society of Australia

2016 **Australian Postgraduate Award** — Australian Government

2015 **Science Faculty Graduate of the Year** — UQ

2015 **Australian Institute of Physics Prize** — UQ

2015 **University Medal (Science)** — UQ

2015 **Rhodes Scholarship Finalist** — Oxford University

2015 **Australian Gemini Undergraduate Summer Studentships** — AAO

2015 **A.W. Oakes Scholarship** — St John's College

2015 **AAO Honours Scholarship** — Australian Astronomical Observatory

2015 **Harriet Marks Bursary** — UQ

2015 **10x Deans Commendation** — UQ

2015	**Helen Thompson Prize for All Round Excellence**	St John's College
2014	**University Medal (Engineering)**	UQ
2014	**David Andrew Krnak Memorial Prize**	UQ
2014	**UQ Future Leader**	UQ
2014	**IEEE Student Thesis Prize**	IEEE
2014	**IET Student Prize**	The Institution of Engineering and Technology
2014	**GroundProbe Prize**	UQ
2014	**RWH Hawken Scholar**	UQ
2014	**UQ Summer Research Scholarship**	UQ
2012	**Exxon Mobil Achievement Award**	UQ
2011	**Alstom Prize**	UQ
2011	**Walter Bruce Darker Scholarship**	UQ
2010	**UQ Academic Excellence Scholarship**	UQ
2010	**ICT Enabling Scholarship**	UQ
2010	**John Black Prize**	UQ

Communication

2017 **Guest Scientist** — ScopeTV, Channel 10
Helped script, narrate and appear in a ScopeTV educational astronomy episode on the solar system.

2017 **Science Youth Ambassador** — Wonder of Science
Joined Wonder of Science to inspire passion in STEM fields for young school children.

2017 **Scientists and Mathematicians in Schools** — CSIRO
Partnered with Buranda State School to bring a positive impact and engagement with STEM fields.

2016 **An Evening with Dr Lisa Randall** — ThinkInc
Gave the opening speech for the Brisbane event, talking about the exciting future of astronomy.

2016 **UQ Science Demo Troupe** — University of Queensland
Joined the UQ Science Demo troupe to create resources for the group and participate in UQ demonstrations.

2016 **Uluru Astronomer in Residence** — CAASTRO
Accompanied Sky Tours to answer scientific questions from the public and gave public lectures on popular astronomy topics.

2015 **5-Minute Physics** — University of Queensland
Created interactive simulations and visualisations to increase engagement of students with educational content.

Publications

Measuring the 2D baryon acoustic oscillation signal of galaxies in WiggleZ: cosmological constraints
Hinton, **S. R.** et al.
MNRAS *464 (Feb. 2017) pp. 4807–4822. 2017*

ChainConsumer
Hinton, **S. R.**
JOSS 1.4 (Aug. 2016). The Open Journal, 2016

Marz: Manual and automatic redshifting software
Hinton, **S.R.** et al.
Astronomy and Computing 15 (2016) pp. 61–71. 2016

The 2-degree Field Lensing Survey: design and clustering measurements
Blake, C. et al.
MNRAS *462 (Nov. 2016) pp. 4240–4265. 2016*

Discovery of a z=0.65 Post-Starburst BAL Quasar in the DES Supernova Fields
Mudd, D. et al.
ArXiv e-prints (June 2016). 2016

A Study of Quasar Selection in the Dark Energy Survey Supernova fields
Tie, S. S. et al.
ArXiv e-prints (Nov. 2016). 2016

OzDES multifibre spectroscopy for the Dark Energy Survey: first-year operation and results
Yuan, F. et al.
MNRAS *452 (Sept. 2015) pp. 3047–3063. 2015*