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Education

- 2016–Now **Doctor of Philosophy** University of Queensland
Analysing supernovae in the Dark Energy Survey using Hierarchical Bayesian models to help constrain the nature of dark energy.
- 2010–2015 **Bachelor of Science** (Physics)(Hons, 1st) University of Queensland
Thesis: Analysed the Baryon Acoustic Oscillation signal imprinted in the large scale structure of the universe using the WiggleZ survey. Won the Astronomical Society of Australia's award for best Australian Astrophysics honours thesis of the year.
- 2010–2014 **Bachelor of Engineering** (Software)(Hons, 1st) University of Queensland
Thesis: Created the first online client-only web-application to compute redshifts from telescope spectra. Won the GroudProbe prize, IEEE student thesis prize and IET student prize.

Experience

- 2019 **SuperDataScience** Sunshine Coast, Queensland, Australia
Course Instructor
Created a course on statistical analysis in Python for students. Focused on applied statistics and utilisation of modern code packages, with attention given to visual output and workflows for continuous validation of methodology.
- 2017, 2016 **Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory** Berkeley, California
Research Fellowship
Research fellowship 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.
- 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.
- 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, optimising queries, databases and applications for network, processing and memory constraints, developed back-end server code and front-end web applications.

Noteable Awards

- 2019 **Lindau Nobel Laureate Delegate** Representing Australia at LINO19. Australian Academy of Science
- 2019 **Future Superstar Award** Science's highest performing PhD student. University of Queensland
- 2016 **Bok Prize** Best astrophysics honours thesis in Australia. Astronomical Society of Australia
- 2016 **Australian Postgraduate Award** Australian Government
- 2016 **Science Faculty Graduate of the Year** University of Queensland
- 2016 **Australian Institute of Physics Prize** Top physics graduate. University of Queensland
- 2016 **University Medal (Science)** University of Queensland
- 2015 **Australian Gemini Undergraduate Summer Studentships** Australian Astronomical Observatory
- 2015 **AAO Honours Scholarship** Australian Astronomical Observatory

Other Awards

2015	Rhodes Scholarship Finalist	Oxford University
2015	A.W. Oakes Scholarship	St John's College
2015	Harriet Marks Bursary Academic merit in science honours.	University of Queensland
2015	10x Deans Commendation	University of Queensland
2015	Helen Thompson Prize for All Round Excellence	St John's College
2015	IET Student Prize Outstanding academic success.	The Institution of Engineering and Technology
2015	David Andrew Krnak Memorial Prize Top engineering graduate.	University of Queensland
2014	UQ Future Leader	University of Queensland
2014	IEEE Student Thesis Prize Best final year thesis.	IEEE
2014	GroundProbe Prize Best final year thesis.	University of Queensland
2014	RWH Hawken Scholar	University of Queensland
2014	UQ Summer Research Scholarship	University of Queensland
2012	Walter Bruce Darker Scholarship	University of Queensland
2012	Exxon Mobil Achievement Award Top mechanical engineering student.	University of Queensland
2011	Alstom Prize Top electrical engineering student.	University of Queensland
2010	UQ Academic Excellence Scholarship	University of Queensland
2010	ICT Enabling Scholarship	University of Queensland
2010	John Black Prize	University of Queensland

Communication

2019-2017	ScopeTV Guest Scientist	ScopeTV, Channel 10
	Helped script, narrate and appear in ScopeTV educational astronomy episodes.	
2019	Science Says! Scientific Panelist	World Science Festival
	Panel scientist for Science Says, a comedy science show for Brisbane's World Science Festival.	
2019	Probably Science Podcast Guest Scientist	Probably Science Live Podcast and Comedy Show
	Guest scientist for Probably Science, joining the previous guests of Neil deGrasse Tyson, Sean Carroll and more.	
2019	2SER Radio Scientific Correspondent	Radio, 2SER
	Monthly scientific and astronomy updates.	
2018	BrisScience Presenter	BrisScience & UQ
	Invited to talk at the monthly BrisScience event on the dark side of the universe.	
2018	Australian Survivor Invited Contestant, Academic Champion	Endemol Shine
	Cast as the academic champion for the 'Champions v. Contenders' season of Australian Survivor.	
2018-2017	School Guest Presenter	Clayfield College, Gumdale State School
	Talks to primary and secondary students on astronomy, science, STEM and career pathways.	
2019-2017	Science Communicator	Pint of Science, Physics in the Pub
	Gave public talks to a general audience about various topics in astronomy.	
2017	Invited Presenter	Research Education and Development Retreat
	Invited presenter at a progressional development program for physics PhD, honours and undergraduate students.	
2017	Workshop Organiser, Host and Presenter	CAASTRO Code Workshop
	Created and presented a code workshop focusing on open-source science run across Australia.	
2017	Battle of the Brains Panel Scientist	National Science Week
	Invited participant in a games panel discussion for physicists during National Science Week.	
2017	World Science Festival Tour Guide	Queensland Museum & UQ
	Scientific tour guide for the Large Hadron Collider exhibit during the World Science Festival.	

2017	FameLab Australia Scientist State finalist FameLab scientist. Public communication through radio interview and stage presentation.	British Council
2016	Guest Scientist, An Evening with Dr Lisa Randall Gave the opening speech for the Brisbane event, talking about the exciting future of astronomy.	ThinkInc
2016	UQ Science Demo Troupe Member Joined the UQ Science Demo troupe to create resources for the group and participate in UQ demonstrations.	University of Queensland
2016	Uluru Astronomer in Residence Accompanied Sky Tours to answer scientific questions from the public and gave public lectures on popular astronomy topics.	CAASTRO

Teaching

2019	Frontiers of Astrophysics Guest Lecturer	University of Queensland
2018	Introduction to Astrophysics Guest Lecturer	University of Queensland
2018	Cosmology Tutor and Guest Lecturer	University of Queensland
2018	Supervisor - Capstone Project	University of Queensland
2017	Computational Physics Tutor	University of Queensland
2017	Computational Physics Content Creator	University of Queensland
2017	Supervisor - Summer Project	University of Queensland
2015	5-Minute Physics Content Creator	University of Queensland

Academic Presentations

Oct 2019	Pippin: A pipeline for SN Ia cosmology	SCAM
Jul 2019	Barry - A BAO model fitting framework	Python in Astronomy
Mar 2019	The path towards Photometric Supernova Cosmology with DES	Cosmology on Safari
Feb 2019	Hitting the Limits of Supernova cosmology	ANITA
Nov 2017	Coding Practises for the Busy Astronomer	CAASTRO
Jun 2017	Hierachical Bayesian Models for Supernova Cosmology	Lawrence Berkeley National Lab
Dec 2016	Introduction to git and code management	University of Cambridge
Dec 2016	Hierachical Bayesian Models for Supernova Cosmology	University of Southampton
Dec 2016	Hierachical Bayesian Models for Supernova Cosmology	University of Portsmouth
Nov 2016	Sound waves in Space: Wigglez and the BAO	Swinburne University of Technology
Aug 2016	Publishing Packages in Python	University of Queensland
Aug 2016	ChainConsumer: Plots and LaTeX from MCMC chains	CAASTRO
May 2016	Hieracrhical Bayesian Models for Supernova Cosmology	Standford University
Feb 2016	Detecting Globular Clusters in Maffei 1	Gemini Institute
Nov 2015	Marz - Redshifting software inside your browser	OzDES Workshop