Alex Gough

School of Mathematics, Statistics, and Physics - Newcastle University Newcastle. UK

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Education

Newcastle University Newcastle upon Tyne, UK

PhD Applied Mathematics 2020-Present

Thesis topic: Cosmic structure formation in the nonlinear regime

Supervisor: Cora Uhlemann

Oxford University (Balliol College) Oxford, UK

MMathPhys Mathematical and Theoretical Physics, Distinction 2019-2020

Oxford, UK Oxford University (Balliol College)

BA Physics, 1st Class 2016-2019

Experience

Research.

School of Mathematics, Statistics, and Physics, Newcastle University Newcastle, UK Postgraduate Researcher 09/2020-Present

Conducting research in the area of cosmology, with a focus on dark matter dynamics and statistical techniques for understanding cosmic large scale structures. [2]

Sub-department of Astrophysics, University of Oxford

Astrophysics Research Intern

06/2019-09/2019

Oxford, UK

Conducted research on an extension to standard statistical modelling techniques for polarised foregrounds in future CMB experiments [1].

Manoharan Lab, Harvard University

Cambridge, MA, USA

Physics Research Intern

06/2015-09/2015

Designed and built an inline holographic microscope to track nanoparticles in solution, with modifications for dark-field holography.

Education/Teaching

School of Mathematics, Statistics, and Physics, Newcastle University Newcastle, UK 09/2020-Present Teaching assistant

I assist in running undergraduate physics and mathematics courses by facilitating virtual teaching, running problems classes, and marking assignment.

The Ogden Trust/Gosford Hill School Oxford, UK

Physics School Intern 06/2018-07/2018

Helped rewrite KS3 schemes of work and mark exams. Planned and delivered a supplementary lesson to A level students. Ran a careers workshop for year 9 students.

Science Oxford Oxford, UK

Live event staff member 05/2018-01/2020

Helped support existing public outreach events run by Science Oxford including Saturday Science Clubs.

Sudbury Parks and Recreation Sudbury, MA, USA Science Specialist 07/2017-08/2017 Designed and ran demonstrations/activities for children ages 5–10 at a summer camp.

Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School

Sudbury, MA, USA

Maths/Science Tutor

12/2016-01/2017

Worked with students referred to academic support centre on homework and school work, particularly focusing on mathematics and sciences.

Museum of Science Boston, MA, USA

Early Childhood Interpretation Intern

06/2016-08/2016

Assisted in daily operation of the Discovery Center by maintaining and running exhibits and activities for children ages 0–8. Assisted in professional development of new volunteers.

Kumon Math and Reading Center

Sudbury, MA, USA

Early Learning Educator/Grader

09/2013-06/2014

Worked individually with children to develop basic reading and number skills. Marked math and reading exercises.

Miscellaneous

Oxford Taekwondo School

Oxford, UK

Assistant Instructor

09/2016-06/2020

Oxford Taekwondo School

Oxford, UK

Treasurer

06/2018-06/2019

Giorgio's Taekwondo

Sudbury, MA, USA

Instructor

09/2010-09/2016

Outreach and Inclusivity Work

MSP transition project/Partners school

Newcastle upon Tyne

Author

Summer 2021

Wrote notes for incoming maths/physics students, helped with PARTNERS summer school.

Astrobites collaboration

International

Contributing Author

01/2021-Present

Contribute articles summarising current astrophysics research to undergraduate level approximately once per month.

Department of Physics, Oxford

Oxford, UK

Public Outreach Volunteer

01/2020-04/2020

Participated in running events to increase scientific literacy, reaching thousands of children and adults each year.

Museum of Science

Boston, MA, USA

Discovery Center Volunteer

06/2015-06/2016

Assisted in daily operation of the Discovery Center by maintaining and running exhibits and activities for children ages 0–8.

Presentations and Conferences

Conferences and workshops

o **2021**: STFC School for New Astronomy Research Students

• **2021**: One point statistics for cosmic structure, BritGrav21

o 2021: Results from 1-point statistics in extended cosmologies, Cosmology from Home 2021

• **2021:** *Modified gravity and dark energy from one point matter statistics*, Alternative Gravities and Fundamental Cosmology 2021

Public lectures

o 2020: The Skeleton of Our Universe, Newcastle Astronomical Society

Awards

o 2021: Postgraduate Prize: Achievement in Outreach

Other Qualifications

- o ITF Taekwondo 4th Dan (GB-4-355)
- o ITF Taekwondo International Instructor (2183)

Publications

- [1] S. Azzoni, M. Abitbol, D. Alonso, **A. Gough**, N. Katayama, and T. Matsumura. A minimal power-spectrum-based moment expansion for CMB B-mode searches. *Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics*, 2021(05):047, May 2021.
- [2] M. Cataneo, C. Uhlemann, C. Arnold, **A. Gough**, B. Li, and C. Heymans. The matter density PDF for modified gravity and dark energy with Large Deviations Theory. *arXiv e-prints*, page arXiv:2109.02636, Sept. 2021.