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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Reionization, high- z universe, near-infrared spectroscopy, high- z spectroscopic tracers, galaxy formation & evolution, Lyman- α emitters, intergalactic medium, photoionization modeling, high- z analogs

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Astronomy (in progress)	(expected) May 2022
M.S. in Astronomy	May 2019
Texas A&M University Department of Physics and Astronomy College Station, TX 77843-4242 Advisor: Dr. Casey Papovich	
B.S. in Physics , <i>Minor in Mathematics</i>	May 2016
Southwestern University 1001 E. University Ave. Georgetown, TX 78626 Advisor: Dr. Mark Bottorff	

APPOINTMENTS

Graduate Student (UNDER DR. C. PAPOVICH)	Texas A&M, 2016 – present
Keck Visiting Scholar (UNDER DR. J. WALAWENDER)	Keck Observatory, Fall 2019
Research Assistant (UNDER DR. M. BOTTORFF)	Southwestern, 2014 – 2016
King Creativity Scholar (UNDER O.L. FELLOWS)	Southwestern, 2014 – 2015
King Creativity Scholar (UNDER DR. S. ALEXANDER)	Southwestern, 2013 – 2014
Research Assistant (UNDER DR. S. ALEXANDER)	Southwestern, Summer 2013

HONORS

— SOME FUNDED —	Dr. Joseph Newton Graduate Service Award	Fall 2019
	W. M. Keck Observatory Visiting Scholar	Fall 2019
	Texas A&M Prestigious Fellowship Scholar	2019 – 2022
	Leadership in Equity and Diversity (LEAD) Award	Spring 2018
	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship	2018 – 2022
	Texas A&M Graduate Diversity Excellence Fellowship	2016 – 2020
	Ruter Scholar Award	2012 – 2016
	Distinction Award	2012 – 2016
	King Creativity Award	Spring 2014
King Creativity Scholar	2014, 2015	

NOTE: any activities that were affected by COVID-19 & occurred virtually are marked by **[COVID-19]**

AWARDS & GRANTS

FY21	NASA-Awarded Keck Principal Investigator Data Award	\$17.2K
FY20	NASA-Awarded Keck Principal Investigator Data Award	\$17.2K
FY20	Dr. Joseph Newton Graduate Service Award	\$1K
FY20–22	Texas A&M Prestigious Fellowship Scholar	\$1K / yr
FY20	Mitchell Institute EPO: <i>Astronomy on Tap</i>	\$1.2K
FY20	Mitchell Institute EPO: <i>Conferences for Undergraduate Women in Physics</i>	\$30K
FY19	Office of Graduate and Professional Studies Travel Award	\$750
FY19	Leadership in Equity and Diversity (LEAD) Award	\$500
FY19	Mitchell Institute EPO: <i>Astronomy on Tap</i>	\$600
FY19–22	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship	\$138K
FY17+	Dept. of Physics & Astronomy Diversity Grant	\$1.5K / yr
	<i>The Society for the Under-represented in Physics & Astronomy</i>	
FY17–20	Graduate Diversity Excellence Fellowship	\$127.7K
FY13–16	Ruter Scholar Award	\$94K
FY13–16	Distinction Award	\$40K
FY14	King Creativity Award	\$1.5K
FY14,15	King Creativity Scholar	\$2K x 2

OBSERVING PROGRAMS / EXPERIENCE

PROGRAMS	W. M. Keck Observatory , HI – Keck I, 10-meter telescope	
	— MOSFIRE, NIR Spectrograph	15 nights
	◦ primary or secondary science lead	12 nights
	◦ engineering time	3 nights
	Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory , Chile – Blanco 4-meter telescope	
	— DECam, Wide-Field CCD Imager	8 nights
	◦ contributing scientist	3 nights
	◦ Began Dark Energy Survey Year 6 Observations	5 nights
	Madrona Peak Observatory , TX – Robotic 0.6-meter telescope	
	— Silicon Digital CCD, primary science lead	10+ nights
EXPERIENCE	Fountainwood Observatory , TX – 0.4-meter telescope	
	— Silicon Digital CCD, primary science lead	40+ nights
	W. M. Keck Observatory , HI – Keck I & II, 10-meter telescopes	
	— During W. M. Keck Visting Scholar appointment:	
	◦ MOSFIRE, NIR Spectrograph, shadowed E. Manjavacas	1 night
	◦ LRIS, Optical Spectrometer, shadowed J. Walawender	1 night
	◦ KCWI, Optical Integral Field Spectrograph, shadowed L. Rizzi	1 night
	McDonald Observatory , TX – 0.8-meter telescope	
	— Silicon Digital CCD , mentored TAMU REU students	11 nights
	◦ as only graduate student	6 nights
	◦ supporting fellow graduate student	5 nights
	Whipple Observatory , AZ – 1.5-meter telescope	
	— FAST, Optical Spectrograph , assisted L. Macri	3 nights

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

Science Presentations

Talk: SAZERAC Virtual Conference [COVID-19] (recording)	6 July 2020
Invited Talk: Lancaster XGAL Seminar (UK) [COVID-19]	14 April 2020
Invited Talk: Gemini Headquarters (HILO, HI)	24 February 2020
Talk: American Astronomical Society #235 (HONOLULU, HI)	5 January 2020
Talk: Keck Summit Talk (MAUNAKEA)	9 December 2019
Talk: Keck Visiting Scholar: Exit Talk (WAIMEA, HI)	24 October 2019
Talk: Keck Visiting Scholar: Entrance Talk (WAIMEA, HI)	2 October 2019
Talk: Keck Science Meeting, UCLA (LOS ANGELES, CA)	20 September 2019
Talk: Texas A&M Astrosymposium (COLLEGE STATION, TX)	23 August 2019
Talk: Barefoot in the EoR (FITZROY ISLAND, QLD, AU)	17 July 2019
Talk: Extremely Large Telescopes Conf., UCLA (LOS ANGELES, CA)	29 January 2019
Talk: Texas A&M Astrosymposium (COLLEGE STATION, TX)	24 August 2018
Talk: 2-min; DES Collaboration Meeting (COLLEGE STATION, TX)	17 May 2018
Talk: CEERS Team Meeting (MAGNOLIA, TX)	1 February 2018
Talk: Star Formation in Era of JWST (COLLEGE STATION, TX)	1 November 2017
<i>Led by D. Calzetti & R. Kennicutt</i>	
Poster: Frank N. Bash Symposium (AUSTIN, TX)	24–25 October 2017
Talk: 1-min; Frank N. Bash Symposium (AUSTIN, TX)	24 October 2017
Talk: Texas A&M Astrosymposium (COLLEGE STATION, TX)	25 August 2017
Talk: ZFOURGE Team Meeting (MAGNOLIA, TX)	24–28 October 2016
Talk: Texas A&M Astrosymposium (COLLEGE STATION, TX)	26 August 2016

Outreach Presentations

Talk: Warrior Scholar Project (COLLEGE STATION, TX) [COVID-19]	26 June 2020
Talk: <i>Astronomy on Tap</i> (BRYAN, TX) [COVID-19] (recording)	24 June 2020
Talk: <i>Astronomy on Tap</i> (AUSTIN, TX) [COVID-19] (recording)	31 March 2020
Talk: Society for Physics Students (COLLEGE STATION, TX) [COVID-19]	24 March 2020
Talk: <i>Astronomy on Tap</i> (BRYAN, TX)	14 August 2019
Talk: Warrior Scholar Project (COLLEGE STATION, TX)	27 June 2019
Talk: Warrior Scholar Project (COLLEGE STATION, TX)	28 June 2019
Talk: <i>Astronomy on Tap</i> (BRYAN, TX)	11 October 2018
Talk: Warrior Scholar Project (COLLEGE STATION, TX)	29 June 2018
Talk: Warrior Scholar Project (COLLEGE STATION, TX)	28 June 2018
Talk: <i>Camp For All</i> (BURTON, TX)	21 April 2018

Undergraduate Presentations

Talk: Creative Works Symposium (GEORGETOWN, TX)	12 April 2016
Poster*: Creative Works Symposium (GEORGETOWN, TX)	April 2015
Poster*: King Creativity Symposium (GEORGETOWN, TX)	April 2015
Poster: APS March Meeting (SAN ANTONIO, TX)	March 2015
Poster: CUWiP (BROWNSVILLE, TX)	January 2015
Poster: APS Meeting; Texas Section (COLLEGE STATION, TX)	October 2014
Poster*: Creative Works Symposium (GEORGETOWN, TX)	April 2014
Poster*: King Creativity Symposium (GEORGETOWN, TX)	April 2014

* Poster paired with Display Table

SERVICE & OUTREACH

International Level

#UniqueScientists, Editing Director

since May 2019

National Level

Letters to a Pre-Scientist

Scientist Pen Pal, since Fall 2018

Warrior Scholar Project*: STEM Week TA

Texas A&M, June 2018, 2019

University Level

APS CUWiP 2020 Organizing Committee (for TAMU) [▷]

Texas A&M, since Spring 2019

RetainU Undergraduate Mentoring Program

Texas A&M, 2017 – 2018

March for Science, *Meet a Scientist*

Texas A&M, April 2017

King Creativity Grant Allocation Committee

Southwestern, Fall 2014

Department Level

Departmental Graduate Records Committee

Texas A&M, since Spring 2020

Mentoring & Advising Graduates in an Inclusive Community [⊙]

Texas A&M, since Fall 2019

Co-founder, procuring IRB approval

Astronomy Graduate Student Representative (for Faculty)

Texas A&M, since Fall 2018

Departmental Climate and Diversity Committee

Texas A&M, since Spring 2018

Society for the Under-represented in Physics & Astronomy [◇]

Texas A&M, since 2016

Co-founder, grant-funded

TAMU Physics & Engineering Festival (annual event)

Texas A&M, since Spring 2017

Dept. Moving Transition Team Member

Southwestern, 2015 – 2016

Local Community Level

Preparing Under-represented Students for Grad School

2016 – 2018

*Mentoring recent grads of Talented & Gifted Magnet (3)**Mentoring recent grads of Southwestern University (4)*Astronomy Outreach, *Astronomy on Tap* (monthly event)

Texas A&M, since Spring 2018

Astronomy Outreach, *Camp For All* (annual event)

Texas A&M, since Spring 2017

TAMU Star Parties (occasional volunteer)

Texas A&M, Fall 2016

Fountainwood Observatory Public Nights

Southwestern, 2012 – 2016

Physics Outreach, Williamson County Middle Schools

Southwestern, 2013 – 2016

Seaperch Program Mentor

Southwestern, 2014 – 2015

* warrior-scholar.org [▷] TAMU CUWiP – cuwip.tamu.edu[⊙] MAGIC – tamu-magic.github.io [◇] SUPA – tx.ag/supa

PANELS

(invited) Graduate Students, APS April Meeting

[COVID-19], 18 April 2020

Activism & Outreach, TAMU CUWiP 2020

Texas A&M, 18 January 2020

Undergraduate Advice, Intro. to Physics Seminar

Texas A&M, 26 April 2017

PUBLICATIONS

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

First Author

Near-Infrared Spectroscopy of Galaxies During Reionization: Measuring C III] in a Galaxy at $z = 7.5$ // [arXiv:1905.08812](#)

The Astrophysical Journal, Volume 879, Issue 2, article id. 70, 16 pp. (2019)

T. Hutchison, C. Papovich, S. Finkelstein, M. Dickinson, I. Jung, A. Zitrin, R. Ellis, S. Malhotra, J. Rhoads, G. Roberts-Borsani, M. Song, V. Tilvi

Co-Author

The properties of He II 1640 emitters at $z \sim 2.5-5$ from the VANDELS survey // [arXiv:1911.09999](#)

Submitted to the Astronomy & Astrophysics (A&A) journal

A. Saxena, L. Pentericci, M. Mirabelli, D. Schaerer, R. Schneider, F. Cullen, R. Amorin, A. Bolzonella, A. C. Bongiorno, and 17 additional authors, including **T. Hutchison**

Texas Spectroscopic Search for Ly α Emission at the End of Reionization II. The Deepest Near-Infrared Spectroscopic Observation at $z > 7$ // [arXiv:1901.05967](#)

The Astrophysical Journal, Volume 877, Issue 2, article id. 146, 9 pp. (2019)

I. Jung, S. Finkelstein, M. Dickinson, **T. Hutchison**, R. Larson, C. Papovich, L. Pentericci, M. Song, H. Ferguson, Y. Guo, S. Malhotra, B. Mobasher, J. Rhoads, V. Tilvi, I. Wold

Contributing Scientist

Space Telescope and Optical Reverberation Mapping Project. VIII. Time Variability of Emission and Absorption in NGC 5548 Based on Modeling the Ultraviolet Spectrum

The Astrophysical Journal, Volume 881, Issue 2, article id. 153, 36 pp. (2019)

G. A. Kriss, G. De Rosa, J. Ely, B. M. Peterson, J. Kaastra, and 163 additional authors, including **T. Hutchison**.

Continuum Reverberation Mapping of the Accretion Disks in Two Seyfert 1 Galaxies

The Astrophysical Journal, Volume 854, Issue 2, article id. 107, 24 pp. (2018)

M. Fausnaugh, D. Starkey, K. Horne, C. Kochanek, B. Peterson, and 67 additional authors, including **T. Hutchison**.

Space Telescope and Optical Reverberation Mapping Project. VII. Understanding the Ultraviolet Anomaly in NGC 5548 with X-Ray Spectroscopy

The Astrophysical Journal, Volume 846, Issue 1, article id. 55, 24 pp. (2017)

S. Mathur, A. Gupta, K. Page, R. Pogge, Y. Krongold, M. Goad, and 144 additional authors, including **T. Hutchison**.

Reverberation Mapping of Optical Emission Lines in Five Active Galaxies

The Astrophysical Journal, Volume 840, Issue 2, article id. 97, 27 pp. (2017)

M. Fausnaugh, C. Grier, M. Bentz, K. Denney, G. De Rosa, B. Peterson, and 65 additional authors, including **T. Hutchison**.

Space Telescope and Optical Reverberation Mapping Project. IV. Anomalous Behavior of the Broad Ultraviolet Emission Lines in NGC 5548

The Astrophysical Journal, Volume 824, Issue 1, article id. 11, 10 pp. (2016)

M. Goad, T. Korista, G. De Rosa, A. Kriss, and 96 additional authors, including **T. Hutchison**.

Space Telescope and Optical Reverberation Mapping Project. III. Optical Continuum Emission and Broadband Time Delays in NGC 5548

The Astrophysical Journal, Volume 821, Issue 1, article id. 56, 25 pp. (2016)

M. Fausnaugh, K. Denney, A. Barth, M. Bentz, M. Bottorff, and 92 additional authors, including **T. Hutchison**.

WHITE PAPERS

Contributing Scientist

UV Diagnostics of Galaxies from the Peak of Star-Formation to the Epoch of Reionization

C. Papovich, D. Stark, S. Finkelstein, S. Ravindranath, D. Berg, M. Bradac, and 16 additional authors, including **T. Hutchison**. // [arXiv:1903.04524](https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.04524)

Spatially-resolved studies of star-forming galaxies in the reionization epoch

S. Ravindranath, C. Papovich, B. James, G. Snyder, A. Jaskot, H. Ferguson, and 12 additional authors, including **T. Hutchison**. // [article link](#)

Unveiling the Phase Transition of the Universe During the Reionization Epoch with Lyman-alpha

S. Finkelstein, M. Bradac, C. Casey, M. Dickinson, R. Endsley, and 13 additional authors, including **T. Hutchison**. // [arXiv:1903.04518](https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.04518)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant

Warrior Scholar Project: STEM Week

Texas A&M, Summer 2018, 2019,
[COVID-19] 2020

ASTR 314: Survey of Astronomy

Texas A&M, Spring 2018

ASTR 101: Honors, Basic Astronomy

Texas A&M, Fall 2017

ASTR 314: Survey of Astronomy

Texas A&M, Spring 2017

ASTR 101: Honors, Basic Astronomy

Texas A&M, Fall 2016

Advisor, Independent Study

Southwestern, 2016

Undergraduate Astronomy

Southwestern, Fall 2014

WEBSITE ARCHITECT

Personal website: aibhleog.github.io, created starting websites for (5) colleagues

GLASS, Astronomy Graduate Professional Development Program: tamu-glass.github.io

JWST Texas Master Scholars (with Dr. M. Bagley): jwst-texas-master-scholars.github.io

Mentoring & Advising Graduates in an Inclusive Community (MAGIC): tamu-magic.github.io

Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics (CUWiP) at TAMU: cuwip.tamu.edu

Society for the Under-represented in Physics & Astronomy (SUPA): tx.ag/supa

CIRCULARS & TELEGRAMS

ASASSN-17bq: Discovery of A Supernova in GALEXASC J072538.14+590010.5

L. Macri, **T. Hutchison**, R. A. Koff et al. 2017, ATel. 10027, 1

PROGRAMMING

Fluent: Python, Tex, Visual Basic
Experience with: html, C++, bash, IDL, R

PRESS COVERAGE

Texas A&M Today, "[Stargazing](#)", 1 July 2019
Texas A&M University: Science, "[Texas A&M NSF Graduate Research Fellow Taylor Hutchison Finds Focus in Studying Universe's Earliest Stars and Sharing Passion for Science](#)", 28 June 2019

CERTIFICATES

OGAPS Intermediate Leadership Development Certificate	4 May 2017
OGAPS Basic Leadership Development Certificate	4 May 2017

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Astronomical Society	2019 – present
Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society	2018 – present
American Physical Society	2014 – present
Alpha Delta Pi (academic sorority)	2015 – present