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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. in Astrophysics, University of Colorado	June, 2019
Doctoral Thesis supervised by Julie Comerford: <i>“Kinematic Signatures of Galaxy Evolution: The Energetics of AGN Outflows and the Accurate Identification of Merging Galaxies”</i>	
M.S. in Astrophysics, University of Colorado	Nov, 2015
B.A. in Astrophysics, Whitman College	May, 2013

## FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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SDSS Early Career Scientist Travel Fund	Mar, 2019
Early Career Scientist Decadal Survey Participant	Oct, 2018
PEO Scholar Award Alternate	Apr, 2018
3 Minute Thesis Competition - 2nd Place	Feb, 2018
Ray Mace Smith Graduate Fellowship	Apr, 2016
High Pass on Master’s Exam	Nov, 2015
NSF Graduate Fellow	2014 - 2017
Graduated Summa Cum Laude, Whitman College	May, 2013
Phi Beta Kappa	May, 2013
Sigma Xi	Mar, 2013

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>Postdoctoral Research Fellow</b>   Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory AGN and Galaxy Evolution	2019 - present
<b>Graduate Research Assistant</b>   University of Colorado Simulated Galaxy Imaging and Kinematics and AGN Outflows	2013 - 2019
<b>Undergraduate Research Assistant</b>   Harvard CfA Recoiling Supermassive Black Holes	2012
<b>Undergraduate Research Assistant</b>   Whitman College Globular Cluster Stellar Populations	2011 - 2012
<b>Undergraduate Research Assistant</b>   Institute for Astronomy, Maui Spectropolarimeter Characterization	2011

## REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

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[10] “*A Second Look at 12 Candidate Dual AGNs using BAYMAX*”

Foord, A., Gültekin, K., **Nevin, R.**, Comerford, J., Hodges-Kluck, E., Barrows, R., Goulding, A. & Greene, J., 2020, ApJ Accepted

[9] “*The Sixteenth Data Release of the Sloan Digital Sky Surveys: First Release from the APOGEE-2 Southern Survey and Full Release of eBOSS Spectra*”

The SDSS-IV Collaboration, **Nevin, R.**, 2019, ApJS Submitted

[8] “[\*Accurate Identifications of Galaxy Mergers with Imaging\*](#)”

**Nevin, R.**, Blecha, L., Comerford, J. & Greene, J., 2018, ApJ, 872

[7] “*The Origin of Double-Peaked Narrow Lines in Active Galactic Nuclei IV: Association with Galaxy Mergers*”

Comerford, J., **Nevin, R.**, Stemo, A., Müller-Sánchez, F., Barrows, R., Cooper, M. & Newman, J., 2018, ApJ, 867, 66

[6] “*Two Separate Outflows in the Dual Supermassive Black Hole System NGC 6240*”

Müller-Sánchez, F., **Nevin, R.**, Comerford, J., Davies, R., Privon, G. & Treister, E., 2018, Nature, 556, 345

[5] “*The Origin of Double-Peaked Narrow Lines in Active Galactic Nuclei III: Feedback from Biconical AGN Outflows*”

**Nevin, R.**, Comerford, J., Müller-Sánchez, F., Barrows, R. & Cooper, M., 2018, MNRAS, 473, 2160

[4] “*An Active Galactic Nucleus Caught in the Act of Turning Off and On*”

Comerford, J., Barrows, R., Müller-Sánchez, F., **Nevin, R.**, Greene, J., Pooley, D., Stern, D. & Harrison, F., 2017, ApJ, 849, 102

[3] “*The Origin of Double-Peaked Narrow Lines in Active Galactic Nuclei II: Kinematic Classifications for the Population at  $z < 0.1$* ”

**Nevin, R.**, Comerford, J., Müller-Sánchez, F., Barrows, R. & Cooper, M., 2016, ApJ, 832, 67

[2] “*The Origin of Double-Peaked Narrow Lines in Active Galactic Nuclei I: Very Large Array Detections of Dual AGNs and AGN Outflows*”

Müller-Sánchez, F., Comerford, J., **Nevin, R.**, Barrows, R., Cooper, M. & Greene, J., 2015, ApJ, 813, 2

[1] “*Calibrating and Stabilizing Spectropolarimeters with Charge Shuffling and Daytime Sky Measurements*”

Harrington, D., Kuhn, J. & **Nevin, R.**, 2015, Astronomy & Astrophysics, 578, 126

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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[4] “*Preparing an Inclusive Astronomy Community through Effective Professional Development*” McConnell, N, ... **Nevin, R.**, ..., 2019, Astro2020: Decadal Survey on Astronomy and Astrophysics, APC white paper

[3] “*The Early Career Perspective on the Coming Decade, Astrophysics Career Paths, and the Decadal Survey Process*” Moravec, E., ... **Nevin, R.**, ..., 2019, Astro2020: Decadal Survey on Astronomy and Astrophysics, APC white paper

[2] “*This Father’s Day is One of the Longest Days in the History of the Earth - Here’s Why*” **Nevin, R.**, 2015, Universe Today

[1] “*Going Above & Beyond: A Cross-Disciplinary Planetarium Program*” Rehnberg, M. & **Nevin, R.**, 2016, AAS Education Task Force White Paper

#### INVITED COLLOQUIA

CfA Summer Colloquium	Jul 2, 2020
University of Wyoming	Sep 28, 2018

#### SEMINARS & CONFERENCE TALKS

Women in Data Science, Boston, MA	Mar 6, 2020
Galaxy Quenching throughout Cosmic Time, Aspen, CO	Feb 10, 2020
ITC Colloquium, CfA, Cambridge, MA	Jan 30, 2020
Galaxy Clusters Group, CfA, Cambridge, MA	Nov 19, 2019
Petabytes to Science, Cambridge, MA	Nov 7, 2019
University of Washington Galaxy Seminar, Seattle, WA	Oct 30, 2019
Kinematic Review, MaNGA Team Meeting, Oxford, UK	Apr 3, 2019
AAS 233 Winter Meeting, Seattle, WA	Jan 7, 2019
Seminar, Carnegie Observatories	Oct 26, 2018
Seminar, Space Telescope Science Institute	Oct 12, 2018
Seminar, Princeton University	Oct 10, 2018
AAS 232 Summer Meeting, Denver, CO	Jun 5, 2018
Seminar, University of Florida	Mar 28, 2018
CASA/JILA Seminar, University of Colorado	Mar 22, 2018
SDSS-IV/MaNGA Meeting and Workshop, Campeche, Mexico	Dec 7, 2017
AGN Winds on the Georgia Coast, Jekyll Island, Georgia	Jun 28, 2017
CASA/JILA Seminar, University of Colorado	Jun 16, 2017
Great Lakes Quasar Symposium, London, Ontario	May 4, 2016

#### SUPERCOMPUTING ALLOCATIONS

<b>Co-PI of XSEDE Supercomputer Allocation, NSF</b>	2018
Allocated 1242000 CPU-hours	

<b>PI of JANUS/Summit Supercomputer Allocation, University of Colorado</b>	2015
Allocated 200000 CPU-hours	

## OBSERVING EXPERIENCE

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- PI of six successful Apache Point Observatory Proposals** 2014 - 2016  
Dual Imaging Spectrograph, 3.5m ARC Telescope  
Observed 34.5 half nights
- Co-PI of MDM Observatory (Kitt Peak) Research** 2012  
Observed five nights

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- Instructor of Record, ASTR-1000** 2017  
University of Colorado  
Developed and taught a 25 student course. Designed inquiry-based activities.
- Professional Development Program (PDP)** 2016  
Institute for Scientists & Engineer Educators, University of California  
Developed an inquiry-based exoplanet lab for first generation college students.
- Teaching Assistant** 2013 - 2014  
University of Colorado  
Taught lab courses (30 students) and assisted with interactive learning techniques for the large introductory classes.
- Undergraduate Teaching Assistant and Tutor** 2011 - 2013  
Whitman College  
Guided student telescope labs and indoor physics tutorials, led community outreach telescope nights, and gave planetarium shows to local schools

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICE

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- Coursera Machine Learning 2019 - present
- Datacamp Data Science Courses in Python 2019 - present
- Astro 2020 Decadal Survey Position Paper Coauthor 2018-2019
- Referee, MNRAS Dec 2018
- Statistical Learning, Stanford Online 2018 - present
- Mentorship Training, University of Colorado Aug 2018
- Rethinking Scientific Presentations: The Assertion-Evidence Approach Jan 2018
- Running Singularity Containers on SDSC's Comet Supercomputer Jun 2018
- Managing Research Workflows with Singularity Containers Apr 2018
- Software Carpentry Workshop, Research Computing Mar 2017
- Science Writing Course, University of Colorado 2016
- Elected Comps I Committee Member, University of Colorado Fall 2015
- Astrostatistics Summer School, Penn State Jun 2015
- Faculty Hiring Committee Member, University of Colorado Jan 2014

## PRESS COVERAGE

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### **SDSS Press Conference**

Jan 2019

Took part in a press release and press conference at the 233rd AAS meeting, [release text](#) is available on the SDSS website.

### **Supermassive Black Hole Documentary Film**

2018 - 2019

Writing and developing an educational movie about supermassive black holes and galaxy mergers in partnership with the Fiske Planetarium.

### **PhD Comics**

2016

Research group featured in *Supermassive Black Holes Explained* (<http://www.phdcomics.com/comics.php?f=1864>)

## OUTREACH & COMMUNICATION

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### **Lunch Break: Conversations with Scientists in Industry**

2020

Organized a weekly lunch series at the CfA that welcomes astrophysicists who are working in industry to share their career journey.

### **Science Speak-Easy: Science Communication Workshop**

2018 - 2019

Organized and facilitated an annual workshop for graduate students and postdocs at University of Colorado on giving public and scientific talks.

### **The Science of Sci Fi**

2017 - 2019

Developed and ran this talk series at Fiske Planetarium, aimed at engaging the public with popular sci fi works.

My talk: *Zombie Pathology: A Survival Guide for Pandemics in the 21st Century*

### **Science and Society**

2014 - 2019

Ran this talk series at Fiske Planetarium, helped graduate students and postdocs develop talks

My talks: *It Came from Space! The Solar System's Ultimate Weapon and How we Hope to Stop it*, *Galactic Getaways: Life from a Different Perspective*

### **Promoting an Inclusive Community in Astronomy (PICA)**

2013 - 2019

Organized and led discussions of this graduate-student run diversity group

### **Astronomy on Tap: Colorado**

2016 - 2017

My talks: *Gravitational Waves*, *The Dino's Demise*

### **Science Writer**

2013 - 2017

Wrote for the blog *Cosmic Conversations*, communicated a wide range of popular science topics

**ComSciCon**

2015

Attended this science communication conference preparing today's scientists to better communicate their science to a broader audience

**Earth Explorers**

2014 - 2015

Worked with a group of underserved middle schoolers in Longmont, CO to develop a movie about black holes