

EDUCATION

- **University of Texas at Austin** 2021 - present
M.S. (expected 2023), Ph.D. (expected 2025) Mechanical Engineering, Acoustics GPA:
- **University of Texas at Dallas** 2017 - 2021
B.S. Physics, Minor in Music, Collegium V Honors, Magna Cum Laude GPA: 3.897

HONORS

- **McKinney Fellow** - Fellowship awarded by Applied Research Labs (ARL:UT) for support in acoustics-related research
- **Cockrell Fellow** - Fellowship awarded by the Cockrell School of Engineering at UT Austin in recognition of outstanding academic record
- **Eugene McDermott Scholar** - One of twenty-three undergraduates selected for UTD's flagship scholarship; traveled to Santa Fe, Austin, and Washington, D.C. for leadership training; studied classical guitar in Valencia, Spain

PHYSICS & ACOUSTICS EXPERIENCE

- **UTD Physics Department**
Teaching Assistant 2020
 - Taught the undergraduate lab component for Electromagnetism & Waves (PHYS 2126)
- **Advanced Research in Thermo Fluid Systems Lab**
Undergraduate Research Assistant 2019
 - Measured fluid properties of milk to learn how fat globules affect milk's velocity-dependent viscosity
- **UTD Cosmology, Relativity, and Astrophysics Group**
Undergraduate Research Assistant 2017 - 2018
 - Numerically treated the General Relativistic three-body problem of inspiraling binary black holes subject to a third perturbing black hole with hopes to explain underlying dynamics of LIGO measurements
 - Cataloged stellar photometry data from *Gaia* to help facilitate an exoplanet survey led by citizen-scientists
- **UTD Society of Physics Students**
Astronomy Committee Member 2017 - 2021
 - Coordinated large-scale star parties at UTD for major astronomical events, including 2018 & 2019 total lunar eclipses, 2018 opposition of Mars, and 2020 pass of NEOWISE, collaborating with the Texas Astronomical Society

PRESENTATIONS & PROJECTS

- **Acoustic Characterization of Echo Amphitheater**, presented at the GSP Seminar on March 26th, 2021
- **Stellar Spectroscopy**, end-of-semester project for PHYS 4373 Physical Measurements Lab
- **Quantum Electrodynamics**, term paper for PHYS 4352 Concepts of Modern Physics
- **Coriolis & Centrifugal Forces**, presented at the GSP Seminar on September 25th, 2020
- **Pappus's Theorem**, presentation for MATH 3321 Geometry, summer 2020
- **Musical Physics**, presented at the GSP Seminar on October 5th, 2018
- **Explaining the Solar Analemma**, an end-of-semester paper for PHYS 3380 Astronomy, fall 2018

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Languages:** Python, HTML, L^AT_EX, MATLAB, SQL
- **Technologies and Frameworks:** Anton Paar Rheometry & Density Interfaces, Meade and Celestron telescopes

AFFILIATIONS

- **Texas Astronomical Society**, 2018 - present
- **American Physical Society**, Division of Astrophysics, Division of Gravitation, Texas Section, 2020 - present

MUSIC EXPERIENCE

- **Musician**
Acoustic & jazz guitar, piano & analog synthesizer, electric bass 2016 - present
 - Studied with **Russell Jackson** (B.B. King), **Kelly Durbin** (Marchel Ivery), **Enric Madriguera** (Andrés Segovia), **James Wilder**, **Brian Mulholland** (Maynard Ferguson), and James Driscoll (Doc Severinsen)
 - Currently focusing on guitar performance, in the tradition of Charlie Christian, Wes Montgomery, Barney Kessel, George Benson, and Bireli Lagrene. Also studying Joe Pass, Charlie Byrd, Sylvain Luc, Tommy Emmanuel
- **Custom Chimes**
Acoustician 2018 - present
 - Handcraft and custom-tune wind chimes benefitting charity
- **Helbing Jazz Initiative**
Coordinator 2018 - 2019
 - Coordinated jam sessions following monthly jazz masterclasses led by Stockton Helbing
 - Promoted musical dialogue between community members through the language of jazz

RECORDINGS & PROJECTS

- **Wicked Game**, single, 2021
- **No More Blues**, demo EP, 2021
- **Guitar: My College Journey**, live studio performance, 2021
- **Orphan Girl**, single, 2020
- **Ode to Friends**, multimedia project, 2020
- **The Power of Small Things**, studio album, 2020
- **Blues in June**, demo EP, 2020
- **Straight Eighths**, studio album, 2019
- **Light on the Mountain**, studio album, 2019
- **Strictly Tablue**, studio album, 2019
- **Search for Answers**, studio album, 2018
- **White Rock Lake**, studio album, 2018

NOTABLE PERFORMANCES

- **Advanced Jazz Improvisation Masterclass with Todd Mosby**, Eisemann Center, January 23rd, 2020
- **C3 Big Band**, The Free Man, album release party, January 6th, 2020
- **Addis featuring Austin Zhang**, Shebelle, January 4th, 2020
- **The Chirag Gokani Trio**, Jonsson Performance Hall, November 21st, 2019
- **Greg Waits Jazz Refugees**, The Balcony Club, October 3rd, 2019
- **Stephen Hout & Chirag Gokani**, The Taos Inn, July 16th, 2019
- **Strictly Tablue**, Poor David's Pub, album release party, May 17th, 2019
- **Steve Miller**, St. Mark's School of Texas, March 15th, 2015

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- **IntelliChoice**
Branch Manager & Instructor 2018 - 2021
 - Directed **IntelliChoice SAT Summer Camp** (2018-2020), valued at \$297,000/year, boosting students' SAT scores by factors of ~1.5 and significantly increasing college matriculation rates in the underprivileged community
 - Led volunteer efforts at the Vietnamese Community Center, tutoring math weekly to underprivileged students
- **Richardson Public Library**
Volunteer 2017 - 2019
 - Co-taught technology classes for adults and creative writing classes for children
 - Assisted circulation by pulling hold items for patrons