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EDUCATION

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
PH.D., ASTRONOMY & ASTROPHYSICS
 College of Natural Sciences
 Expected (May 2021) | East Lansing, MI

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING
 College of Natural Sciences
 December 2018 | East Lansing, MI

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY
B.S., PHYSICS, W/ HONORS
 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
 May 2016 | Tempe, AZ

B.S., ASTROPHYSICS, W/ HONORS
 School of Earth and Space Exploration
 May 2016 | Tempe, AZ

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages/Platforms:
 FORTRAN • Python • C++ • \LaTeX
 HTML • MatLab • Linux (RHEL)

Software/Numerical Instruments:
 MESA • MAESTRO • FLASH
 Ialsuite • Adobe Illustrator

ADVISORS

Graduate Advisor
 Sean Couch
 Michigan State University

Undergraduate/Thesis Advisor
 Frank Timmes
 Arizona State University

Previous Summer Research
 Tjonnie Li, & Alan Weinstein
 California Institute of Technology

ADVISEES

Current
 Emma Brann, B.S. Physics, 2021, MSU

MENTORING

Previous
 Bilal Jones, Ph. D Physics, 2021 MSU
 Tom-Erik H., Ph. D Physics, 2021 MSU
 Tyler Cox, B.S. Astrophysics, 2019, ASU
 Brandon Sumner, B.S. Physics, 2016, ASU

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Stellar Evolution, Core-Collapse Supernovae, Stellar Nucleosynthesis, Gravitational Waves, High-Performance Computing, and Radiation Hydrodynamics.

CURRENT/RECENT APPOINTMENTS

2019 - Present	Teaching Assistant, Dept. of CMSE, MSU
2018 - Present	Graduate Research Asst., CCS-2, Los Alamos National Lab
2016 - Present	Graduate Research Fellow, National Science Foundation
2015 - Present	Lead Developer, MESA-Web - mesa-web.asu.edu
2017 - 2019	Data Science Fellow, LSST Corporation
2016 - 2019	Predocorial Fellow, Nat'l Academies/FORD Foundation

PUBLICATIONS SUMMARY

Summary: 10 publications: 7 refereed, 2 submitted, 1 in prep.
 Citations: 207; h -index: 5; i_{10} -index: 5 ([Google Scholar](#))

RECENT FUNDING, AWARDS, DISTINCTIONS

2019	Beth Brown Memorial Prize, National Society of Black Physicists/AAS best graduate oral presentation
2019	Stellar Modelling for Nuclear Astrophysics Workshop, JINA-CEE/NSF organizing committee
2017	Data Science Fellowship, LSST Corporation
2016	Predocorial Fellowship, FORD Foundation/NASEM promise that you show for future achievement as a scholar ...
2016	Graduate Research Fellowship, NSF demonstrated potential to contribute to ...
2016	Academic Achievement Graduate Assistantship, MSU demonstrated promotion of understanding among persons ...
2016	Chambliss Astronomy Achievement Award (Hon. Mention), AAS undergraduate poster presentation.
2015	ASU/NASA Space Grant Undergraduate Fellowship
2015	Carl A. Rouse Fellowship, National Society of Black Physicists/Caltech in support of research in gravitational-wave science
2015	APIASF/Coca-Cola Scholarship selected out of nearly 9,000 applicants from over 48 countries
2015	Undergraduate Summer Enrichment Award, ASU for proposal titled, <i>On The Evolution of The Elements</i>
2015	LIGO Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Caltech project entitled, <i>Testing The Strong-Field Dynamics of General Relativity</i> ...
2015	Norm Perrill Origins Project Scholarship, ASU Origins Project
2015	Beth Brown Memorial Prize, National Society of Black Physicists/AAS best undergraduate poster presentation.

TEACHING

INSTRUCTIONAL/LABORATORY AIDE | GENERAL PHYSICS LABORATORY I/II

Department of Physics, Arizona State University | August 2014 - May 2015, Phoenix, AZ

Provided overview of material being covered in lecture component of course to over 80 students. Led students through experiments in kinematics, optics, thermodynamics, and electricity & magnetism. Gain experience working with students from diverse student body with varying learning goals.

OUTREACH

SPACETIME PROGRAM, THE PLANETARY SOCIETY | SPACETIME EXPERT

January 2018 – Present

The SpaceTime program is a program designed to connect experts in astronomy with classrooms across all across the country. SpaceTime experts lead discussions about their research and allow a space for students to directly ask questions they otherwise would not have the opportunity to ask.

WOMAN AND MINORITIES IN PHYSICS SCIENCES (WAMPS), MSU | MENTOR

August 2017 – Present | East Lansing, MI

WaMPS is a graduate student group at Michigan State University. Our purpose is to promote diversity in the physical sciences by encouraging women and minorities to pursue the field. We also work to support women and minorities who are already members of the physical science community.

PHYSICS GRADUATE ORGANIZATION (PGO), MSU | DIRECTOR OF INCLUSION (ELECTED)

The Inclusivity Director is the main individual working to improve the diversity of the physics department. The Director leads a small group of individuals in making both short- and long-term goals and plans to improve representation and inclusion within the department.

AZ SCIENCE CENTER OUTREACH EVENT, ASU/NASA SPACE GRANT CONS. | EVENT COORDINATOR

Multiple Dates, November 2015 | Phoenix, AZ

Led an outreach event performing various physics demonstrations at the AZ Science Center to help engage the public and get students of a young age interested in science.

THE SUNDIAL PROJECT, ASU | MENTOR

August 2014 – Present | Tempe, AZ

Sundial is an organization that seeks to foster a diverse community of undergraduates, graduates, post-docs, and faculty with interest in the physical sciences.

WESTERN SCHOOL OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY | INSTRUCTIONAL FELLOW/AVID TUTOR

June 2014 – Present | Phoenix, AZ

Western Tech. is a new charter school in Phoenix designed to help promote interest in science and technology in those whom come from low income families or are dealing with other socioeconomic factors. My volunteer service here allows me to inspire young minds to pursue higher education as a role model assisting in the teaching process with the primary instructor.

SOCIETIES/AFFILIATIONS

AMERICAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY | JUNIOR MEMBER

AMERICAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY | UNDERGRADUATE MEMBER

SIGMA XI NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY | ASSOCIATE MEMBER

NAACP - MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH UNIT # 1011 | FULL MEMBER

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK PHYSICIST | FULL MEMBER

SACNAS | JUNIOR MEMBER

CONFERENCES, EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK PHYSICIST

ORAL PRESENTATION | NOVEMBER 2019 - PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

The Progenitors of Core-Collapse Supernovae

THE BANNEKER INSTITUTE, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

ORAL PRESENTATION | JULY 2019 - CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

On Getting to grad school, star stuff, and beyond

KAVLI INSTITUTE FOR PHYSICS & MATHEMATICS OF THE UNIVERSE, UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO

SEMINAR | JANUARY 2019 - KASHIWA, JAPAN

The Progenitors of Core-Collapse Supernovae

LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY, CENTER FOR THEORETICAL ASTROPHYSICS

ASTRO SEMINAR | JULY 2018 - LOS ALAMOS, NM, USA

The Progenitors of Core-Collapse Supernovae

JIN-CEE FRONTIERS IN NUCLEAR ASTROPHYSICS

STUDENT PRESENTER | FEBRUARY 2017 - EAST LANSING, MI

On Variations of Pre-Supernova Model Properties

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK PHYSICISTS FALL WORKSHOP

STUDENT PRESENTER | OCTOBER 2016 - FERMILAB

On Variations of Pre-Supernova Model Properties

AGEP MICHIGAN ALLIANCE 2016 FALL CONFERENCE

STUDENT PRESENTER | OCTOBER 2016 - EAST LANSING, MI

On Variations of Pre-Supernova Model Properties

CONFERENCE OF FORD FELLOWS

STUDENT PRESENTER | SEPTEMBER 2016 - EAST LANSING, MI

On Variations of Pre-Supernova Model Properties

227TH MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

STUDENT PRESENTER | JANUARY 2016 - KISSIMMEE, FL

On The Origin of The Elements: The Spectacular Role of White Dwarfs

MESA SUMMER SCHOOL 2015, UCSB

SELECTED PARTICIPANT | AUGUST 2015 - SANTA BARBARA, CA

CALTECH GRAVITATIONAL WAVES ASTROPHYSICS SCHOOL 2015, CALTECH

PARTICIPANT | JULY 2015 - PASADENA, CA

SCHOOL OF EARTH & SPACE EXPLORATION, ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

INVITED TALK | APRIL 2015

On Carbon Burning in SAGB Stars

JINA-CEE FRONTIERS IN NUCLEAR ASTROPHYSICS MEETING

STUDENT PRESENTER | MARCH 2015 - EAST LANSING, MI

On Carbon Burning in SAGB Stars

CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK PHYSICIST

STUDENT PRESENTER | FEBRUARY 2015 - BALTIMORE, MD

On Carbon Burning in SAGB Stars

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

- 2019 - 2020 *Organizing Committee - Stellar Modelling for Nuclear Astrophysics Workshop*, JINA-CEE/LSU
- 2018 - 2019 *Local Organizing Committee - JINA Frontiers 2019 Meeting*, Joint Institute for Nuclear Astrophysics, MSU
- 2017 - *Scientific Referee*, The American Astronomical Society Journals
- 2017 *Teaching Assistant for Prof. Leslie Rogers*, 2017 MESA Summer School, UCSB
- 2016 *Teaching Assistant for Prof. Jim Fuller*, 2016 MESA Summer School, UCSB

PRESS

- 2017 ***Study of the Evolution of Stars and Stellar Explosions***, Institute for Cyber Enabled Research, MSU, Interview
highlight of my ongoing research at MSU using iCER computing resources.
- 2016 ***Determination is the key***, ASU Now, Interview
highlight of my graduate research fellowships + general Q/A about my time at ASU.
- 2015 ***A Cutting-Edge Research Tool***, The UC Santa Barbara Current., Interview
brief discussion about the MESA stellar evolution code and how it is used in my research.
- 2015 ***Up and Down The Ladder***, ASU EdX: Introduction to Solar Systems & Astronomy, Video Presentation
guest dialogue with Prof. Timmes on atomic structure of matter, phase transitions, and energy
as part of the lecture series for ASU's 111x course, the largest college-credit astronomy course in the world.
- 2015 ***Google Hangout for JINA CEE***, National Science Foundation, Video Presentation
brief discussion about my current research and my role as an undergraduate JINA-CEE.
- 2014 ***The Evolution of Carbon Burning Flames Inside Super-Asymptotic Giant Branch Stars***, $\Sigma\Xi$ (Sigma Xi), Interview
brief discussion about my current research and long term goals.

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- 2019 **Beth Brown Memorial Prize, National Society of Black Physicists/AAS**
best graduate oral presentation
- 2019 **Stellar Modelling for Nuclear Astrophysics Workshop, JINA-CEE/NSF**
organizing committee
- 2017 **Data Science Fellowship, LSST Collaboration**
- 2016 **Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation**
demonstrated potential to contribute to . . .
- 2016 **Predoctoral Fellowship, FORD Foundation/Nat'l Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine**
promise that you show for future achievement as a scholar . . .
- 2016 **Academic Achievement Graduate Assistantship, Michigan State University**
demonstrated promotion of understanding among persons . . .
- 2016 **Chambliss Astronomy Achievement Award (Hon. Ment.), American Astronomical Society**
undergraduate poster presentation
- 2015 **Space Grant Undergraduate Fellowship, National Aeronautical and Space Administration**
academic achievement, research experience
- 2015 **Carl A. Rouse Fellowship, National Society of Black Physicists/Caltech**
in support of research in gravitational-wave science
- 2015 **LIGO Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, California Institute of Technology**
research experience, academic achievements
- 2015 **APIASF/Coca-Cola Scholarship, Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Foundation**
academic achievement, outstanding community service and financial need
selected out of nearly 9,000 applicants from over 48 countries
- 2015 **Undergraduate Summer Enrichment Award, Arizona State University, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences**
for proposal titled, *On The Evolution of The Elements*
- 2015 **Norm Perrill Origins Project Undergraduate Scholar, Arizona State University Origins Project**
academic achievement, origins based research
- 2015 **AAS Beth Brown Memorial Prize, National Society of Black Physicists/American Astronomical Society**
best undergraduate poster presentation
- 2014 **Superior Poster Presentation, Sigma Xi International Research Conference**
superior poster presentation, Physics & Astronomy Division.
- 2014 **APIASF/Wells Fargo Scholarship, Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Foundation**
academic achievement, outstanding community service and financial need
selected out of 7,000 applicants from over 41 countries
- 2014 **Undergraduate Summer Enrichment Award, Arizona State University, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences**
for proposal titled, *On The Evolution of Carbon Burning Flames Inside Super-Asymptotic Giant Branch Stars*
- 2011 **Barack Obama Scholarship, Arizona State University**
academic achievement, outstanding community service and financial need
- 2011 **New American University Dean's Award, Arizona State University**
academic achievements
- 2011 **UFCW 99 Scholarship, United Food & Commercial Workers 99**
- 2011 **Sam Walton Community Scholarship, Walmart-ACT**
- 2011 **H.A.C.E.R. Scholarship, Ronald McDonald House Charities Foundation**
academic achievements, outstanding community service, and financial need

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

10. *Amplification of Accretion-Phase Gravitational Wave Emission Facilitated by Perturbations in The Progenitor Star*, **C. E. Fields**, S. M. Couch, & M. J. Pajkos, 2020, ApJ, in prep.
9. *On The Development of Realistic Multidimensional Progenitor Models For Core-collapse Supernovae*, **C. E. Fields** & S. M. Couch, 2019, ApJ, submitted.
8. *The origin of low effective spins in LIGO/Virgo binary black hole mergers*, K. Belczynski, J. Klencki, & **C. E. Fields** et al., A&A, submitted.
7. *Understanding the Engines and Progenitors of Gamma-Ray Bursts*, C. L. Fryer and 7 other co-authors including **C. E. Fields**, Eur. Phys. J. A (2019) 55: 132.
6. *The Impact of White Dwarf Luminosity Profiles on Oscillation Frequencies*, F. X. Timmes, Richard H. D. Townsend, Evan B. Bauer, Anne Thoul, **C. E. Fields** & William M. Wolf, 2018 ApJL, **234**, 19.
5. *The Impact of Nuclear Reaction Rate Uncertainties On The Evolution of Core-Collapse Supernova Progenitors*, **C. E. Fields**, R. Farmer, I. Petermann, C. Iliadis, S. M. Couch, & F. X. Timmes, 2018 ApJS, **867**, 30
4. *The $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ Reaction and Its Implications for Stellar Helium Burning*, R. J. deBoer and 12 other co-authors including **C. E. Fields**, Rev. Mod. Phys. **89**, 035007 (2017)
3. *On Variations Of Pre-Supernova Model Properties*, R. Farmer, **C. E. Fields**, I. Petermann, L. Dessart, M. Cantiello, B. Paxton, & F. X. Timmes, ApJS, 2016, **227**, 22.
2. *Properties of Carbon-Oxygen White Dwarfs From Monte Carlo Stellar Models*, **C. E. Fields**, R. Farmer, I. Petermann, C. Iliadis, & F. X. Timmes, The Astrophysical Journal, 823, **46**, 2016
1. *On Carbon Burning in Super Asymptotic Giant Branch Stars*, R. Farmer, **C. E. Fields**, & F. X. Timmes, The Astrophysical Journal, 807, **184**, 2015

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS/ABSTRACTS

3. *Testing The Strong-Field Dynamics of General Relativity Using Compact Binary Mergers*, **C. E. Fields**, A. Weinstein, T. G. F. Li, & M. Isi, [LIGO-DCC P1500114](#)
2. *On The Origin of The Elements: The Spectacular Role of White Dwarfs*, **C. E. Fields**, R. Farmer, I. Petermann, & F. X. Timmes, 227th Meeting of the AAS, Abstract #144.01
1. *The Evolution of Carbon Burning Flames Inside Super-Asymptotic Giant Branch Stars*, **C. E. Fields**, R. Farmer, & F. X. Timmes, APS March Meeting 2015, Abstract #V1.288