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## RESEARCH PROFILE

National Science Foundation Astronomy and Astrophysics Postdoctoral Fellow working in experimental particle-astrophysics on the Askaryan Radio Array and IceCube experiments. Interested in high energy neutrino astronomy, specifically the construction, simulation, and data analysis of neutrino telescopes.

#### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in Physics, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio USA	2014-2019
Advisor: Prof. Amy Connolly	
M.S. in Physics, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio USA	2014-2016
B.A. in Physics, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri USA	2010-2014
Cum Laude, Advisor: Prof. Henric Krawczynski	

#### **AWARDS**

National Science Foundation Astronomy and Astrophysics Postdoctoral Fellowship	2019-2021
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2016-2019
APS Division of Astrophysics Travel Award	2017, 2019
Bunny and Thomas Clark Graduate Scholarship Honorable Mention	2019
OSU Graduate Enrichment Fellowship	2014-2015
WUSTL Undergraduate Physics Research Fellow	Summer 2011

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI USA	August 2019 - present
Postdoctoral Fellow	
The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH USA	August 2014 - July 2019

Ph.D. Student

Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO USA

October 2012 - May 2014

Undergraduate Research Associate

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- "NuRadioMC: Simulating the radio emission of neutrinos from interaction to detector"
   C. Glaser et. al. (incl. B. A. Clark)
   Submitted to Eur. Phys. J. C (2019). [arXiv:1906.01670]
- 4. "Design and Performance of an Interferometric Trigger Array for Radio Detection of High-Energy Neutrinos"
  - P. Allison *et. al.* for the ARA Collaboration (incl. **B. A. Clark**) Nuclear Instruments and Methods A Vol 930 Pg 112-125 (2019). [arXiv:1809.04573]

- 3. "Observation of Reconstructable Radio Emission Coincident with an X-Class Solar Flare in the Askaryan Radio Array Prototype Station."
  - P. Allison *et. al.* for the ARA Collaboration (incl. **B. A. Clark** as corresponding author) Submitted to Astroparticle Physics (2018). [arXiv:1807.03335]
- 2. "Measurement of the real dielectric permittivity  $\epsilon_r$  of glacial ice." P. Allison *et. al.* for the ARA Collaboration (incl. **B. A. Clark**) Astroparticle Physics Vol 108 Pg 63-73 (2019). [arXiv:1712.03301]
- "Analyzing the Data from X-ray Polarimeters with Stokes Parameters."
   F. Kislat, B. Clark, M. Bielicke, H. Krawczynski.
   Astroparticle Physics Vol 68 Pg 45-51 (2015). [arXiv:1409.6214]

## SCIENTIFIC TALKS

# National & International Conferences

- 4. APS April Meeting, Denver CO. 2019/04/15 Searching for Neutrinos & Cosmic Rays and Studying Antarctic ice with Askaryan Radio Array.
- 3. APS April Meeting, Columbus OH.

  Directional Reconstruction as a Means of Lowering Thresholds for Point-Source Searches in the Askaryan Radio Array.
- 2. TeV Particle Astrophysics, Columbus OH.

  The Askaryan Radio Array: Current Status and Future Plans.

  2017/08/11
- 1. APS April Meeting, Washington DC. 2017/01/31 Observation of Reconstructable Radio Waveforms from Solar Flares with Askaryan Radio Array.

# Colloquia, Seminars, and Other Talks

- 8. OSU CCAPP Seminar, Columbus OH. 2019/07/16 The Quest for Ultra-High Energy Neutrinos
- 7. Ohio Section of the APS Fall 2018 Meeting, Toledo OH. 2018/09/29

  Latest Results in the Search for Ultra-High Energy Neutrinos in the Askaryan Radio Array
- 6. OSU Physics Summer Seminar Series, Columbus OH. 2018/06/26

  Ultra-High Energy Neutrino Astrophysics with Radio-Based Detectors.
- 5. OSU CCAPP Seminar, Columbus OH.

  The Askaryan Radio Array: Detector Status and Prospects for Using Directional Reconstruction in Point-Source Searches.
- 4. Colloquium, College of Wooster Physics Department, Wooster OH. 2016/10/04

  \*Ultra-High Energy Neutrino Astrophysics with Radio Detectors.\*
- 3. Computing in High Energy Astropart. Phys. Research 2016, Columbus OH. 2016/05/26

  Machine Learning Prospects in Trigger Thresholds for High Energy Radio Neutrino Astronomy.
- 2. OSU Physics Summer Seminar Series, Columbus OH. 2016/04/23 Trigger Thresholds in High Energy Neutrino Astronomy.
- 1. Ohio Section of the APS Spring 2016 Meeting, Dayton OH. 2016/04/09 Ultra-High Energy Neutrino Astrophysics with the Askaryan Radio Array (ARA).

#### **TEACHING**

# The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

TA Training Facilitator, University Center for the Advancement Teaching

August 2016

- Facilitated two-day "introduction to teaching and learning" workshop for 30 first-time Teaching Assistants across the University's 40 STEM science programs.
- Built confidence in new TAs, guided development of teaching identities, addressed diversity in the classroom, and aided participant planning for long-term classroom success.

Teaching Assistant-"Astronomy 1143: Stars, Galaxies, and Cosmology"

Spring 2016

- Aided student learning by teaching review sessions and lecturing when lead faculty was absent for 80 student introductory survey course, open to students across the university
- Moderated online forum, in collaboration with lead faculty, for students to exchange questions and clarify concepts.

Teaching Assistant-"Physics 1251: E&M, Optics, and Quantum Mechanics"

Fall 2015

- Guided student learning in the recitation and laboratory context for four contact hours per week.
- Facilitated quantitative laboratory experiments including team-based problem solving exercises.
- Designed rubrics for fair, efficient, and consistent grading of quiz and examination instruments.

#### **OUTREACH AND SERVICE**

Coordinator for ASPIRE Workshop for High School Women, OSU	July 2015-present
Physics Climate and Diversity Committee, OSU	January 2017-May 2018
Volunteer Judge, Ohio State Science Day	2015-present
Talk, Columbus Science Pub	May 2018
Talk, The Wellington School, Columbus, OH	April 2018
Officer, Physics Graduate Student Council, OSU	October 2014-May 2017

#### **MENTORSHIP**

Graduate Students: Lauren Ennesser, Keith McBride, Andrés Medina, Julie Rolla,

Jorge Torres-Espinosa

Undergraduate Students: Ian Best, Eliot Ferstl, Suren Gourapura, Hannah Hassan, Scott Janse,

Spoorthi Nagasmudram, Victoria Niu, Alex Patton, Jude Rajasekera,

Cade Sbrocco, Lucas Smith, Jason Torok

**High School Students:** Addison Hartman, Natalie Keyes

# REFERENCES

# **Amy Connolly**

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