## **EDUCATION**

2003 - 2007	Ph.D. in Astrophysics, <b>University of Durham</b> , U.K. "The Clustering and Evolution of Massive Galaxies"
	Advisor: Prof. Tom Shanks
1999 - 2003	M.Sci., Physics & Astronomy, University of Durham, U.K.
	First Class Honours, Fourth Year Advisor: Prof. Shaun Cole

## **POSITIONS**

TUSTITUNS	
2016 - 2017	Chief Data Scientist
	String Security, Inc., San Francisco, USA
2014 -	STFC Ernest Rutherford Fellow
	University of Edinburgh, U.K.
2013 - 2014	Research Assistant Professor
	Drexel University, U.S.A., Advisor: Prof. Gordon T. Richards
2009 - 2013	Postdoctoral Researcher/Project Scientist, Berkeley Cosmology Group
	Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, U.S.A., Advisor: Dr. David. J. Schlegel
2007 - 2009	Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Dept. of Astronomy and Astrophysics
	Pennsylvania State University, U.S.A., Advisor: Prof. Donald, P. Schneider

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

2014 – 2019 Science & Technology Facilities Council

**Ernest Rutherford Fellowship** 

Senior Research Fellowship, University of Edinburgh

## **PUBLICATION RECORD**

Author on 118 published papers	Total number of citations:	14,942	(126.6 citations/paper)
First author on 6 published papers	Total number of citations:	640	(106.7 citations/paper)
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# GRANTS/FUNDING OBTAINED

STFC Ernest Rutherford Fellowship (PI.)	\$831,481
NASA Spitzer Space Telescope Cycle 9, 820 hours (Lead Co-I)	\$440,163
NASA Hubble Space Telescope Cycle 20, 18 orbits (P.I.)	\$106,852
NASA Swift XRT and UVOT ToO observations, Cycle 5, 17.8ks (P.I.)	\$34,039
Chandra Cycle 12 Co-I Archival proposal "The Dark Matter-AGN-Weak	\$51,281
Lensing connection" (co-I)	

### **SUPERVISION**

2015-	David Homan
	University of Edinburgh PhD student
2015	Thomas Kemp
	University of Edinburgh MSc student
2013 -	John Timlin
	Drexel University Graduate Student, Philadelphia PA, USA
	(On Ph.D. Dissertation Committee)
2013 - 2014	Victoria Tielebein
	Drexel University Senior Thesis Student, Philadelphia PA, USA
2009 - 2012	Jessica Kirkpatrick
	UC Berkeley Graduate Student, Berkeley CA, USA

2009 - 2010 Rachel Kennedy

UC Berkeley Honors Student, Berkeley CA, USA

**2008 - 2009 Michael Peth** 

Pennsylvania State University Honors Student, State College PA, USA

#### APPOINTMENTS AS EXTERNAL EXAMINER

Ben Chehade, PhD, "The luminosity and redshift dependence of quasar clustering",

University of Durham

2016 **Behzad Ansarinejad, M.Res**, "An Empirical Analysis of Baryon Acoustic Oscillations in

Galaxy and Quasar Clustering", University of Durham

#### **TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

Joint Instructor, *Introduction to Astrophysics*, University of Edinburgh
Lead Instructor, *Astro 010: Introduction to Astronomy*, Penn State University
Postgraduate Instructor, *Stars and Galaxies* course, Durham University

#### **ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS**

2017	<b>Co-Chair SOC</b> Unveiling the Physics Behind Extreme AGN Variability			
	University of the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.			
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2016 Chair S/LOC JWST@ROE University of Edinburgh, International meeting Chair S/LOC Quasar Day University of Edinburgh, National meeting,

2014 **SOC Member** *Multi-wavelength Heritage of Stripe 82 Workshop*, Princeton University 2011 **SOC Chair** *SDSS-III BOSS Quasar Working Group* meeting, Princeton University

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Journal Review Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society

The Astrophysical Journal The Astronomical Journal

Reviewer for the NASA Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

Session Chair, "Wide-Field Surveys and QSO Physics" Parallel, UK National Astronomy Meeting, 2015.

Founder "Astronomers for America" and "Scots for Science"

#### **MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES**

Fellow Royal Astronomical Society (since July 2004)

Full Member American Astronomical Society, (since Nov 2009)

Founder "Astronomers for America"

### PRESS RELEASES

2012 November BOSS Lyman-α Forest BAO Detection (incl. image credit)

2012 October Quasar Broad Absorption Line Disappearance

2009 October SDSS-III: BOSS First Light

#### SELECTED OUTREACH

2015, 2016 September ROE Open Day

2013, 2014 Public Observing Nights, Drexel University

2012 October LBNL Open House

2008, 2009 July Penn State In-Service Workshop in Astronomy

2008, 2009 Penn State Astronomy and Astrophysics annual "AstroFest"

# Appendix: All on-going and submitted grants and funding of the PI (Funding ID)

<u>Mandatory information</u> (does not count towards page limits)

## **On-going Grants**

Project Title	Funding source	Amount (Euros)	Period	Role of the PI	Relation to current ERC proposal
STFC Ernest Rutherford Fellowship (ERF)	STFC, U.K.	674,663	01-OCT-2014 to 30-SEP-2019	To perform world leading research, either independently, or with collaborators of the PIs choice.	Current ERF grant has research linked to, but not overlapping with ERC proposal. ERC proposal would build-on, and is a novel extension to, the current research programme.

## **Grant applications**

n/a