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Education

Ph.D., Physics *California Institute of Technology (Caltech)* 06/2012
- Ph.D. thesis supervisor: Prof. Yanbei Chen

M.S., Physics *California Institute of Technology (Caltech)* 06/2008
B.A., Mathematics and Physics *Claremont McKenna College* 05/2006
- Valedictorian, *summa cum laude*, honors in both degrees

Academic Positions

Associate Professor of Physics *University of Virginia* 08/2025–present
Assistant Professor of Physics *University of Virginia* 08/2019–08/2025
Senior Postdoctoral Researcher *University of Amsterdam* 07/2018–07/2019
- Postdoctoral supervisor: Prof. Samaya Nissanke

Postdoctoral Researcher *Radboud University* 09/2016–06/2018
- Postdoctoral supervisor: Prof. Samaya Nissanke

Postdoctoral Associate *Cornell University* 09/2012–08/2016
- Postdoctoral supervisor: Prof. Éanna É. Flanagan

Postdoctoral Researcher *Caltech* 06/2012–08/2012
- Postdoctoral supervisor: Prof. Yanbei Chen

Research Funding

National Science Foundation, *CAREER Award*, 12/2024–11/2029
"Investigating Matter and Spacetime Using Gravitational Waves." $400,000
National Science Foundation, *Gravitation Theory*, 06/2023–05/2026
"Dynamical and Strong-Field Gravitational-Wave Phenomenology." $210,000
ORAU, *Ralph E. Powe Faculty Enhancement Award*, 06/2021–05/2022
"Searching for the gravitational-wave memory effect in LIGO and Virgo data." $10,000
National Science Foundation, *Gravitation Theory*, 09/2020–08/2023
"Dynamical and Strong-Gravity Effects from Black-Hole Binaries." $210,000

Courses Taught and Guest Lectures

Courses Taught

Intro to General Relativity (PHYS 5240) *University of Virginia* Fall 2025

Electricity & Magnetism II (PHYS 7420) *University of Virginia* Spring 2023–2025
Theoretical Mechanics I (PHYS 7010) *University of Virginia* Fall 2024
Classical Mechanics (PHYS 3210) *University of Virginia* Spring 2021–22, Fall 2023
Advanced General Relativity (PHYS 8240) *University of Virginia* Fall 2019–2021
Computational Physics (co-taught) *Cornell University* Spring 2015
Quantum Mechanics *Claremont McKenna College* Spring 2011

Guest Lectures

Astroparticle Physics *Amsterdam University College* 05/2019
General Relativity *University of Amsterdam* 04/2017

Other Awards, Honors, and Fellowships

- David and Barbara Groce Graduate Fellowship, 2009–2010
- Rose Hills Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 2006–2007
- Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, 2004–2006
- GGR Travel Grant, 2009, 2010, 2012
- Phi Beta Kappa, 2005

Research Interests

Compact binaries, gravitational waves, gravitational-wave memory, asymptotic spacetime symmetries, electromagnetic counterparts of gravitational-wave sources, gravitational-wave tests of general relativity, black-hole perturbation theory, post-Newtonian theory, numerical relativity, black-hole physics.

Professional Activities

Advising

Postdoctoral Scholars

Sayantani Datta (co-advised) *University of Virginia* 08/2023–08/2025
Alexander M. Grant *University of Virginia* 09/2020–08/2023

Ph.D. Students

Benjamin Wade *University of Virginia* 02/2021–present
Siddhant Siddhant *University of Virginia* 02/2022–present
Cuishan Liu *University of Virginia* 05/2023–present
Arwa Elhashash *University of Virginia* 07/2019–05/2025

M.A./M.S. Students

Oliver Boersma (co-advised) *Radboud University* 01/2018–01/2020
Andris Dorozsmai (co-advised) *Radboud University* 01/2017–07/2018

Postbaccalaureate Students

Leenie Wilcox (co-advised) *University of Virginia* 09/2023–08/2024

Undergraduate Students (Research Projects)

Zachary Raney *University of Virginia*	01/2025–05/2025
Bejoy Sen *University of Virginia*	01/2022–05/2022
Andrew Tuma *University of Virginia*	09/2019–05/2020
Yara Yousef *University of Virginia*	09/2019–05/2020

Scientific Collaboration Memberships

LISA Consortium, *Community member*,	05/2025–present
Athena Mission, *Multimessenger Science Working Group*	02/2021–present
Cosmic Explorer Consortium,	12/2020–present
LISA Consortium, *Consortium member*,	01/2019–04/2025
Virgo Collaboration, *Radboud and Nikhef groups*,	09/2016–09/2019
GROWTH Collaboration, *Radboud University group*,	09/2017–09/2018
LIGO Scientific Collaboration, *Caltech Relativity Theory*,	09/2015–09/2016

Ph.D. Thesis Committees

Jessica Pascadlo *University of Virginia (Physics)*	07/2025
Arwa Elhashash *University of Virginia (Physics), Chair/Supervisor*	05/2025
Kyle Corcoran *University of Virginia (Astronomy)*	08/2024
Xinlun Cheng *University of Virginia (Astronomy)*	04/2024
Shu-Yan (Vincent) Lau *University of Virginia (Physics)*	03/2024
Xiaoshan Huang *University of Virginia (Astronomy)*	05/2023
Nan Jiang *University of Virginia (Physics)*	04/2023
Ka Ho (Andy) Lam *University of Virginia (Astronomy)*	07/2022
Moritz Hübner *Monash University (Physics and Astronomy)*	09/2021
Shammi Tahura *University of Virginia (Physics)*	07/2021
Hannah Lewis *University of Virginia (Astronomy)*	06/2021
Pallavi Patil *University of Virginia (Astronomy)*	12/2020
Paul Zivick *University of Virginia (Astronomy)*	04/2020
Christian Hayes *University of Virginia (Astronomy)*	04/2020
Zachary Carson *University of Virginia (Physics)*	03/2020

Journal Guest Editing

Classical and Quantum Gravity, Guest Editor 07/2023–08/2025
Focus Issue: "Gravitational-Wave Memory Effects: From Theory to Observation."

Conference and Seminar Organization

UVA Physics Colloquium and Hoxton Lecture, Committee chair,	08/2022–08/2024
UVA Gravity Seminar Series, Committee chair,	01/2021–08/2024
Gravitational Memory Effects (QMUL), Organizing committee,	06/2023
Holography and Gravitational Waves (IFPU), Organizing committee,	07/2022
GRAPPA Colloquium Series, Organizing committee,	09/2018–07/2019
UvA GW seminars, Organizing committee,	09/2018–07/2019
72nd Netherlands Astronomy Conference, Organizing committees,	05/2017

Peer Reviewing

Journals: Physical Review Letters, Physical Review D, Astrophysical Journal Letters, Astrophysical Journal, Journal of High Energy Physics, Classical and Quantum Gravity, General Relativity and Gravitation, Nature Communications, Proceedings of the Royal Society A, Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics, International Journal of Modern Physics D, European Physical Journal C

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Publications

Short-Author-List Pre-prints

1. S. Tahura, **D. A. Nichols**, and K. Yagi, "Gravitational-wave memory effects in the Damour-Esposito-Farèse extension of Brans-Dicke theory," (2025), arXiv:2501.07488 [gr-qc]

Short-Author-List, Peer-Reviewed Articles

38. A. Elhashash and **D. A. Nichols**, "Waveform models for the gravitational-wave memory effect: II. Time-domain and frequency-domain models for nonspinning binaries," (2025), Accepted for publication in Phys. Rev. D, arXiv:2504.18635 [gr-qc]
37. A. Elhashash and **D. A. Nichols**, "Waveform models for the gravitational-wave memory effect: Extreme mass-ratio limit and final memory offset," Phys. Rev. D **111**, 044052 (2025), arXiv:2407.19017 [gr-qc]
36. E. Wilcox, **D. A. Nichols**, and K. Yagi, "Probing dark-matter effects with gravitational waves using the parameterized post-Einsteinian framework," Phys. Rev. D **110**, 124009 (2024), arXiv:2409.10846 [gr-qc]
35. S. Siddhant, A. M. Grant, and **D. A. Nichols**, "Higher memory effects and the post-Newtonian calculation of their gravitational-wave signals," Classical Quantum Gravity **41**, 205014 (2024), arXiv:2403.13907 [gr-qc]
34. E. E. Flanagan and **D. A. Nichols**, "Fully nonlinear transformations of the Weyl-Bondi-Metzner-Sachs asymptotic symmetry group," J. High Energy Phys. **03**, 120 (2024), arXiv:2311.03130 [gr-qc]
33. **D. A. Nichols**, B. A. Wade, and A. M. Grant, "Secondary accretion of dark matter in intermediate mass-ratio inspirals: Dark-matter dynamics and gravitational-wave phase," Phys. Rev. D **108**, 124062 (2023), arXiv:2309.06498 [gr-qc]
32. A. M. Grant and **D. A. Nichols**, "Outlook for detecting the gravitational wave displacement and spin memory effects with current and future gravitational wave detectors," Phys. Rev. D **107**, 064056 (2023), arXiv:2210.16266 [gr-qc]
31. L. Piro, M. Ahlers, A. Coleiro, M. Colpi, E. de Oña Wilhelmi, M. Gianazzi, P. G. Jonker, P. McNamara, **D. A. Nichols**, *et al.*, "Multi-messenger-Athena Synergy White Paper," Exp. Astron. **54**, 23 (2022), arXiv:2110.15677 [astro-ph.HE]
30. A. M. Grant and **D. A. Nichols**, "Persistent gravitational wave observables: Curve deviation in asymptotically flat spacetimes," Phys. Rev. D **105**, 024056 (2022), arXiv:2109.03832 [gr-qc]
29. A. Coogan, G. Bertone, D. Gaggero, B. J. Kavanagh, and **D. A. Nichols**, "Measuring the dark matter environments of black hole binaries with gravitational waves," Phys. Rev. D **105**, 043009 (2022), arXiv:2108.04154 [gr-qc]

28. S. Tahura, **D. A. Nichols**, and K. Yagi, "Gravitational-wave memory effects in Brans-Dicke theory: Waveforms and effects in the post-Newtonian approximation," Phys. Rev. D **104**, 104010 (2021), arXiv:2107.02208 [gr-qc]
27. A. Elhashash and **D. A. Nichols**, "Definitions of (super) angular momentum in asymptotically flat spacetimes: Properties and applications to compact-binary mergers," Phys. Rev. D **104**, 024020 (2021), arXiv:2101.12228 [gr-qc]
26. S. Tahura, **D. A. Nichols**, A. Saffer, L. C. Stein, and K. Yagi, "Brans-Dicke theory in Bondi-Sachs form: Asymptotically flat solutions, asymptotic symmetries and gravitational-wave memory effects," Phys. Rev. D **103**, 104026 (2021), arXiv:2007.13799 [gr-qc]
25. B. J. Kavanagh, **D. A. Nichols**, G. Bertone, and D. Gaggero, "Detecting dark matter around black holes with gravitational waves: Effects of dark-matter dynamics on the gravitational waveform," Phys. Rev. D **102**, 083006 (2020), arXiv:2002.12811 [gr-qc]
24. O. M. Boersma, **D. A. Nichols**, and P. Schmidt, "Forecasts for detecting the gravitational-wave memory effect with Advanced LIGO and Virgo," Phys. Rev. D **101**, 083026 (2020), arXiv:2002.01821 [astro-ph.HE]
23. É. É. Flanagan, A. M. Grant, A. I. Harte, and **D. A. Nichols**, "Persistent gravitational wave observables: Nonlinear plane wave spacetimes," Phys. Rev. D **101**, 104033 (2020), arXiv:1912.13449 [gr-qc]
22. É. É. Flanagan, A. M. Grant, A. I. Harte, and **D. A. Nichols**, "Persistent gravitational wave observables: general framework," Phys. Rev. D **99**, 084044 (2019), arXiv:1901.00021 [gr-qc]
21. T. Hinderer, S. Nissanke, F. Foucart, K. Hotokezaka, T. Vincent, M. Kasliwal, P. Schmidt, A. R. Williamson, **D. A. Nichols**, M. Duez, L. E. Kidder, H. P. Pfeiffer, and M. A. Scheel, "Distinguishing the nature of comparable-mass neutron star binary systems with multimessenger observations: GW170817 case study," Phys. Rev. D **100**, 063021 (2019), arXiv:1808.03836 [astro-ph.HE]
20. **D. A. Nichols**, "Center-of-mass angular momentum and memory effect in asymptotically flat spacetimes," Phys. Rev. D **98**, 064032 (2018), arXiv:1807.08767 [gr-qc]
19. **D. A. Nichols**, "Spin memory effect for compact binaries in the post-Newtonian approximation," Phys. Rev. D **95**, 084048 (2017), arXiv:1702.03300 [gr-qc]
18. A. Ghosh, A. Ghosh, N. Johnson-McDaniel, C. K. Mitra, P. Ajith, W. Del Pozzo, **D. A. Nichols**, Y. Chen, A. B. Nielsen, C. P. L. Berry, and L. London, "Testing general relativity using golden black-hole binaries," Phys. Rev. D **94**, 021101 (2016), arXiv:1602.02453 [gr-qc]
17. É. É. Flanagan, **D. A. Nichols**, L. C. Stein, and J. Vines, "Prescriptions for measuring and transporting local angular momenta in general relativity," Phys. Rev. D **93**, 104007 (2016), arXiv:1602.01847 [gr-qc]
16. É. É. Flanagan and **D. A. Nichols**, "Conserved charges of the extended Bondi-Metzner-Sachs algebra," Phys. Rev. D **95**, 044002 (2017), arXiv:1510.03386 [hep-th]
15. J. Vines and **D. A. Nichols**, "Properties of an affine transport equation and its holonomy," Gen. Rel. Grav. **48**, 127 (2016), arXiv:1412.4077 [gr-qc]
14. É. É. Flanagan and **D. A. Nichols**, "Observer dependence of angular momentum in general relativity and its relationship to the gravitational-wave memory effect," Phys. Rev. D **92**, 084057 (2015), arXiv:1411.4599 [gr-qc]
13. R. H. Price, J. W. Belcher, and **D. A. Nichols**, "Comparison of electromagnetic and gravitational radiation: What we can learn about each from the other," Am. J. Phys. **81**, 575 (2013), arXiv:1212.4730 [gr-qc]
12. H. Yang, F. Zhang, A. Zimmerman, **D. A. Nichols**, E. Berti, and Y. Chen, "Branching of quasinormal modes for nearly extremal Kerr black holes," Phys. Rev. D **87**, 041502 (2013), arXiv:1212.3271 [gr-qc]

11. **D. A. Nichols**, A. Zimmerman, Y. Chen, G. Lovelace, K. D. Matthews, R. Owen, F. Zhang, and K. S. Thorne, "Visualizing Spacetime Curvature via Frame-Drag Vortexes and Tidal Tendexes III. Quasinormal Pulsations of Schwarzschild and Kerr Black Holes," Phys. Rev. D **86**, 104028 (2012), arXiv:1208.3038 [gr-qc]
10. F. Zhang, A. Zimmerman, **D. A. Nichols**, Y. Chen, G. Lovelace, K. D. Matthews, R. Owen, and K. S. Thorne, "Visualizing Spacetime Curvature via Frame-Drag Vortexes and Tidal Tendexes II. Stationary Black Holes," Phys. Rev. D **86**, 084049 (2012), arXiv:1208.3034 [gr-qc]
9. H. Yang, **D. A. Nichols**, F. Zhang, A. Zimmerman, Z. Zhang, and Y. Chen, "Quasinormal-mode spectrum of Kerr black holes and its geometric interpretation," Phys. Rev. D **86**, 104006 (2012), arXiv:1207.4253 [gr-qc]
8. **D. A. Nichols** and Y. Chen, "Hybrid method for understanding black-hole mergers: Inspiralling case," Phys. Rev. D **85**, 044035 (2012), arXiv:1109.0081 [gr-qc]
7. **D. A. Nichols**., R. Owen, F. Zhang, A. Zimmermann, J. Brink, Y. Chen, G. Lovelace, K. D. Matthews, M. A. Scheel, and K. S. Thorne, "Visualizing Spacetime Curvature via Frame-Drag Vortexes and Tidal Tendexes I. General Theory and Weak-Gravity Applications," Phys. Rev. D **84**, 124014 (2011), arXiv:1108.5486 [gr-qc]
6. A. Zimmerman, **D. A. Nichols**, and F. Zhang, "Classifying the Isolated Zeros of Asymptotic Gravitational Radiation by Tendex and Vortex Lines," Phys. Rev. D **84**, 044037 (2011), arXiv:1107.2959 [gr-qc]
5. R. Owen, J. Brink, Y. Chen, J. D. Kaplan, G. Lovelace, K. D. Matthews, **D. A. Nichols**, M. A. Scheel, F. Zhang, A. Zimmerman, and K. S. Thorne, "Frame-Dragging Vortexes and Tidal Tendexes Attached to Colliding Black Holes: Visualizing the Curvature of Spacetime," Phys. Rev. Lett. **106**, 151101 (2011), arXiv:1012.4869 [gr-qc]
4. **D. A. Nichols** and Y. Chen, "A hybrid method for understanding black-hole mergers: head-on case," Phys. Rev. D **82**, 104020 (2010), arXiv:1007.2024 [gr-qc]
3. G. Lovelace, Y. Chen, M. Cohen, J. D. Kaplan, D. Keppel, K. D. Matthews, **D. A. Nichols**, M. A. Scheel, and U. Sperhake, "Momentum flow in black-hole binaries. II. Numerical simulations of equal-mass, head-on mergers with antiparallel spins," Phys. Rev. D **82**, 064031 (2010), arXiv:0907.0869 [gr-qc]
2. D. Keppel, **D. A. Nichols**, Y. Chen, and K. S. Thorne, "Momentum Flow in Black Hole Binaries. I. Post-Newtonian Analysis of the Inspiral and Spin-Induced Bobbing," Phys. Rev. D **80**, 124015 (2009), arXiv:0902.4077 [gr-qc]
1. J. D. Kaplan, **D. A. Nichols**, and K. S. Thorne, "Post-Newtonian Approximation in Maxwell-Like Form," Phys. Rev. D **80**, 124014 (2009), arXiv:0808.2510 [gr-qc]

Papers and Pre-prints as Part of Scientific Collaborations

73. N. Afshordi *et al.* (LISA Consortium Waveform Working Group), "Waveform Modelling for the Laser Interferometer Space Antenna," (2023), arXiv:2311.01300 [gr-qc]
72. K. G. Arun *et al.* (LISA), "New horizons for fundamental physics with LISA," Living Rev. Relativ. **25**, 4 (2022), arXiv:2205.01597 [gr-qc]
71. B. P. Abbott *et al.* (KAGRA, LIGO Scientific, Virgo), "Prospects for observing and localizing gravitational-wave transients with Advanced LIGO, Advanced Virgo and KAGRA," Living Rev. Relativ. **23**, 3 (2020), arXiv:1304.0670 [gr-qc]
70. R. Abbott *et al.* (LIGO Scientific, Virgo), "Search for Gravitational Waves Associated with Gamma-Ray Bursts Detected by Fermi and Swift During the LIGO-Virgo Run O3a," Astrophys. J. **915**, 86 (2021), arXiv:2010.14550 [astro-ph.HE]

69. R. Abbott *et al.* (LIGO Scientific, Virgo), "Properties and Astrophysical Implications of the 150 $M_\odot$ Binary Black Hole Merger GW190521," Astrophys. J. **900**, L13 (2020), arXiv:2009.01190 [astro-ph.HE]
68. R. Abbott *et al.* (LIGO Scientific, Virgo), "GW190521: A Binary Black Hole Merger with a Total Mass of 150 M⊙," Phys. Rev. Lett. **125**, 101102 (2020), arXiv:2009.01075 [gr-qc]
67. R. Abbott *et al.* (LIGO Scientific, Virgo), "GW190814: Gravitational Waves from the Coalescence of a 23 Solar Mass Black Hole with a 2.6 Solar Mass Compact Object," Astrophys. J. Lett. **896**, L44 (2020), arXiv:2006.12611 [astro-ph.HE]
66. R. Abbott *et al.* (LIGO Scientific, Virgo), "GW190412: Observation of a Binary-Black-Hole Coalescence with Asymmetric Masses," Phys. Rev. D **102**, 043015 (2020), arXiv:2004.08342 [astro-ph.HE]
65. J. Broderick *et al.*, "LOFAR 144-MHz follow-up observations of GW170817," Mon. Not. Roy. Astron. Soc. **494**, 5110 (2020), arXiv:2004.01726 [astro-ph.HE]
64. B. P. Abbott *et al.* (LIGO Scientific, Virgo), "GW190425: Observation of a Compact Binary Coalescence with Total Mass $\sim 3.4 M_\odot$," Astrophys. J. Lett. **892**, L3 (2020), arXiv:2001.01761 [astro-ph.HE]
63. R. Hamburg *et al.* (Fermi Gamma-ray Burst Monitor Team, LIGO Scientific, Virgo), "A Joint Fermi-GBM and LIGO/Virgo Analysis of Compact Binary Mergers From the First and Second Gravitational-wave Observing Runs," Astrophys. J. **893**, 100 (2020), arXiv:2001.00923 [astro-ph.HE]
62. F. Acernese *et al.* (Virgo), "The advanced Virgo longitudinal control system for the O2 observing run," Astropart. Phys. **116**, 102386 (2020)
61. F. Acernese *et al.* (Virgo), "Increasing the Astrophysical Reach of the Advanced Virgo Detector via the Application of Squeezed Vacuum States of Light," Phys. Rev. Lett. **123**, 231108 (2019)
60. R. Abbott *et al.* (LIGO Scientific, Virgo), "Open data from the first and second observing runs of Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo," SoftwareX **13**, 100658 (2021), arXiv:1912.11716 [gr-qc]
59. B. P. Abbott *et al.* (LIGO Scientific, Virgo), "A guide to LIGO-Virgo detector noise and extraction of transient gravitational-wave signals," Classical Quantum Gravity **37**, 055002 (2020), arXiv:1908.11170 [gr-qc]
58. B. P. Abbott *et al.* (LIGO Scientific, Virgo), "A gravitational-wave measurement of the Hubble constant following the second observing run of Advanced LIGO and Virgo," Astrophys. J. **909**, 218 (2021), arXiv:1908.06060 [astro-ph.CO]
57. B. P. Abbott *et al.* (LIGO Scientific, Virgo), "An Optically Targeted Search for Gravitational Waves emitted by Core-Collapse Supernovae during the First and Second Observing Runs of Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo," Phys. Rev. D **101**, 084002 (2020), arXiv:1908.03584 [astro-ph.HE]
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55. B. P. Abbott *et al.* (LIGO Scientific, Virgo), "Search for Eccentric Binary Black Hole Mergers with Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo during their First and Second Observing Runs," Astrophys. J. **883**, 149 (2019), arXiv:1907.09384 [astro-ph.HE]
54. B. P. Abbott *et al.* (LIGO Scientific, Virgo, IPN), "Search for gravitational-wave signals associated with gamma-ray bursts during the second observing run of Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo," Astrophys. J. **886**, 75 (2019), arXiv:1907.01443 [astro-ph.HE]
53. B. P. Abbott *et al.* (LIGO Scientific, Virgo), "Search for gravitational waves from Scorpius

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47. B. P. Abbott *et al.* (LIGO Scientific, Virgo), "Tests of General Relativity with the Binary Black Hole Signals from the LIGO-Virgo Catalog GWTC-1," Phys. Rev. D **100**, 104036 (2019), arXiv:1903.04467 [gr-qc]
46. B. P. Abbott *et al.* (LIGO Scientific, Virgo), "A search for the isotropic stochastic background using data from Advanced LIGO's second observing run," Phys. Rev. D **100**, 061101 (2019), arXiv:1903.02886 [gr-qc]
45. B. P. Abbott *et al.* (LIGO Scientific, Virgo), "All-sky search for continuous gravitational waves from isolated neutron stars using Advanced LIGO O2 data," Phys. Rev. D **100**, 024004 (2019), arXiv:1903.01901 [astro-ph.HE]
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1. **D. A. Nichols**, *Visualizing, approximating, and understanding black-hole binaries*, Ph.D. thesis, Caltech (2012)

Talks and Conference Sessions Chaired

Invited Talks

37. **UIUC PAX-X Workshop and CE Symposium**, *07/2025*, Urbana-Champaign, IL, USA "Panel discussion on dark matter." (Panelist)

36. **GGI Asymptotic Symmetries Workshop**, *06/2025*, Florence, Italy
"Detection prospects of gravitational-wave memory effects from binary black holes."
35. **UPenn, HET Seminar**, *12/2024*, Philadelphia, PA, USA
"Gravitational-wave memory effects from binary-black-hole mergers."
34. **IRCHEP 1403, Plenary Session 2**, *10/2024*, Online
"Gravitational-wave memory effects from astrophysical sources."
33. **University of Virginia Physics Colloquium**, *09/2024*, Charlottesville, VA, USA
"Gravitational waves: A window into matter and gravity at their extremes."
32. **Simons Celestial Holography Workshop**, *04/2024*, New York, NY, USA
"Gravitational-wave memory effects as an observational window into celestial holography."
31. **U. Helsinki, Cosmology Seminar**, *09/2023*, Online
"Gravitational-wave memory effects from binary-black-hole mergers."
30. **Niels Bohr Institute, LISA FP Workshop**, *08/2023*, Copenhagen, Denmark
"Dark matter and primordial black holes: Perspectives from the working group."
29. **University College Dublin, ACM Seminar**, *06/2023*, Dublin, Ireland
"Gravitational-wave memory effects from binary-black-hole mergers."
28. **UMass Dartmouth, CSCDR Seminar**, *03/2023*, Dartmouth, MA, USA
"Gravitational-wave memory effects from binary-black-hole mergers."
27. **Holography and Gravitational Waves Workshop**, *07/2022*, Trieste, Italy
"Prospects for observations of gravitational-wave memory and celestial holography."
26. **33rd Rencontre de Blois**, *05/2022*, Blois, France
"Gravitational-wave signatures of dark matter around black holes."
25. **University of Virginia Physics Colloquium**, *01/2022*, Charlottesville, VA, USA
"Studying matter and spacetime with gravitational waves."
24. **Celestial Amplitudes Workshop, Discussion Panel**, *09/2021*, Online
"Observing gravitational-wave memory effects and the infrared triangle."
23. **Lyon/Marseille Summer School**, *06/2021*, Online
"Gravitational waves: Testing classical (and quantum?) gravity."
22. **Perimeter Institute Strong Gravity Seminar**, *04/2021*, Online
"Gravitational-wave memory effects from binary-black-hole mergers."
21. **Harvard Black-Hole Initiative Colloquium**, *12/2020*, Online
"Gravitational-wave memory effects from binary-black-hole mergers."
20. **Athena Multimessenger Synergy Workshop**, *05/2020*, Online
"Multimessenger observations with future gravitational-wave observatories."
19. **Virginia Tech Neutrino Physics Seminar**, *10/2019*, Blacksburg, VA, USA
"Gravitational-wave memory effects from binary-black-hole mergers."
18. **Birmingham University Astrophysics Seminar**, *05/2019*, Birmingham, UK
"Computing and detecting gravitational-wave memory effects from binary black holes."
17. **University of Virginia Physics Colloquium**, *02/2019*, Charlottesville, VA, USA
"Gravitational waves and fundamental properties of matter and spacetime."
16. **University of Mississippi Physics Colloquium**, *02/2019*, Oxford, MS, USA
"Gravitational waves and fundamental properties of matter and spacetime."
15. **Southern Methodist University Physics Seminar**, *02/2019*, Dallas, TX, USA
"Gravitational waves and fundamental properties of matter and spacetime."
14. **Athena Multimessenger Workshop**, *11/2018*, Alicante, Spain
"Prospects for multimessenger observations with future gravitational-wave observatories."
13. **MITP Sound of Spacetime Workshop**, *06/2018*, Mainz, Germany

"Gravitational-wave memory effects: Observables and prospects for measurement."

12. **ULB Solvay Workshop, Infrared Physics**, *05/2018*, Brussels, Belgium
"Gravitational-wave memory effects: Observables and prospects for measurement."
11. **Perimeter Institute, Strong-Gravity Seminar**, *02/2018*, Waterloo, Canada
"Gravitational waves: Exploring the strongly curved side of the Universe."
10. **University of Guelph, Physics Colloquium**, *02/2018*, Guelph, Canada
"Gravitational waves: Exploring the strongly curved side of the Universe."
9. **Jena University, Quantum & Gravitational Fields Seminar**, *01/2018*, Jena, Germany
"Spin memory effect and charges of the extended BMS algebra."
8. **Nikhef, PAX Workshop**, *08/2017*, Amsterdam, Netherlands
"Gravitational-wave memory effects: Testing general relativity by measuring non-oscillatory gravitational waves from binary black holes."
7. **Nordita, Physics of Extreme-Gravity Stars**, *06/2017*, Stockholm, Sweden
"Testing general relativity with the LIGO observations of binary black holes."
6. **AEI Postdam, Astrophysical Relativity Seminar**, *12/2016*, Postdam, Germany
"Gravitational-wave memory observables and charges of the extended BMS algebra"
5. **University of Southampton Gravity Seminar**, *11/2016*, Southampton, UK
"Gravitational-wave memory observables and charges of the extended BMS algebra"
4. **NPCSM Workshop, YITP, Kyoto University**, *11/2016*, Kyoto, Japan
"Gravitational-wave memory observables and charges of the extended BMS algebra"
3. **Kavli IPMU, Mathematics–String-Theory Seminar**, *10/2016*, Tokyo, Japan
"Gravitational-wave memory observables and charges of the extended BMS algebra"
2. **Radboud IMAPP Quantum Gravity Seminar**, *10/2016*, Nijmegen, Netherlands
"Gravitational-wave memory observables and charges of the extended BMS algebra"
1. **Claremont Colleges Mathematics Colloquium**, *02/2011*, Claremont, CA, USA
"Black-Hole Binaries: Observing, Visualizing, and Understanding Strongly Curved, Dynamical Spacetime"

Contributed Talks

22. **APS April Meeting**, *04/2023*, Minneapolis, MN, USA
"Gravitational-wave signatures of dark-matter capture in intermediate mass-ratio inspirals."
21. **APS April Meeting**, *04/2022*, New York City, NY, USA
"Approximate inspiral-merger-ringdown waveforms for black-hole mergers in extensions of general relativity."
20. **APS April Meeting**, *04/2021*, Online
"Effects of dynamical dark-matter distributions on intermediate mass-ratio inspirals (IMRIs)."
19. **LISA Symposium XIII**, *09/2020*, Online
"Effects of dynamical dark-matter distributions on IMRI and EMRI systems."
18. **American Physical Society April Meeting**, *04/2020*, Online
"Forecasts for detecting the gravitational-wave memory effect with Advanced LIGO and Virgo."
17. **GWverse Global Meeting**, *01/2018*, Valetta, Malta
"Gravitational-wave spin memory effect for compact binaries."
16. **Physics of Extreme-Gravity Stars**, *06/2017*, Stockholm, Sweden
"Gravitational-wave displacement and spin memory effects."
15. **6$^{\text{th}}$ Dutch-Belgian GW Meeting**, *03/2017*, Leuven, Belgium
"Spin memory effect for compact binaries"

14. **GrAMPa Workshop**, *08/2016*, Paris, France
"Gravitational-wave memory observables"
13. **GR21 Meeting**, *07/2016*, New York City, NY, USA
"Conserved charges of the extended Bondi-Metzner-Sachs algebra"
12. **American Physical Society April Meeting**, *04/2016*, Salt Lake City, UT, USA
"Methods for measuring and transporting angular momentum in general relativity"
11. **Eastern Gravity Meeting**, *05/2015*, Rochester, NY, USA
"Subleading gravitational-wave memory effects"
10. **Eastern Gravity Meeting**, *05/2014*, Morgantown, WV, USA
"Ambiguity in angular momentum and its relationship to gravitational-wave memory"
9. **American Physical Society April Meeting**, *04/2014*, Savannah, GA, USA
"Ambiguity in angular momentum and its relationship to gravitational-wave memory"
8. **American Physical Society April Meeting**, *04/2012*, Atlanta, GA, USA
"Tendex and Vortex Lines of Perturbed Schwarzschild and Kerr Black Holes"
7. **Pacific Coast Gravity Meeting**, *03/2012*, Santa Barbara, CA, USA
"Tendex and Vortex Lines of Black-Hole Spacetimes"
6. **American Physical Society April Meeting**, *04/2011*, Anaheim, CA, USA
"Vortex and Tendex Lines in Post-Newtonian and Black-Hole Perturbation Spacetimes"
5. **Pacific Coast Gravity Meeting**, *03/2011*, Pasadena, CA, USA
"Vortex and Tendex Lines in Post-Newtonian and Black-Hole Perturbation Spacetimes"
4. **Pacific Coast Gravity Meeting**, *03/2010*, San Diego, CA, USA
"A Hybrid Approximation Technique for Head-on Black-Hole-Binary Mergers"
3. **American Physical Society April Meeting**, *02/2010*, Washington DC, USA
"A Hybrid Approximation Technique for Head-on Binary-Black-Hole Mergers"
2. **American Physical Society April Meeting**, *05/2009*, Denver, CO, USA
"Momentum Flow in Inspiraling Binary Black Holes"
1. **Pacific Coast Gravity Meeting**, *03/2009*, Eugene, OR, USA
"Momentum Flow in Black-Hole Binaries: Post-Newtonian Approximation"

Sessions Chaired

5. **Gravitational Memory Effects (QMUL)**, *06/2023*, London, UK
"Afternoon Session 1: Memory effects and observables"
4. **American Physical Society April Meeting**, *04/2021*, Online
"Session T17: Topics in Classical General Relativity"
3. **2017 Dutch Astronomy Conference**, *05/2017*, Nijmegen, Netherlands
"Plenary Session 6"
2. **Fall 2016 NOVA NW3 Meeting**, *09/2016*, Nijmegen, Netherlands
"Session 1: Compact Objects"
1. **American Physical Society April Meeting**, *04/2016*, Salt Lake City, UT, USA
"Session X18: Dynamics and Observables of Curved Spacetime"

Outreach Talks

7. **Hoos in STEM Podcast**, *06/2024*, Charlottesville, VA, USA
"Personal Stories with Story Collider"
6. **Hoos in STEM Podcast**, *11/2023*, Charlottesville, VA, USA
"UVA's Physicists Are Studying Black Holes and Unraveling Ancient Paradoxes"

5. **Radboud Huygens Colloquium**, *10/2017*, Nijmegen, Netherlands
   "The discovery of a binary neutron star merger"
4. **ICMS Nobel Prizes 2017 Evening**, *10/2017*, Eindhoven, Netherlands
   "The 2017 Nobel Prize in Physics"
3. **Cornell Astro REU Gravitational Waves Workshop**, *06/2015*, Ithaca, NY, USA
   "Detecting Gravitational Waves with Laser Interferometry"
2. **Cornell Astro REU Gravitational Waves Workshop**, *07/2014*, Ithaca, NY, USA
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