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## EDUCATION

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### University of Washington, Seattle, WA

2003–2008

PhD, Physics

*A Search for Astrophysical Neutrino Point Sources with Super-Kamiokande*

Advisor: R Jeffrey Wilkes

### University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

1999–2003

BS, Physics with Highest Honors (& BA, Philosophy)

*Flat Electron Beam Dynamics: A Comparison of Data with Simulation*

Advisor: David Gerdes

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Astrophysics, gravitational waves, cosmology

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Professor

2020–

*School of Physics & Astronomy, Monash University*

*Clayton, VIC*

### Chief Investigator

2024–2031

*ARC Centre of Excellence for Gravitational Wave Discovery (OzGrav 2)*

*Clayton, VIC*

### Associate Professor

2018–2019

*School of Physics & Astronomy, Monash University*

*Clayton, VIC*

### Data Theme Leader

2017–2024

*ARC Centre of Excellence for Gravitational Wave Discovery (OzGrav)*

*Clayton, VIC*

### Senior Lecturer

2017–2018

*School of Physics & Astronomy, Monash University*

*Clayton, VIC*

### Lecturer

2015–2016

*School of Physics & Astronomy, Monash University*

*Clayton, VIC*

### Senior Postdoctoral Scholar

2012–2014

*Division of Physics, California Institute of Technology*

*Pasadena, CA*

### Postdoctoral Research Associate

2008–2012

*Dept. of Physics & Astronomy, University of Minnesota*

*Minneapolis, MN*

## AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

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- A Transdimensional Approach to Gravitational-Wave Astronomy** 2023–2026  
· \$460K AUD with AProf Paul Lasky; DP230103088
- The ARC Centre of Excellence for Gravitational Wave Discovery (OzGrav 2)** 2024–2031  
· \$35M AUD for 23 researchers; CE230100016
- ARC Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities (LIEF; LE210100002)** 2021  
· Australian Partnership in Advanced LIGO+ (\$3M AUD for 12 investigators)
- Rising stars (*The Australian*)** 2019  
· Australia’s top 40 researchers who are less than 10 years into their careers
- The ARC Centre of Excellence for Gravitational Wave Discovery (OzGrav)** 2016–2023  
· \$31M AUD for 19 researchers; CE170100004
- Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics** 2016  
· \$2M USD split between members of the LIGO Scientific Collaboration
- Gruber Cosmology Prize** 2016  
· Ron Drever, Kip Thorne, Rai Weiss, and the LIGO Science Collaboration
- ARC Future Fellowship (FT150100281)** 2015–2019  
· Gravitational-wave astronomy: detection and beyond (\$618K AUD)
- Ken Young Fellow** 2003  
*University of Washington* *Seattle, WA*
- Graduated with Highest Honors** 2003  
*University of Michigan* *Ann Arbor, MI*

## SELECT PUBLICATIONS

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With significant personal contribution; my group members are highlighted in bold.

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- [3] **L. Passenger**, E. Thrane, P. D. Lasky, E. Payne, S. Stevenson, and B. Farr, *Are all models wrong? falsifying binary formation models in gravitational-wave astronomy*, (2024) arxiv/2405.09739.
- [4] **S. Y. Cheung**, P. D. Lasky, and E. Thrane, *Does spacetime have memories? Searching for gravitational-wave memory in the third LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA gravitational-wave transient catalogue*, *Class. Quantum Grav.* **41** (2024) 115010.

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- [6] **H. Tong** *et al.*, *Transdimensional inference for gravitational-wave astronomy with Bilby*, (2024) arxiv/2404.04460.
- [7] **V. Di Marco**, A. Zic, R. M. Shannon, and E. Thrane, *Systematic errors in searches for nanohertz gravitational waves*, *Accepted in Mon. Not. R. Ast. Soc.* (2024) arxiv/2403.13175.
- [8] **T. A. Clarke**, M. Isi, P. D. Lasky, E. Thrane, *et al.*, *Striking the right tone: towards a self-consistent framework for measuring black hole ringdowns*, *Phys. Rev. D* **109** (2024) 124030.
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- [10] **K. Walker**, **R. Smith**, E. Thrane, and D. J. Reardon, *Precision constraints on the neutron star equation of state with third-generation gravitational-wave observatories*, *Phys. Rev. D* **110** (2024) 043013.
- [11] **C. Adamcewicz**, P. D. Lasky, and E. Thrane, *Which black hole is spinning? probing the origin of black-hole spin with gravitational waves*, *Astrophys. J. Lett.* **964** (2024) L6.
- [12] J. W. Gardner, L. Sun, S. Borhanian, P. D. Lasky, E. Thrane, D. E. McClelland, and B. J. J. Slagmolen, *Multi-messenger astronomy with a southern-hemisphere gravitational-wave observatory*, *Phys. Rev. D* **108** (2023) 123026.
- [13] **C. Adamcewicz**, P. D. Lasky, and E. Thrane, *Evidence for a correlation between binary black hole mass ratio and black-hole spins*, *Astrophys. J.* **958** (2023) 13.
- [14] D. J. Reardon *et al.*, *Search for an isotropic gravitational-wave background with the parkes pulsar timing array*, *Astrophys. J. Lett.* **951** (2023) L6.
- [15] **V. Di Marco**, A. Zic, M. T. Miles, D. J. Reardon, E. Thrane, and R. M. Shannon, *Toward robust detections of nanohertz gravitational waves*, *Astrophys. J.* **956** (2023) 14 arxiv/2305.04464.
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- [18] **T. A. Clarke**, L. Chastain, P. D. Lasky, and E. Thrane, *Nuclear physics with gravitational waves from neutron stars disrupted by black holes*, *Astrophys. J. Lett.* **949** (2023) L6.
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- [21] **H. Tong**, **S. Galaudage**, and E. Thrane, *The population properties of spinning black holes using Gravitational-wave Transient Catalog 3*, *Phys. Rev. D* **106** (2022) 103019.
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| <i>Mapping the nanohertz gravitational-wave sky</i>                               | <i>Sexton, Italy</i>        |
| <b>GWADW</b>  | May 2024                    |
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| <i>Investigating black hole spin with gravitational waves</i>                     | <i>Online</i>               |
| <b>Frontiers of Fundamental Physics</b>   | May 2022                    |
| <i>Merging compact binaries inferred using gravitational waves through GWTC-3</i> | <i>Istanbul, Turkey</i>     |
| <b>Association of Asia Pacific Physical Societies</b>                             | October 2021                |
| <i>Building better spin models for merging binary black holes</i>                 | <i>Seoul, South Korea</i>   |
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| <b>University of Canterbury</b><br><i>Population Properties from the Second LIGO-Virgo Catalog</i>                            | December 2020<br>Canterbury, NZ |
| <b>LIGO-Virgo Webinar</b><br><i>Population Properties of Compact Objects from the Second LIGO-Virgo Catalog</i>               | November 2020<br>Online         |
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## LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

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### LIGO Scientific Collaboration

- Co-Chair of Stochastic Data-Analysis Group (2011–2017), Review Chair for Burst Group (2017–2020), Editorial Board (2019–)

### Organising Committees

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### Diversity

- **LVC** **A**lly (2018–), OzGrav Diversity Committee (2017–)

## MEDIA

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My group's work has been featured in a number of publications including *The Independent*, *The Australian*, CNET, and *The Guardian*. I have discussed my research on radio and television programs including *The 7:30 Report*, *Catalyst*, 3AW radio.

## OUTREACH

I regularly give public lectures on black holes and gravitational waves. Recent talk venues include MIT Lincoln Lab, the AIP Nobel Prize Public Lecture, and an Instant Expert event organised by New Scientist.

## TEACHING & EDUCATION

### Monash University

2015–

- PHS1011 (First-Year Physics): Unit Coordinator
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- PHS4200 (General Relativity)
- PHS5020 (Advanced General Relativity)

### *Administrative roles*

- Postgraduate Research Coordinator 2022–
- Education Head 2015–2016

### *Supervision*

- Research faculty
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    - Winner: Vice-Chancellors Commendation for Thesis Excellence
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| • Jiaxuan Zhou  | 2022      |
| • Macauley Angus  | 2022      |
| • Tushar Nagar  | 2021      |
| • Kris Walker   | 2021      |
| • Abhi Mangipudi  | 2020–2021 |
| • Ethan Payne   | 2020      |
| – Winner: Australian Institute of Physics Laby Medal for the best Honours or Masters thesis from an Australian University |           |
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| • William Campbell  | 2015      |
| • Shi Qiu   | 2015      |
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