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EDUCATION

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
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Astrophysics, gravitational waves, cosmology

WORK EXPERIENCE

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

Probing CP violation with Hyper-K 2025–2028

· $634K AUD with Prof Phil Urquijo; DP250100373

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

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

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