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# University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

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

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  - [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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ECENT TALKS	
Australian National University RSAA	June 2024
Results from the 4.5 year MeerKAT Pulsar Timing Array Data Release	$Mt\ Stromlo,\ ACT$
IPTA Meeting	June 2024
Mapping the nanohertz gravitational-wave sky	Sexton, Italy
GWADW	May 2024
Astrophysics in the Era of neXt-Generation Observatories	Hamilton Island, QLD
IAU-IAA Astrostats Seminar	August 2022
Investigating black hole spin with gravitational waves	Online
Frontiers of Fundamental Physics	May 2022
Merging compact binaries inferred using gravitational waves through GWTC-S	3 Istanbul, Turkey
Association of Asia Pacific Physical Societies	October 2021
Building better spin models for merging binary black holes	Seoul, South Korea
University of Melbourne	September 2021
Building better models for populations of merging binary black holes	$Melbourne,\ VIC$

University of Michigan

March 2021

Population Properties of Compact Objects from GWTC-2

Ann Arbor, MI

University of New South Wales

December 2020

Compact objects in the Second LIGO-Virgo Gravitational-wave Transient Catalog

Sydney, NSW

University of Canterbury

December 2020

Population Properties from the Second LIGO-Virgo Catalog

 $Can terbury,\ NZ$ 

LIGO-Virgo Webinar

November 2020

Population Properties of Compact Objects from the Second LIGO-Virgo Catalog

Online

University of Auckland

October 2020

The population properties of binary black holes with Bayesian hierarchical modelling

Auckland, NZ

CSIRO Astronomy & Space Science

July 2020

Dispatches from the black hole mass gaps: recent results from LIGO-Virgo

Marsfield, NSW

#### LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

## Referee

Astronomy & Astrophysics, Astrophysical Journal, Astrophysical Journal Letters, Journal for Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics, Living Reviews in Relativity, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, Nature Astronomy, Nature Communications, Physical Review Applied, Physical Review D, Physical Review Letters

#### Reviewer

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#### Advisory

· NCA Time Domain and Multi-Messenger Astrophysics Working Group Chair (2024), AAL Project Oversight Committee (2024–2025), ASA Time-Domain Astronomy Steering Committee, IPTA Detection Committee (2021–2023), NCA MTR CapOp (2019), AAL Science Advisory (2018–2020), Gravitational wave Optical Transient Observatory (2016–)

# LIGO Scientific Collaboration

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

#### **Organising Committees**

· ASA SOC 2019; GWPAW SOC (2018, 2021, 2022); AGCGRG SOC 2021; GWPAW LOC 2022

#### **Diversity**

· LVC Ally (2018–), OzGrav Diversity Committee (2017–)

# **MEDIA**

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	
· PHS1022 (First-Year Physics): Unit Coordinator	
· PHS4200 (General Relativity)	
· PHS5020 (Advanced General Relativity)	
$Administrative\ roles$	
· Postgraduate Research Coordinator	2022 -
· Education Head	2015–2016
Supervision	
· Research faculty	
• Dr Rory Smith	2017-
· Postdocs	
• Dr Gosia Curyło	2024-
• Dr Sharan Banagiri	2024-
• Dr Nir Guttman	2023 -
• Dr Simon Goode	2023 -
• Dr Grant Meadors	2018 – 2019
• Dr Xingjiang Zhu	2017 – 2021
• Dr Letizia Sammut	2015 – 2017
• Dr Pablo Rosado	2016
· Postgraduate Students	
• Andrew Atta	2024-
• Lachlan Passenger	2024-
• Liam Pinchbeck	2023 -
• Shun Cheung	2023-
• Valentina DiMarco	2022 -
• Hui Tong	2022 -
• Christian Adamcewicz	2022 -
• Teagan Clarke	2022 -
• Rowina Nathan	2022 -
• Avi Vajpeyi	2020 – 2023
Shanika Galaudage	2019-2023
• Isobel Romero-Shaw	2018 - 2021
<ul> <li>Winner: Robert Street Doctoral Prize</li> </ul>	
• Moritz Hübner	2018 – 2021
• Francisco Hernandez	2017 - 2021
• Colm Talbot	2016 – 2020
<ul> <li>Winner: Vice-Chancellors Commendation for Thesis Excellence</li> </ul>	

- Winner: Charlene Heisler Prize for the most outstanding astronomy PhD thesis in Australia

<ul> <li>Boris Goncharov</li> <li>Sylvia Biscoveanu (Fulbright)</li> <li>Honours/MSc Students</li> </ul>	2016–2020 2017–2018
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• Makai Baker	2024
• Chan Anand	2024
• Michelle Zhang	2024
• Lachlan Passenger	2023
• Nikhil Kannachel	2023
• Jiaxuan Zhou	2022
• Macauley Angus	2022
• Tushar Nagar	2021
• Kris Walker	2021
Abhi Mangipudi	2020 – 2021
• Ethan Payne	2020
<ul> <li>Winner: Australian Institute of Physics Laby Medal for the best Honours or M.</li> <li>from an Australian University</li> </ul>	lasters thesis
• Nick Farrow	2019
• Marcus Lower	2017
• Chris Whittle	2016
• Lucy McNeill	2016
· Undergraduate Students	
• Emma Sapkin	2024
• Ella Garth	2024
• Jordan Klein	2022
• Carter Hills	2020
• Atul Divakarla (IREU from Florida)	2018
• Alex Kemp	2017
• William Campbell	2015
• Shi Qiu	2015
• Tyson Jones	2015