

Elliot Yarnell Davies

Education

2021–2025 University of Cambridge (Gonville & Caius College), Ph.D. Astronomy

Thesis: Pairing Gaia Data with Simulations to Probe the Dark and Stellar Mass Content of the Milky Way

Supervisors: Prof. Vasily Belokurov, Prof. Wyn Evans

2020–2021 University of Edinburgh, MSc (with Merit) Theoretical Physics

Thesis: Probing the Neutrino Mass Hierarchy with Cosmological Density and Velocity Fields

Supervisor: Prof. John Peacock

2016–2020 Princeton University, A.B. (cum laude) Astrophysics with Applied Mathematics

Thesis: Smoothing the Universe by Cosmological Contraction in Various Scalar Field Potentials

Supervisor: Prof. Paul Steinhardt

Publications

Accepted Accelerated phase mixing in the stellar halo due to a rotating bar, MNRAS

Elliot Y. Davies, Adam M. Dillamore, Eugene Vasiliev, Vasily Belokurov

https://arxiv.org/pdf/2301.04154.pdf

9 Dec '22 Ironing the folds: The phase space chevrons of a GSE-like merger as a dark matter subhalo

detector, MNRAS

Elliot Y. Davies, Eugene Vasiliev, Vasily Belokurov, N. Wyn Evans, Adam M. Dillamore

https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/stac3581

25 Nov '22 Energy wrinkles and phase-space folds of the last major merger, MNRAS

Vasily Belokurov, Eugene Vasiliev, Alis J. Deason, Sergey E. Koposov, Adam M. Dillamore, **Elliot Y. Davies**, Robert

J. J. Grand

https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/stac3436

13 Aug '20 Robustness of Slow Contraction to Cosmic Initial Conditions, JCAP

Anna Ijjas, William G. Cook, Frans Pretorius, Paul J. Steinhardt, Elliot Y. Davies

https://doi.org/10.1088/1475-7516/2020/08/030

23 Jan '20 Fuzzy dark matter soliton cores around supermassive black holes, MNRAS

Elliot Y. Davies, Philip Mocz

https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/staa202

Teaching & Supervision

- Fall '22 Part II Stellar Dynamics and the Structure of Galaxies, Supervisor, Insitute of Astronomy, Cambridge
- Spring '22 Part II Introduction to Cosmology, Supervisor, Insitute of Astronomy, Cambridge

Outreach

- Nov.'21 Outreach Supervisor for Cambridge Higher Aspirations Scheme, whereby I lead six-to-seven sessions per present year, covering topics in introductory Astrophysics and Cosmology for high achieving state-school students. Self-constructed preparatory work is provided to the students prior to each session, and discussions are held about assigned work during the sessions (Cambridge, UK).
 - Dec '19 Presentation to roughly 50 high school physics students about studying physics at university (Alun School, Mold. UK)
 - Dec '17 Presentation to talented high school students on going to university in the United States (Alun School, Mold, UK)

Internships & Visits

- May.'22 Center for Computational Astrophysics, Flatiron Institute
 - Jun.'22 New York, USA

Guest Researcher

- Jun.'19 Princeton Dept. of Astrophysical Science
- Aug.'19 Princeton University, USA Undergraduate Summer Researcher

Conferences & Meetings

Jan' 20 Poster presentation at the 235th AAS Meeting (Hawai'i Convention Center, Honolulu, HI)

Activities

Nov.'21 - Interviewer & Ambassador, Princeton University Undergraduate Admissions

Conduct interviews with prospective Princeton University students and produce reports on each interviewee to aid in the undergraduate admissions process. **Total interviews conducted: 12**

- Nov.'21 Journal Club Coordinator, Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge
 - Mar.'22 Organiser for the bi-weekly undergraduate journal club for final year undergraduates and masters students.
- Jan.'17- Director & Volunteer, Princeton Envision (Entrepreneurship Club)
- Jan.'18 Assisted in organising, promoting and managing Envision Conference: an annual conference held over 3 days in December that brings 200 competitively selected students from universities across the world together with top researchers, entrepreneurs, and professionals to attend lectures and workshops discussing the disruptive technologies such as artificial intelligence and space travel.
- Sep.'17- Library Assistant, Princeton University Architecture Library
- Mar.'20 Duties included but were not limited to: circulation services, reserves, shelving, shelf reading, with other duties as directed by the librarian.
- Dec.'16- Peer Reviewer, Princeton Undergraduate Research Journal
- Sep.'17 Assisted in the peer reviewing process for the Princeton Undergraduate Research Journal (PURJ), Princeton's first peer-reviewed academic journal, highlighting top-quality research performed by Princeton undergraduates across all academic pursuits, including the natural sciences, humanities, engineering, social sciences, and arts.

Awards & Academic Programmes

- Oct.'21 STFC PhD Studentship
 - Apr.'25 Cambridge, UK

Full funding for 3.5 years to complete PhD at the Institute of Astronomy, University of Cambridge.

- Sep.'16 Full-ride Academic Scholarship
 - Jun'20 Princeton University, USA

Various financial aid packages covering all tuition fees and living costs to attend Princeton University in the Unites States for four years.

- Mar.'15 Sutton Trust USA Programme
 - May.'16 London, UK

One of 150 selected from 1600 high achieving low-income, first-generation students to receive admissions guidance for applying to the top universities in the US.

Jul.'15 UNIQ Summer School

University of Oxford, UK

One of 36 Sixth Form students selected to attended the Oxford University Physics UNIQ Summer School.