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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Large-scale Structure
- Small-scale galaxy clustering
- Cosmology
- Galaxy-halo connection

## EDUCATION

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|---|---------------|
| Ph.D., Astrophysics, Vanderbilt University  | expected 2022 |
| Advisor: Andreas Berlind  |               |
| Thesis: <i>Developing an Accurate Probe of the Galaxy-Halo Connection: Baryonic Effects, Small-Scale Galaxy Clustering, and Halo Model Extensions</i> |               |
| M.A., Astrophysics, Vanderbilt University   | 2018          |
| B.A., Astrophysics, German, <i>cum laude</i> , Wellesley College  | 2016          |
| Advisors: Kim McLeod, James Battat  |               |

## REFERENCES

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|--|----------------------------------|
| Professor Andreas Berlind, Vanderbilt University | andreas.a.berlind@vanderbilt.edu |
| Professor Frank van den Bosch, Yale University   | frank.vandenbosch@yale.edu       |
| Professor Ferah Munshi, University of Oklahoma   | ferahmunshi@gmail.com            |

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Graduate Research Assistant, Vanderbilt University                            | 2016–present |
| LIGO Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow, Caltech                            | Summer 2015  |
| Advisors: Prof. Alan Weinstein, Dr. Jonah Kanner                              |              |
| NSF Summer REU, University of Wyoming   | Summer 2014  |
| Advisor: Prof. Daniel Dale  |              |
| Summer Research Fellow, Keck Northeast Astronomy Consortium, Williams College | Summer 2013  |
| Advisor: Prof. Steven Souza   |              |
| Undergraduate Research Assistant, Wellesley College                           | 2013–2016    |
| Advisors: Prof. Kim McLeod, Prof. James Battat                                |              |

## PROFESSIONAL ROLES

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| Referee for Physics of the Dark Universe                          | 2021         |
| Member of the N-Body Shop Collaboration                           | 2020–present |
| Co-Investigator & Allocation Manager of LasDamas Project on XSEDE | 2017–present |
| Member of the American Astronomical Society                       | 2015–present |

## HONORS & AWARDS

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| Vanderbilt Physics & Astronomy Dept. - Most Outstanding Student Publication Award   | 2020      |
| Vanderbilt Data Science Symposium - Graduate Student Poster Competition (1st place) | 2019      |
| Vanderbilt Akunuri V. Ramayya Award for Outstanding Teaching Assistant              | 2018      |
| Vanderbilt Provost Graduate Fellowship  | 2016–2021 |

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| Undergraduate Chambliss Astronomy Achievement Award (Honorable Mention)    | 2016 |
| Wellesley College Sarah Frances Whiting Medal for Achievement in Astronomy | 2014 |

## GRANTS

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| XSEDE - Awarded 58.4k Node Hours (2.8M CPU hours) on Stampede2                     | 2019, 2020 |
| Vanderbilt Physics & Astronomy Dept. - McMinn Research Grants (\$3,000 total)      | 2019, 2020 |
| Vanderbilt College of Arts and Sciences - Graduate Summer Research Award (\$1,900) | 2018       |

## TEACHING & OUTREACH

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### Teaching

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| - Co-mentored high school student Caleigh Dennis   | 2017–2019 |
| Two-time 1st place winner at Middle Tennessee Science & Engineering Fair                     |           |
| - Graduate Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Physics & Astronomy, Vanderbilt University           | 2016–2019 |
| Instructor for <i>Introductory Astronomy Lab</i>   |           |
| - Physics Tutor, Wellesley College   | 2013–2016 |
| Physics Helproom tutor and Supplemental Instruction Leader for <i>Introductory Mechanics</i> |           |

### Outreach

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| - AAS (virtual) Congressional Visits Day                   | Sept. 2020 |
| - Science Day with Nashville Girl Scout Troop              | March 2019 |
| - Meet the Astronomer Night at Dyer Observatory            | Oct. 2018  |
| - Volunteer for Summer Academy at Vanderbilt for the Young | July 2017  |
| - Vanderbilt Student Volunteers for Science                | Fall 2016  |
| - Whitin Observatory Volunteer, Wellesley College          | 2012–2016  |

## SKILLS & EXPERIENCE

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**Programming Languages:** PYTHON, C, MATLAB, BASH, GIT,  $\text{\LaTeX}$

**Machine Learning:** scikit-learn

**Parallel Computing:** MPI, OPENMP

**High Performance Computing:** Experience on Stampede2 supercomputer:

Running cosmological N-body simulations using GADGET-2 & GADGET-4  
generating power spectra and initial conditions using CAMB and 2LPTIC,  
identifying spherical overdensity halos using ROCKSTAR,  
and running large MCMC parameter searches

**Observing Experience:**

~ 80 hours using 2.3 meter telescope at Wyoming Infrared Observatory  
~ 80 hours using 0.6 meter telescope at Williams College  
~ 200 hours using 0.6 meter telescope at Wellesley College  
~ 100 hours using 8" reflector telescopes at Wellesley College and Vanderbilt University  
~ 100 hours using 6" and 12" historic refractor telescopes at Wellesley College

## RECENT TALKS & POSTERS

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### Invited Talks

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| High-Energy and AstroPhysics Seminar, University of Utah   | Jan. 2022 |
| <i>Developing an Accurate Probe of the Galaxy-Halo Connection</i>                                |           |
| Kavli Institute for Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology Seminar, Stanford University             | Dec. 2021 |
| <i>Developing an Accurate Probe of the Galaxy-Halo Connection</i>                                |           |
| Kavli Institute for Cosmological Physics Seminar, University of Chicago                          | Nov. 2021 |
| <i>Developing an Accurate Probe of the Galaxy-Halo Connection</i>                                |           |
| Galaxies and AGN Journal Club talk, Johns Hopkins University                                     | July 2021 |
| <i>The impact of baryonic physics on the abundance, clustering, &amp; concentration of halos</i> |           |

Galaxy Lunch talk, Yale University

March 2021

*The impact of baryonic physics on the abundance, clustering, & concentration of halos*

### Contributed Talks

Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics: Galaxy-Halo Connection Across Cosmic Time

Aug. 2020

*HMF Discrepancies between Hydrodynamic and DMO Simulations*

Universität Innsbruck: The Connection Between Galaxies and Dark Matter Halos

March 2020

*Taking Halo Modeling to the Next Level*

### Contributed Posters

The First Shanghai Assembly on Cosmology and Galaxy Formation

Nov. 2019

*Taking HOD Modeling to the Next Level: Results from SDSS & Hydrodynamic Simulations*

Santa Cruz Galaxy Workshop

Aug. 2019

*Can We Ignore Baryons in Halo Modeling?*

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Refereed First & Second Author Publications: 5**

**Total Citations: 46**

### Submitted & Published

5. Szewciw, A. O., **Beltz-Mohrmann, G. D.**, Berlind, A. A., Sinha, M., 2021, “Toward Accurate Modeling of Galaxy Clustering on Small Scales: Constraining the Galaxy-Halo Connection with Optimal Statistics”, *The Astrophysical Journal*, in press, arXiv:2110.03701
4. **Beltz-Mohrmann, G. D.**, Berlind, A. A., 2021, “The impact of baryonic physics on the abundance, clustering, and concentration of halos”, *The Astrophysical Journal*, 921, 112
3. **Beltz-Mohrmann, G. D.**, Berlind, A. A., Szewciw, A. O., 2020, “Testing the Accuracy of Halo Occupation Distribution Modelling using Hydrodynamical Simulations”, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 491, 5771
2. Dale, D. A., **Beltz-Mohrmann, G. D.**, Egan, A. A., Hatlestad, A. J., Herzog, L. J., Leung, A. S., McLane, J. N., Phenicie, C., Roberts, J. S., Barnes, K. L., Boquien, M., Calzetti, D., Cook, D. O., Kobulnicky, H. A., Staudaher, S. M., van Zee, L., 2016, “Radial Star Formation Histories in Fifteen Nearby Galaxies”, *The Astronomical Journal*, 151, 4
1. Souza, S. P., **Beltz-Mohrmann, G.**, Sami, M., 2014, “The Light Curve and Period of MT696”, *The Journal of the American Association of Variable Star Observers*, 42, 154

### In Preparation

1. **Beltz-Mohrmann, G. D.**, Szewciw, A. O., Berlind, A. A., Sinha, M., 2022, “Toward Accurate Modeling of Galaxy Clustering on Small Scales: Extensions to the Standard Halo Model”, in preparation.