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Research Interests Early Universe Cosmology, Cosmic Microwave Background, Theoretical High Energy Physics

Research EXPERIENCE Southern Methodist University

Department of Physics, 2018 - Present

Assistant Professor

Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics (CITA)

University of Toronto, 2012 - 2018

Senior Research Associate, Theoretical Cosmology

Weinberg Theory Group and Texas Cosmology Center

University of Texas at Austin, 2006 - 2012

Theoretical Cosmology, Dissertation research conducted with Prof. Steven Weinberg

**EDUCATION** 

The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, USA

Ph.D. in Physics, August 2012

- Dissertation Topic: Inflation: Connecting Theory to Observation
- Advisor: Professor Steven Weinberg

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, USA

B.S. in Physics and Mathematics, May 2006

- Thesis Topic: Cosmic Superstrings
- Thesis Advisor: Professor Gary Shiu

- COLLABORATIONS CMB-S4, 2015-present, (Light Relics Working Group Co-Lead)
  - Simons Observatory, 2016-present
  - **PICO**, 2016-present
  - CCAT-Prime, 2016-present

Honors and Awards

- Beatrice and Vincent Tremaine Fellowship, 2016 2017
- Texas Cosmology Center Summer Research Fellowship, 2010
- A.D. Hutchison Student Endowment Fellowship, 2009 2010
- Phi Beta Kappa, University of Wisconsin, 2006
- Mike Litvinov Memorial Academic Scholarship, 2002 2006

#### INVITED TALKS

- Institute for Advanced Study Astrophysics Seminar, Princeton, NJ, May 2019
- CMB-S4 Collboration Workshop, Fermilab-2019, Fermilab, March 2019
- Building Astronomy in Texas Symposium 2019, Dallas, TX, January 2019
- CMB in HD, Flatiron Institute, December 2018
- nu Physics in the CMB, University of California, San Diego, November 2018
- University of Texas at Dallas Physics Colloquium, October 2018
- University of Texas at Austin Theory Group Seminar, October 2018
- CMB-S4 Collboration Workshop, Princeton-2018, Princeton University, September 2018
- PICO Collaboration Science Meeting, University of Minnesota May 2018
- YITP Seminar, Stony Brook University, April 2018
- Rice University Physics Colloquium, Houston, TX, February 2018
- Southern Methodist University Physics Colloquium, Dallas, TX, February 2018
- Lake Louise Winter Institute 2018, Lake Louise, Alberta, February 2018
- Cosmology Lunch, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, November 2017
- Kavli CMB Lensing Workshop, Stanford University, September 2017
- CMB-S4 Collboration Workshop, Harvard-2017, Harvard University, August 2017
- SLAC Summer Institute 2017, SLAC, August 2017
- Phenomenology 2017 Symposium, Plenary Talk, University of Pittsburgh, May 2017
- University of California Riverside Seminar, March 2017
- University of Illinois Theory Seminar, February 2017
- University of Texas at Austin Theory Group Seminar, January 2017
- Boston University Theory Seminar, October 2016
- CMB-S4 / Future Cosmic Surveys, University of Chicago, September 2016
- Cosmology with CMB-S4, University of Chicago, September 2016
- US Radio/Millimeter/Submillimeter Science Futures II, Baltimore, Maryland, August 2016
- Nuetrinos and Light Particles in Cosmology, University of California Berkeley, June 2016
- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory Cosmology Lunch, March 2016
- Cosmology with CMB-S4 Workshop, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, March 2016
- Johns Hopkins University Theory Seminar, Novebmer 2015
- Cosmology with CMB-S4, University of Michigan, September 2015
- California Institute of Technology TAPIR Seminar, June 2015
- Perimeter Institute Seminar, May 2015
- Testing Inflation with Large Scale Structure, CITA, October 2014
- University of Texas at Austin Theory Group Seminar, May 2014
- Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare Theory Seminar, April 2014
- St. Mary's University Astrophysics Seminar, February 2014
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas Theory Seminar, December 2013
- University of British Columbia Cosmology Seminar, August 2013
- Kavli Institute for Cosmological Physics Seminar, University of Chicago, May 2013
- University of Nottingham Cosmology Seminar, April 2013
- Kavli Institute for the Physics and Mathematics of the Universe Seminar, November 2012
- CITA Seminar, University of Toronto, July 2012

### CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTIONS

- COSMO-16, University of Michigan, August 2016
- Rencontres de Moriond Cosmology, March 2016
- Cosmology on Safari, January 2015
- New Challenges for Early Universe Cosmologists, Lorentz Center, August 2013
- The Universe as Seen by Planck, European Space Agency/European Space Research and Technology Centre, April 2013
- Gravity and Cosmology 2012, Yukawa Institute for Theoretical Physics, December 2012
- Critical Tests of Inflation Using Non-Gaussianity, Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics, November 2012
- Inflationary Theory and its Confrontation with Data in the Planck Era, Aspen Center for Physics, February 2012

- DEUS: Current and Future Challenges of the Dark and Early Universes, Dark Cosmology Centre, Niels Bohr Institute, August 2011
- Cosmological Non-Gaussianity: Observations Confront Theory Workshop, University of Michigan, May 2011
- Primordial Features and Non-Gaussianities, Harish-Chandra Research Institute, May 2011
- Texas Cosmology Network Meeting, University of Texas at Austin, October 2009

### STUDENTS SUPERVISED

- Eric Guzman, Ph.D. Student at SMU, October 2018 present
- Noah Pearson, Undergraduate at Southern Methodist University, May 2019 present
- Selim Hotinli, Co-supervision with Andrew Jaffe, Ph.D. Student at Imperial College London, October 2016 present
- Alex Laguë, Ph.D. Student at University of Toronto, Summer 2018 present
- Victor Chan, Co-supervision with Renée Hložek and Alex van Engelen, Ph.D. Student at University of Toronto, Summer 2018 present
- Connor Sheere, Co-supervision with Alex van Engelen and Daan Meerburg, Summer 2016 present
- Brayden Mon, Co-supervision with Daan Meerburg and Alex van Engelen, Summer Undergraduate Research Program 2017 at CITA
- Matthew Wilson, Co-supervision with Dick Bond, Master's student in University of Toronto Physics Department, January - August 2016
- Harrison Winch, Co-supervision with Daan Meerburg and Alex van Engelen, Summer Undergraduate Research Program 2016 at CITA
- Vivian Britto, Summer Undergraduate Research Program 2014 at CITA
- **Derek Inman**, Co-supervision with Ue-Li Pen, Ph.D. Student at CITA, September 2013 August 2014
- Shenglin Jing, Co-supervision with Ido Ben-Dayan, Undergraduate Student at CITA, September 2012 - August 2013

### POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHERS SUPERVISED

• Cynthia Trendafilova, Southern Methodist University, September 2019 - present

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### Instructor

- Cosmology, General Physics, January 2019 present, Southern Methodist University
- SLAC Summer Institute 2017, August 2017, SLAC
- Scientific Computing Symbolic Computing, May 2016 and May 2017, CITA
- MCAT Physics, June 2007 March 2009, Princeton Review, Austin, Texas

#### Tutor

- General Physics, June 2011 August 2012, Austin, Texas
- Astronomy, August 2011 August 2012, Austin, Texas
- MCAT Physics, August 2008 January 2009, Princeton Review, Austin, Texas
- Calculus, Fall 2007, Austin, Texas

### Teaching Assistant

- University of Texas at Austin, Fall 2006 Spring 2012
- General physics, History of Science, Undergraduate Quanum Mechanics, Graduate Quantum Mechanics, Quantum Field Theory

## SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

- SMU Astrophysics Discussion: Co-organizer, 2019 present
- SMU Theoretical HEP Discussion: Co-organizer, 2018 present
- SMU Graduate Committee: Member, 2018 present
- SMU Faculty Hiring Committee: Member, 2018 present
- CMB-S4: Light Relics Working Group Co-Lead, Science Council Member, 2018 present
- CITA Cosmology Discussion: Co-organizer, 2012 2018
- CITA Blackboard Discussion: Co-organizer, 2013 2018
- CITA Postdoc Hiring Committee: Member, 2013 2018
- CITA Jamboree: Co-organizer, 2014 2015
- Journal Referee:
  - Physical Review Letters
  - Physical Review D
  - Physical Review X
  - Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics

# Workshops Organized

- CMB in HD, Flatiron Institute, December 2018
- Neutrinos and (G)astrophysics in Large-Scale Structure, CITA, December 2016

**PUBLICATIONS** 

Note: All author lists are alphabetical except those with an asterisk (\*)

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The CCAT-Prime Submillimeter Observatory, arXiv:1909.02587 [astro-ph.IM]. arXiv:1909.02587 [astro-ph.IM].

2. M. Alvarez et al.,

PICO: Probe of Inflation and Cosmic Origins, arXiv:1908.07495 [astro-ph.IM].

- 3. A. Laguë and J. Meyers, Prospects and Limitations for Constraining Light Relics with Primordial Abundance Measurements, arXiv:1908.05291 [astro-ph.CO].
- 4. K. Abazajian et al.,

CMB-S4 Decadal Survey APC White Paper, arXiv:1908.01062 [astro-ph.IM].

- M. H. Abitbol et al. [Simons Observatory Collaboration], The Simons Observatory: Astro2020 Decadal Project Whitepaper, arXiv:1907.08284 [astro-ph.IM].
- K. Abazajian et al., CMB-S4 Science Case, Reference Design, and Project Plan, arXiv:1907.04473 [astro-ph.IM].
- 7. (\*) N. Sehgal *et al.*,

CMB-HD: An Ultra-Deep, High-Resolution Millimeter-Wave Survey Over Half the Sky,

arXiv:1906.10134 [astro-ph.CO].

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- 9. (\*) S. Ferraro et al., Inflation and Dark Energy from spectroscopy at z > 2, arXiv:1903.09208 [astro-ph.CO].
- 10. (\*) D. Green *et al.*,

Messengers from the Early Universe: Cosmic Neutrinos and Other Light Relics, arXiv:1903.04763 [astro-ph.CO].

11. (\*) S. Shandera *et al.*,

Probing the origin of our Universe through cosmic microwave background constraints on gravitational waves,

arXiv:1903.04700 [astro-ph.CO].

- 12. (\*) P. D. Meerburg *et al.*, *Primordial Non-Gaussianity*, arXiv:1903.04409 [astro-ph.CO].
- 13. (\*) N. Sehgal *et al.*, Science from an Ultra-Deep, High-Resolution Millimeter-Wave Survey, arXiv:1903.03263 [astro-ph.CO].

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- 15. (\*) S. C. Hotinli *et al.*, *Transverse Velocities with the Moving Lens Effect*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **123**, no. 6, 061301 (2019) arXiv:1812.03167 [astro-ph.CO].
- 16. (\*) S. Foreman, P. D. Meerburg, J. Meyers and A. van Engelen, Cosmic variance mitigation in measurements of the integrated Sachs-Wolfe effect, Phys. Rev. D **99**, 083506 (2019) arXiv:1811.00529 [astro-ph.CO].
- 17. J. Aguirre et al. [Simons Observatory Collaboration], The Simons Observatory: Science goals and forecasts, JCAP 1902, 056 (2019) arXiv:1808.07445 [astro-ph.CO].
- 18. (\*) G. J. Stacey et al., CCAT-prime: Science with an Ultra-widefield Submillimeter Observatory at Cerro Chajnantor, arXiv:1807.04354 [astro-ph.GA].
- 19. R. de Putter, O. Doré, J. Gleyzes, D. Green and J. Meyers, Dark Matter Interactions, Helium, and the CMB, Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, 041301, (2018) arXiv:1805.11616 [astro-ph.CO].
- D. Green, P. D. Meerburg and J. Meyers,
   Aspects of Dark Matter Annihilation in Cosmology,
   JCAP 1904, 025 (2019) arXiv:1804.01055 [astro-ph.CO].
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- 23. (\*) J. Meyers, P. D. Meerburg, A. van Engelen and N. Battaglia, Beyond CMB Cosmic Variance Limits on Reionization with the Polarized SZ effect, Phys. Rev. D **97**, no. 10, 103505 (2018), **Editor's Suggestion** arXiv:1710.01708 [astro-ph.CO].
- P. D. Meerburg, J. Meyers and A. van Engelen, Reconstructing the Primary CMB Dipole, Phys. Rev. D 96, no. 8, 083519 (2017) arXiv:1704.00718 [astro-ph.CO].
- 25. P. D. Meerburg, J. Meyers, K. M. Smith and A. van Engelen, Reconstructing CMB Fluctuations and the Mean Reionization Optical Depth, Phys. Rev. D 95, no. 12, 123538 (2017) arXiv:1701.06992 [astro-ph.CO].
- 26. (\*) C. Sheere, A. van Engelen, P. D. Meerburg and J. Meyers, Establishing the Origin of CMB B-mode Polarization, Phys. Rev. D 96, no. 6, 063508 (2017) arXiv:1610.09365 [astro-ph.CO].

- 27. K. N. Abazajian *et al.* [CMB-S4 Collaboration], *CMB-S4 Science Book, First Edition*, arXiv:1610.02743 [astro-ph.CO].
- 28. R. de Putter, O. Doré, D. Green and J. Meyers, Single-Field Inflation and the Local Ansatz: Distinguishability and Consistency, Phys. Rev. D **95**, no. 6, 063501 (2017) arXiv:1610.00785 [hep-th].
- D. Green, J. Meyers and A. van Engelen, CMB Delensing Beyond the B Modes, JCAP 1712 (2017) no.12, 005 arXiv:1609.08143 [astro-ph.CO].
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  Non-Gaussian Correlations Outside the Horizon in Local Thermal Equilibrium,
  arXiv:1212.4438 [astro-ph.CO].
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