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#### EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Physics

Oberlin College

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Advisor: Maura McLaughlin

Oberlin, OH, USA Physics Aug 2013 – May 2017

B.A. with Honors in Physics Advisor: Dan Stinebring

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### Harvard ADS Page

NOTE: Authors with asterisks indicate students ranging from high school to graduate school level working under my supervision

#### Lead-Author Publications

6. Pulsar Cyclic Spectroscopy in the Partial–Deconvolution Regime: Benefits & Limitations

Turner, J. E., Dolch, T., Demorest, P. B., Lynch R. S., Stinebring, D. R., Jessup C., Jones, N., and Scheithauer, C., 2025, Submitted to ApJ

5. The Pulsar Science Collaboratory: Multi-Epoch Scintillation Studies of Pulsars

Turner, J. E., Lebron Medina, J. G.\*, Zelensky, Z.\*, Gustavson, K. A., Marx, J., Kothapalli, M.\*, Cruz Vega, L. D.\*, Lee, A.\*, Figueroa, C. B.\*, Reichart, D. E., Haislip, J. B., Kouprianov, V. V., White, S., Ghigo, F., Heatherly, S. A., and McLaughlin, M. A., 2024, ApJ, 977, 205

4. A Cyclic Spectroscopy Scintillation Study of PSR B1937+21 I. Demonstration of Improved Scintillometry

Turner, J. E., Dolch, T., Cordes, J. M., Ocker, S. K., Stinebring, D. R., Chatterjee, S., McLaughlin, M. A., Catlett. V. E., Jessup C., Jones, N., and Scheithauer, C., 2024, ApJ, 972, 16

3. A Simultaneous Dual-Frequency Scintillation Arc Survey of Six Bright Canonical Pulsars Using the Upgraded GiantMetrewave Radio Telescope

Turner, J. E., Joshi, B.C., McLaughlin, M. A., and Stinebring, D. R., 2024, ApJ, 961, 101

2. Scattering Delay Mitigation in High Accuracy Pulsar Timing: Cyclic Spectroscopy Techniques

Turner, J. E., Stinebring, D. R., McLaughlin, M. A., Archibald, A. M., Dolch, T., and Lynch, R. S., 2023, ApJ, 944, 191

1. The NANOGrav 12.5-Year Data Set: Monitoring Interstellar Scattering Delays

Turner, J. E., et al. (36 authors), 2021, ApJ, 917, 10

#### Other Publications

24. The NANOGrav 15 yr dataset: Posterior predictive checks for gravitational-wave detection with pulsar timing arrays

Agazie, G. et al., (104 authors, including **Turner**, **J. E.**), 2025, PhRvD, 111, 4

23. The NANOGrav 15 yr Data Set: Running of the Spectral Index

Agazie, G. et al., (105 authors, including **Turner**, **J. E.**), 2025, ApJL, 978, 2

- 22. The NANOGrav 15 Yr Data Set: Removing Pulsars One by One from the Pulsar Timing Array Agazie, G. et al., (105 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2025, ApJ, 978, 2
- 21. The NANOGrav 15 yr Data Set: Looking for Signs of Discreteness in the Gravitational-wave Background

Agazie, G. et al., (100 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2025, ApJ, 978, 1

20. Scintillation Bandwidth Measurements from 23 Pulsars from the AO327 Survey

Sheikh, S., Brown, G. C., MacTaggart, J., Nguyen, T., Fletcher, W. D., Jones, B. L., Koller, E., Petrus, V., Pighini, K. F., Rosario, G., Smedile, V. A., Stone, A. T., You, S., McLaughlin, M. A., **Turner**, **J. E.**, Deneva, J. S., Lam, M. T., and Shapiro-Albert, B. J., 2024, ApJ, 976, 2

- 19. NANOGrav 15-year gravitational-wave background methods
  Johnson, A. D. et al., (98 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2024, PhRvD, 109, 10
- 18. Comparing Recent Pulsar Timing Array Results on the Nanohertz Stochastic Gravitational-wave Background

The International Pulsar Timing Array Collaboration, et al., (244 authors, including **Turner**, **J. E.**), 2024, ApJ, 966,

- 17. The NANOGrav 12.5 yr Data Set: A Computationally Efficient Eccentric Binary Search Pipeline and Constraints on an Eccentric Supermassive Binary Candidate in 3C 66B Agazie, G., et al., (89 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2024, ApJ, 963, 2
- 16. The NANOGrav 12.5 yr Data Set: Search for Gravitational Wave Memory Agazie, G., et al., (91 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2024, ApJ, 963, 1
- 15. How to Detect an Astrophysical Nanohertz Gravitational Wave Background Bécsy, B., et al., (96 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2023, ApJ, 959, 1
- 14. The NANOGrav 15 yr Data Set: Search for Anisotropy in the Gravitational-wave Background Agazie, G., et al., (93 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2023, ApJL, 956, 1
- 13. The NANOGrav 15 yr Data Set: Constraints on Supermassive Black Hole Binaries from the Gravitational-wave Background
  Agazie, G., et al., (99 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2023, ApJL, 952, 2
- 12. The NANOGrav 15 yr Data Set: Bayesian Limits on Gravitational Waves from Individual Supermassive Black Hole Binaries
  Agazie, G., et al., (99 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2023, ApJL, 951, 2
- 11. The NANOGrav 15 yr Data Set: Search for Signals from New Physics Afzal, A., et al., (124 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2023, ApJL, 951, 1
- 10. The NANOGrav 15 yr Data Set: Detector Characterization and Noise Budget Agazie, G., et al., (92 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2023, ApJL, 951, 1
- 9. The NANOGrav 15 yr Data Set: Observations and Timing of 68 Millisecond Pulsars Agazie, G., et al., (101 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2023, ApJL, 951, 1
- 8. The NANOGrav 15 yr Data Set: Evidence for a Gravitational-wave Background Agazie, G., et al., (115 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2023, ApJL, 951, 1
- 7. Searching for continuous Gravitational Waves in the second data release of the International Pulsar Timing Array
  Falxa, M., et al., (127 authors, including Turner, J.), 2023, MNRAS, 521, 4
- Searching For Gravitational Waves From Cosmological Phase Transitions with the NANOGrav 12.5-year Dataset
   Arzoumanian, Z., et al., (64 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2021, PRL, 127, 251302
- 5. The NANOGrav 12.5-year data set: Search for Non-Einsteinian Polarization Modes in the Gravitational-Wave Background
  Arzoumanian, Z., et al., (71 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2021, ApJL, 923, L22
- 4. The NANOGrav 12.5-year Data Set: Search For An Isotropic Stochastic Gravitational-Wave Background
  Arzoumanian, Z., et al. (61 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2020, ApJ, 905, L34
- 3. The NANOGrav 11-Year Data Set: Evolution of Gravitational Wave Background Statistics Hazboun, J. S., et al. (63 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2020, ApJ, 890, 108
- The NANOGrav 11 yr Data Set: Limits on Gravitational Waves from Individual Supermassive Black Hole Binaries
   Aggarwal, K., et al. (63 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2019, ApJ, 880, 116
- A Second Chromatic Timing Event of Interstellar Origin toward PSR J1713+0747
   Lam, M. T., Ellis, J. A., Grillo, G., Jones, M. L., Hazboun, J. S., Brook, P. R., Turner, J. E., et al. (37 authors), 2018, ApJ, 861, 132

# PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Green Bank Observatory

Postdoctoral Fellow

Assisted in the development and testing of the world's first (and currently only) cyclic spectroscopy telescope backend, trained Green Bank Telescope observers, reviewed technical justifications for observing proposals, served as the on-call scientist for observations, organized colloquia and lunch talks. Supervised by Ryan Lynch.	
West Virginia University, Department of Physics & Astronomy Graduate Research Assistant Graduate Teaching Assistant Visiting Scholar	Morgantown, WV, USA 2019–2023 2018–2019 2018
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Department of Physics Research Analyst	Milwaukee, WI, USA 2017
California Institute of Technology, Department of Astronomy Summer Research Intern, Visiting Undergraduate Research Program	Pasadena, CA, USA 2016
Oberlin College, Department of Physics & Astronomy Drop-In Tutor Undergraduate Research Assistant Undergraduate Teaching Assistant	Oberlin, OH, USA 2017 2015–2017 2015
Invited Talks	
Green Bank Observatory Community Zoom An Extreme Scattering Event Towards PSR B2310+42	Green Bank, WV, USA June 2025
Georgia State University Pulsar Cyclic Spectroscopy as a Probe of the Interstellar Medium & Gravitational Waves	Atlanta, GA, USA April 2025
University of Kansas (Remote) Pulsar Cyclic Spectroscopy as a Probe of the Interstellar Medium & Gravitational Waves	Lawrence, KS, USA April 2025
Scintillometry Workshop 2024 (Florida Space Institute) The Green Bank Observatory Real-Time Cyclic Spectroscopy Backend	Orlando, FL, USA October 2024
Florida Space Institute Using Cyclic Spectroscopy to Study the Interstellar Medium with Pulsar Timing Arrays	Orlando, FL, USA September 2024
Florida Institute of Technology Using Cyclic Spectroscopy to Study the Interstellar Medium with Pulsar Timing Arrays	Orlando, FL, USA September 2024
University of Dallas Two Paths to Radio Astronomy	Dallas, TX, USA April 2024
McDaniel College Characterizing the Interstellar Medium through Radio Observations of Pulsars	Westminster, MD, USA November 2023
Green Bank Observatory (Remote) Correcting for Interstellar Scattering Delays in Millisecond Pulsars	Green Bank, WV, USA November 2020
Oberlin College Detecting Gravitational Waves with Pulsars: Removing the Effects of the Interstellar Medium	Oberlin, OH, USA April 2017

Assisted in the development and testing of the world's first (and currently only) cyclic spectroscopy telescope backend,

Green Bank, WV, USA

August 2023–Present

#### Contributed Conference Talks

- National Radio Astronomy Observatory/Green Bank Observatory Postdoc Symposium 2024, "An Extreme Scattering Event Towards PSR B2310+42", National Radio Astronomy Observatory Charlottesville/Remote, May 2025
- Green Bank Observatory Internal Symposium, "An Extreme Scattering Event Towards PSR B2310+42", Green Bank Observatory, May 2025
- North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational Waves (NANOGrav) Conference, "The Pulsar Science Collaboratory: Multi-Epoch Scintillation Studies", University of Michigan, October 2024
- International Pulsar Timing Array Conference, "Cyclic Spectroscopy Studies of the ISM in PTA Observing Setups", June 2024
- Fields, Flows, and Filaments in the Magnetic ISM Workshop, "Cyclic Spectroscopy Studies of the ISM in PTA Observing Setups", Stanford University, May 2024
- National Radio Astronomy Observatory/Green Bank Observatory Internal Symposium, "The Pulsar Science Collaboratory: Multi-Epoch Scintillation Studies of Pulsars", Green Bank Observatory, May 2024
- National Radio Astronomy Observatory/Green Bank Observatory Postdoc Symposium 2024, "Using Cyclic Spectroscopy in High-Accuracy Pulsar Timing Efforts", Green Bank Observatory March 2024
- Scintillometry Workshop 2023, "Using Cyclic Spectroscopy in High-Accuracy Pulsar Timing Efforts", The Academia Sinica Institute of Astronomy and Astrophysics, November 2023
- North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational Waves (NANOGrav) Conference, "Scattering Delay Mitigation in High Accuracy Pulsar Timing: Cyclic Spectroscopy Techniques", Oregon State University, March 2023
- 241st American Astronomical Society Meeting, "Characterizing and Mitigating Scattering Delays in Radio Observations of Pulsars", January 2023
- North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational Waves (NANOGrav) Conference, "The NANOGrav 12.5-Year Data Set: Monitoring Interstellar Scattering Delays", Cornell University, October 2019
- International Pulsar Timing Array Conference, "The NANOGrav 12.5-Year Data Set: Monitoring Interstellar Scattering Delays", June 2019

#### Conference Posters

- Scintillometry Workshop 2024, "Evidence of an Extreme Scattering Event towards PSR J2313+4253", October 2024
- 243rd American Astronomical Society Meeting, "Cyclic Spectroscopy-Aided Studies of the ISM in PTA Observing Setups", January 2024
- North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational Waves (NANOGrav) Conference, "Cyclic Spectroscopy-Aided Studies of the ISM in PTA Observing Setups", The University of British Columbia, October 2023
- International Pulsar Timing Array Conference, "The NANOGrav 12.5-Year Data Set: Monitoring Interstellar Scattering Delays", June 2018
- North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational Waves Physics Frontiers Center Reverse Site Visit, "Preliminary Continuous Wave Limits from NANOGrav 11-Year Dataset", West Virgnia University October 2017
- North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational Waves Physics Frontiers Center Reverse Site Visit, "NANOGrav Timing Pipeline: Adding a Scattering Delay Correction", West Virginia University, October 2017

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Green Bank Observatory

Lecturer/Observing Mentor

Green Bank Telescope Semester 24B Observer Training

Green Bank Observatory

Lecturer/Research Mentor

Green Bank Observatory Single Dish Summer School

Green Bank, WV, USA October 2024

Green Bank, WV, USA July 2024 Green Bank Observatory

Lecturer/Research Mentor

Pulsar Science Collaboratory Camp

Green Bank Observatory Green Bank, WV, USA

Green Bank, WV, USA

June 2024

February 2024

Spring 2020

Fall 2018

Spring 2017

Lecturer/Observing Mentor

Green Bank Telescope Semester 24A Observer Training

West Virginia University Morgantown, WV, USA

Guest Lecturer

ASTR 700: Radio Astronomy

West Virginia University Morgantown, WV, USA

Graduate Teaching Assistant Spring 2019

PHYS 102L: Introductory Physics 2 Laboratory

West Virginia University Morgantown, WV, USA

Graduate Teaching Assistant PHYS 101L: Introductory Physics 1 Laboratory

Oberlin, OH, USA Oberlin College

Drop-in Tutor

PHYS 068: Energy Science & Technology

Oberlin, OH, USA Oberlin College Spring 2015

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

PHYS 104: Elementary Physics II Laboratory

# STUDENT RESEARCH MENTORSHIP SUPERVISION

## • 2021-Present: Pulsar Science Collaboratory Research Team Leader, Scintillation Measurement Project

- Students: Juan G. Lebron Medina (PostBac Student/Graduate Student, UPR), Zachary Zelensky (PostBac Student, Penn State/Graduate Student, Texas Tech), Manvith Kothapalli (High School Student), Luis D. Cruz Vega (Undergrad, UPR), Alexander Lee (Undergrad, UWashington), Carvelis B. Figueroa (Undergrad/Graduate Student, UPR), Martina Salichs-Maidana (Undergrad, UPR), Sanjit Subramaniam (High School Student), Katelyn Bryant (Undergrad, University of Arkansas), Dhruva Kalyani (Undergrad, University of Wisconsin-Madison)
  - Authored Peer-Reviewed Paper With 6 Students
  - Authored Successful Green Bank Telescope Observing Proposal With 5 Students (Awarded 50 Hours)
  - Authored Successful Green Bank Telescope Observing Proposal With 1 Student (Awarded 40 Hours)
- 2024–2025: Undergraduate Senior Thesis Project Co-Mentor
  - Katelyn Bryant (Undergrad, University of Arkansas)
- 2024-2025 : Green Bank Observatory REU Summer Student Mentor
  - Students: Rachel King (West Virginia University), Dhruva Kalyani (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

#### Outreach

- February 2024: Pocahontas County Science Fair Judge
- 2024-Present: Scientist Presenter for SETI tours at Green Bank Observatory
- 2023–Present: Adopt-A-Physicist
- 2020-Present: Skype A Scientist (over 20 talks given to various elementary, middle, and high schools)

#### OUTREACH TALKS

- Green Bank Observatory Summer Student Bootcamp, "Using Pulsars to Study the Interstellar Medium", May 2025
- Green Bank Observatory PING (Physicists Inspiring the Next Generation) Workshop, "Using Pulsars to Explore the Universe", July 2024
- Green Bank Observatory Single Dish Summer School, "Pulsars", June 2024
- Green Bank Observatory Summer Student Bootcamp, "Using Pulsars to Study the Interstellar Medium", May 2024
- Pulsar Science Collaboratory (PSC) Talk Series, "Using Pulsars to Study the Interstellar Medium", April 2024

#### Telescope Time Allocations

- Green Bank Telescope, GBT25B-264, 45 hours (Observation PI)

  Cyclic Spectroscopy of Scattered NANOGrav Pulsars: Pilot for CS Observations
- Green Bank Telescope, GBT25B-040, 40 hours (Observation PI)

  Tracking A Multiple Order-of-Magnitude Change in Scintillation Towards A Pulsar
- Green Bank Telescope, GBT24B-040, 50 hours (Observation PI)

  Multi-Hour Scintillation Studies by the PSC: GBT Follow-up to Green Bank Observatory 20m Campaign
- Green Bank Telescope, GBT24B-039, 45 hours (Observation PI)

  Cyclic Spectroscopy of Three Pulsars with Considerable Pulse Broadening
- Green Bank Telescope, GBT24A-475, 4 hours (Observation PI)

  Constraining the Scintillation Constant C<sub>1</sub> in a Scatter-Broadened Pulsar
- Upgraded Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope, 44\_035, 25 hours (Observation PI)

  Examining the Relation Between Scintillation Arc Curvature and Asymmetry
- Upgraded Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope, 40-019, 24 hours (Observation PI)

  Scintillation Arcs and Dispersion Measure Changes: A Follow-up to Pilot Observations
- Green Bank Telescope, GBT20A-588, 12 hours
   A Cyclic Spectroscopy Pilot Program: Baseband Observations of Three MSPs
- Upgraded Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope, 38\_041, 24 hours (Observation PI) Scintillation Arcs and Dispersion Measure Changes: A Pilot Project

#### PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE/LEADERSHIP

- 2025—Present, Journal Referee, The Astrophysical Journal
- 2024—Present, Observing Proposal Scientific Reviewer, Upgraded Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope
- 2024: LOC, National Radio Astronomy Observatory/Green Bank Observatory Postdoc Symposium
- 2023-Present: Colloquium/Science Lunch Talk Organizer, Green Bank Observatory
- Spring 2022: Moderator, North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational Waves (NANOGrav) Conference
- Fall 2021: Moderator, North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational Waves (NANOGrav) Conference

#### Media Appearances

- 2025: Green Bank Observatory, Students Contribute to New Understanding of "Twinkling" Pulsars
- 2023: West Virginia University, WVU faculty, students contribute to cosmic breakthrough uncovering evidence of low-frequency gravitational waves

## PANELS

• Walter Payton College Preparatory High School, Alumni STEM Panel, March 2024

## AWARDED GRANTS

• 2022: West Virginia University Eberly College of Arts & Sciences Travel Grant, 3V459 A. Keith and Sandra F. McClung Enrichment Endowment, \$600, Principal Investigator

### **ORGANIZATIONS**

- North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational Waves (NANOGrav): Full Member
- International Pulsar Timing Array (IPTA): Full Member
- American Astronomical Society: Full Member

#### SKILLS

- Programming Languages: Python, Bash, C shell, Unix/Linux
  - o Scientific Python Packages: Numpy, Scipy, Matplotlib, Astropy, PyCyc, Scintools, Pypulse
- Software Packages: Simulink, LATEX, TEMPO/TEMPO2, PSRCHIVE, DSPSR, Slurm, Jupyter/IPython

#### Honors and Awards

- Green Bank Observatory Postdoctoral Fellowship, Green Bank Observatory, 2023-Present
- Graduate Research Fellowship, West Virginia University, 2019-2023
- Graduate Teaching Fellowship, West Virginia University, 2018-2019
- Oberlin Physics & Astronomy Department Honors Program 2016-2017
- John Frederick Oberlin Scholarship, Oberlin College, 2013