# Katelyn J. Wagner

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**EDUCATION** 

# Rochester Institute of Technology

Anticipated 2025

Ph.D. Astrophysical Sciences and Technology

• GPA: 3.75/4.00

# Roberts Wesleyan College

May 2020

**B.S.** Physics

• GPA: 3.81/4.00

• Magna Cum Laude, Global Honors

# University of Rochester

Fall 2017 - Spring 2019

Cross-registered for courses in astronomy

#### Rochester Institute of Technology

Spring 2018

Cross-registered for courses in mathematics

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

# Improved Lattice Template Placement for a Search for Continuous Gravitational Waves from Scorpius X-1

Rochester Institute of Technology

May 2019 - Current

Advisor: Dr. John Whelan - Explored the application of the lattice covering problem to template placement in the cross-correlation search for continuous gravitational waves from LMXB Scorpius X-1. This is significant for our tunable search over a four-dimensional parameter space as both sensitivity and computational cost scale with template number.

#### Simulations of Precession Damping for Viscoelastic Rotators

University of Rochester

May 2018 - January 2019

Advisor: Dr. Alice Quillen

#### Categorizing LNAs to Maximize SNR

Roberts Wesleyan College

October 2017 - April 2018

Advisor: Prof. Martin Pepe (RIT)

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Wagner, K. J., Whelan, J. T., Wofford, J. K., and Wette, K. (2021). Template lattices for a cross-correlation search for gravitational waves from Scorpius X-1. arXiv:2106.16142.

Quillen, A. C., Wagner, K. J., and Sánchez, P. (2019). Simulations of wobble damping in viscoelastic rotators. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 485(1):725–738

TALKS

RIT AST Graduate Research Jamboree - October 2021

Template Lattices for a Cross-Correlation Search for Gravitational Waves from Scorpius X-1

14th Edoardo Amaldi Conference on Gravitational Waves - July 2021 Template Lattices for a Cross-Correlation Search for Gravitational Waves from Scorpius X-1

LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Collaboration Meeting - March 2021 Template Lattices for a Cross-Correlation Search for Sco X-1 RIT AST Graduate Research Jamboree - October 2020

Improved Lattice and Coordinate Choices for a Search for Continuous Gravitational Waves from Sco~X-1

 ${\rm LIGO\text{-}Virgo\text{-}KAGRA}$  Collaboration Meeting - September 2020

Improved Lattice and Coordinate Choices for Cross-Correlation Search for Sco X-1

LIGO Continuous Wave Group Telecon - September 2020

Full O3 Scorpius X-1 CrossCorr Update

RIT Undergraduate Research Symposium - August 2019

Template Placement for a Search for Continuous Gravitational Waves

UR Summer Research Symposium - August 2018

Simulations of Precession Damping for a Homogeneous Viscoelastic Rotator

OUTREACH

Lecture: Big Data in Astronomy - January 2021

Cicero-North Syracuse High School AP Computer Science Class

Mentoring: Work-shopping code with students - Ongoing Cicero-North Syracuse High School AP Computer Science Class

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

LIGO Scientific Collaboration

Sigma Pi Sigma

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Data Carpentry: Pilot Workshop for Astronomers - November 2020

Penn State Summer School in Statistics for Astronomers XVI - June 2021 Code/Astro - A Software Engineering Workshop for Astronomy - June 2021

COMPUTER SKILLS Computer Programming and Data Analysis:

- Python, Maple
- UNIX shell scripting (Bash)

Document Editing and Development Tools:

- T<sub>E</sub>X (L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, BIBT<sub>E</sub>X)
- Git (GitHub, GitLab)
- Microsoft Office, Mac iWork Suite, Google Suite
- Data Analysis: Matplotlib, Pandas

Operating Systems:

• Linux-Debian (primary), Mac OS, Windows

Technical Skills:

• Trained to operate the 24-inch computerized Cassegrain telescope at the University of Rochester's C.E.K. Mees Observatory

HONORS AND AWARDS

Sigma Pi Sigma Honor Society (SPS)

Chi Alpha Sigma Honor Society

Benjamin Titus Roberts Full-tuition Grant - Roberts Wesleyan College

Ensemble Scholarship, Violin - Roberts Wesleyan College Dean's List, High Honors - Roberts Wesleyan College

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

# Roberts Wesleyan College Teaching Assistant

• AST 201: Descriptive Astronomy

PHY 101 LAB: Mechanics
PHY 102 LAB: Electricity
PHY 115: Physics of Music

# Tutoring (Certified CRLA Level 1)

• Introductory Physics sequence (I, II, and III), Calculus sequence (I, II, and III), Descriptive Astronomy, Statistics, Linear Algebra

# LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

# C.E.K. Mees Observatory, Naples, NY

Student Tour Guide

**Summer 2018** 

Present history of the observatory and general introductory astronomy information, as well operate 24-inch computerized Cassegrain telescope to show a variety of astronomical objects to the public tour.

#### Roberts Wesleyan College

President, Society of Physics Students 2018 Academic Year Organizing preview day for prospective students, fundraising, planning activities

# Women's Varsity Soccer Team

Roberts Wesleyan College NCAA Division II, starting defensive midfielder Fall 2016 - Spring 2020