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NHFP postdoctoral fellow with research interests in gravitational waves, compact objects, and stellar evolution.

Education

Academic Qualifications

Northwestern University

Evanston, IL

Ph.D., September 2020

M.Sc., December 2016

Program: Physics and Astronomy

Certificates: Integrated Data Science

Thesis: Unveiling the Lives and Deaths of Stars through Compact Object Mergers

Advisor: Vicky Kalogera

University of Illinois

Champaign, IL

B.S., May 2012

Majors: Astronomy, Physics

Minor: Music Performance

Fellowships

- ▷ NASA Hubble Fellowship Program: Hubble Postdoctoral fellow 2020–present
- ▷ Zhengtong/Enrico Fermi Postdoctoral Fellow 2020–present
- ▷ KICP Postdoctoral Fellow 2020–present
- ▷ NSF IDEAS Fellowship 2016–2020
- ▷ Illinois Space Grant Consortium Fellowship 2017–2020
- ▷ NSF GK12 Fellowship 2017–2018
- ▷ Oxford Centre for Cosmological Studies Balzan Fellowship¹ 2018
- ▷ Kavli Summer Fellowship² 2017

Publications

all paper titles are hyperlinked to their ADS entries

First Author Papers

Observational Inference on the Delay Time Distribution of Short Gamma-ray Bursts

ApJL

[M. Zevin](#), A. Nugent, S. Adhikari, W.-f. Fong, D. Holz, L. Kelley

2022

The Astrophysical Journal Letters **940** L18

Citations: 5

Avoiding a Cluster Catastrophe: Retention Efficiency and the Binary Black Hole Mass Spectrum

ApJL

[M. Zevin](#), D. Holz

2022

The Astrophysical Journal Letters **935** L20

Citations: 9

¹Research Advisor: Dr. Chris Lintott (New College, University of Oxford)

²Research Advisor: Dr. Enrico Ramirez-Ruiz (University of California Santa Cruz)

- Suspicious Siblings: The Distribution of Mass and Spin Across Component Black Holes in Isolated Binary Evolution** ApJ
2022
M. Zevin, S. Bavera
 The Astrophysical Journal **933**, 86
 Citations: 23
- Implications of Eccentric Observations on Binary Black Hole Formation Channels** ApJL
2021
M. Zevin, I. Romero-Shaw, K. Kremer, E. Thrane, P. Lasky
 The Astrophysical Journal Letters **921**, L43
 Citations: 25
- One Channel to Rule Them All? Constraining the Origins of Binary Black Holes using Multiple Formation Pathways** ApJ
2021
M. Zevin, S. Bavera, C. Berry, V. Kalogera, T. Fragos, P. Marchant, C. Rodriguez, F. Antonini, D. Holz, C. Pankow
 The Astrophysical Journal **910**, 152
 Citations: 152
- Forward Modeling of Double Neutron Stars: Insights from Highly-Offset Short Gamma-ray Bursts** ApJ
2020
M. Zevin, L. Kelley, A. Nugent, W.-f. Fong, C. Berry, V. Kalogera
 The Astrophysical Journal **904**, 190
 Citations: 13
- Exploring the Lower Mass Gap and Unequal Mass Regime in Compact Binary Evolution** ApJL
2020
M. Zevin, M. Spera, C. Berry, V. Kalogera
 The Astrophysical Journal Letters **899**, L1
 Citations: 96
- You Can't Always Get What You Want: The Impact of Prior Assumptions on Interpreting GW190412** ApJL
2020
M. Zevin, C. Berry, S. Coughlin, K. Chatziioannou, S. Vitale
 The Astrophysical Journal Letters **899**, L17
 Citations: 48
- Can Neutron-Star Mergers Explain the r-process Enrichment in Globular Clusters?** ApJ
2019
M. Zevin, K. Kremer, D. M. Siegel, S. Coughlin, B. T.-H. Tsang, C. P. L. Berry, V. Kalogera
 The Astrophysical Journal **886**, 1
 Citations: 29
- Eccentric Black Hole Mergers in Dense Star Clusters: The Role of Binary-Binary Encounters** ApJ
2019
M. Zevin, J. Samsing, C. L. Rodriguez, C. J. Haster, E. Ramirez-Ruiz
 The Astrophysical Journal **871**, 91
 Citations: 146
 – Covered by AAS Nova
- Constraining Formation Models of Binary Black Holes with Gravitational-Wave Observations** ApJ
2017
M. Zevin, C. Pankow, C. Rodriguez, L. Sampson, E. Chase, V. Kalogera, F. Rasio
 The Astrophysical Journal **846**, 82
 Citations: 131
- Gravity Spy: Integrating Advanced LIGO Detector Characterization, Machine Learning, and Citizen Science** CQG
2017
M. Zevin, S. Coughlin, S. Bahaadini, et al.
 Classical and Quantum Gravity **34**, 064003
 Citations: 144
 – Covered by AAS Press

Highlighted Contributed Papers

- Things that might go bump in the night: Assessing structure in the binary black hole mass spectrum** 2022
A Farah, B. Edelman, M. Zevin, M. Fishbach, J. Ezquiaga, B. Farr, D. Holz
 The Astrophysical Journal (submitted), arxiv:2301.00834

Inferring Interference: Identifying a Perturbing Tertiary with Eccentric Gravitational Wave Burst Timing	2022
<i>I. Romero-Shaw, N. Loutrel, M. Zevin</i>	
The Astrophysical Journal (submitted), arxiv:2211.07278	
The Missing Link Between Black Holes in High-Mass X-ray Binaries and Gravitational-Wave Sources: Observational Selection Effects	2022
<i>C. Liotine, M. Zevin, C. Berry, Z. Doctor, V. Kalogera</i>	
The Astrophysical Journal (submitted), arxiv:2210.01825	
Cosmologically coupled compact objects: a single parameter model for LIGO–Virgo mass and redshift distributions	ApJL 2021
<i>K. Croker, M. Zevin, D. Farrah, K. Nishimura, G. Tarle</i>	
The Astrophysical Journal Letters 922 , L22	
The Impact of Mass-Transfer Physics on the Observable Properties of Field Binary Black Hole Populations	A&A 2021
<i>S. Bavera, T. Fragos, M. Zevin, et al.</i>	
Astronomy & Astrophysics 647 , 153	
Approximations to the spin of close Black-hole–Wolf-Rayet binaries	RNAAS 2021
<i>S. Bavera, M. Zevin, T. Fragos</i>	
Research Notes of the American Astronomical Society 5 127	
COSMIC Variance in Binary Population Synthesis	ApJ 2019
<i>K. Breivik, S. Coughlin, M. Zevin, et al.</i>	
The Astrophysical Journal 898 , 71	
Black Holes: The Next Generation	PRD 2019
<i>C. Rodriguez, M. Zevin, P. Amaro-Seoane, S. Chatterjee, K. Kremer, F. A. Rasio, C. S. Ye</i>	
Physical Review D 100 , 043027	
Illuminating Black Hole Binary Formation Channels with Spins in Advanced LIGO	ApJL 2016
<i>C. Rodriguez, M. Zevin, C. Pankow, V. Kalogera, F. A. Rasio</i>	
The Astrophysical Journal Letters 832 , L2	
Contributed Papers	
A Preferential Growth Channel for Supermassive Black Holes in Elliptical Galaxies at $z \approx 2$	2022
<i>D. Farrah, S. Petty, K. Croker, G. Tarlé, M. Zevin, et al.</i>	
The Astrophysical Journal (accepted), arXiv: 2212.06854	
Data quality up to the third observing run of Advanced LIGO: Gravity Spy glitch classifications	2022
<i>J. Glanzer, S. Banagiri, S. Coughlin, S. Soni, C. Berry, M. Zevin, et al.</i>	
Classical and Quantum Gravity (submitted), arXiv: 2208.12849	
Intermediate-mass Black Holes on the Run from Young Star Clusters	ApJ 2022
<i>E. Gonzalez, K. Kremer, G. Fragione, M. Martinez, N. Weatherford, M. Zevin, F. Rasio</i>	
The Astrophysical Journal 940 , 131	
Discriminative Dimensionality Reduction using Deep Neural Networks for Clustering of LIGO Data	2022
<i>S. Baahadini, Y. Wu, S. Coughlin, M. Zevin, A. Katsaggelos</i>	
IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (submitted), arXiv: 2205.13672	
Short GRB Host Galaxies II: A Legacy Sample of Redshifts, Stellar Population Properties, and Implications for their Neutron Star Merger Origins	ApJ 2022
<i>A. Nugent, W.-f. Fong, Y. Dong, J. Leja, E. Berger, M. Zevin, et al.</i>	
The Astrophysical Journal 935 , 126	
Black hole - black hole total merger mass and the origin of LIGO/Virgo sources	ApJ 2022
<i>K. Belczynski, Z. Doctor, M. Zevin, A. Olejak, S. Banerjee, D. Chattopadhyay</i>	
The Astrophysical Journal 935 , 126	

The $\chi_{\text{eff}} z$ correlation of field binary black hole mergers and how 3G gravitational-wave detectors can constrain it	A&A
<i>S.S. Bavera, M. Fishbach, M. Zevin, E. Zapartas, T. Fragos</i>	2022
<i>Astronomy & Astrophysics</i> 665 , A59	2022
POSDON: A General-Purpose Population Synthesis Code with Detailed Binary-Evolution Simulations	
<i>T. Fragos, J.J. Andrews, S.S. Bavera, . . . , M. Zevin</i>	2021
<i>The Astrophysical Journal Supplements</i> (submitted)	
arXiv: 2202.05892	
Stochastic gravitational-wave background as a tool to investigate multi-channel astrophysical and primordial black-hole mergers	A&A
<i>S. Bavera, G. Franciolini, G. Cusin, A. Riotto, M. Zevin, T. Fragos</i>	2022
<i>Astronomy & Astrophysics</i> 660 , 26	
Probing the progenitors of spinning binary black-hole mergers with long gamma-ray bursts	A&A
<i>S. Bavera, T. Fragos, E. Zapartas, E. Ramirez-Ruiz, P. Marchant, L. Kelley, M. Zevin, et al.</i>	2022
<i>Astronomy & Astrophysics Letters</i> 657 , L8	
Evidence for Hierarchical Black Hole Mergers in the Second LIGO–Virgo Gravitational-Wave Catalog	ApJL
<i>C. Kimball, C. Talbot, C. Berry, M. Zevin, E. Thrane, V. Kalogera, et al.</i>	2020
<i>The Astrophysical Journal Letters</i> 915 , L35	
The Impact of Mass-Transfer Physics on the Observable Properties of Field Binary Black Hole Populations	A&A
<i>S. Bavera, T. Fragos, M. Zevin, C. Berry, P. Marchant, J. Andrews, S. Coughlin, A. Dotter, et al.</i>	2021
<i>Astronomy & Astrophysics</i> 647 , 153	
Black hole genealogy: Identifying hierarchical mergers with gravitational waves	ApJ
<i>C. Kimball, C. Talbot, C. Berry, M. Carney, M. Zevin, E. Thrane, V. Kalogera</i>	2020
<i>The Astrophysical Journal</i> 900 , 177	
Black Hole Mergers from Hierarchical Triples in Dense Star Clusters	ApJ
<i>M. Martinez, G. Fragione, K. Kremer, . . . , M. Zevin, S. Naoz, F. A. Rasio</i>	2020
<i>The Astrophysical Journal</i> 903 , 67	
Teaching Citizen Scientists to Categorize Glitches using Machine Learning Guided Training	CHB
<i>C. Jackson, C. Østerlund, K. Crowston, . . . , M. Zevin</i>	2020
<i>Computers in Human Behavior</i> 105 , 106198	
The Missing Link in Gravitational-Wave Astronomy: Discoveries waiting in the decihertz range	CQG
<i>M. Arca Sedda, C. Berry, K. Jani, . . . , M. Zevin</i>	2020
<i>Classical and Quantum Gravity</i> 37 , 215011 (ESA's Voyage 2050 White Paper)	
Knowledge Tracing to Model Learning in Online Citizen Science Projects	IEEE TLT
<i>K. Crowston, C. Østerlund, T. Lee, . . . , M. Zevin</i>	2019
<i>IEEE Transactions on Learning Technologies</i> 13 , 1	
Classifying the Unknown: Discovering Novel Gravitational-Wave Detector Glitches using Similarity Learning	PRD
<i>S. Coughlin, S. Bahaadini, N. Rohani, M. Zevin, et al.</i>	2019
<i>Physical Review D</i> 99 , 082002	
Post-Newtonian Dynamics in Dense Star Clusters: Binary Black Holes in the LISA Band	PRD
<i>K. Kremer, C. L. Rodriguez, . . . , M. Zevin</i>	2019
<i>Physical Review D</i> 99 , 063003	
Post-Newtonian Dynamics in Dense Star Clusters: Formation, Masses, and Merger Rates of Highly-Eccentric Black Hole Binaries	PRD
<i>C. L. Rodriguez, P. Amaro-Seoane, S. Chatterjee, K. Kremer, F. A. Rasio, J. Samsing, C. S. Ye, M. Zevin</i>	2018
<i>Physical Review D</i> 98 , 123005	
DIRECT: Deep Discriminative Embedding for Clustering of LIGO Data	ICIP
<i>S. Bahaadini, V. Noroozi, N. Rohani, S. Coughlin, M. Zevin, V. Kalogera, A. K. Katsaggelos</i>	2018
25th IEEE International Conference on Image Processing Proceedings	

Machine Learning for Gravity Spy: Glitch Classification and Dataset <i>S. Bahaadini, V. Noroozi, N. Rohani, S. Coughlin, M. Zevin, J. R. Smith, V. Kalogera, A. K. Katsaggelos</i> Information Sciences Journal 444 , 172	ISJ 2018
Improvements in Gravitational-wave Sky Localization with Expanded Networks of Interferometers <i>C. Pankow, E. A. Chase, S. Coughlin, M. Zevin, V. Kalogera</i> The Astrophysical Journal Letters 854 , L25	ApJL 2018
Deep Multi-view Models for Glitch Classification <i>S. Bahaadini, N. Rohani, S. Coughlin, M. Zevin, V. Kalogera, A. K. Katsaggelos</i> IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing Proceedings	ICASSP 2018
Incorporating Current Research into Formal Higher Education Settings using Astrobites <i>N. E. Sanders, S. Kohler, C. Faesi, A. Villar, M. Zevin</i> American Journal of Physics 85 , 741	AJP 2017
Astrophysical Prior Information and Gravitational-Wave Parameter Estimation <i>C. Pankow, L. Sampson, L. Perri, E. A. Chase, S. Coughlin, M. Zevin, V. Kalogera</i> The Astrophysical Journal 834 , 154	APJ 2017
Collaboration Papers as part of the LIGO Scientific Collaboration (2015–Present) only papers with significant contributions from M. Zevin are listed, click here for full list	
Search for intermediate-mass black hole binaries in the third observing run of Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo <i>Astronomy and Astrophysics</i> 659 , A84 – M. Zevin : Reviewer for high-mass injection set	A&A 2022
The population of merging compact binaries inferred using gravitational waves through GWTC-3 <i>Physical Review X</i> (submitted), arxiv:2111.03634 – M. Zevin : Astrophysical interpretation review lead, code reviewer for high-mass injection set	2021
GWTC-3: Compact Binary Coalescences Observed by LIGO and Virgo During the Second Part of the Third Observing Run <i>Physical Review X</i> (submitted), arxiv:2111.03634 – M. Zevin : Parameter estimation section review lead	2021
Properties and Astrophysical Implications of the 150 M_{\odot} Binary Black Hole Merger GW190521 <i>The Astrophysical Journal Letters</i> 900 , L13 – M. Zevin : Astrophysical implications reviewer	ApJL 2020
GW190412: Observation of a Binary-Black-Hole Coalescence with Asymmetric Masses <i>Physical Review D</i> 102 , 043015 – M. Zevin : Paper-writing team, populations and astrophysical implications lead, education and public outreach liaison, science summary writer, science case study team	PRD 2020
GW190814: Gravitational Waves from the Coalescence of a 23 Solar Mass Black Hole with a 2.6 Solar Mass Compact Object <i>The Astrophysical Journal Letters</i> 896 , L44 – M. Zevin : Astrophysical implications reviewer	ApJL 2020
Binary Black Hole Population Properties Inferred from the First and Second Observing Runs of Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo <i>The Astrophysical Journal Letters</i> 882 , L24 – M. Zevin : Education and public outreach liaison, science summary writer	ApJL 2019
On the Progenitor of Binary Neutron Star Merger GW170817 <i>The Astrophysical Journal Letters</i> 850 , L40 – M. Zevin : Chair of paper-writing team, analysis lead	ApJL 2017
GW170817: Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Neutron Star Inspiral <i>Physical Review Letters</i> 119 , 161101 – M. Zevin : Education and public outreach liaison	PRL 2017

Presentations

Invited Talks		
CITA Seminar		Toronto, CA
<i>Deciphering the Biography of Massive Stars: Compact Object Mergers as a Rosetta Stone</i>		November 2022
AAS HEAD Meeting		Pittsburgh, PA
<i>One Channel to Rule Them All? Deciphering the Formation Pathways of Compact Object Mergers</i>		March 2022
Caltech/MIT LIGO–GRITTS Seminar		Virtual
<i>Deciphering the Biography of Massive Stars: Compact Object Mergers as a Rosetta Stone</i>		June 2021
Fermi Lab Cosmic Physics Center Seminar		Virtual
<i>Deciphering the Biography of Massive Stars: Compact Object Mergers as a Rosetta Stone</i>		May 2021
Yale Astronomy Colloquium		Virtual
<i>Deciphering the Biography of Massive Stars: Compact Object Mergers as a Rosetta Stone</i>		April 2021
University of Chicago Astro Lunch Seminar		Virtual
<i>Unveiling the Lives and Deaths of Stars through Compact Object Mergers</i>		January 2021
Zooniverse Transient Workshop		Virtual
<i>Gravity Spy: Leveling Up & Training Volunteers using Machine Learning</i>		November 2020
CE Explorer Panel		Virtual
<i>Binary Formation, panelist</i>		October 2020
Perimeter Institute Strong Gravity Seminar		Waterloo, ON
<i>Deciphering the Landscape of Compact Binary Formation Channels</i>		December 2019
AEI Seminar		Postdam, DE
<i>Deciphering the Landscape of Compact Binary Formation Channels</i>		December 2019
Caltech TAPIR Seminar		Pasadena, CA
<i>Deciphering the Landscape of Compact Binary Formation Channels</i>		November 2019
UCLA Lunch Talk		Los Angeles, CA
<i>Deciphering the Landscape of Compact Binary Formation Channels</i>		November 2019
UCSC FLASH Seminar		Santa Cruz, CA
<i>Deciphering the Landscape of Compact Binary Formation Channels</i>		November 2019
UCSB Astro Lunch		Santa Barbara, CA
<i>Deciphering the Landscape of Binary Black Hole Formation Channels</i>		November 2019
Colombia Astronomy Seminar		New York, NY
<i>Getting the boot: Lonely GRBs, enigmatic r-process, and the birth of neutron stars</i>		October 2019
MIT GRITTS Seminar		Cambridge, MA
<i>Unveiling the Lives and Deaths of Stars through Compact Object Mergers</i>		October 2019
CfA High Energy Astrophysics Seminar		Cambridge, MA
<i>Deciphering the Landscape of Binary Black Hole Formation Channels</i>		October 2019
CGCA Seminar		Milwaukee, WI
<i>Unveiling the Lives and Deaths of Stars through Compact Object Mergers</i>		March 2019
IGC Seminar		Portsmouth, UK
<i>From the Detected to the Detectors: Using Gravitational Waves to Enable Insights from the Stellar Graveyard & the Next Generation of Citizen Science</i>		March 2018

SPI-MAX Seminar

From the Detected to the Detectors: Using Gravitational Waves to Enable Insights from the Stellar Graveyard & the Next Generation of Citizen Science

Oxford, UK

February 2018

Contributed Talks & Posters.....

NHFP Symposium (Talk)

Lessons learned from the galactic hosts of short gamma-ray bursts

Baltimore, MD

September 2022

Post-PAX Meeting (Talk)

Formation Channels of Binary Black Holes: Open Questions

Cambridge, MA

August 2022

Intermediate-Mass Black Holes: New Science from Stellar Evolution to Cosmology (Talk)

The growth of intermediate-mass black holes through hierarchical mergers: implications for ground-based gravitational-wave detections

San Juan, PR

April 2022

APS April Meeting (Talk)

Lessons learned from the galactic hosts of short gamma-ray bursts

New York, NY

April 2022

Aspen Winter Conference (Talk)

Growing Black Holes: The Impact of Retention Efficiency on Hierarchical Mergers and the BBH Mass Spectrum

Aspen, CO

January 2022

NHFP Symposium (Talk)

Constraining dynamical formation channels of binary black holes with eccentric observations

Virtual

September 2021

Amaldi 14 (Talk)

Constraining dynamical formation channels of binary black holes with eccentric observations

Virtual

July 2021

NHFP Symposium (Talk)

Research Overview

Virtual

September 2020

Aspen Winter Conference (Talk)

Eccentric Black Hole Mergers in Dense Star Clusters: Post-Newtonian Effects & Higher Multiplicity Encounters

Aspen, CO

February 2019

AAS 233 (Talk)

Eccentric Black Hole Mergers in Dense Star Clusters: The Role of Binary-Binary Encounters

Seattle, WA

January 2019

NSF Research Traineeship Annual Meeting (Poster)

Gravity Spy: Integrating Gravitational-Wave Astrophysics, Machine Learning, and Citizen Sciences

Washington, DC

September 2018

MODEST-18 (Talk)

The Role of Binary-Binary Interactions in Inducing Eccentric Black Hole Mergers

Santorini, Greece

June 2018

APS April Meeting (Talk)

On the Progenitor of Binary Neutron Star Merger GW170817

Columbus, OH

April 2018

Detecting the Unexpected: Discovery in the Era of Astronomically Big Data (Talk)

The Future of Citizen Science: Coupling Crowdsourcing and Machine Learning

Baltimore, MD

March 2017

APS April Meeting (Talk)

Discriminating Formation Channels of Binary Black Hole Systems with Advanced LIGO

Washington, DC

January 2017

AAS 229 (Talk)

Discriminating Formation Channels of Binary Black Hole Systems with Advanced LIGO

Grapevine, TX

January 2017

AAS 229 (Workshop & Poster)

Astrobiters: Engaging Undergraduate Science Majors with Current Astrophysical Research

Grapevine, TX

January 2017

AAS 228 (Talk)

Gravity Spy: Integrating aLIGO detector characterization, machine learning, and citizen science

San Diego, CA

June 2016

Northwestern Computational Research Exposition (Poster)

Integrating aLIGO detector characterization, machine learning, and citizen science

Evanston, IL

April 2016

– Awarded first prize in poster competition

Outreach & Public Engagement

Science Communication & Outreach.....

Gravity Spy

Researcher, Developer

Citizen Science

2015–Present

- Developed Zooniverse citizen science project to classify and characterize LIGO–Virgo detector data, as part of a team of gravitational wave, machine learning, Zooniverse, and social scientists
- Led construction of user interface on the Zooniverse Lab platform, point person for communication between the Zooniverse volunteers and science team
- Project has accumulated over 7,000,000 classifications from over 30,000 registered users (December 2022)

Lifelong Learning

Organizer

Talk Series

2021–2022

- Public talk series for seniors, based in public libraries and senior centers in the Chicago-land area.

Astrobits

Author, Administrator, & Leadership Team

Blog

2014–2020

- Astronomy blog partnered with the AAS, provides daily summaries of recent astronomy research articles
- Initiated the “Beyond” series, which covers topics on career advice, graduate school applications, and diversity, equity, and inclusivity in astronomy

ComSciCon

Organizer, Attendee

Workshop

2017–2020

- National graduate-student run science communication workshop for graduate students in STEM fields

Astronomy on Tap

Co-founder, organizer, host, speaker

Public Event

2015–2020

- Co-founded the Chicago branch of Astronomy on Tap, which hosts astronomy talks and space-based trivia at bars and breweries in the Chicago-land area

Rapid Fire Research

Founder, Chair

Departmental Event

2016–2019

- Annual research presentation event for graduate and undergraduate students in Northwestern Department of Physics and Astronomy

Machine Learning Meetups

Organizer, Host

Public Event

2016–2018

- Quarterly interdisciplinary colloquia on data science and machine learning topics

Chicagoland Science Penpals

Participant

Event

2017

- Correspondence with students in Chicago public schools about scientific research and science as a profession, using handwritten letters

Public Talks & Lectures

Astronomer Conversations

Adler Planetarium, Space Visualization Laboratory

Lecture Series

2014–present

- Public presentations at the Adler Planetarium for museum guests

Lifelong Learning: JWST

Remote

Lecture Series

November 2022

Art of Science

Chicago, IL

Invited Speaker

October 2022

Hinsdale Social Studies Circle: Uncovering the Universe's Symphony
Virtual

Finding Genius Podcast
Virtual

Lifelong Learning: Gravitational Waves
Remote

Lifelong Learning: Gravitational Waves
Remote

UBS Investment Banking: Gravity Spy and LIGO
Virtual

Astronomer Evenings
Northwestern University, Dearborn Observatory
 – Presentations during public observing hours at the Dearborn Observatory

Chipping Norton Amateur Astronomy Group
Chipping Norton, UK

Take Our Children to Work Day
Northwestern University

Haven Midde School
Evanston, IL

Chicago Astronomical Society
Adler Planetarium

Avery Coonley School
Downers Grove, IL

Seven Minutes of Science: An Interdisciplinary Symposium
Northwestern University

Highcrest Elementary
Wilmette, IL

Einstein Evenings
Northwestern University, Dearborn Observatory
 – Monthly presentations during observing hours on LIGO discoveries in celebration of the 100th anniversary of General Relativity

Nettlehorst Elementary
Chicago, IL

Invited Speaker
January 2022

Invited Speaker
December 2021

Lecture Series
November 2021

Lecture Series
March 2021

Invited Speaker
September 2020

Lecture Series
2016–2019

Keynote Lecture
February 2018

Lecture
April 2016, 2018

Invited Speaker
April 2017, 2018

Keynote Lecture
May 2017

Invited Speaker
May 2017

Public Talk
April 2017

Invited Speaker
March 2017

Lecture Series
2015–2016

Invited Speaker
February 2016

Publications

Astrobitess
Authored over 20 blog posts on current research in astrophysics ([Link](#))

LIGO Science Summary
Companion science summary to the LIGO–Virgo O2 Populations paper ([Link](#))
Companion science summary to the GW170817 Detection paper ([Link](#))

LIGO Magazine
The Gravity Spy Project — Machine Learning and Citizen Science ([Link](#))

Helix Magazine
The Legacy of Scientific Discovery ([Link](#))

Blog
2014–2020

Article
November 2018
October 2017

Magazine Article
March 2017

Magazine Article
March 2017

Teaching & Work Experience

University of Chicago <i>Graduate Level Stellar Astrophysics</i>	Guest Lecturer 2022–Present
Northwestern University <i>Introduction to Astronomy, Stellar Astrophysics, Data-Driven Research in Astronomy</i> – Guest lectured, developed assignments, graded, and ran telescope observing sessions	Lecturer/TA 2015–2017
GK12 Fellowship <i>Reach for the Stars</i> ; Evanston, IL – Co-taught astronomy classes at Evanston Township High School – Developed curriculum, coding-based lessons, and visualizations for high-school students	Teaching 2017–2018
Kids Science Labs <i>Lead Teacher</i> ; Chicago, IL – Taught classes of 3-12 year old students in hands-on, experiential science classes – Designed curriculum for science summer camps	Teaching 2013–2015
Adler Planetarium <i>Science Leadership Corps Instructor, Mission Specialist</i> ; Chicago, IL – Designed educational programming – Facilitated exhibits, performed experiments, and gave astronomy talks to the public – Led under-represented students in designing experiments for high-altitude balloon launches	Museum Education 2012–2014
Students Mentored	
April Cheng <i>Multi-channel model selection with GWTC-3</i> ; MIT Undergraduate Student	Undergraduate 2022–present
Aditya Vijaykumar <i>Evolution of binary neutron stars in cosmological simulations</i> ; KICP Visiting Graduate Student	Graduate 2022–present
Anya Nugent <i>Host demographics and progenitors of short GRBs</i> ; CIERA Graduate Student	Graduate 2021–present
Amanda Farah <i>Cosmology from evolving non-parametric mass distribution</i> ; University of Chicago Graduate Student	Graduate 2021–present
Camille Liotine <i>HMXB Progenitors to Binary Black Hole Mergers</i> ; CIERA Graduate Student	Graduate 2020–present
Simone Bavera <i>Isolated Evolution and Tidal Spin-up of Wolf-Rayet Stars</i> ; University of Geneva Graduate Student	Graduate 2019–2021
Michael Kurkowski <i>Pair Instability Supernova Prescriptions in Binary Population Synthesis</i> ; CIERA REU Student	Undergraduate 2019
Jared Machtinger <i>Population properties of binary black holes detected by LIGO</i> ; CIERA Summer Student	High School 2019
Danai Avdela <i>Population properties of binary black holes detected by LIGO</i> ; CIERA Summer Student	High School 2019
Isaac Rivera <i>Offset distributions of short gamma-ray bursts</i> ; CIERA REU Student	Undergraduate 2018
Grace Kern <i>Optimization of Gravity Spy image retirement</i> ; CIERA Summer Student	High School 2018
Hannah Stein <i>Optimization of Gravity Spy image retirement</i> ; CIERA Summer Student	High School 2018
Yuqi Yun <i>Gaussian Process regression of black hole mass distributions</i> ; CIERA REU Student	Undergraduate 2016

Awards & Honors

- ▷ Avery Coonley School, Graduate Keynote Speaker June 2018
- ▷ American Astronomical Society, Media Intern June 2016
- ▷ Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics (as part of the LIGO-Virgo Collaboration) May 2016
- ▷ Gruber Cosmology Prize (as part of the LIGO-Virgo Collaboration) May 2016
- ▷ National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (honorable mention) April 2016
- ▷ First Place, Poster Competition (Computational Research Day, Northwestern University) April 2016
- ▷ High Distinction in Physics (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign) May 2012

Affiliations & Leadership Positions

- ▷ NHFP DEI Working Group: Statistics Co-Lead 2020–present
- ▷ GWPAW Conference: Scientific Organizing Committee 2022
- ▷ NHFP Symposium: Scientific Organizing Committee 2022
- ▷ Lifelong Learning: Organizer 2021–2022
- ▷ Astrobites: Administrator, Author 2014–2020
- ▷ ComSciCon National: Organizer 2017–2020
- ▷ LIGO Scientific Collaboration: Member 2015–Present
- ▷ American Astronomical Society: Junior Member 2016–Present
- ▷ American Physical Society: Member 2016–Present
- ▷ CIERA Compact Objects Coffee: Founder, chair 2018–2020
- ▷ Chicago Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra: Double Bassist 2014–Present
- ▷ Physics and Astronomy Graduate Student Council: Quality of Life Chair 2016–2018
- ▷ Rapid Fire Research: Founder, chair 2016–2018

Service Work

Served on NSF panel 2021

Peer Reviewer for: 2017–Present

- The Astrophysical Journal
- The Astrophysical Journal Letters
- Astronomy and Astrophysics
- Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society
- Nature Astronomy
- Physical Review D
- Physical Review Letters