Michael J. Zevin || Curriculum Vitae

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Astrophysicist at the Adler Planetarium with research interests in gravitational waves, compact objects, high-energy transients, stellar evolution, and citizen science.

Academic Positions

Adler Planetarium
Astronomer

Northwestern University
CIERA Visiting Scholar

University of Chicago
NASA Hubble Fellowship Program: Hubble Postdoctoral Fellow
Zhengtong/Enrico Fermi Postdoctoral Fellow
KICP Fellow

Education

Northwestern University Evanston, IL

Ph.D. in Physics and Astronomy

August 2020

▶ Thesis: Unveiling the Lives and Deaths of Stars through Compact Object Mergers
 ▶ Advisor: Vicky Kalogera

▶ Additional Certificates: Integrated Data Science

Master of Science in Physics and Astronomy

December 2016

University of Illinois

Champaign, IL

Bachelor of Science Champaign, II

May 2012

Double Major in Astronomy and Physics

Awards & Honors

NASA Hubble Fellowship Program: Hubble Postdoctoral Fellow	2020–2023
▷ Zhengtong/Enrico Fermi Postdoctoral Fellow	2020–2023
	2020–2023
○ Oxford Centre for Cosmological Studies Balzan Fellowship¹	2018
▷ Illinois Space Grant Consortium Fellowship	2017–2020
⊳ NSF GK12 Fellowship	2017–2018
⊳ Kavli Summer Fellowship ²	2017
▷ NSF IDEAS Fellowship	2016–2020
> National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (honorable mention)	2016
▶ Gruber Cosmology Prize (as part of the LIGO-Virgo Collaboration)	2016

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

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

breaking and the middle	2010
▶ First Place in Poster Competition (Computational Research Day, Northwestern University)	2016
▶ High Distinction in Physics (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)	2012
Publications	
all paper titles are hyperlinked to their ADS entries	
First Author Papers	
https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2023arXiv230815530Z/abstract M. Zevin, C. Jackson, Z. Doctor, et al. The European Physical Journal Plus (submitted) Invited article for focus issue on citizen science for physics	EPJ+ 2023
Observational Inference on the Delay Time Distribution of Short Gamma-ray Bursts M. Zevin, A. Nugent, S. Adhikari, Wf. Fong, D. Holz, L. Kelley The Astrophysical Journal Letters 940 L18 Citations: 11	ApJL 2022
Avoiding a Cluster Catastrophe: Retention Efficiency and the Binary Black Hole Mass Spectrum M. Zevin, D. Holz The Astrophysical Journal Letters 935 L20 Citations: 10	ApJL 2022
Suspicious Siblings: The Distribution of Mass and Spin Across Component Black Holes in Isolated Binary Evolution M. Zevin, S. Bavera The Astrophysical Journal 933 86 Citations: 29	ApJ 2022
Implications of Eccentric Observations on Binary Black Hole Formation Channels M. Zevin, I. Romero-Shaw, K. Kremer, E. Thrane, P. Lasky The Astrophysical Journal Letters 921, L43 Citations: 29	ApJL 2021
One Channel to Rule Them All? Constraining the Origins of Binary Black Holes using Multiple Formation Pathways M. Zevin, S. Bavera, C. Berry, V. Kalogera, T. Fragos, P. Marchant, C. Rodriguez, F. Antonini, D. Holz, C. Pani The Astrophysical Journal 910, 152 Citations: 179	ApJ 2021 kow
Forward Modeling of Double Neutron Stars: Insights from Highly-Offset Short Gamma-ray Bursts M. Zevin, L. Kelley, A. Nugent, Wf. Fong, C. Berry, V. Kalogera The Astrophysical Journal 904, 190 Citations: 13	ApJ 2020
Exploring the Lower Mass Gap and Unequal Mass Regime in Compact Binary Evolution <i>M. Zevin, M. Spera, C. Berry, V. Kalogera</i> The Astrophysical Journal Letters 899 , L1 Citations: 104	ApJL 2020
You Can't Always Get What You Want: The Impact of Prior Assumptions on Interpreting GW190412 <i>M. Zevin</i> , <i>C. Berry</i> , <i>S. Coughlin</i> , <i>K. Chatziioannou</i> , <i>S. Vitale</i> The Astrophysical Journal Letters 899 , L17 Citations: 50	ApJL 2020
Can Neutron-Star Mergers Explain the r-process Enrichment in Globular Clusters? M. Zevin, K. Kremer, D. M. Siegel, S. Coughlin, B. TH. Tsang, C. P. L. Berry, V. Kalogera The Astrophysical Journal 886, 1 Citations: 32	ApJ 2019

▶ Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics (as part of the LIGO-Virgo Collaboration)

Eccentric Black Hole Mergers in Dense Star Clusters: The Role of Binary-Binary Encounters <i>M. Zevin</i> , <i>J. Samsing</i> , <i>C. L. Rodriguez</i> , <i>C. J. Haster</i> , <i>E. Ramirez-Ruiz</i> The Astrophysical Journal 871 , 91 Citations: 155 – Covered by <i>AAS Nova</i>	ApJ 2019
Constraining Formation Models of Binary Black Holes with Gravitational-Wave Observations M. Zevin, C. Pankow, C. Rodriguez, L. Sampson, E. Chase, V. Kalogera, F. Rasio The Astrophysical Journal 846, 82 Citations: 134	ApJ 2017
 Gravity Spy: Integrating Advanced LIGO Detector Characterization, Machine Learning, and Citizen Science M. Zevin, S. Coughlin, S. Bahaadini, et al. Classical and Quantum Gravity 34, 064003 Citations: 158 Covered by AAS Press 	CQG 2017
Highlighted Contributed Papers	
What You Don't Know Can Hurt You: Use and Abuse of Astrophysical Models in Gravitational-wave Population Analyses A.Q. Cheng M. Zevin, S. Vitale The Astrophysical Journal (submitted), arxiv:2307.03129	2023
Things that might go bump in the night: Assessing structure in the binary black hole mass spectrum <i>A Farah, B. Edelman, M. Zevin, M. Fishbach, J. Ezquiaga, B. Farr, D. Holz</i> The Astrophysical Journal (submitted), arxiv:2301.00834	2022
 Inferring Interference: Identifying a Perturbing Tertiary with Eccentric Gravitational Wave Burst Timing I. Romero-Shaw, N. Loutrel, M. Zevin The Astrophysical Journal (accepted), arxiv:2211.07278 	2022
The Missing Link Between Black Holes in High-Mass X-ray Binaries and Gravitational-Wave Sources: Observational Selection Effects C. Liotine, M. Zevin, C. Berry, Z. Doctor, V. Kalogera The Astrophysical Journal 946, 4	ApJ 2023
Cosmologically coupled compact objects: a single parameter model for LIGO–Virgo mass and redshift distributions K. Croker, M. Zevin, D. Farrah, K. Nishimura, G. Tarle The Astrophysical Journal Letters 922, L22	ApJL 2021
The Impact of Mass-Transfer Physics on the Observable Properties of Field Binary Black Hole Populations S. Bavera, T. Fragos, M. Zevin, et al. Astronomy & Astrophysics 647, 153	A&A 2021
Approximations to the spin of close Black-hole–Wolf-Rayet binaries S. Bavera, M. Zevin, T. Fragos Research Notes of the American Astronomical Society 5 127	RNAAS 2021
COSMIC Variance in Binary Population Synthesis K. Breivik, S. Coughlin, M. Zevin, et al. The Astrophysical Journal 898, 71	ApJ 2019
Black Holes: The Next Generation C. Rodriguez, M. Zevin, P. Amaro-Seoane, S. Chatterjee, K. Kremer, F. A. Rasio, C. S. Ye Physical Review D 100, 043027	PRD 2019
Illuminating Black Hole Binary Formation Channels with Spins in Advanced LIGO C. Rodriguez, M. Zevin, C. Pankow, V. Kalogera, F. A. Rasio The Astrophysical Journal Letters 832, L2	ApJL 2016

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	• • • • •
The population of merging compact binaries inferred using gravitational waves through GWTC-3 Physical Review X 13 , 011048 – <i>M. Zevin</i> : Astrophysical interpretation review lead, code reviewer for high-mass injection set	PRX 2023
Search for intermediate-mass black hole binaries in the third observing run of Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo Astronomy and Astrophysics 659, A84 – M. Zevin: Reviewer for high-mass injection set	A&A 2022
GWTC-3: Compact Binary Coalescences Observed by LIGO and Virgo During the Second Part of the Third Observing Run Physical Review X (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 The Astrophysical Journal Letters 900, L13 – M . Zevin: Astrophysical implications reviewer	ApJL 2020
GW190412: Observation of a Binary-Black-Hole Coalescence with Asymmetric Masses Physical Review D 102 , 043015 – <i>M. Zevin</i> : Paper-writing team, populations and astrophysical implications lead, education and public outr liaison, science summary writer, science case study team	PRD 2020 each
GW190814: Gravitational Waves from the Coalescence of a 23 Solar Mass Black Hole with a 2.6 Solar Mass Compact Object The Astrophysical Journal Letters 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 The Astrophysical Journal Letters 882, L24 – M. Zevin: Education and public outreach liaison, science summary writer	ApJL 2019
On the Progenitor of Binary Neutron Star Merger GW170817 The Astrophysical Journal Letters 850, L40 – M. Zevin: Chair of paper-writing team, analysis lead	ApJL 2017
GW170817: Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Neutron Star Inspiral Physical Review Letters 119, 161101 – M. Zevin: Education and public outreach liaison	PRL 2017
Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Black Hole Merger Physical Review Letters 116 , 061102 – <i>M. Zevin</i> : Ran exploratory parameter estimation	PRL 2016
Contributed Papers	
Data quality up to the third observing run of Advanced LIGO: Gravity Spy glitch classifications J. Glanzer, S. Banagiri, S. Coughlin, S. Soni, C. Berry, M. Zevin, et al. Classical and Quantum Gravity 40, 065004	CQG 2023
POSYDON: A General-Purpose Population Synthesis Code with Detailed Binary-Evolution Simulations <i>T. Fragos, J.J. Andrews, S.S. Bavera,, M. Zevin</i> The Astrophysical Journal Supplements 264 , 45	ApJS 2023
Observational evidence for cosmological coupling of black holes and its implications for an astrophysical source of dark energy D. Farrah, K. Croker, M. Zevin, et al. The Astrophysical Journal Letters 944, L31	ApJL 2023

A Preferential Growth Channel for Supermassive Black Holes in Elliptical Galaxies at zi2 D. Farrah, S. Petty, K. Croker, G. Tarlé, M. Zevin, et al. The Astrophysical Journal 943, 133	ApJ 2023
Intermediate-mass Black Holes on the Run from Young Star Clusters E. Gonzlez, K. Kremer, G. Fragione, M. Martinez, N. Weatherford, M. Zevin, F. Rasio The Astrophysical Journal 940, 131	ApJ 2022
Discriminative Dimensionality Reduction using Deep Neural Networks for Clustering of LIGO Data S. Baahadini, Y. Wu, S. Coughlin, M. Zevin, A. Katsaggelos IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (submitted), arXiv: 2205.13672	2022
Short GRB Host Galaxies II: A Legacy Sample of Redshifts, Stellar Population Properties, and Implications for their Neutron Star Merger Origins A. Nugent, Wf. Fong, Y. Dong, J. Leja, E. Berger, M. Zevin, et al. The Astrophysical Journal 935, 126	ApJ 2022
Black hole - black hole total merger mass and the origin of LIGO/Virgo sources K. Belczynski, Z. Doctor, M. Zevin, A. Olejak, S. Banerjee, D. Chattopadhyay The Astrophysical Journal 935, 126	ApJ 2022
 The χ_{eff} z correlation of field binary black hole mergers and how 3G gravitational-wave detectors can constrain it S.S. Bavera, M. Fishbach, M. Zevin, E. Zapartas, T. Fragos Astronomy & Astrophysics 665, A59 	A&A 2022
Stochastic gravitational-wave background as a tool to investigate multi-channel astrophysical and primordial black-hole mergers S. Bavera, G. Franciolini, G. Cusin, A. Riotto, M. Zevin, T. Fragos Astronomy & Astrophysics 660, 26	A&A 2022
Probing the progenitors of spinning binary black-hole mergers with long gamma-ray bursts S. Bavera, T. Fragos, E. Zapartas, E. Ramirez-Ruiz, P. Marchant, L. Kelley, M. Zevin, et al. Astronomy & Astrophysics Letters 657, L8	A&A 2022
Evidence for Hierarchical Black Hole Mergers in the Second LIGO-Virgo Gravitational-Wave Catalog C. Kimball, C. Talbot, C. Berry, M. Zevin, E. Thrane, V. Kalogera, et al. The Astrophysical Journal Letters 915, L35	ApJL 2020
The Impact of Mass-Transfer Physics on the Observable Properties of Field Binary Black Hole Populations S. Bavera, T. Fragos, M. Zevin, C. Berry, P. Marchant, J. Andrews, S. Coughlin, A. Dotter, et al. Astronomy & Astrophysics 647, 153	A&A 2021
Black hole genealogy: Identifying hierarchical mergers with gravitational waves C. Kimball, C. Talbot, C. Berry, M. Carney, M. Zevin, E. Thrane, V. Kalogera The Astrophysical Journal 900, 177	ApJ 2020
Black Hole Mergers from Hierarchical Triples in Dense Star Clusters M. Martinez, G. Fragione, K. Kremer,, M. Zevin, S. Naoz, F. A. Rasio The Astrophysical Journal 903, 67	ApJ 2020
Teaching Citizen Scientists to Categorize Glitches using Machine Learning Guided Training C. Jackson, C. Østerlund, K. Crowston,, M. Zevin Computers in Human Behavior 105, 106198	CHB 2020
The Missing Link in Gravitational-Wave Astronomy: Discoveries waiting in the decihertz range <i>M. Arca Sedda, C. Berry, K. Jani,, M. Zevin</i> Classical and Quantum Gravity 37 , 215011 (ESA's Voyage 2050 White Paper)	CQG 2020
Knowledge Tracing to Model Learning in Online Citizen Science Projects K. Crowston, C. Østerlund, T. Lee,, M. Zevin IEEE Transactions on Learning Technologies 13, 1	2019

Classifying the Unknown: Discovering Novel Gravitational-Wave Detector Glitches using Similarity Learning S. Coughlin, S. Bahaadini, N. Rohani, M. Zevin, et al. Physical Review D 99, 082002	PRD 2019
Post-Newtonian Dynamics in Dense Star Clusters: Binary Black Holes in the LISA Band K. Kremer, C. L. Rodriguez,, M. Zevin Physical Review D 99, 063003	PRD 2019
Post-Newtonian Dynamics in Dense Star Clusters: Formation, Masses, and Merger Rates of Highly-Eccentric Black Hole Binaries C. L. Rodriguez, P. Amaro-Seoane, S. Chatterjee, K. Kremer, F. A. Rasio, J. Samsing, C. S. Ye, M. Zevin Physical Review D 98, 123005	PRD 2018
DIRECT: Deep Discriminative Embedding for Clustering of LIGO Data S. Bahaadini, V. Noroozi, N. Rohani, S. Coughlin, M. Zevin, V. Kalogera, A. K. Katsaggelos 25th IEEE International Conference on Image Processing Proceedings	ICIP 2018
Machine Learning for Gravity Spy: Glitch Classification and Dataset S. Bahaadini, V. Noroozi, N. Rohani, S. Coughlin, M. Zevin, J. R. Smith, V. Kalogera, A. K. Katsaggelos Information Sciences Journal 444, 172	ISJ 2018
 Improvements in Gravitational-wave Sky Localization with Expanded Networks of Interferometers C. Pankow, E. A. Chase, S. Coughlin, M. Zevin, V. Kalogera The Astrophysical Journal Letters 854, L25 	ApJL 2018
Deep Multi-view Models for Glitch Classification S. Bahaadini, N. Rohani, S. Coughlin, M. Zevin, V. Kalogera, A. K. Katsaggelos IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing Proceedings	ICASSP 2018
Incorporating Current Research into Formal Higher Education Settings using Astrobites N. E. Sanders, S. Kohler, C. Faesi, A. Villar, M. Zevin American Journal of Physics 85, 741	AJP 2017
Astrophysical Prior Information and Gravitational-Wave Parameter Estimation C. Pankow, L. Sampson, L. Perri, E. A. Chase, S. Coughlin, M. Zevin, V. Kalogera The Astrophysical Journal 834, 154	APJ 2017

Presentations

Invited Talks

Caltech TAPIR Seminar Deciphering the Biography of Massive Stars: Compact Object Mergers as a Rosetta Stone	Pasadena, CA May 2023
CITA Seminar Deciphering the Biography of Massive Stars: Compact Object Mergers as a Rosetta Stone	Toronto, Canada November 2022
AAS HEAD Meeting One Channel to Rule Them All? Deciphering the Formation Pathways of Compact Object Mergers	Pittsburgh, PA March 2022
Caltech/MIT LIGO–GRITTS Seminar Deciphering the Biography of Massive Stars: Compact Object Mergers as a Rosetta Stone	<i>Virtual</i> June 2021
Fermi Lab Cosmic Physics Center Seminar Deciphering the Biography of Massive Stars: Compact Object Mergers as a Rosetta Stone	Virtual May 2021
Yale Astronomy Colloquium Deciphering the Biography of Massive Stars: Compact Object Mergers as a Rosetta Stone	<i>Virtual</i> April 2021
University of Chicago Astro Lunch Seminar Unveiling the Lives and Deaths of Stars through Compact Object Mergers	<i>Virtual</i> January 2021

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Zooniverse Transient Workshop Gravity Spy: Leveling Up & Training Volunteers using Machine Learning	<i>Virtual</i> November 2020
Cosmic Explorer Panel Binary Formation, panelist	Virtual October 2020
Perimeter Institute Strong Gravity Seminar Deciphering the Landscape of Compact Binary Formation Channels	<i>Waterloo, ON</i> December 2019
AEI Seminar Deciphering the Landscape of Compact Binary Formation Channels	Postdam, DE December 2019
Caltech TAPIR Seminar Deciphering the Landscape of Compact Binary Formation Channels	Pasadena, CA November 2019
UCLA Lunch Talk Deciphering the Landscape of Compact Binary Formation Channels	Los Angeles, CA November 2019
UCSC FLASH Seminar Deciphering the Landscape of Compact Binary Formation Channels	Santa Cruz, CA November 2019
UCSB Astro Lunch Deciphering the Landscape of Binary Black Hole Formation Channels	Santa Barbara, CA November 2019
Colombia Astronomy Seminar Getting the boot: Lonely GRBs, enigmatic r-process, and the birth of neutron stars	<i>New York, NY</i> October 2019
MIT GRITTS Seminar Unveiling the Lives and Deaths of Stars through Compact Object Mergers	Cambridge, MA October 2019
CfA High Energy Astrophysics Seminar Deciphering the Landscape of Binary Black Hole Formation Channels	Cambridge, MA October 2019
CGCA Seminar Unveiling the Lives and Deaths of Stars through Compact Object Mergers	Milwaukee, WI March 2019
IGC Seminar From the Detected to the Detectors: Using Gravitational Waves to Enable Insights from the Stellar Graveyard & the Next Generation of Citizen Science	Portsmouth, UK 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, Panels, & Posters	
APS April Meeting (Talk) Astrophysical Implications of Eccentric Black Hole Mergers	Minneapolis, MN April 2023
GWPAW (Panel) Panel discussion chair, Scientific Organizing Committee	Melbourne, Australia December 2022
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	<i>New York, NY</i> 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	<i>Virtual</i> September 2021
Amaldi 14 (Talk) Constraining dynamical formation channels of binary black holes with eccentric observations	<i>Virtual</i> July 2021
NHFP Symposium (Talk) Research Overview	<i>Virtual</i> 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	<i>Grapevine, TX</i> January 2017
AAS 229 (Workshop & Poster) Astrobites: Engaging Undergraduate Science Majors with Current Astrophysical Research	<i>Grapevine, TX</i> 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 – Awarded first prize in poster competition	Evanston, IL April 2016
Midwest Relativity Meeting (Talk) LIGO glitch classification through the combination of machine learning and citizen science	Evanston, IL September 2015

Outreach & Public Engagement

Science Communication & Outreach.....

Gravity Spy Citizen Science

Researcher, Developer 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 (January 2022)

Talk Series Lifelong Learning 2021-2022 Organizer

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

Astrobites Blog

Author, Administrator, & Leadership Team

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 Workshop

2017-2020 Organizer, Attendee

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 **Departmental Event**

Founder, Chair 2016-2019

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

Machine Learning Meetups Public Event

Organizer, Host 2016-2018

- Quarterly interdisciplinary colloquia on data science and machine learning topics

Chicagoland Science Penpals

Event

Participant 2017

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

Public Talks & Lectures

Astronomer Conversations Lecture Series

Adler Planetarium, Space Visualization Laboratory

2014-2020

Public presentations at the Adler Planetarium for museum guests

Lifelong Learning: JWST **Lecture Series**

Remote November 2022

Art of Science Invited Speaker October 2022 Chicago, IL

Invited Speaker Hinsdale Social Studies Circle: Uncovering the Universe's Symphony

January 2022 Virtual

Finding Genius Podcast Invited Speaker Virtual December 2021

Lifelong Learning: Gravitational Waves **Lecture Series**

November 2021

Lifelong Learning: Gravitational Waves **Lecture Series** March 2021 Remote

UBS Investment Banking: Gravity Spy and LIGO Invited Speaker

Virtual September 2020

Astronomer Evenings Lecture Series Northwestern University, Dearborn Observatory 2016-2019

Presentations during public observing hours at the Dearborn Observatory

Chipping Norton Amateur Astronomy Group

Keynote Lecture Chipping Norton, UK February 2018

Take Our Children to Work Day Lecture Northwestern University April 2016, 2018

Haven Midde School **Invited Speaker** April 2017, 2018 Evanston, IL **Chicago Astronomical Society Keynote Lecture** Adler Planetarium May 2017 **Avery Coonley School Invited Speaker** Downers Grove, IL May 2017 Seven Minutes of Science: An Interdisciplinary Symposium **Public Talk** April 2017 *Northwestern University* **Highcrest Elementary Invited Speaker** March 2017 Wilmette, IL **Einstein Evenings Lecture Series** Northwestern University, Dearborn Observatory 2015-2016 Monthly presentations during observing hours on LIGO discoveries in celebration of the 100th anniversary of General Relativity **Nettlehorst Elementary Invited Speaker** February 2016 Chicago, IL Publications **Blog** 2014-2020 Authored over 20 blog posts on current research in astrophysics (Link) **LIGO Science Summary Article** Companion science summary to the LIGO-Virgo O2 Populations paper (Link) November 2018 Companion science summary to the GW170817 Detection paper (Link) October 2017 LIGO Magazine **Magazine Article** The Gravity Spy Project — Machine Learning and Citizen Science (Link) March 2017 Helix Magazine **Magazine Article** The Legacy of Scientific Discovery (Link) March 2017

Teaching & Work Experience

University of Chicago

Graduate Level Stellar Astrophysics, Graduate Level Space Physics 2022-Present **Northwestern University** Lecturer/TA Introduction to Astronomy, Stellar Astrophysics, Data-Driven Research in Astronomy 2015-2017 Guest lectured, developed assignments, graded, and ran telescope observing sessions **GK12** Fellowship **Teaching**

Guest Lecturer

Reach for the Stars; Evanston, IL 2017-2018

 Co-taught astronomy classes at Evanston Township High School - Developed curriculum, coding-based lessons, and visualizations for high-school students

Kids Science Labs Teaching Lead Teacher; Chicago, IL 2013-2015

- Taught classes of 3-12 year old students in hands-on, experiential science classes

- Designed curriculum for science summer camps

Adler Planetarium **Museum Education** Mission Specialist, Science Leadership Corps Instructor; Chicago, IL 2012-2014

- Facilitated exhibits, performed experiments, and gave astronomy talks to the public

- Designed educational programming

- Led under-represented students in designing experiments for high-altitude balloon launches

Students Mentored.....

Alex Hanselman Self-consistent eccentricity definitions; University of Chicago Graduate Student	Graduate 2023–present
Ethan Payne Measurability of spin and precession in hierarchical mergers; Caltech Graduate Student	Graduate 2022–present
April Cheng Multi-channel model selection with GWTC-3; MIT Undergraduate Student	Undergraduate 2022–present
Aditya Vijaykumar Evolution of binary neutron stars in cosmological simulations; KICP Visiting Graduate Student	Graduate 2022–present
Anya Nugent Host demographics and progenitors of short GRBs; CIERA Graduate Student	Graduate 2021–present
Amanda Farah Cosmology from evolving non-parametric mass distribution; University of Chicago Graduate Student	Graduate 2021–present
Camille Liotine HMXB Progenitors to Binary Black Hole Mergers; CIERA Graduate Student	Graduate 2020–2023
Simone Bavera Isolated Evolution and Tidal Spin-up of Wolf-Rayet Stars; University of Geneva Graduate Student	Graduate 2019–2021
Michael Kurkowski Pair Instability Supernova Prescriptions in Binary Population Synthesis; CIERA REU Student	Undergraduate 2019
Jared Machtinger Population properties of binary black holes detected by LIGO; CIERA Summer Student	High School 2019
Danai Avdela Population properties of binary black holes detected by LIGO; CIERA Summer Student	High School 2019
Isaac Rivera Offset distributions of short gamma-ray bursts; CIERA REU Student	Undergraduate 2018
Grace Kern Optimization of Gravity Spy image retirement; CIERA Summer Student	High School 2018
Hannah Stein Optimization of Gravity Spy image retirement; CIERA Summer Student	High School 2018
Yuqi Yun Gaussian Process regression of black hole mass distributions; CIERA REU Student	Undergraduate 2016
Sophie Haight Gaussian Process regression of binary stellar evolution sequences; CIERA Summer Student	High School 2016

Affiliations & Leadership Positions

▶ GWPAW Conference: Scientific Organizing Committee	2022
NHFP Symposium: Scientific Organizing Committee	2022
▶ Lifelong Learning: Organizer	2021–2022
NHFP DEI Working Group: Statistics Co-Lead	2020–2022
▶ ComSciCon National: Organizer	2017–2020
> American Astronomical Society: Member	2016–Present
> American Physical Society: Member	2016–Present
> American Astronomical Society, Media Intern	2016
▶ Physics and Astronomy Graduate Student Council: Quality of Life Chair	2016–2018

Rapid Fire Research: Founder, chair	2016–2018
► LIGO Scientific Collaboration: Member	2015–Present
Astrobites: Administrator, Author	2014–2020
▶ Chicago Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra: Double Bassist	2014–2020

Service Work

Served on NSF panel 2021

Peer Reviewer for: 2017–Present

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