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Summary

Research:	Galaxy Evolution, High-Redshift Galaxies, Emission-Line Galaxies, Interstellar Medium, Active Galactic Nuclei, Black Hole Seeds, Population III Stars, Star Formation, Dust Attenuation
Techniques:	UV/Optical/Near-IR Spectroscopy, Photoionization Modeling
Proposals:	As PI: 1 JWST, 1 HST, >300k USD awarded As Co-I: 11 JWST, 1 Gemini, >700 hours total awarded
Publications:	7 lead/co-lead author, 4 significant author, 77 coauthor, 5858 citations, 40 h-index
Presentations:	21 research, 13 outreach and professional development

Academic and Professional Appointments

2024-	Eberly Postdoctoral Fellow	Penn State
2021-24	Graduate Student (Advisor: Prof. Casey Papovich)	Texas A&M
2019-21	Graduate Student (Advisor: Prof. Jonathan Trump)	UConn
2017-20	Research Assistant (Advisor: Prof. Gerald Dunne)	UConn
2018	NSF REU Student (Advisor: Prof. Louis Strigari)	Texas A&M

Education

Ph.D. Astronomy	Texas A&M University	2021 - 2024
Advisor: Casey Papovich		
Thesis: <i>Spectroscopic Studies of Stars and Black Holes Across Cosmic Time</i>		
M.S. Physics	University of Connecticut	2019 - 2021
Advisor: Jonathan R. Trump		
Thesis: <i>CLEAR: Paschen-β Star Formation Rates and Dust Attenuation in Low Redshift Galaxies</i>		
B.S. Physics Mathematics Minor	University of Connecticut	2015 - 2019
Advisor: Gerald V. Dunne		
Undergraduate Research: <i>Resurgent trans-series for generalized Hastings-McLeod solutions</i>		

Awarded Proposals and Grants

Principal Investigator		2
2024	JWST-AR-5558: <i>A Census of Optical Diagnostics of Ionizing Sources Across Cosmic Time</i>	~\$174k
2021	HST-AR-16609: <i>Peering Through the Dust: Paschen-beta Indicators of Star Formation and Dust Attenuation</i>	~\$136k

Co-Investigator		12
2025	JWST-GO-8047: <i>Extremely massive galaxies in the early universe? Confirming the nature of the most model-breaking object by hunting for stellar absorption features</i> (PI: B. Wang and E. Nelson)	19.6 hours
2025	JWST-GO-7488: <i>Echoes of Silence: Absorption Line Spectroscopy of a Massive Quiescent Galaxy at $z=7.3$</i> (PI: A. Weibel)	14.1 hours
2025	JWST-GO-8559: <i>SPAM: Star-formation from Photometry through the Addition of Medium-bands</i> (PI: K. Davis and R. Larson)	62.8 hours
2025	JWST-GO-8410: <i>A Census of Galaxy Kinematics and Outflows to $z \sim 7$</i> (PI: R. Simons)	110.0 hours
2025	JWST-GO-8204: <i>Give me a break: the search for stars in a prototypical Little Red Dot</i> (PI: J. Greene and I. Labbe)	17.4 hours
2024	JWST-GO-5718: <i>A Spectroscopic Census of Faint, Broad-Line AGN at $z>5$</i> (PI: D. Kocevski and J. Guo)	20.49 hours
2024	JWST-GO-5943: <i>What really are the Physical Properties of Galaxies in the Epoch of Reionization?</i> (PI: C. Papovich and W. Hu, T. Hutchison)	61.83 hours
2024	JWST-GO-5407: <i>MEOW: The MIRI Early Obscured-AGN Wide Survey</i> (PI: G. Leung and R. Endsley, S. Finkelstein)	73.95 hours
2024	JWST-GO-5507: <i>Deep Spectroscopy of Galaxies at $z=4-14$: Uncovering Drivers of Early Galaxy Formation and Black Hole Growth</i> (PI: T. Hutchison and R. Larson)	23.29 hours
2024	JWST-GO-6368: <i>The CANDELS-Area Prism Epoch of Reionization Survey (CAPERS)</i> (PI: M. Dickinson)	293.21 hours
2023	JWST-GO-3703: <i>Breaking the $z=10$ barrier with MIRI: redshift confirmation and detection of rest-frame optical emission lines</i> (PI: J. Zavala)	24.33 hours
2023	GS-2023A-Q-136: <i>Optical Spectroscopy of JWST ERO Galaxies</i> (PI: B. Backhaus)	20 hours

Honors and Awards

2024	Dean's Climate and Diversity Award (Group)	Penn State
2022	Texas Space Grant Consortium Graduate Fellow - \$5K	Texas A&M
2018	NSF REU - \$5K	Texas A&M
2016	Dean's List - College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	UConn
2015-19	Governor's Scholarship - \$8.5K/yr	UConn
2015	Community Service Scholarship - \$1K	UConn

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record	
ASTRO 6: Stars, Galaxies, and the Universe	Penn State
Guest Lecturer	
ASTRO 502: Fundamental Astrophysics	Penn State

Teaching Assistant/Course Assistant

PHYS 1501: Physics for Engineers I	UConn
PHYS 1025: Introduction to Astronomy	UConn

Service

Physics & Astronomy Community

Referee – Astronomy & Astrophysics (A&A)
 Referee – Astrophysical Journal (ApJ)

College

Astronomy Representative – Eberly College of Science Postdoctoral Council Penn State

Department

Founder/Organizer – ExGal Journal Club Penn State
 Member – Climate and Diversity Committee Penn State
 Graduate Representative Texas A&M
 Organizer – Astronomy Journal Club Texas A&M

Mentoring

Students Supervised

Primary mentor for 3 undergraduates at Penn State 2024-

Other Mentoring Activities

Co-Founder – Preparing the Emerging Next Generation Using Inclusive Networking (PENGUIN)
 Primary Mentor – Penn State-Nanjing Exchange Program Penn State
 Coordinator – Mentoring and Advising Graduates in an Inclusive Community (MAGIC) Texas A&M
 Mentor – Mentoring and Advising Graduates in an Inclusive Community (MAGIC) Texas A&M
 Mentor – UConn Undergraduate Peer Mentoring UConn

Outreach

Volunteer – Gateway to Graduate School Texas A&M
 Demonstrator – Physics and Engineering Festival Texas A&M
 High School Research Reviewer – Lumiere Texas A&M
 Presenter – Astronomy on Tap BCS 'In the News' Texas A&M
 Treasurer – Astronomy on Tap BCS Texas A&M
 Pen-Pal – Letters to a Pre-Scientist Texas A&M
 Volunteer – Mitchell Institute Star Party Group Texas A&M

Press

A Week Downeast, Challenging Assumptions about Galaxy Evolution, Astrobites, O. Cooper et al. 2025

Collaborations and Survey Membership

Co-Investigator

SPAM: Star-formation from Photometry through the Addition of Medium-bands	JWST
CAPERS: The CANDELS-Area Prism Epoch of Reionization Survey	JWST
THRILS: The High [Redshift+Ionization] Line Search	JWST

Contributing Member

LEGGOS: Lensing and Galaxy Growth: Observing Substructures	JWST
POPPIES: The Public Observation Pure Parallel Infrared Emission-Line Survey	JWST
RUBIES: Red Unknowns: Bright Infrared Extragalactic Survey	JWST
NGDEEP: The Next Generation Deep Exploratory Public Survey	JWST
CEERS: The Cosmic Evolution Early Release Science Survey	JWST
CLEAR: The CANDELS Ly α Emission at Reionization Survey (inactive)	HST

Technical Skills and Programming Languages

Programming	Fluent: Python, LaTeX
	Familiar: SQL, Julia, C, C++, R, IDL, perl, Mathematica, MATLAB, HTML, CSS
Software	Fluent: Cloudy, PyNeb, LiMe
	Familiar: grizli, DS9, IRAF, sbatch, slurm

Website Architect

Personal Website: njcleri.github.io

Mentoring and Advising Graduates in an Inclusive Community (MAGIC) (co-author): tx.ag/tamumagic

Preparing the Emerging Next Generation Using Inclusive Networking (PENGUIN): penguin-mentoring.github.io

Publications

A current list of my papers can be found on SciX here.

Lead/Co-Lead/Student-Led Papers

† = Undergraduate-led papers

7. †Ge, S.-R., **Cleri, N. J.**, et al. 2025, *JWST/NIRSpec Reveals a Small Population of Dominant Dust-Obscured Ionizing Sources in Galaxies at $1 < z < 3$* , arXiv e-prints, arXiv:2511.08671 (submitted to ApJ)
6. **Cleri, N. J.**, Olivier, G. M., Backhaus, B. E., et al. 2025, *Optical Strong Line Ratios Cannot Distinguish Between Stellar Populations and Accreting Black Holes at High Ionization Parameters and Low Metallicities*, arXiv e-prints, arXiv:2506.21660 (accepted to ApJ)
5. Backhaus, B. E., **Cleri, N. J.**, et al. 2025, *Emission-Line Diagnostics at $z > 4$: $[OIII]\lambda 4363/H\gamma$* , arXiv e-prints, arXiv:2502.03519 (accepted to ApJ)
4. **Cleri, N. J.**, Olivier, G. M., Hutchison T. A., et al. 2023, *Using $[Ne V]/[Ne III]$ to Understand the Nature of Extreme-Ionization Galaxies*, ApJ, 953, 10
3. **Cleri, N. J.**, Yang, G., Papovich, C., et al. 2023, *CLEAR: High-Ionization $[Ne V] \lambda 3426$ Emission-line Galaxies at $1.4 < z < 2.3$* , ApJ, 948, 112
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1. **Cleri, N. J.**, Dunne, G. V., 2020, *Resurgent trans-series for generalized Hastings-McLeod solutions*, Journal of Physics A: Mathematical General, 53, 355203

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2. Prescott, M. K. M., Finlator, K. M., **Cleri, N. J.**, et al. 2022, *Using Multiple Emission Line Ratios to Constrain the Slope of the Dust Attenuation Law*, ApJ, 928, 71
1. Backhaus, B. E., Trump, J. R., **Cleri, N. J.**, et al. 2022, *CLEAR: Emission Line Ratios at Cosmic High Noon*, ApJ, 926, 161

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65. Mascia, S., et al. 2025, *Little impact of mergers and galaxy morphology on the production and escape of ionizing photons in the early Universe*, A&A, 701, A122,
64. Leung, G. C. K., et al. 2024, *Exploring the Nature of Little Red Dots: Constraints on AGN and Stellar Contributions from PRIMER MIRI Imaging*, ApJ, 992, 26
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59. Taylor, A. J., et al. 2025, *Broad-line AGNs at $3.5 < z < 6$: The Black Hole Mass Function and a Connection with Little Red Dots*, ApJ, 986, 165
58. Llerena, M. et al. 2025, *The ionizing photon production efficiency of star-forming galaxies at $z \sim 4 - 10$* , A&A, 698, A302
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53. Finkelstein, S. L., et al. 2025, *The Cosmic Evolution Early Release Science Survey (CEERS)*, ApJL, 983, L4
52. Weibel, A., et al. 2025, *RUBIES Reveals a Massive Quiescent Galaxy at $z=7.3$* , ApJ, 983, 11
51. Cooper, O. R., et al. 2025, *RUBIES: JWST/NIRSpec resolves evolutionary phases of dusty star-forming galaxies at $z \sim 2$* , ApJ, 982, 125
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44. Rose, C., et al. 2024, *CEERS Key Paper. IX. Identifying Galaxy Mergers in CEERS NIRCам Images Using Random Forests and Convolutional Neural Networks*, ApJL, 976, L8
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35. Ronayne, K., et al. 2024, *CEERS: 7.7 μm PAH Star Formation Rate Calibration with JWST MIRI*, ApJ, 970, 61
34. Wang, B., et al. 2024, *RUBIES: Evolved Stellar Populations with Extended Formation Histories at $z \sim 7 - 8$ in Candidate Massive Galaxies Identified with JWST/NIRSpec*, ApJL, 969, L13
33. Finkelstein, S. L., et al. 2024, *The Complete CEERS Early Universe Galaxy Sample: A Surprisingly Slow Evolution of the Space Density of Bright Galaxies at $z \sim 8.5 - 14.5$* , ApJL, 969, L2
32. Pirzkal, N., et al. 2024, *The Next Generation Deep Extragalactic Exploratory Public Near-Infrared Slitless Survey Epoch 1 (NGDEEP-NISS1): Extra-Galactic Star-formation and Active Galactic Nuclei at $0.5 < z < 3.6$* , ApJ, 969, 90
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30. Mascia, S. et al. 2024 *New insight on the nature of cosmic reionizers from the CEERS survey* A&A, 685, A3
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28. Cheng, Y., et al. 2024, *Exploring the Gas-Phase Metallicity Gradients of Star-forming Galaxies at Cosmic Noon*, ApJ, 964, 94
27. Shen, L., et al. 2024, *NGDEEP Epoch 1: Spatially Resolved H α Observations of Disk and Bulge Growth in Star-Forming Galaxies at $z \sim 0.6-2.2$ from JWST NIRISS Slitless Spectroscopy*, ApJL, 963, L49
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24. Kirkpatrick, A., et al. 2023, *CEERS Key Paper VII: JWST/MIRI Reveals a Faint Population of Galaxies at Cosmic Noon Unseen by Spitzer*, ApJL, 959, L7
23. Calabró, A., et al. 2023, *Near-infrared emission line diagnostics for AGN from the local Universe to redshift 3*, A&A, 679, A80
22. Fujimoto, S., et al. 2023, *ALMA FIR View of Ultra High-redshift Galaxy Candidates at $z \sim 11-17$: Blue Monsters or Low- z Red Interlopers?*, ApJ, 955, 130
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20. Arrabal Haro, P., et al. 2023, *Spectroscopic confirmation of CEERS NIRCам-selected galaxies at $z \simeq 8 - 10$* , ApJL, 951, L22
19. Estrada-Carpenter, V., et al. 2023, *CLEAR: The Morphological Evolution of Galaxies in the Green Valley*, ApJ, 951, 115
18. Yang, G., et al. 2023, *CEERS Key Paper VI: JWST/MIRI Uncovers a Large Population of Obscured AGN at High Redshifts*, ApJL, 950, L5

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12. Finkelstein, S. L., et al. 2023, *CEERS Key Paper I: An Early Look into the First 500 Myr of Galaxy Formation with JWST*, ApJL, 946, L13
11. Guo, Y. et al. 2023, *First Look at $z > 1$ Bars in the Rest-Frame Near-Infrared with JWST Early CEERS Imaging*, ApJL, 945, L10
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8. Zavala, J. et al. 2023, *Dusty starbursts masquerading as ultra high redshift galaxies in JWST observations*, ApJL, 943, L9
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5. Papovich, C. et al. 2022, *CLEAR: The Ionization and Chemical-Enrichment Properties of Galaxies at $1.1 < z < 2.3$* , ApJ, 937, 22
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Presentations

Research Presentations (**bold** = invited)

21. **Talk: *Characterizing High-Redshift Sources with Optical Emission Line Ratios***, at the Space Telescope Science Institute, Baltimore, Maryland, USA 14 August 2025
20. Talk: *Characterizing High-Redshift Objects with Optical Strong Line Ratios*, Winter Harbor, Maine, USA 28 July 2025
19. Talk: *A Census of Optical Diagnostics of Ionizing Sources Across Cosmic Time*, Bergen, Netherlands 8 May 2025
18. Talk: *High-Redshift Diagnostics of Star Formation and Active Galactic Nuclei*, The Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pennsylvania, USA 10 February 2025
17. Talk: *High-Redshift Diagnostics of Star Formation and Active Galactic Nuclei*, The Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pennsylvania, USA 17 September 2024
16. Talk: *High-Redshift Diagnostics of Ionizing Sources*, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, USA 17 July 2024
15. Discussion Chair: *Active Galactic Nuclei and Little Red Dots*, San Lorenzo de El Escorial, Spain 13 May 2024
14. Talk: *Diagnostics of Ionizing Sources at High-z using Models and Observations*, San Lorenzo de El Escorial, Spain 13 May 2024
13. Talk: *Diagnostics of AGN, Black Hole Seeds, and Population III Stars with JWST* at the AAS 243rd Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA 10 January 2024
12. Poster: *Emission Line Ratio Diagnostics of AGN, Black Hole Seeds and Population III Stars with JWST* at the First Year of JWST Science Conference, Space Telescope Science Institute, Baltimore, Maryland, USA 11 September 2023
11. Talk: *Diagnostics of Exotic Ionizing Sources with JWST* at Texas A&M Astrosymposium, College Station, Texas, USA 17 August 2023
10. Talk: *Diagnostics of Exotic Ionizing Sources Across Cosmic Time - High-Ionization Emission-Line Ratios: Ne53* at University of Texas, Austin, Texas, USA 10 May 2023
9. Poster: *High-Ionization [Ne V] Emission-Line Galaxies at Cosmic Noon and the Epoch of Reionization* at AAS 241st Meeting, Seattle, Washington, USA 12 January 2023
8. Talk: *Using [Ne V] to Constrain the Sources of Highly-Energetic Photoionization Across Cosmic Time: Exploring the "Mystery of Neon" with HST and JWST* at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, USA 2 December 2022
7. Talk: *Extreme High-Ionization Emission-Line Galaxies at Cosmic Noon and the Epoch of Reionization: Exploring the "Mystery of Neon" with HST and JWST* at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, USA 18 August 2022
6. Talk: *The Evolution of Spectroscopy from HST to JWST: Implications for the Epoch of Reionization* at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, USA 22 July 2022
5. Poster: *HST Grism Observations of Paschen-Line Star-Formation and Dust Attenuation: A Precursor to the JWST Era* at AAS 240th Meeting, Pasadena, California, USA 14 June 2022
4. Talk: *Paschen- β Star Formation Rates and Dust Attenuation with HST and JWST* at Texas A&M Astrosymposium, College Station, Texas, USA 27 August 2021

3. Poster: *CLEAR: Paschen- β Star Formation Rates and Dust Attenuation in Low Redshift Galaxies* at AAS 237th Meeting, Virtual 13 January 2021
2. Poster: *Modeling ^8B Solar Neutrino Detection with $\text{CE}\nu\text{NS}$* at AAS 233rd Meeting, Seattle, Washington, USA 9 January 2019
1. Poster: *Modeling ^8B Solar Neutrino Detection with $\text{CE}\nu\text{NS}$* at TAMU Undergraduate Research Poster Session, College Station, Texas, USA 1 August 2018

Outreach Presentations

4. Talk: *Astronomy and You: The Impacts of Astronomy on Everyday Life* at Astronomy on Tap State College, State College, Pennsylvania, USA 20 March 2025
3. Talk: *The Evolving Universe Through JWST's Eyes* at the Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pennsylvania 1 February 2025
2. Talk: *The Origin of the Elements: Chemistry Across Cosmic Time* at Astronomy on Tap State College, State College, Pennsylvania, USA 19 September 2024
1. Talk: *Beyond the Telescope: Unraveling Mysteries with AI in Astronomy* at Astronomy on Tap B/CS, Bryan, Texas, USA 24 April 2024

Professional Development Presentations

9. Panel: *Applying to Postdocs* at The Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pennsylvania, USA 24 March 2025
8. Panel: *GLASS Postdoc Panel* at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, USA 8 March 2024
7. Talk: *How to Be A Referee* at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, USA 10 November 2023
6. Panel: *How to Get Into Grad School* at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, USA 28 July 2023
5. Talk: *Data Visualization in Astronomy: More Important than the Science Itself?* at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, USA 11 November 2022
4. Panel: *How to Get Into Grad School* at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, USA 29 July 2022
3. *Data Visualization in Astronomy: More Important than the Science Itself?* at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, USA 2 June 2022
2. Workshop: *Matplotlib: The Champion of Plotting in Python* at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, USA 2 June 2022
1. Workshop: *pandas: Your Best Friend for Data Analysis in Python* at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, USA 1 June 2022

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