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EDUCATION

Department of Astrophysical Sciences, Princeton University, USA 2019 - 2022 Ph.D. in Astrophysics (2022) **Thesis:** 'Probing Fundamental Cosmology with Galaxy Surveys' Thesis Advisors: Prof. David N. Spergel & Prof. Matias Zaldarriaga M.A. in Astrophysics (2020) 2018 - 2019 Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian, Cambridge, USA Pre-Doctoral Student, Herchel-Smith Scholar

Advisor: Prof. Daniel J. Eisenstein

2017 - 2018

Institute of Astronomy, University of Cambridge, UK M.Sci. in Astrophysics

Part III: 1st Class (Rank 1/28, 97%)

Thesis: 'Detection and Removal of B-mode CMB Dust Foregrounds with Signatures of Statistical Anisotropy' Thesis Advisor: Dr. Blake D. Sherwin

Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge, UK

2014 - 2017

M.A. (Cantab.) in Natural Sciences, Senior Scholar

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LONG-TERM ACADEMIC VISITS

Center for Computational Astrophysics Guest Researcher	Jul. 2021 - Present New York, USA
Institute for Advanced Study Visiting Graduate Student with Prof. Matias Zaldarriaga	Sep. 2020 - Jul. 2022 Princeton, USA
Max-Planck Institute for Astrophysics Visiting Graduate Student with Prof. Eiichiro Komatsu	Aug Sep. 2020 Munich, Germany
Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics	May - Jul. 2020
Visiting Graduate Student with Dr. Blake D. Sherwin	Cambridge, UK
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Summer Intern with Dr. Jan Rybizki	Heidelberg, Germany
Center for Astrophysics Harvard & Smithsonian	Jun Aug. 2016
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- 10. Creque-Sarbinowski, C., Alexander, S., Kamkonkowski, M., **Philcox, O. H. E.**, "Parity-Violating Trispectrum from Chern-Simons Gravity", accepted by JCAP (arXiv).
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- 12. Ivanov, M. M., **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Cabass, G., Nishimichi, T., Simonović, M., Zaldarriaga, M., "Cosmology with the Galaxy Bispectrum Multipoles: Optimal Estimation and Application to BOSS Data", *Phys. Rev. D* **107**, 083515 (2023) (arXiv).
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MEDIA

- 1. "Universe's 'Cosmological Collider' Lands 3 Scientists \$100,000 Physics Prize", Live Science, 14 Sep. 2023.
- 2. "What Happened Right After the Universe Began?", Simons Foundation, 30 Aug. 2023.
- 3. "The Cosmos as a Colloid", *Physics Magazine*, 14 Mar. 2023.
- 4. "Pinpoint Simulations Provide Perspective on Universe Structure", IAS News & Phys. Org., 14 Mar. 2023.
- 5. "Spatial Pattens In Distribution of Galaxies", Princeton News & Science Daily, 14 Mar. 2023.
- 6. "Is the Universe Asymmetrical?", Columbia News, 27 Feb. 2023.
- 7. "Do We Live in a Mirror Universe?", Into The Unknown Podcast, 26 Jan. 2023.
- 8. "Asymmetry Detected in the Distribution of Galaxies", Quanta, 5 Dec. 2022.
- 9. "The Universe is Surprisingly Lopsided and We Don't Know Why", New Scientist, 18 Jun. 2022.

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2023 University of Montreal, Astrophysics Seminar

*Parity-Violation from Home, Conference

Ohio State University, Cosmology and Astro-Particle Physics Seminar

*Early Universe / AliCPT Forum, University of Science and Technology of China, Webinar

New Strategies For Extracting Cosmology From Future Galaxy Surveys, Sexten, Workshop (Invited Plenary)

Cosmology with the Large Scale Structure of the Universe, Donostia, Workshop (Invited Talk)

University of Pennsylvania, PDT Partners Retreat (Invited Talk)

Future Science with CMB × LSS, Kyoto, Conference (Invited Talk)

Kavli IPMU, Astronomy Seminar

Stony Brook, Cosmology Seminar

*Newcastle University, Astronomy Seminar

Cosmology on Safari, Conference

Johns Hopkins University, Particle Physics Seminar

University of Maryland, Particle Physics Seminar

*Copernicus Series, Cosmology Webinar

*University of Oxford, Cosmology Seminar

 $2022 \qquad \text{Essential Cosmology for the Next Generation, Mexico, } \textit{Conference} \text{ (Invited Plenary)}$

LSS × Inflation, UCSD, Workshop

*HEP / Astro Results Forum, Texas, Seminar

PNG 2022 Workshop, Madrid, Conference

Columbia University, Theory Seminar

Large Scale Structure Beyond the Two-Point Function, ICTP, Trieste, Workshop

BCCP Conference, Vipolže, Slovenia, Conference

Cosmology and Astrophysics with the Sunyaev-Zel'dovich Effect, Flatiron Institute, Workshop

*L'Action Dark Energy, Webinar

*University of Chicago, KICP Lunch Talk

Center for Computational Astronomy, Tri-State Cosmology Meeting

*Simons Modern Inflationary Cosmology Group, Seminar

2021 *Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics, Seminar

*Perimeter Institute, Cosmology & Gravitation Seminar

*University of Cambridge, Cosmology Lunch Seminar

Harvard University, Cosmology Seminar

*Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Physics Division Seminar

*Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Dark Sector Group

Pennsylvania State University, Quantum Gravity Seminar

Johns Hopkins University, Astronomy Colloquium

University of Pennsylvania, Astronomy & Astrophysics Seminar

Berkeley Center for Cosmological Physics, Cosmology Seminar

Stanford University, Theory Colloquium

*Columbia University, Theory Seminar

*Cosmology from Home, Conference

*Princeton University, Gravity Group

*Southampton University, H_0 Workshop (Invited Talk)

*University of Geneva, Cosmology & Particle Physics Group

2020 *DESI, Galaxy & Quasar Clustering Working Group

*Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian, Eisenstein Group

*UK Cosmology Meeting

*Institute for Advanced Study, Joint Cosmology Group

*Cosmology from Home, Conference

*American Statistical Association, Joint Statistical Meeting (Invited Talk)

*Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics, Cosmology Colloquium

*Berkeley Center for Cosmological Physics, Journal Club

*Center for Computational Astrophysics, $Cosmology \times Data \ Science \ Group$

PRIZES & GRANTS

2024 New Horizons in Physics Prize, Breakthrough Prize Foundation 2023 Buchalter Cosmology Prize (First Prize) 2022 Simons Society of Fellows (Junior Fellowship, \$450,000) NHFP Einstein Fellowship, declined LBL Chamberlain Fellowship, declined Cambridge Kavli Fellowship, declined 2018 Herchel-Smith Scholarship (\$70000), $Cambridge \rightarrow Harvard$ Institute of Astronomy Prize, Cambridge Holgate Pollard Memorial Prize, Cambridge 2017

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

MNRAS (2020-), JCAP (2020-), MPLA (2021-), Phys. Rev. Lett. (2022-) Referee

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