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#### CURRENT POSITIONS

# Simons Society of Fellows, New York, USA

2022 - Present

Junior Fellow

# Department of Physics, Columbia University, New York, USA

2022 - Present

Postdoctoral Research Scientist

Mentors: Prof. J. Colin Hill & Prof. Lam Hui

## Department of Physics, Stanford University, Palo Alto, USA

2024 - Present

Acting Assistant Professor (Assistant Professor from Fall 2025)

Stanford Institute for Theoretical Physics & Kavli Institute for Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology

## **EDUCATION**

# Department of Astrophysical Sciences, Princeton University, USA

2019 - 2022

Ph.D. in Astrophysics (2022)

Thesis: 'Probing Fundamental Cosmology with Galaxy Surveys'

Thesis Advisors: David N. Spergel & Matias Zaldarriaga

M.A. in Astrophysics (2020)

# Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian, Cambridge, USA

2018 - 2019

Pre-Doctoral Student, Herchel-Smith Scholar

Advisor: Daniel J. Eisenstein

## Institute of Astronomy, University of Cambridge, UK

2017 - 2018

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

Cambridge, UK

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

Parts IA, IB, II: 1st Class (Rank 1/20, 90%)

Visiting Graduate Student with Blake D. Sherwin

## LONG-TERM ACADEMIC VISITS

Center for Computational Astrophysics Guest Researcher	Jul. 2021 - Present New York, USA
Institute for Advanced Study Visiting Graduate Student with Matias Zaldarriaga	Sep. 2020 - Jul. 2022 Princeton, USA
Max-Planck Institute for Astrophysics Visiting Graduate Student with Eiichiro Komatsu	Aug Sep. 2020 Munich, Germany
Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics	May - Jul. 2020

#### Max-Planck-Institut für Astronomie

Summer Intern with Jan Rybizki

Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian

Undergraduate Research Fellow with Ákos Bogdán

Jul. - Sep. 2017 Heidelberg, Germany

> Jun. - Aug. 2016 Cambridge, USA

#### PUBLICATION LIST

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## Major Author

- 1. Goldstein, S., **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Hill, J. C., Hui, L., "Massive-ish Particles from Small-ish Scales: Non-Perturbative Techniques for Cosmological Collider Physics from Large-Scale Structure Surveys", *submitted to Phys. Rev. D* (arXiv).
- 2. \*Coulton, W.R., **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Villaescusa-Navarro, F. A., "The Impact of Non-Gaussian Primordial Tails on Cosmological Observables", *submitted to Phys. Rev. D* (arXiv).
- 3. \*Chen, S.-F., Ivanov, M. M., **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Wenzl, L., "Suppression without Thawing: Constraining Structure Formation and Dark Energy with Galaxy Clustering", *submitted to Phys. Rev. Lett.* (arXiv).
- 4. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Kumar, S., Hill, J. C., "Too Hot to Handle: Searching for Inflationary Particle Production in Planck Data", *submitted to Phys. Rev. D* (arXiv).
- 5. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Flöss, T., "PolyBin3D: A Suite of Optimal and Efficient Power Spectrum and Bispectrum Estimators for Large-Scale Structure", submitted to Phys. Rev. D (arXiv).
- 6. Cabass, G., **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Ivanov, M. M., Akitsu, K., Chen, S.-F., Simonović, M., Zaldarriaga, M., "BOSS Constraints on Massive Particles during Inflation: The Cosmological Collider in Action", *submitted to Phys. Rev. D* (arXiv).
- 7. de Belsunce, R., **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Iršič, V., McDonald, P, Guy, J., Palanque-Delabrouille, N., "The 3D Lyman-α Forest Power Spectrum from eBOSS DR16", *MNRAS* **533**, 3756 3770 (2024) (arXiv).
- 8. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Ereza, J., "Could Sample Variance be Responsible for the Parity-Violating Signal Seen in the BOSS Galaxy Survey?", *submitted to Phys. Rev. D* (arXiv).
- 9. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Shiraishi, M., "Testing Graviton Parity and Gaussianity with Planck T-, E- and B-mode Bispectra", *Phys. Rev. D* **109**, 063522 (2024) (arXiv).
- 10. Goldstein, S., **Philcox**, **O. H. E.**, Hill, J. C., Esposito, A., Hui, L., "Consistently Constraining  $f_{\rm NL}$  with the Squeezed Lensing Bispectrum using Consistency Relations", *Phys. Rev. D* **109**, 043515 (2024) (arXiv).
- 11. Modi, C., **Philcox, O. H. E.**, "Hybrid SBI or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Learn the Likelihood" submitted to Phys. Rev. Lett. (arXiv).
- 12. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, König, M. J., Alexander, S., Spergel, D. N., "What Can Galaxy Shapes Tell Us About Physics Beyond the Standard Model?", *Phys. Rev. D*, **109**, 063541 (2024) (arXiv).
- 13. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Shiraishi, M., "Testing Parity Symmetry with the Polarized Cosmic Microwave Background", *Phys. Rev. D*, **109**, 083514 (2024) (arXiv).
- 14. \*Coulton, W. R., Philcox, O. H. E., Villaescusa-Navarro, F. A., "Signatures of a Parity-Violating Universe", *Phys. Rev. D*, **109**, 023531 (2024) (arXiv).
- 15. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, "Optimal Estimation of the Binned Mask-Free Power Spectrum, Bispectrum, and Trispectrum on the Full Sky: Tensor Edition", *Phys. Rev. D*, **108**, 063506 (2023) (arXiv).
- 16. \*Ivanov, M. M., **Philcox, O. H. E.**, "Measuring  $H_0$  with Spectroscopic Surveys", chapter in "Hubble Constant Tension" (Eds. Di Valentino, E. and Brout, D., Springer, Singapore) (arXiv).
- 17. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, "Do the CMB Temperature Fluctuations Conserve Parity?", *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **131**, 181001 (2023) (arXiv).
- 18. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, "Optimal Estimation of the Binned Mask-Free Power Spectrum, Bispectrum, and Trispectrum on the Full Sky: Scalar Edition", *Phys. Rev. D* **107**, 123516 (2023) (arXiv).

- 19. Creque-Sarbinowski, C., Alexander, S., Kamkonkowski, M., **Philcox, O. H. E.**, "Parity-Violating Trispectrum from Chern-Simons Gravity", *JCAP* 11 029 (2023) (arXiv).
- 20. Surrao, K. M., **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Hill, J. C., "ReMASTERed: Accurate Estimation of Angular Power Spectra for Maps with Correlated Masks", *Phys. Rev. D* **107**, 083521 (2023) (arXiv).
- 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).
- 22. \*Cabass, G., Ivanov, M. M., **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Simonović, M., Zaldarriaga, M., "Constraining Single-Field Inflation with MegaMapper", *Phys. Lett. B* **841**, 137912 (2023) (arXiv).
- 23. \*Cabass, G., Ivanov, M. M., **Philcox, O. H. E.**, "Colliders and Ghosts: Constraining Inflation with the Parity-Odd Galaxy Four-Point Function", *Phys. Rev. D* **107**, 023523 (2023) (arXiv).
- 24. Goldstein, S., Esposito, A., **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Hui, L., Hill, J. C., Scoccimarro, R., Abitbol, M. H., "Squeezing  $f_{NL}$  out of the matter bispectrum with consistency relations", *Phys. Rev. D* **106**, 123525 (2023) (arXiv).
- 25. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Torquato, S., "The Disordered Heterogeneous Universe: Galaxy Distribution and Clustering Across Length Scales", *Phys. Rev. X* 13, 011038 (2023) (arXiv).
- 26. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Johnson, M. C., "Novel Cosmological Tests from Combining Galaxy Lensing and the Polarized Sunyaev-Zel'dovich Effect", *Phys. Rev. D* **106**, 083501 (2022) (arXiv).
- 27. **Philcox, O. H. E.** "Probing Parity-Violation with the Four-Point Correlation Function of BOSS Galaxies", *Phys. Rev. D* **106**, 063501 (2022) (arXiv).
- 28. Philcox, O. H. E., Ivanov, M. M., Cabass, G., Simonović, M., Zaldarriaga, M., Nishimichi, T. "Cosmology with the Redshift-Space Galaxy Bispectrum Monopole at One-Loop Order", *Phys. Rev. D* 106, 043530 (arXiv).
- 29. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Farren, G. S., Sherwin, B. D., Baxter, E. J., Brout, D. J., "Determining the Hubble Constant without the Sound Horizon: A 3.6% Constraint on  $H_0$  from Galaxy Surveys, CMB Lensing and Supernovae", *Phys. Rev. D* **106**, 063530 (2022) (arXiv).
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- 35. Ivanov, M. M., **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Simonović, M., Zaldarriaga, M., Nishimichi, T., Takada, M. "Cosmological Constraints Without Non-linear Redshift-Space Distortions", *Phys. Rev. D* **105**, 043531 (2022) (arXiv).
- 36. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Hou J., Slepian, Z. "A First Detection of the Connected 4-Point Correlation Function of Galaxies using the BOSS CMASS Sample", *submitted to Phys. Rev. D* (arXiv).
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- 38. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Slepian Z. "Efficient Computation of N-Point Correlation Functions in D Dimensions", *PNAS* 119, 33 (2022) (arXiv).
- 39. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Slepian, Z., Hou, J., Warner, C., Cahn, R. N., Eisenstein, D. J. "ENCORE: Estimating Galaxy N-point Correlation Functions in  $\mathcal{O}(N_{\rm g}^2)$  Time", MNRAS 509, 2457 2481 (2022) (arXiv).
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- 41. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Goodman, J., Slepian Z. "Kepler's Goat Herd: An Exact Solution to Kepler's Equation for Elliptical Orbits", *MNRAS* **506**, 6111 6116 (2021) (arXiv).
- 42. Slepian, Z., **Philcox**, **O. H. E.** "A Uniform Spherical Goat (Problem): Explicit Solution for Homologous Collapse's Radial Evolution in Time", *MNRAS* **522**, L42-L45 (2023) (arXiv).
- 43. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Slepian, Z. "Beyond Yamamoto: Anisotropic Power Spectra and Correlation Functions with Pairwise Lines-of-Sight", *Phys. Rev. D* **103**, 123509 (2021) (arXiv).
- 44. **Philcox, O. H. E.** "Cosmology Without Windows: Quadratic Estimators for the Galaxy Power Spectrum", *Phys. Rev. D* **103**, 103504 (2021) (arXiv).
- 45. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Aviles, A., Massara, E. "Modeling the Marked Spectra of Matter and Biased Tracers in Real and Redshift Space", *JCAP* 03 038 (2021) (arXiv).
- 46. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Ivanov, M. M., Simonović, M., Zaldarriaga, M., Schmittfull, M. "Fewer Mocks and Less Noise: Reducing the Dimensionality of Cosmological Observables with Subspace Projections", *Phys. Rev. D* **103**, 043508 (2021) (arXiv).
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- 48. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Massara, E., Spergel, D. N. "What does the Marked Power Spectrum Measure? Insights from Perturbation Theory", *Phys. Rev. D* **102**, 043516 (2020) (arXiv).
- 49. **Philcox, O. H. E.** "A Faster Fourier Transform? Computing Small-Scale Power Spectra and Bispectra for Cosmological Simulations in  $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$  Time", MNRAS **501**, 4004 4034 (2021) (arXiv).
- 50. **Philcox**, **O. H. E.**, Spergel, D. N., Villaescusa-Navarro, F. "The Effective Halo Model: Creating a Physical and Accurate Model of the Matter Power Spectrum and Cluster Counts", *Phys. Rev. D* **101**, 123520 (2020) (arXiv).
- 51. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Ivanov, M. M., Simonović, M., Zaldarriaga, M. "Combining Full-Shape and BAO Analyses of Galaxy Power Spectra: A 1.6% CMB-Independent Constraint on  $H_0$ ", JCAP 05 032 (2020) (arXiv).
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- 53. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Eisenstein, D. J., "Computing the Small-Scale Galaxy Power Spectrum and Bispectrum in Configuration-Space", *MNRAS* 492 1214 1242 (2019) (arXiv).
- 54. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Eisenstein, D. J., "Estimating Covariance Matrices for Two- and Three-Point Correlation Function Moments in Arbitrary Survey Geometries", *MNRAS* **490**, 5931 5951 (2019) (arXiv).
- 55. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Eisenstein, D. J., O'Connell, R., Wiegand, A., "RASCALC: A Jackknife Approach to Estimating Single and Multi-Tracer Galaxy Covariance Matrices", *MNRAS* **491**, 3290 3317 (2019) (arXiv).
- 56. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Sherwin, B. D., van Engelen, A., "Detection and Removal of B-mode Dust Foregrounds with Signatures of Statistical Anisotropy", *MNRAS* 479, 5577 5595 (2018) (arXiv).
- 57. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Rybizki, J., Gutcke, T., "On the Optimal Choice of Nucleosynthetic Yields, Initial Mass Function, and Number of SNe Ia for Chemical Evolution Modeling", *ApJ* **861**, 40 (2018) (arXiv).

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- 58. Krause, E., Kobayashi, Y., Salcedo, A., et al. (inc. **Philcox, O. H. E.**) "A Parameter-Masked Mock Data Challenge for Beyond-Two-Point Galaxy Clustering Statistics", accepted by ApJ (arXiv).
- 59. Rogers, K. K., Hložek, R., Laguë, A., Ivanov, M. M., Philcox, O. H. E., et al. "Ultra-Light Axions and the S<sub>8</sub> Tension: Joint Constraints from the Cosmic Microwave Background and Galaxy Clustering", JCAP 06 023 (2023) (arXiv).
- 60. \*Abdalla, E., et al. (inc. **Philcox, O. H. E.**) "Cosmology Intertwined: A Review of the Particle Physics, Astrophysics, and Cosmology Associated with the Cosmological Tensions and Anomalies" Snowmass 2021 report, JHEA 34, 49 221 (2022) (arXiv).
- 61. Villaescusa-Navarro, F., Anglés-Alcázar, D., Genel, S., et al. (inc. **Philcox, O. H. E.**) "The CAMELS project: public data release", ApJS 265 54 (2023) (arXiv).

- 62. Hou, J., Cahn, R. N., **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Slepian, Z., "Analytic Gaussian Covariance Matrices for Galaxy N-Point Correlation Functions", *Phys. Rev. D* **106**, 043515 (2022) (arXiv).
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## SELECTED TALKS

\* = Virtual Talk

2024 21st Century Cosmology, Ashoka University, Conference (Invited Plenary)

Cosmology in the Adriatic, Conference

Beijing Shengtao Education Development and Innovation Research Institute (Invited Talk)

University of Edinburgh, Conference

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Workshop (Invited Plenary)

University of Cambridge, Astronomy Colloquium

Royal Society, London, Discussion Meeting (Invited Talk)

Harvard University, Cosmology Seminar

Massachusetts Institute of Techology, Cosmology Seminar

58<sup>th</sup> Rencontres de Moriond, *Conference* 

Stanford University, Physics Colloquium

Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics, Colloquium

2023 Taipei Institute of Astronomy & Astrophysics, Conference (Invited Talk)

Max-Planck-Institute for Nuclear Physics, Heidelberg, Particle Physics Seminar

ICTP Trieste, Workshop

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

Sexten Center for Astrophysics, Workshop (Invited Plenary)

Donostia International Physics Center, Workshop (Invited Talk)

University of Pennsylvania, PDT Partners Retreat (Invited Talk)

Yukawa Institute for Theoretical Physics, Kyoto, Conference (Invited Talk)

Kavli IPMU, Tokyo, 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 Essential Cosmology for the Next Generation, Mexico, Conference (Invited Plenary)

LSS × Inflation, UCSD, Workshop

\*HEP / Astro Results Forum, Texas, Seminar

PNG 2022 Workshop, Madrid, Conference

ICTP Trieste, Workshop

BCCP Conference, Vipolže, Slovenia, Conference

\*L'Action Dark Energy, Webinar

\*Simons Modern Inflationary Cosmology Group, Seminar

#### PRIZES & GRANTS

New Horizons in Physics Prize, Breakthrough Prize Foundation
 Buchalter Cosmology Prize (First Prize)
 Simons Society of Fellows (Junior Fellowship, \$450 000)
 NHFP Einstein Fellowship, declined
 LBL Chamberlain Fellowship, declined
 Cambridge Kavli Fellowship, declined
 Herchel-Smith Scholarship (\$70 000), Cambridge → Harvard
 Institute of Astronomy Prize, Cambridge
 Holgate Pollard Memorial Prize, Cambridge

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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

Phys. Rev. D (2022–), ApJS (2022–), Phys. Dark Univ. (2023–)

Conferences Large-Scale Parity Violation (Taiwan 2023, SOC)

Review Panels NASA Astrophysics Theory Program (2023)

Advisor John Moynihan Columbia Undergraduate Student (2023)

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Jess Boyland Simons-NSBP Undergraduate Scholar (2020–2021)

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Computing Languages Python, C++, Julia, Mathematica, Cuda

Codes Developed PolyBin3D, PolyBin, Encore, NPCFs.jl, Class-PT,

SPECTRA-WITHOUT-WINDOWS, EFFECTIVEHALOS, HIPSTER, RASCALC

**Teaching** 6 years of online tutoring (high-school to Masters level)

Teaching assistant for Princeton introductory astronomy class (AST203)

TEFL qualification in English teaching

Other DipABRSM in Music Performance (Distinction)

# REFERENCES

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