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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Electromagnetic counterparts to gravitational wave events. Contamination in optical transient surveys. Optical survey design and optimization.	
EDUCATION	Harvard University , Cambridge, Massachusetts USA A.M., Astronomy, Spring 2015 Ph.D., Astronomy, Expected Spring 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thesis Advisor: Edo Berger The University of Maryland at College Park , College Park, Maryland USA B.S., Summa Cum Laude, Astronomy with High Honors, Spring 2013 B.S., Summa Cum Laude, Physics, Spring 2013 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minor in Mathematics	
AWARDS	American Astronomical Society <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rodger Doxsey Travel Prize, 2018 Harvard University <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harvard Horizons Finalist• Merit Fellowship, 2017–2018• John Parker Bequest Grant, 2017–2018• John P. and Carol J. Merrill Graduate Fellow, 2014–15 National Science Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduate Research Fellowship, 2013–18• Research Experience for Undergraduates Summer Fellowship, 2012 University of Maryland, College Park <ul style="list-style-type: none">• University Medal Finalist, 2013• J.R. Dorfman Prize for Outstanding Undergraduate Research, 2013 Center for Research and Exploration in Space Science and Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer Research Fellowship, 2011 The State of Maryland <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard P. Rawlings Grant, 2010–2012• Maryland Delegates Grant, 2010–12	
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	ComSciCon – Local Organizing Committee 2017 Astrophysical Journal Letters – Referee American Physical Society – Member American Astronomical Society – Junior Member	
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	NSF Graduate Research Fellow , Harvard University <i>Optical Follow-Up of Gravitational Wave Events</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advisor: Prof. Edo Berger REU Summer Research Internship , Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory <i>Infrared Spectroscopy of Blazars</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advisors: Drs. Howard A. Smith and Raffaele D’Abrusco	Fall 2013 to Present Summer 2012

	<p>Undergraduate Research Assistant, The University of Maryland, College Park <i>Numerical Simulations of Accretion Flows</i> Fall 2012 to Summer 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisor: Prof. Christopher S. Reynolds • Senior Thesis, Awarded High Honors <p><i>X-Ray Spectroscopy of Active Galactic Nuclei</i> Fall 2010 to Spring 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisor: Prof. Christopher S. Reynolds • Joint Space Science Institute Undergraduate Research Scholar <p><i>Visualizations of Black Hole Accretion Flows</i> Spring 2010 to Fall 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisor: Prof. Christopher S. Reynolds <p>CRESST Summer Research Internship, NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center <i>Visualizations of Merging Black Hole Binaries</i> Summer 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisors: Drs. John Baker and Bruno Giacomazzo
MENTORING EXPERIENCE	<p>Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts USA <i>Research Advisor for Undergraduates</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mahlet Shiferaw – Galaxy Catalogs for GW/EM Follow-Up – Summer 2017 • Samuel Liu – Data Science Techniques for Light Curve Analysis – Summer 2016
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p>Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts USA <i>Graduate Teaching Fellow</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astronomy 16 – Stellar and Planetary Astronomy – Spring 2016 • Astronomy 200 – Radiative Processes – Spring 2014 • Certificate of Teaching Excellence – Bok Center for Teaching <p>University of Maryland College Park, College Park, Maryland USA <i>Undergraduate Teaching Assistant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astronomy 100 – Introduction to Astronomy – Fall 2011 to Spring 2013 • Astronomy 120 – Introductory Astrophysics – Fall 2012 (Grader)
OBSERVATIONAL EXPERIENCE	<p>Blanco Telescope, Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory, Chile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DECam – DES-GW LIGO Follow-up – 125 hours total <p>Magellan Telescope, Las Campanas Observatory, Chile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clay 6.5m – LDSS3-C – 3 nights • Baade 6.5m – IMACS – 8 nights <p>MMT, Fred Lawrence Whipple Observatory, USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BlueChannel – 3 nights
TECHNICAL SKILLS	<p>Programming: Python, R, C/C++, Perl, Mathematica, MATLAB, Git Science Applications: SAO DS9, HEASoft, <i>Spitzer</i> SMART software, IDL Astrolib Tools, VISIT, Gnuplot, IRAF</p>
PUBLISHED WORKS	<p>As of December 8, 2017 I am an author on 27 refereed publications (7 as first author), my <i>h</i>-index is 18 and my refereed publications have 736 citations. First author papers are shown here. A full publication list is available below.</p> <p>Cowperthwaite, P. S., Berger, E., Villar, V. A., & et al., “The Electromagnetic Counterpart of the Binary Neutron Star Merger LIGO/VIRGO GW170817. II. UV, Optical, and Near-IR Light Curves and Comparison to Kilonova Models” 2017, ApJL, 848, L17</p> <p>Cowperthwaite, P. S., Berger, E., Rest, A., & et al., “The LIGO “Dry-Run”: An Empirical Study of Contamination in Wide-Field Optical Follow-Up of Gravitational Wave Events” 2017, ApJ, <i>Submitted</i></p>

Cowperthwaite, P. S., Berger, E., Soares-Santos, M., & et al., “A DECam Search for an Optical Counterpart to the LIGO Gravitational-wave Event GW151226” 2016, ApJL, 826, L29

Cowperthwaite, P. S., & Berger, E., “A Comprehensive Study of Detectability and Contamination in Deep Rapid Optical Searches for Gravitational Wave Counterparts” 2015, ApJ, 814, 25

Cowperthwaite, P. S., & Reynolds, C. S. “Nonlinear Dynamics of Accretion Disks with Stochastic Viscosity,” 2014, ApJ, 791, 126

Cowperthwaite, P. S., Massaro, F., D’Abrusco, R., & et al., “Identification of New Blazar Candidates With Multifrequency Archival Observations,” 2013, AJ, 146, 110

Cowperthwaite, P. S. & Reynolds, C. S., “The Central Engine Structure of 3C120: Evidence for a Retrograde Black Hole or a Refilling Accretion Disk,” 2012, ApJ, 752, L21

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As of December 8, 2017 I have given 21 presentations of which 18 have been talks and 3 have been posters.

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Publications

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24. BP Abbott, R Abbott, TD Abbott, F Acernese, K Ackley, C Adams, T Adams, P Addesso, RX Adhikari, VB Adya, **al.** “*A gravitational-wave standard siren measurement of the Hubble constant.*” 2017, [Nature 551 85-88](#) [24].
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Deep and Rapid Optical Follow-Up of GW Triggers with DECAM
- 2017 Oct *Astrophysics Seminar, Fermilab, Batavia, IL*
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- 2017 Aug *INT Workshop and Conference, University of Washington, Seattle, WA*
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- 2017 Aug *INT Workshop and Conference, University of Washington, Seattle, WA*
Overview: EM Observations of Kilonovae
- 2016 Nov *Time-Domain Astronomy Workshop, Radcliffe Institute, Cambridge, MA*
Deep and Rapid Optical Follow-Up of GW Triggers with DECAM
- 2016 Jun *GWPAW Workshop 2016, Cape Code, MA*
DECAM Searches for Optical Counterparts to Gravitational Wave Events
- 2016 Apr *APS April Meeting 2016, Salt Lake City, UT*
Identifying Electromagnetic Counterparts to Gravitational Wave Triggers With DECAM
- 2015 Jun *GWPAW Workshop 2015, Osaka, Japan*
A Comprehensive Study of Detectability and Contamination in Deep Rapid Optical Searches for Gravitational Wave Counterparts
- 2012 Aug *Summer REU Colloquium Series, Harvard-Smithsonian CfA, Cambridge, MA*
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- 2015 Jun *GWPAW Workshop 2015, Osaka, Japan*
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- 2013 Jan *221st AAS Meeting, Long Beach, CA*
Piercing the Continuum of WISE selected blazars
- 2012 Jun *Energetic Astronomy, JSI Workshop, Annapolis MD*
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