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| RESEARCH INTERESTS | Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology, Physics Beyond the Standard Model <u>Expertise:</u> Indirect Dark Matter Detection, New Particle Search Strategies, Using Astrophysical Datasets to Investigate New Particles + Dark Matter | |
| ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS | SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory <i>SLAC Particle Theory Group, Stanford University</i> Postdoctoral Research Associate Massachusetts Institute of Technology <i>MIT Center for Theoretical Physics</i> Postdoctoral Research Associate | 2020–Present 2017–2020 |
| EDUCATION | University of Melbourne <i>Centre of Excellence for Particle Physics at the Terascale (CoEPP)</i> Ph.D. in Theoretical Particle Physics Thesis Advisor: Prof. Nicole Bell University of Cambridge <i>Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics (DAMTP)</i> Master of Advanced Study in Mathematics (Part III of the Mathematical Tripos) Essay Advisor: Prof. Ben Allanach Monash University Bachelor of Science Advanced with Honours Majors: Physics and Mathematics. High Distinction. Thesis Advisor: Prof. Csaba Balazs | 2013–2017 2012–2013 2008–2011 |
| FUNDED GRANTS | NASA Fermi Guest Investigator Program, Cycle 12, \$70,000 USD Grant No. 80NSSC19K1515, Slatyer and Leane | 2019–2020 |
| PRIZES, AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS | Chancellor’s Prize for Excellence in the PhD Thesis, U. Melbourne Dean’s Award for Excellence in Graduate Research, U. Melbourne Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarship Royal Society of Victoria Young Scientist Research Prize Science Abroad Travelling Scholarship Laby Foundation Early Career Researcher Travel Scholarship Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) Monash Jubilee Honours Scholarship J. L. William Honours Scholarship | 2018 2018 2017 2016 2016 2015 2012–2016 2011 2011 |

PUBLICATIONS

INSPIRE profile and ARXiv publication list

Asterisk indicates alphabetical order list (as per convention in theoretical particle physics).

21. **R. K. Leane***, T. Linden, P. Mukhopadhyay, N. Toro, 2021
Celestial-Body Focused Dark Matter Annihilation Throughout the Galaxy
[arXiv:[2101.12213](#) [astro-ph.HE]]
20. **R. K. Leane***, J. Smirnov 2020
Exoplanets as New Sub-GeV Dark Matter Detectors
[arXiv:[2010.00015](#) [hep-ph]]
19. D. Croon, G. Elor, **R. K. Leane***, S. McDermott 2020
Supernova Muons: New Constraints on Z' Bosons, Axions, and ALPs
JHEP 01 (2021) 107, [arXiv:[2006.13942](#) [hep-ph]]
18. **R. K. Leane** 2020
Indirect Detection of Dark Matter in the Galaxy
[arXiv:[2006.00513](#) [hep-ph]]
17. **R. K. Leane** and T. R. Slatyer 2020
Spurious Point Source Signals in the Galactic Center Excess
Phys. Rev. Lett. 125, 121105 (2020), [arXiv:[2002.12370](#) [astro-ph.HE]]
16. **R. K. Leane** and T. R. Slatyer 2020
The Enigmatic Galactic Center Excess:
Spurious Point Sources and Signal Mismodeling
Phys. Rev. D 102, 063019 (2020), [arXiv:[2002.12371](#) [astro-ph.HE]]
15. D. Hooper, **R. K. Leane***, Y. Tsai, S. Wegsman, S. Witte 2019
A Systematic Study of Hidden Sector Dark Matter:
Application to the Gamma-Ray and Antiproton Excesses
JHEP 07 (2020) 163, [arXiv:[1912.08821](#) [hep-ph]]
14. J. Acevedo, J. Bramante, **R. K. Leane***, N. Raj 2019
Cooking Pasta with Dark Matter:
Kinetic and Annihilation Heating of Neutron Star Crusts
JCAP 03 (2020) 038, [arXiv:[1911.06334](#) [hep-ph]]
13. **R. K. Leane** and T. R. Slatyer 2019
Dark Matter Strikes Back at the Galactic Center
Phys. Rev. Lett. 123 (2019) 241101, [arXiv:[1904.08430](#) [astro-ph.HE]]
Selected as PRL Editor's Suggestion, Featured in Physics
12. M. Un Nisa, J. F. Beacom, S. Y. BenZvi, 2019
R. K. Leane, T. Linden, K. C.Y. Ng, A. H.G. Peter, B. Zhou
The Sun at GeV-TeV Energies: A New Laboratory for Astroparticle Physics
Astro2020 Science White Paper (2019) [arXiv:[1903.06349](#) [astro-ph.HE]]

11. HAWC Collaboration and J.F. Beacom, **R. K. Leane***, T. Linden, K. C.Y. Ng, A. Peter, B. Zhou
Constraints on Spin-Dependent Dark Matter Scattering with Long-Lived Mediators from TeV Observations of the Sun with HAWC
Phys. Rev. D 98 (2018), 123012, [arXiv:[1808.05624](#) [hep-ph]]. 2018
10. HAWC Collaboration and J.F. Beacom, **R. K. Leane***, T. Linden, K. C.Y. Ng, A. Peter, B. Zhou
First HAWC Observations of the Sun Constrain Steady TeV Gamma-Ray Emission
Phys. Rev. D 98 (2018), 123011, [arXiv:[1808.05620](#) [astro-ph.HE]] 2018
9. **R. K. Leane**, T. R. Slatyer, J. F. Beacom, K. C.Y. Ng
GeV-Scale Thermal WIMPs: Not Even Slightly Dead
Phys. Rev. D 98 (2018), 023016 [arXiv:[1805.10305](#) [hep-ph]] 2018
8. N. F. Bell, Y. Cai, J. B. Dent, **R. K. Leane***, T. J. Weiler
Enhancing Dark Matter Annihilation Rates with Dark Bremsstrahlung
Phys. Rev. D 96 (2017), 023011 [arXiv:[1705.01105](#) [hep-ph]] 2017
7. **R. K. Leane**, K. C.Y. Ng, J. F. Beacom
Powerful Solar Signatures of Long-Lived Dark Mediators
Phys. Rev. D 95 (2017), 123016 [arXiv:[1703.04629](#) [astro-ph.HE]] 2017
6. N. F. Bell, Y. Cai, **R. K. Leane***
Impact of Mass Generation for Spin-1 Mediator Simplified Models
JCAP 01 (2017) 039 [arXiv:[1610.03063](#) [hep-ph]] 2016
5. N. F. Bell, Y. Cai, **R. K. Leane***
Dark Forces in the Sky: Signals from Z' and the Dark Higgs
JCAP 08 (2016) 001 [arXiv:[1605.09382](#) [hep-ph]] 2016
4. N. F. Bell, Y. Cai, **R. K. Leane***
Mono- W Dark Matter Signals at the LHC: Simplified Model Analysis
JCAP 01 (2016) 051 [arXiv:[1512.00476](#) [hep-ph]] 2015
3. N. F. Bell, Y. Cai, J. B. Dent, **R. K. Leane***, T. J. Weiler
Dark matter at the LHC: Effective field theories and gauge invariance
Phys. Rev. D 92, 053008 (2015) [arXiv:[1503.07874](#) [hep-ph]] 2015
2. N. F. Bell, Y. Cai, **R. K. Leane***, A. D. Medina
Leptophilic dark matter with Z' interactions
Phys. Rev. D 90, 035027 (2014) [arXiv:[1407.3001](#) [hep-ph]] 2014
1. G. Brooijmans et al (incl **R. K. Leane***)
Les Houches 2011: Physics at TeV Colliders New Physics Working Group Report
FERMILAB-CONF-12-924-T (2012) [arXiv:[1203.1488](#) [hep-ph]]
(*Note:* Contribution 1, “DLHA: Dark Matter Les Houches Agreement”, is heavily based on my bachelor thesis.) 2012

Invited Plenary Talks and Colloquia:

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| 74. Invited Plenary Talk, Identification of DM 2022, Vienna, Austria | Jul 2022 |
| 73. Invited Colloquium, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden | May 2021 |
| 72. Invited Colloquium, University at Albany SUNY, Albany NY, USA | Mar 2021 |
| 71. Invited Colloquium, Northeastern University, Boston MA, USA | Feb 2021 |
| 70. Invited Plenary Talk, Light Dark World 2020, Sydney, Australia | Dec 2020 |
| 69. Invited Plenary Talk, Identification of DM 2020, Vienna, Austria | Jul 2020 |
| 68. Invited Plenary Talk, Dark Matter 2020, Santander, Spain (<i>postponed to 2021 due to covid-19</i>) | Jun 2020 |
| 67. Invited Plenary Talk, 3rd World Summit on EDSU, Guadeloupe | Mar 2020 |
| 66. Invited Colloquium, MIT, Cambridge MA, USA | Feb 2020 |
| 65. Invited Plenary Talk, DM@LHC 2019, Seattle WA, USA | Aug 2019 |
| 64. Invited Colloquium, University of Melbourne, Melbourne Australia | Dec 2018 |
| 63. Invited Overview Talk, CAASTRO-CoEPP Joint Workshop, Australia | Jan 2017 |

Invited Seminars and Other Conference Talks:

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| 62. Invited Seminar, Imperial College London, London, UK (remote) | Apr 2021 |
| 61. Invited Talk, Aspen Center for Physics Winter Conf., Aspen CO, USA | Mar 2021 |
| 60. Invited Seminar, U. Notre Dame, Notre Dame IN, USA (remote) | Mar 2021 |
| 59. Invited Seminar, BNL, Upton NY, USA (remote) | Feb 2021 |
| 58. Invited Seminar, Queen's University, Kingston ON, Canada (remote) | Feb 2021 |
| 57. Invited Seminar, Stanford University, Stanford CA, USA (remote) | Dec 2020 |
| 56. Invited Seminar, Caltech, Pasadena CA, USA (remote) | Dec 2020 |
| 55. Invited Talk, 3rd South American DM Workshop, Brazil (remote) | Dec 2020 |
| 54. Invited Seminar, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz CA, USA (remote) | Nov 2020 |
| 53. Invited Seminar, SLAC, Menlo Park CA, USA (remote) | Nov 2020 |
| 52. Invited Talk, Snowmass CF-01 Group Meeting (remote) | Aug 2020 |
| 51. Invited Seminar, Sydney CCPC, Sydney, Australia (remote) | Aug 2020 |
| 50. Invited Seminar, Kavli IPMU, Tokyo, Japan (remote) | May 2020 |
| 49. Parallel Talk, Pheno 2020, Pittsburgh PA, USA (remote) | May 2020 |
| 48. Invited Talk, Astrophysical Signatures of DM Workshop, MI, USA (<i>canceled due to covid-19</i>) | May 2020 |
| 47. Invited Talk, Aspen Winter Conf. on Particle Physics, Aspen CO, USA (<i>canceled due to covid-19</i>) | Mar 2020 |
| 46. Invited Seminar, U. Mass Amherst, Amherst MA, USA | Feb 2020 |
| 45. Invited Seminar, Tufts University, Medford MA, USA | Feb 2020 |
| 44. Invited Seminar, Boston University, Boston MA, USA | Nov 2019 |
| 43. Invited Seminar, SLAC, Menlo Park CA, USA | Oct 2019 |

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| 42. Invited Seminar, Texas A&M University, College Station TX, USA | Oct 2019 |
| 41. Invited Seminar, MIT Center for Theoretical Physics, Camb. MA, USA | Sep 2019 |
| 40. Invited Seminar, Perimeter Institute, Waterloo ON, Canada | Jun 2019 |
| 39. Invited Talk, Aspen Center for Physics, Aspen CO, USA | Jun 2019 |
| 38. Invited Seminar, KICP, University of Chicago, Chicago IL, USA | Apr 2019 |
| 37. Invited Seminar, Brown University, Providence RI, USA | Apr 2019 |
| 36. Invited Seminar, Fermilab, Batavia IL, USA | Mar 2019 |
| 35. Invited Seminar, Brandeis University, Boston MA, USA | Mar 2019 |
| 34. Invited Seminar, Princeton University, Princeton NJ, USA | Feb 2019 |
| 33. Invited Talk, TRIUMF Dark Matter Workshop, Vancouver BC, Canada | Feb 2019 |
| 32. Parallel Talk, DESY Theory Workshop, Hamburg, Germany | Sep 2018 |
| 31. Invited Seminar, University of Melbourne, Melbourne VIC, Australia | Sep 2018 |
| 30. Parallel Talk 1, IDM 2018, Providence RI, USA | Jul 2018 |
| 29. Parallel Talk 2, IDM 2018, Providence RI, USA | Jul 2018 |
| 28. Invited Parallel Talk, PASCOS 2018, Cleveland OH, USA | Jun 2018 |
| 27. Parallel Talk, Pheno 2018 Symposium, Pittsburgh PA, USA | May 2018 |
| 26. Invited Seminar, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena CA, USA | Apr 2018 |
| 25. Invited Seminar, LBNL, Berkeley CA, USA | Apr 2018 |
| 24. Invited Seminar, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI, USA | Apr 2018 |
| 23. Invited Seminar, Dartmouth University, Hanover NH, USA | Apr 2018 |
| 22. Invited Seminar, University of Melbourne, Melbourne VIC, Australia | Jan 2018 |
| 21. Invited Seminar, MIT Center for Theoretical Physics, Camb. MA, USA | Sep 2017 |
| 20. PhD Completion Seminar, University of Melbourne, Australia | Mar 2017 |
| 19. Invited Talk, TRIUMF, Vancouver BC, Canada (remote) | Dec 2016 |
| 18. Invited Talk, ATLAS Astroparticle Forum Plenary Meeting, CERN | Nov 2016 |
| 17. Invited Talk, CETUP Dark Matter Workshop, Deadwood SD, USA | Jul 2016 |
| 16. Invited Seminar, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati OH, USA | May 2016 |
| 15. Invited Seminar, CCAPP, Ohio State University, Columbus OH, USA | Jun 2016 |
| 14. Invited Seminar, UC Riverside, Riverside CA, USA | May 2016 |
| 13. Invited Seminar, UC Irvine, Irvine CA, USA | May 2016 |
| 12. Parallel Talk, Pheno 2016 Symposium, Pittsburgh PA, USA | May 2016 |
| 11. Invited Seminar, University of Melbourne, Melbourne VIC, Australia | Apr 2016 |
| 10. Invited Seminar, SLAC, Menlo Park CA, USA | Oct 2015 |
| 9. Invited Seminar, CCAPP, Ohio State University, Columbus OH, USA | Oct 2015 |
| 8. Invited Seminar, Fermilab, Batavia IL, USA | Sep 2015 |
| 7. Invited Seminar, Vanderbilt University, Nashville TN, USA | Sep 2015 |
| 6. Invited Seminar, University of Melbourne, Melbourne VIC, Australia | Aug 2015 |
| 5. Parallel Talk, SUSY 2015, Lake Tahoe CA, USA | Aug 2015 |

4. Seminar, University of Melbourne, Melbourne VIC, Australia May 2015
3. Parallel Talk, CoSPA2014, Auckland, New Zealand Dec 2014
2. Contributed Talk, RESCEU APCosPA School, Matsumoto, Japan Jul 2014
1. Invited Seminar, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK Jun 2013

OUTREACH & PRESS

- Interview, *Quanta Magazine*, 2020
[Physicists are Expanding the Search for Dark Matter](#)
- Interview, *The Boston Globe Newspaper*, 2019
[MIT scientists find DM could be cause of mysterious energy at the center of our galaxy](#)
- Interview, *MIT News*, 2019
[Is there dark matter at the center of the Milky Way?](#)
- Press Piece, *APS Physics*, 2019
[New Hope for Milky-Way Dark Matter](#)
- Interview, *Gizmodo*, 2019
[The Future of Particle Physics Is Bright, Bleak, and Magical](#)
- Interview, *Quanta Magazine*, 2019
[Dark Matter Gets a Reprieve in New Analysis](#)
- Interview, *Kavli Foundation*, 2019
[Dark Matter is Back](#)
- Interview, *Science Magazine*, 2019
[Physicists Revive Hunt for Dark Matter in the Heart of the Milky Way](#)
- Interview, *Popular Mechanics*, 2019
[Filling the Void: What is Dark Matter?](#)
- Open House Talk, MIT Center for Theoretical Physics, Cambridge MA, USA 2018
- Young Scientist Research Prize Talk, Royal Society of Victoria, Australia 2016
- [Key Scientific Researcher on International Science Documentary Series](#) 2014–2015
“Uranium: Twisting the Dragon’s Tail”
- Worked with Emmy Award winning producer Sonya Pemberton and writer Wain Fimeri part time over 12 months. Had a major role in explaining science content and developing the script for the series. Aired in the United States, Australia, Germany, France, Middle East, Norway and Sweden. The series has been nominated for and won numerous science communication and film awards.
- Public Talk, Strathcona Girls’ School, Australia 2014
- Panel Member, National Science Week: Kids Ask Questions, Australia 2013
- Panel Member, National Science Week: Ask a Scientist, Australia 2013
- Public Talk, Monash University Open Day Seminar Series, Australia 2011
- Physics Demonstrator, Monash University Open Day, Australia 2011

TEACHING

- Guest Lecturer for MIT graduate level course *8.811: Particle Physics II* 2017
 Lecture Title: “Dark Matter Model Building”
- ATLAS International Masterclass Tutor, U. Melbourne 2015
- Physics Teaching Assistant (Tutorials, Grading, Office Hours), U. Melbourne 2014
- Physics Teaching Assistant (Lab Demonstrator, Grading), U. Melbourne 2012
- Physics Teaching Assistant (Lab Demonstrator, Grading), Monash U. 2011
- High School Senior Tutoring, Physics and Mathematics 2008–2010

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| SERVICE | Snowmass Cosmic Frontier CF1 “Big Questions” White Paper Coordinator | 2020– |
| | Particle Theory Seminar Organizer, MIT Center for Theoretical Physics | 2018–2020 |
| | Convener, Dark Matter Session, TeV Particle Astrophysics (TeVPA) Conference | 2019 |
| | MIT Heising-Simons Physics Research Fellowship Peer Review Committee | 2018 |
| | Referee for Physical Review Journals | |

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