Curriculum Vitae of Ryan White

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EDUCATION Master of Research

Jan 2025 – Nov 2025 (expected)

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

Topic: Radiative and Hydrodynamical Modelling of Colliding Wind Binaries

Supervisors: A/Prof Benjamin Pope and Prof Orsola De Marco

Bachelor of Science (Hons)

Jan 2024 – Nov 2024

THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

Graduated with Class I Honours in Physics

Thesis Title: Geometric Modelling of Wolf-Rayet Binary Colliding Wind Nebulae

Supervisors: Dr Benjamin Pope (UQ) and Prof Peter Tuthill (USyd)

Bachelor of Science

Jul 2017 – Dec 2023

The University of Queensland Extended Major in Physics

Bachelor of Mathematics

Jul 2017 – Dec 2023

The University of Queensland $Major\ in\ Applied\ Mathematics$

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES, MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

PHYS1210 – Physics for Life Sciences

2025–Present

 $Ran\ laboratory\ sessions\ for\ first-year\ students.$

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS, THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

PHYS3080 - Computational Physics

2024

Developed an interactive Python self-study tool, and tutored the course.

PHYS3071 – Extragalactic Astrophysics & Cosmology

2023 - 4

Developed a simulated universe for use in the course, and taught weekly workshops.

PHYS2082 – Space Science & Stellar Astrophysics

2022-4

Teaching workshops of ~ 60 students and moderated course delivery.

SCIE1000 - Theory & Practice in Science

2021-4

"Super tutored" the course for multiple offerings, and routinely taught classes of ~ 60 students.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

CSIRO Undergraduate Vacation Scholarship

Nov 2024 – Feb 2025

Supervisor: Dr Andrew Zic

• We researched the mysterious long period radio transients. The project included analysing and cleaning ATCA and ASKAP radio data and developing new techniques to discover hidden periodic signals within interferometric visibilities.

Swinburne CAS Vacation Scholarship

Nov 2023 - Feb 2024

Supervisor: Dr Simon Stevenson

• We developed N-body simulations in Python/C to model binary black hole formation within active galactic nuclei accretion disks. The simulations were compared to the rate of binary black hole inspiral measured with LIGO/VIRGO.

University of Queensland Winter Research Scholarship

Jun 2023

Supervisor: Prof Tamara Davis

• We investigated how the expanding universe induces time dilation in the photometry of Type Ia supernovae. Using data from the Dark Energy Survey (DES), we measured the effective time dilation stretching in light curves as a function of redshift using our own Python algorithms.

Undergraduate Research

Supervisor: Dr Benjamin Pope

• We analysed binary star light curves utilising data from the TESS Space Telescope within Python. We inferred analytic surface maps to each component of the binary stellar system DI Herculis and found that the primary star is likely a SPB star.

PUBLICATIONS FIRST AUTHOR PUBLICATIONS:

Ryan White, Tamara Davis, Geraint Lewis et al., "The Dark Energy Survey Supernova Program: Slow supernovae show cosmological time dilation out to $z \sim 1$." arXiv:2406.05050 (2024) — accessible summary

SELECT OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

Richardson et al. (including Ryan White), "Carbon-rich dust injected into the interstellar medium by Galactic WC binaries survives for hundreds of years" arXiv:2505.11616 (2025)

Воок Chapters

Ryan White & Peter Tuthill, "Wolf-Rayet Colliding Wind Binaries" arXiv:2412.12534 (2024), for publication in Elsevier's Encyclopedia of Astrophysics

AWARDS AND Best Masters Poster, Australian Institute of Physics Poster Day 2025 SCHOLARSHIPS The Andy Thomas Space Foundation Uranus Scholarship 2024 Best Science Talk, Mount Stromlo Student Seminars 2024 Student Publication Award Honourable Mention, University of Queensland, for White et al (2024) arXiv:2406.05050 2024 Honours Research Project Runner-Up, UQ Science Undergraduate Research Conference 2024 Dean's Commendation for Academic Excellence 2023, 2024 Outstanding Contribution Award, UQ School of Mathematics and Physics 2022

Observing AND Proposals

Primary Investigator:

• VLTI observing of the colliding wind binary Apep, ESO Period 114 2024/5

Co-Investigator:

 ATCA Observing of Long Period Radio Transients, ATNF Semester 2025APRS 2025

Observing:

• Australian Telescope Compact Array (ATCA), 24hr

2025

Talks

SIfA Seminar, University of Sydney May 2025 Weekly Co-learnium, CSIRO Marsfield January 2025 Stars in Brisbane Conference, University of Southern Queensland November 2024 Physics Club Honours Talks, University of Queensland October 2024 Mount Stromlo Student Seminars, Australian National University September 2024 UQ Science Undergraduate Research Conference, University of Queensland September 2024 Weekly Astronomy Seminar, University of Tasmania July 2024

Outreach AND COMMU-NICATION

Astrobites Writer – Paper summaries available on my author page Annotated Papers – accessible summary of DES Time Dilation paper 2025 - Present

Scientific American – Interviewed for an article covering White et al (2024)

Cosmology Talks - Accompanying video for White et al (2024) on Cosmological Time Dilation UQ Work Experience Program 2024 - Helped introduce high school students to astrophysics at UQ, involving programming projects, telescope demonstrations, and a "Meet the Researcher" talk Laura Street Festival 2024 - Ran a stall focusing on solar telescope viewing aimed at the public, fielding any questions

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Programming Languages: Python/JAX, C/C++, Git, R, Windows Subsystem for Linux and Bash scripting, Matlab.
- High-Performance Computing: I have frequently run code on the HPC systems OzStar (Swinburne) and getafix + Bunya (University of Queensland), using the Slurm scheduling language.
- Misc. Skills: Proficient in LaTeX, VSCode/Spyder, Jupyter Notebooks, confident with the Microsoft/Google Suite, among other applications/environments. I am also a professional (but retired) traditional landscape artist.

References Please email me to request reference contact information.