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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

Casual Academic / Teaching Assistant PHYS3080 – Extragalactic Astrophysics & Cosmology

2023–Present

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS, THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

 \bullet Developed material for and tutored the course of ~ 50 students. Responsibilities included liaising with course staff to develop a simulation (using Python) that adhered to course aims/goals. I was also responsible for teaching students how to work with data in the context of astrophysics through the use of my program. Additional duties included monitoring and responding on the course discussion board, as well as marking assignments and giving feedback on research paper style reports.

Teaching Assistant

2022–Present

PHYS2082 – Space Science & Stellar Astrophysics

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS, THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

 \bullet Responsibilities included assisting classes of ~ 60 students with the course content, and providing guidance and feedback on assessment. I also graded undergraduate reports and exams, and performed moderation/support duties for the other course tutors to ensure consistent feedback to students.

"Super Tutor" / Teaching Assistant SCIE1000 – Theory & Practice in Science

2021-Present

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS, THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

- Routinely conveyed course material to multiple classes of 50+ students, including (but not limited to) curve fitting data, data science in Python, and assessing the validity of numerical models to explain observed phenomena. Responsibilities also included marking assignments and final exams.
- Super tutor duties included interfacing with course coordinators and lecturers as to ensure students progressed through the course to their highest potential, providing support to other tutors, and moderating and distributing marking material for the course among other administrative duties.

Casual Academic / Teaching Assistant PHYS3071 – Computational Physics

2024

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS, THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

• Developed course material for student self-study in the form of an automated Python script unit tester. I also tutored the course, teaching students about common mathematical/computer science topics such as root finding, ODE/PDEs, numerical integration, etc.

Research

CSIRO Undergraduate Vacation Scholarship

Nov 2024 – Feb 2025

EXPERIENCE

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

Jun – Nov 2022

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, and the project yielded a high distinction (7/7) grade.

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)

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

The Andy Thomas Space Foundation Uranus Scholarship

2024

SCHOLARSHIPS 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

Dean's Commendation for Academic Excellence

Honours Research Project Runner-Up, UQ Science Undergraduate Research Conference 2024

Outstanding Contribution Award, UQ School of Mathematics and Physics

2023, 2024 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

Observing:

• Australian Telescope Compact Array (ATCA), 24hr

2025

2025

Talks

Weekly Co-learnium, CSIRO Marsfield

Stars in Brisbane Conference, University of Southern Queensland

Physics Club Honours Talks, University of Queensland

Mount Stromlo Student Seminars, Australian National University

UQ Science Undergraduate Research Conference, University of Queensland

Weekly Astronomy Seminar, University of Tasmania

July 2024

OUTREACH AND COMMU-NICATION

Astrobites Writer – Paper summaries available on my author page 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
- Misc. Skills: Proficient in IATEX, capable 'Google-r', confident with the Microsoft/Google Suite, VSCode/Spyder, Jupyter Notebooks, among other applications/environments. I am also a professional (but retired) traditional landscape artist.

References Please email me to request reference contact information.