# Scott Perkins

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Curriculum Vitae

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# EDUCATION

2019–2022 Ph.D., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana IL, 4.0/4.0.

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Nicolás Yunes

2017-2019 M.Sc., Montana State University, Bozeman MT, 3.84/4.0.

2013-2017 B.S., Texas A&M University, College Station TX, 3.97/4.0.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

**Physics** 

- Fundamental Estimations of future constraints on extensions to GR through synthetic simulations of sources
  - o Current constraints on modified theories of gravity through LIGO/Virgo data

Wave

Modeling

Gravitational • Modeling gravitational waves from eccentric binaries

# EXPERIENCE

#### Adademic Research

2019- Graduate Research Assistant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Alternating semesters Advisor: Dr. Nicolás Yunes

2017–2019 Graduate Research Assistant, Montana State University.

Alternating semesters Advisor: Dr. Nicolás Yunes

2015–2017 Undergraduate Research Assistant, Texas A&M University.

Advisor: Dr. Casey Papovich

**Teaching** 

2020 Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Alternating semesters

General Relativity I (Graduate)

2017–2019 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Montana State University.

Alternating semesters

- Calculus-based Classical Mechanics (Undergraduate)
- Modern Physics (Undergraduate)
- Solar System Astronomy (Undergraduate)

#### REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

1. Scott E. Perkins, Nicolás Yunes, and Emanuele Berti. Probing Fundamental Physics with Gravitational Waves: The Next Generation. Phys. Rev. D, 103(4):044024, 2021

- 2. Remya Nair, Scott Perkins, Hector O. Silva, and Nicolás Yunes. Fundamental physics implications for higher-curvature theories from binary black hole signals in the ligo-virgo catalog gwtc-1. Phys. Rev. Lett., 123:191101, Nov 2019
- 3. Scott Ellis Perkins and Nicolas Yunes. Probing screening and the graviton mass with gravitational waves. Classical and Quantum Gravity, 2019

## CONFERENCE TALKS

- 1. Scott Perkins. Fundamental physics panelist. First Cosmic Explorer Meeting, 2020
- 2. Scott Perkins. Probing screening and the graviton mass with gravitational waves. April APS, 2019

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming • Proficient: Python, C++/C

Languages • Familiar: CUDA, Java, HTML, CSS

Auxiliary O Proficient: Mathematica, Latex, Linux, MacOS, OpenMP

Software and o Familiar: Windows

Operating Systems

## AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2019 Graduate Research Fellowship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2017 Graduate Meritorious Award, Montana State University.
- 2017 Faculty's Student Achievement Award, Texas A&M University.
- 2017 Randall C. Shepard Award in Astrophysics, Texas A&M University.
- 2013–2017 **President's Endowed Scholarship**, Texas A&M University.
- 2013–2017 Rose Lafferty Scholarship, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.
  - 2013 National Merit Finalist, Texas A&M University.
  - 2012 Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America.

#### MEMBERSHIPS

- 2020- Cosmic Explorer Consortium, Member.
- 2019- LISA Consortium, Associate Member.
- 2018- American Physical Society, Member.
- 2018–2019 eXtreme Gravity Institute (XGI) at Montana State, Member.

## OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- 2019 Peaks and Potentials Youth Camp Course Intstructor, Montana State University.
- 2018–2019 XGI Outreach Volunteer, Montana State University.
- 2015–2016 Physics Festival Volunteer, Texas A&M University.