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EDUCATION

Cornell University	Ithaca, NY
Ph.D. in Astronomy	2023
M.S. in Astronomy	2020

Dissertation Title: "Characterizing Cosmic Plasmas from the Heliosphere to Distant Galaxies"

Advisor: Prof. James Cordes

Oberlin, OH

B.A. with High Honors in Physics (Concentration in Astrophysics)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Interstellar, circumgalactic, & intergalactic media
- Energetic transients and compact objects, including fast radio bursts, pulsars, and long-period transients
- Precision pulsar timing & its applications: gravitational wave detection & General Relativity

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

• International Space Science Institute (ISSI/Bern) International Team Grant	2024-2026
Carnegie-Caltech Brinson Prize Fellowship	2023-2026
Cranson & Edna Shelley Graduate Research Award, Cornell University	2023
NASA Outer Heliosphere Guest Investigator Grant	2020-2023
Outstanding Student Presentation Award, American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting	2022
• International Astronomical Union & Heising-Simons Foundation Travel Grant	2022
Cranson & Edna Shelley Graduate Research Award, Cornell University	2021
• Prize for Highest Scientific Merit, Cornell KK Wang Space Tech Poster Competition	2021
• Cranson & Edna Shelley Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Cornell University	2020
Honorable Mention, NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Competition	2020
Graduate Student Fellowship, Cornell University	2018-2019
Carl E. Howe Prize in Physics, Oberlin College	2018
Oberlin Physics & Astronomy Department Honors Program	2017-2018
• Robert Weinstock Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Physics Coursework (Oberlin)	2017
John Frederick Oberlin Merit Scholarship	2014-2018

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- 1. **Ocker SK**, Chen M, Oh SP, Sharma P. "Microphysics of circumgalactic turbulence probed by fast radio bursts and quasars." *ApJ* 988, 69. July, 2025. doi:10.3847/1538-4357/ade0bc
- 2. **Ocker SK** and Cosens M. "Probing the low-velocity regime of non-radiative shocks with neutron star bow shocks." *ApJL* 975:L31. November, 2024. doi:10.3847/2041-8213/ad87cf

2018

- 3. **Ocker SK**, Anderson LD, Lazio J, Cordes JM, Ravi V. "Implications for Galactic electron density structure from pulsar sightlines intersecting HII regions." *ApJ* 974:10. October, 2024. doi:10.3847/1538-4357/ad6a51
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- 5. Ocker SK, Cordes JM, Chatterjee S, Li D, Niu CH, McKee JW, Law CJ, Anna-Thomas R. "Scattering variability detected from the circumsource medium of FRB 20190520B." MNRAS 519:821. February, 2023. doi:10.1093/mnras/stac3547
- 6. **Ocker SK**, Cordes JM, Chatterjee S, Gorsuch M. "Radio scattering horizons for interstellar and extragalactic transients." *ApJ* 934:71. July, 2022. doi:10.3847/1538-4357/ac75ba
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- 8. **Ocker SK**, Cordes JM, Chatterjee S, Dolch T. "An in situ study of turbulence near stellar bow shocks." *ApJ* 922:233. December, 2021. doi:10.3847/1538-4357/ac2b28
- 9. **Ocker SK**, Cordes JM, Chatterjee S, Gurnett D, Kurth B, Spangler S. "Persistent plasma waves in interstellar space detected by Voyager 1." *Nature Astronomy* 5, 761-765. May, 2021. doi:10.1038/s41550-021-01363-7
- 10. **Ocker SK**, Cordes JM, Chatterjee S. "Constraining galaxy haloes from the dispersion and scattering of fast radio bursts and pulsars." *ApJ* 911:2. April, 2021. doi:10.3847/1538-4357/abeb6e
- 11. **Ocker SK**, Cordes JM, Chatterjee S. "Electron density structure of the local Galactic disk." *ApJ* 897:2. July, 2020. doi:10.3847/1538-4357/ab98f9
- 12. **Ocker SK**, Petrie G. "The effects of spatial smoothing on solar magnetic helicity parameters and the hemispheric helicity sign rule." *ApJ*. 832:162. November, 2016. doi:10.3847/0004-637X/832/2/162
- 13. Anumarlapudi A et al. (including **Ocker SK**). "ASKAP J144834-685644: a newly discovered long period radio transient detected from radio to X-rays." *MNRAS* 542:1208. September, 2025. doi:10.1093/mnras/staf1227
- 14. The NANOGrav Collaboration (including **Ocker SK**. "The NANOGrav 15 yr dataset: Search for gravitational wave memory." *ApJ* 987:5. June, 2025. doi:10.3847/1538-4357/add874
- 15. Wang Z et al. (including **Ocker SK**). "Detection of X-ray emission from a bright long-period radio transient." *Nature* 642:8068. June, 2025. doi:10.1038/s41586-025-09077-w
- 16. Connor L, Ravi V, Sharma K, **Ocker SK** et al. "A gas rich cosmic web revealed by partitioning the missing baryons." *Nature Astronomy*. June, 2025. doi:10.1038/s41550-025-02566-y
- 17. Geiger A, Cordes JM, Lam MT, **Ocker SK** et al. "The NANOGrav 12.5 yr dataset: Probing interstellar turbulence and precision pulsar timing with PSR J1903+0327." *ApJ* 986:191. June, 2025. doi:10.3847/1538-4357/add0b6
- 18. The NANOGrav Collaboration (including **Ocker SK**). "The NANOGrav 15 yr dataset: Harmonic analysis of the pulsar angular correlations." *ApJ* 985:99. May, 2025. doi:10.3847/1538-4357/adc997
- 19. Reardon DJ, Main R, **Ocker SK** et al. "Bow shock and Local Bubble plasma unveiled by the scintillating millisecond pulsar J0437–4715." *Nature Astronomy*. April, 2025. doi:10.1038/s41550-025-02534-6

- 20. Lee J et al. (including **Ocker SK**). "The emission of interpulses by a 6.45-h-period coherent radio transient." *Nature Astronomy* 9:393. March, 2025. doi:10.1038/s41550-024-02452-z
- 21. The NANOGrav Collaboration (including **Ocker SK**). "The NANOGrav 15 yr dataset: Posterior predictive checks for gravitational-wave detection with pulsar timing arrays." *Phys. Review D* 111:4. February, 2025. doi:10.1103/PhysRevD.111.042011
- 22. The NANOGrav Collaboration (including **Ocker SK**). "The NANOGrav 15 yr Data Set: Running of the Spectral Index." *ApJL* 978:L29. January, 2025. doi:10.3847/2041-8213/ad99d3
- 23. The NANOGrav Collaboration (including **Ocker SK**). "The NANOGrav 15 Yr Data Set: Removing Pulsars One by One from the Pulsar Timing Array." *ApJ* 978:168. January, 2025. doi:10.3847/1538-4357/ad93aa
- 24. The NANOGrav Collaboration (including **Ocker SK**). "The NANOGrav 15 yr Data Set: Looking for Signs of Discreteness in the Gravitational-wave Background." *ApJ* 978:31. January, 2025. doi:10.3847/1538-4357/ad93d5
- 25. Sharma K, Ravi V, Connor L, Law C, **Ocker SK**, Sherman M et al. "Preferential occurrence of fast radio bursts in massive star-forming galaxies." *Nature* 635:61. November, 2024. doi:10.1038/s41586-024-08074-9
- 26. Turner JE, Dolch T, Cordes JM, **Ocker SK** et al. "A Cyclic Spectroscopy Study of PSR B1937+21: Demonstration of Improved Scintillometry." *ApJ* 927:16. September, 2024. doi:10.3847/1538-4357/ad5af9
- 27. Sherman M, Ravi V, El-Badry K, Sharma K, **Ocker SK**, Kosogorov N, Connor L, Sharma K. "Searching for magnetar binaries disrupted by core-collapse supernovae." *MNRAS* 531:2379. June, 2024. doi:10.1093/mnras/stae1289
- 28. Johnson A et al. (including **Ocker SK**). "NANOGrav 15-year gravitational-wave background methods." *Physical Review D* 109:103012. May, 2024. doi:10.1103/PhysRevD.109.103012
- 29. The NANOGrav Collaboration (including **Ocker SK**). "Comparing recent pulsar timing array results on the nanohertz stochastic gravitational wave background." *ApJ* 966:105. May, 2024. doi:10.3847/1538-4357/ad36be
- 30. The NANOGrav Collaboration (including **Ocker SK**). "The NANOGrav 15 yr data set: Search for transverse polarization modes in the graviational wave background." *ApJL* 964:L14. March, 2024. doi:10.3847/2041-8213/ad2a51
- 31. The NANOGrav Collaboration (including **Ocker SK**). "The NANOGrav 12.5 yr data set: A computationally efficient eccentric binary search pipeline and constraints on an eccentric supermassive binary candidate in 3C 66B." *ApJ* 963:144. March, 2024. doi:10.3847/1538-4357/ad1f61
- 32. The NANOGrav Collaboration (including **Ocker SK**). "The NANOGrav 12.5 yr data set: Search for gravitational wave memory." *ApJ* 963:61. March, 2024. doi:10.3847/1538-4357/ad0726
- 33. Becsy et al. (including **Ocker SK**). "How to detect an astrophysical nanohertz gravitational wave background." *ApJ* 959:9. December, 2023. doi:10.3847/1538-4357/ad09e4
- 34. The NANOGrav Collaboration (including **Ocker SK**). "The NANOGrav 15 yr data set: Search for anisotropy in the gravitational wave background." *ApJ Letters* 956:L3. October, 2023. doi:10.3847/2041-8213/acf4fd
- 35. The NANOGrav Collaboration (including **Ocker SK**). "The NANOGrav 15-year data set: Evidence for a gravitational wave background." *ApJ Letters* 951:L8. June, 2023. doi:10.3847/2041-8213/acdac6
- 36. The NANOGrav Collaboration (including **Ocker SK**). "The NANOGrav 15-year data set: Observations and timing of 68 millisecond pulsars." *ApJ Letters* 951:L9. June, 2023. doi:10.3847/2041-8213/acda9a

- 37. The NANOGrav Collaboration (including **Ocker SK**). "The NANOGrav 15-year data set: Detector characterization and noise budget." *ApJ Letters* 951:L10. June, 2023. doi:10.3847/2041-8213/acda88
- 38. The NANOGrav Collaboration (including **Ocker SK**). "The NANOGrav 15-year data set: Search for signals from new physics." *ApJ Letters* 951:L11. June, 2023. doi:10.3847/2041-8213/acdc91
- 39. Falxa et al. (including **Ocker SK**). "Searching for continuous gravitational waves in the second data release of the International Pulsar Timing Array." *MNRAS* 521:5077. June, 2023. doi:10.1093/mnras/stad812.
- 40. The NANOGrav Collaboration (including **Ocker SK**). "The NANOGrav 12.5 year data set: Bayesian limits on gravitational waves from individual supermassive black hole binaries." *ApJ Letters* 951:L28. July, 2023. doi:10.3847/2041-8213/acdbc7.
- 41. Anna-Thomas R, Connor L, ... **Ocker SK** et al. "Magnetic field reversal in the turbulent environment around a repeating fast radio burst." *Science* 380:6645. May, 2023. doi:10.1126/science.abo6526
- 42. Stinebring DR, Rickett BJ, Minter AH, Hill AS, Jussila AP, Mathis L, McLaughlin MA, **Ocker SK**, Ransom SM. "A scintillation arc survey of 22 pulsars with low to moderate dispersion measures." *ApJ* 941:34. December, 2022. doi:10.3847/1538-4357/ac8ea8
- 43. Niu CH, Li D, ..., **Ocker SK** et al. "A repeating fast radio burst in a dense environment with a compact persistent radio source." *Nature* 606, 873877. June, 2022. doi:10.1038/s41586-022-04755-5
- 44. Cordes JM, **Ocker SK**, Chatterjee S. "Redshift estimation and constraints on intergalactic and interstellar media from dispersion and scattering of fast radio bursts." *ApJ* 931:88. May, 2022. doi:10.3847/1538-4357/ac6873
- 45. Stinebring DR, Rickett BJ, **Ocker SK**. "The frequency dependence of scintillation arc thickness in pulsar B1133+16." *ApJ* 870:2. January, 2019. doi:10.3847/1538-4357/aaef80

Non-Refereed Publications

- 1. **Ocker SK** & Cordes JM. "NE2001p: A native Python implementation of the NE2001 Galactic electron density model." *RNAAS*, 8, 17. January, 2024. doi:10.3847/2515-5172/ad1bf1
- 2. **Ocker SK**, Cordes JM, Chatterjee S, Hazboun J, Dolch T, Stinebring D, Madison D, White S, Taylor G, Lewandowska N, Lam M. "Heliosphere meets interstellar medium, in a Galactic context." Decadal Survey for Solar and Space Physics (Heliophysics) 2024-2033, white paper, *BAAS*, 55, 301. July, 2023. doi:103847/252cfeb.dd406a9d

AFFILIATIONS

DSA-2000 Pulsar Search Working Group	2025-
• Pulsar Science Working Group, Square Kilometer Array Observatory (SKAO)	2024-
• North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational Waves (NANOGrav)	2019–
Voyager Interstellar Mission	
NASA Outer Heliosphere Guest Investigator	2020–2023
Science Steering Group	2023–
American Astronomical Society (AAS)	2018-2023

TELESCOPE TIME ALLOCATIONS (PI: OCKER)

Thirty-eight nights total on large ground-based facilities: 30 nights of institutional time on optical/IR telescopes, & 61.3 hours of internationally competed time on radio telescopes.

• Magellan Telescopes, Las Campanas Observatory: 6.5 nights (2025A), 8.5 nights (2024B), 4.5 nights (2024A)

- Keck II Telescope, W.M. Keck Observatory: 1.5 nights (2025B), 3 nights (2025A), 1.5 nights (2024A)
- Hale Telescope, Palomar Observatory: 2 nights (2025A), 2.5 nights (2024B)
- Green Bank Telescope: 27.5 hr Rank B (2024B), 16.5 hr Rank A (2023A)
- Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical Telescope: 17.3 hr Rank A (2021)

TEACHING

• Radio Propagation Theory Summer Course at Caltech Co-taught with Prof. Vikram Ravi; wrote and delivered two lectures and a problem set	Summer 2025
• Python Programming Workshop at Cornell University Developed and taught astronomy coding tutorials for Research Experiences for Undergradue	Summer 2021 ates
• Head Teaching Assistant at Cornell University (ASTRO 1102/1104) Led team of 5 TA's, coordinated student accommodations, taught weekly recitation, wrote and problem sets and exams	Spring 2020 d graded
• Teaching Assistant at Cornell University (ASTRO 1101/1103) Taught two weekly recitations, wrote and graded problem sets and exams, held office hours	Fall 2019
• Teaching Assistant at Oberlin College (PHYS 111) Taught two weekly recitations, held office hours	Spring 2017
• Teaching Assistant at Oberlin College (PHYS 110) Taught two weekly recitations, held office hours	Fall 2016

MENTORING

Visiting Graduate Student Researcher Program, Caltech	
Mentee: Francesco Angelo Iraci, University of Cagliari	2025
CASSI-SURF Summer Research Program, Caltech & Carnegie Observatories	
Mentee: Zaara Bhatia, Harvey-Mudd College	2025
Mentee: Stephen Romero-Ruiz, Caltech	2024
Advancing Inclusive Mentoring (AIM) Program, CSU Long Beach & Carnegie Science	
Mentoring course & certification	2024
Astronomy Mentoring Program for Upcoming Postdocs (AMP-UP)	
Mentee: Abby Lee, University of Chicago	2024
Research Experiences for Undergraduates, Cornell University	
Mentee: Taite Ellenson, Cornell University	2022
Mentee: Miranda Gorsuch, University of Wisconsin Stevens Point	2021
Mentee: Samantha Rosenfeld, Union College	2020

INVITED TALKS

31 total invited talks: 8 colloquia, 9 seminars, 7 international conferences, and 7 specialized conferences

- 1. Colloquium, Physics & Astronomy Department, University of Idaho (2025).
- 2. MIST2025 Conference, Institute Études Scientifiques de Cargèse, France (2025).
- 3. Pulsar2025 Conference, Geremeas, Italy (2025).
- 4. Cosmic Ecosystems Conference, Perimeter Institute (2025).
- 5. Colloquium, Max Planck Institute for Radio Astronomy (2025).
- 6. Colloquium, Anton Pannekoek Institute for Astronomy, University of Amsterdam (2025).
- 7. Colloquium, ASTRON Institute for Radio Astronomy (2025).
- 8. Colloquium, Institute for Theory and Computation, Harvard University (2025).

- 9. Observational Astronomy Seminar, CIERA, Northwestern University (2025).
- 10. Research Seminar, University of Chicago (2025).
- 11. FRB2024 Conference, Khao Lak, Thailand (2024).
- 12. Towards a Holistic Understanding of the Multi-scale, Multi-phase Circumgalactic Medium, Aspen Center for Physics (2024).
- 13. International Pulsar Timing Array Conference, Haus-Sexten Center for Astrophysics (2024).
- 14. Fields, Flows, & Filaments Workshop, Stanford University (2024).
- 15. Astrophysics Lunch Seminar, UC Berkeley (2024).
- 16. KIPAC Tea, Stanford University (2024).
- 17. Astrophysics Division Seminar, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology (2023).
- 18. Salpeter Workshop on the Interstellar Medium, Cornell University (2023).
- 19. Astrophysics of Fast Radio Bursts II, Flatiron Institute (2023).
- 20. Colloquium, Physics & Astronomy Department, Oberlin College (2023).
- 21. Special Session SH22C (*Interstellar Probe*), American Geophysical Union Conference (2022).
- 22. "There's Plenty of Room at the Bottom" FRB Meeting, Cornell University (2022).
- 23. Colloquium, CSIRO Australia National Telescope Facility (2022).
- 24. Scintillometry Workshop, University of Toronto (2022).
- 25. Breaking News Session, International Astronomical Union General Assembly Symposium: The Dawn of Cosmology & Multi-Messenger Studies with Fast Radio Bursts (2022).
- 26. Diffuse Ionized Gas Seminar, University of Washington, Seattle (2022).
- 27. FRB Seminar, Academia Sinica Institute of Astronomy and Astrophysics (ASIAA), Taiwan (2022).
- 28. Radio/mm/sub-mm Seminar, Caltech (2022).
- 29. Colloquium, Green Bank Observatory (2021).
- 30. Interstellar Probe Workshop, Applied Physics Laboratory, Johns Hopkins University (2021).
- 31. Colloquium, Netherlands Institute for Radio Astronomy (ASTRON/JIVe; 2021).
- 32. CHIME/FRB Collaboration Journal Club (2021).

CONTRIBUTED TALKS AND POSTERS

25 total contributed talks and posters: 18 specialized conferences/workshops and 7 major conferences

- 1. Using Bow Shocks to Unveil the Structure of Neutron Star Winds. Talk. 18th Annual Bonn Neutron Star Workshop, Max Planck Institute for Radio Astronomy (2025).
- 2. Constraining the Dissipation of VLISM Turbulence. Talk. Spring Meeting of the Voyager Interstellar Mission Science Steering Group (2025).
- 3. Pulsar Scintillation in the Interstellar Zoo. Talk. Scintillometry Workshop, University of Central Florida (2024).
- 4. Probing the Sun's Interstellar Environment from AU to 100s of Parsec Scales. Poster. American Geophysical Union Conference (2023).
- 5. Pulsar Scintillation through Thick and Thin. Talk. Scintillometry Workshop (2023).
- 6. The Path to a Next-Generation Galactic Electron Density Model. Talk. FRB2023 (2023).

- 7. A High-Resolution Study of Pulsar Scintillation. Talk. NANOGrav Fall Meeting (2023).
- 8. Mapping Small-Scale Structure in the ISM from Voyager to Nearby Pulsars. Talk. Spring Meeting of the Voyager Interstellar Mission Science Steering Group (2023).
- 9. A Search for Scintillation from Pulsar Bow Shocks. Talk. NANOGrav Spring Meeting (2023).
- 10. Noise Considerations for Pulsar Science with DSA-2000. Scientific Frontiers and Synergies with the DSA-2000 Radio Camera. Poster. California Institute of Technology (2023).
- 11. Bow Shocks of Scintillating Pulsars. Talk. Scintillometry Workshop, University of Toronto (2022).
- 12. Scattering Horizons for Fast Radio Bursts. Talk. International Astronomical Union General Assembly; Symposium: The Dawn of Cosmology & Multi-Messenger Studies with Fast Radio Bursts (2022).
- 13. Mapping the Local ISM From Voyager to Pulsars. Talk. Spring Meeting of the Voyager Interstellar Mission Science Steering Group (2022).
- 14. Scattering Horizons for Pulsars and Fast Radio Bursts. Poster. NANOGrav Spring Meeting (2022).
- 15. An In Situ Study of Turbulence Near Stellar Bow Shocks. Talk. NANOGrav Fall Meeting (2021).
- 16. Turbulence Near Stellar Bow Shocks. Talk. Fall Meeting of the Voyager Interstellar Mission Science Steering Group (2021).
- 17. Leveraging the Combined Scattering and DM Budget. Talk. FRB2021 (2021).
- 18. Interstellar Propagation Effects Near and Far. Talk. NANOGrav Spring Meeting (2021).
- 19. Voyager 1 Is Now an Interstellar Probe. Poster. KK Wang Cornell Space Tech Industry Day (2021).
- 20. Voyager 1 Detects Persistent Plasma Waves in Interstellar Space. Talk. Spring Meeting of the Voyager Interstellar Mission Science Steering Group (2021).
- 21. Interstellar Turbulence Near the Heliospheric Boundary. Talk. Fall Meeting of the Voyager Interstellar Mission Science Steering Group (2020).
- 22. Assessing Chromatic Arrival Time Perturbations for NANOGrav's Error Budget. Poster. 235th AAS Meeting (2020).
- 23. Multi-Frequency Scintillation Arc Study of Pulsar B1133+16. Poster. 233rd AAS Meeting (2019).
- 24. Multiple scintillation arcs in a nearby pulsar, B1133+16: crucial clues? Talk. Scintillometry Workshop, University of Toronto (2017).
- 25. The effects of spatial smoothing on solar magnetic helicity and the hemispheric helicity sign rule. Poster. 47th AAS/Solar Physics Division Meeting (2016).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewed abstracts, meeting schedule

• Journal Referee ApJ, Nature Astronomy, Nature Communications, MNRAS, A&A, Science China PMA	ongoing
• Colloquium Committee, Caltech Astronomy Department Selected and invited speakers, hosted talks	2025–
• Colloquium Committee, Carnegie Observatories Invited speakers, organized talks	2024–
• Observational Eras Committee, NANOGrav Collaboration Gathered materials on organizational structure of other collaborations; formulated recommendat reorganization of collaboration procedures	2024– ions for
• Scientific Organizing Committee, Annual Scintillometry Workshop	2025

Scientific Organizing Committee, Keck Observatories Science Meeting Projected abstracts, meeting schedule, session obsir	2025
Reviewed abstracts, meeting schedule, session chair • Scientific Organizing Committee, FRB2024 Thailand	2024
Drafted conference goals, reviewed abstracts, meeting schedule	2024
• German Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development: External Reviewer Evaluated grant proposals, provided written feedback	2024
Hubble Space Telescope Allocation Committee: External Reviewer Evaluated grant proposals, provided written feedback	2024
• Caltech Optical Observatories Time Allocation Committee Evaluated observing proposals, recommended time allocations, provided written feedback	2024
• NASA Review Panel Member Evaluated grant proposals	2023, 2024
• NANOGrav Climate & Equity Committee Contributor to NANOGrav Diversity Plan, annual climate survey, & DEI trainings for biannua	2021–2023 l
 collaboration meetings Peer Mentor Coordinator, Cornell Astronomy Graduate Network 	2021–2022
Paired graduate student mentors and mentees; trained mentors; led group mentoring sessions • President, Cornell Astronomy Graduate Network	2020–2021
Contributed to creation of Cornell Astronomy Graduate Student Handbook and the Astronomy	Peer
 Mentoring Network Secretary & Outreach Coordinator, Cornell Astronomy Graduate Network Organized the weekly graduate student and post-doc seminar; lead organizer of outreach event. 	2019–2020 s involving
graduate students (see Outreach section below)	
• Student Representative, Oberlin College Department of Physics & Astronomy Attended all faculty meetings; led student committee for 2017 faculty search; organized weekly Women/Trans/Nonbinary in Physics Tea	2016–2018
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