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Will Handley

Education

- 2012–2016 **University of Cambridge**, *PhD: Astrophysics*, Prof. A. Lasenby & Prof. M. Hobson.
2008–2012 **University of Cambridge**, *Msc, MA: Natural Sciences*, Gonville & Caius College.
2001–2008 **Alleyn's School**, *A levels, GCSEs*, London.

Research Experience

- 2016–present **Research fellow**, *Gonville & Caius College*, University of Cambridge.
Jul-Sep 2016 **Postdoctoral position**, *Prof. H. Peiris*, University College London.
Searching for features in the primordial power spectrum.
Apr-Jul 2016 **Research Associate**, University of Cambridge.
2012–2016 **PhD: Astrophysics**, *Prof. A. Lasenby & Prof. M. Hobson*, University of Cambridge.
Kinetic initial conditions for inflation: Theory, observations & methods.
2011–2012 **Part III Dissertation**, *Prof. P. Alexander*, University of Cambridge.
Investigating the origins of cosmic magnetism.
Summer 2011 **Summer Research Student**, *Prof. M. Faulkes & Dr. J. Spencer*, Imperial College.
Folded spectrum full configuration interaction quantum Monte Carlo.
Summer 2011 **Summer Research Student**, *Dr. R. Blumenfeld*, University of Cambridge.
Geometry and field equations of granular systems.
2010–2011 **Research Review**, *Prof. S. Gull*, University of Cambridge.
Literature Survey of the Physics-Philosophy crossover field of measurement theory.
Summer 2010 **iGEM Team Physicist**, *Dr. J. Haseloff*, University of Cambridge.
E-glowli 2010 iGEM team (placed in final 6) <http://2010.igem.org/Team:Cambridge>

Awards & Prizes

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| Jun. 2018 | Gruber Prize (co-shared with Planck) | Gruber Foundation |
| Dec. 2013 | Best presentation | Cavendish grad. students conference |
| Jun. 2012 | Best theoretical part III project | University of Cambridge |
| | Physics prize | Gonville & Caius College |
| Summer 2011 | Undergraduate Research Bursary | Nuffield Foundation |
| | UROP Studentship | Imperial College |
| Summer 2010 | iGEM Studentship | Wellcome Trust |
| 2009–12 | Junior and Senior Scholarships | Gonville & Caius College |

Teaching

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| 2017–present | Bayesian Statistics | Graduate lecture course |
| 2013–2018 | Part II Physics: General relativity | Supervising |
| 2012–2017 | Part IA Mathematics for NatSci | Supervising, Tripos classes |

2013 Part II Theoretical Physics 1 & 2
2006–2012 Maths and Science Tuition

Demonstrating
Individual coaching, key stage 1 — STEP

Supervision of graduate students and postdoctoral fellows

Post-Doc	Kamran Javid	2018–present
PhD	Ed Higson, Lukas Hergt, Fruzsina Agocs, Will Barker	2016–present
Masters	Deaglan Bartlet, Jamie Bamber	2018–present
	Ward Haddadin, Jessica Rigley, Panagiotis Mavrogiannis	2017–2018
	Fruzsina Agocs, Robert Knighton, Stephen Pickman, Daniel Manela	2016–2017
Summer	Elizabeth Guest, Ward Haddadin, Shu-Fan Chen	2018

Grants won

£25,000	STFC IAA 2016 , <i>Interfacing PolyChord 2.0</i> .
£2,000	KICC visitors 2017 , <i>Class and MontePython workshop</i> .
£42,000	STFC IAA 2018 , <i>PolyChord and Bayesian Neural network facial recognition</i> .
£1,500	King's + Kavli , <i>Summer student funding</i> .
£15,000	KICC Workshop 2019 , <i>AstroHack week 2019</i> .

Academic Talks

Dec. 2018	Inflation, curvature and kinetic dominance , <i>Future uses of Planck data</i> , ESAC, Spain.
Nov. 2018	BAMBI Resurrection: Blind Accelerated Multimodal Bayesian Inference , <i>Dark Machines</i> , Worldwide.
Nov. 2018	Nested Sampling: an efficient and robust Bayesian inference tool for cosmology and particle physics , <i>Dark Machines</i> , Worldwide.
Oct. 2018	Bayesian Statistics , <i>Third Asterics-Obelics workshop</i> , Cambridge, UK.
May. 2018	Planck, inflation and the future of inflationary constraints , <i>Consistency of Cosmological Datasets</i> , Cambridge, UK.
May. 2018	MaxEnt priors with derived parameters in a specified distribution , Cambridge, UK.
May. 2018	Nested Sampling: an efficient and robust Bayesian inference tool for astrophysics and cosmology , ICIC, UK.
April. 2018	Introduction to statistics , <i>CosmoTools 18</i> , RWTH Aachen, Germany.
Jan. 2018	Advances in Nested Sampling & astrophysical application , Cambridge, UK.
Aug. 2017	PolyChord 2.0: Fast inference & nested sampling , <i>Cosmo17</i> , Paris, France.
Jun. 2017	Modern Bayesian Inference: Theory and Practice , RWTH Aachen, Germany.
Mar. 2017	Parameter estimation and Model comparison , <i>CosmoTools 17</i> , Madrid, Spain.
Feb. 2017	PolyChord 2.0: Advances in Nested Sampling & astrophysical application , CCA, US.
Sep. 2016	PolyChord 2.0 & the future of nested sampling , University College London, UK.
May. 2016	PolyChord 2.0 & the future of nested sampling , University of Sussex, UK.
Mar. 2016	PolyChord & the future of nested sampling , Edinburgh, UK.
Dec. 2015	PolyChord: next generation nested sampling , Max Planck Institute, Germany.
Feb. 2015	PolyChord: next generation nested sampling , University of Sussex, UK.
Dec. 2013	Kinetic dominance in the pre-inflationary universe , Cavendish grad. conference.

Selected Outreach

Over the course of my career I have given 19 public outreach talks including:

- May 2015 **Intro. to Astronomy: Beyond the Milky Way**, *IoA Public Talk*, Cambridge.
 May 2015 **To infinity and beyond: Dark Energy**, *Pint of Science*, Cambridge Brewhouse.
 Jan. 2014 **The first 3 yocto-pico seconds**, *Three minute wonder*, Cavendish Laboratory.

Institutional responsibilities

2017–present	Organiser of internal weekly group seminars	<i>Cavendish astrophysics group</i>
2018–present	Education and research committee	<i>Gonville & Caius college</i>
2018–present	Investments committee	<i>Gonville & Caius college</i>
2016–present	Undergraduate Admissions	<i>Gonville & Caius college</i>

Organisation of scientific meetings

2018	Secured funding for and organised CLASS+MontePython software workshop	<i>KICC</i>
2019	Secured funding for AstroHack week 2019	<i>KICC</i>

Collaborations

2018–present	REACH	<i>www.mrao.cam.ac.uk/research/research-projects/reach</i>
2018–present	GAMBIT	<i>gambit.hepforge.org</i>
2018–present	DarkMachines	<i>darkmachines.org</i>
2017–present	Terra Hunter Experiment	<i>terrahunting.org</i>
2016–2017	CORE	<i>core-mission.org</i>
2015–2016	AMI	<i>www.mrao.cam.ac.uk/research/research-projects/AMI</i>
2015–2018	Planck	<i>cosmos.esa.int/web/planck</i>

Software

PolyChord	Sole author and maintainer: github.com/PolyChord/PolyChordLite
pyBAMBI	Team maintainer: github.com/DarkMachines/pyBAMBI
fgivenx	Sole author and maintainer: github.com/williamjameshandley/fgivenx
ModeCode	Maintainer: modecode.org
MultiNest	Maintainer: github.com/farhanferoz/MultiNest
Open source	scipy: Weighted kernel density estimation in <code>scipy.stats.gaussian_kde</code> matplotlib: Vertical slider in <code>matplotlib.widgets.Slider</code>

Interaction with industry

PolyChord	Founded start-up company PolyChord Ltd. to bring Bayesian methods & tools from cosmology to Machine Learning & Biotech industries: polychord.co.uk
Shell	Work with department postdocs in the department applying nested sampling to geophysics
Tesco	Consultancy work applying Bayesian inference to supply-chain management
CMAM	Consult for local finance company on Bayesian algorithmic trading

Computer skills

Programming	MPI parallelisation, C++, FORTRAN, Mathematica, Maple, Python
Computing	Unix, Bash, zsh, vim, git, svn, L ^A T _E X, TikZ, VMs
OS	Arch Linux & HPC supercomputing (Experienced), Windows & OSX (Familiar)

References

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Prof. Mike Hobson, +44 (0)1223 339992, mph@mrao.cam.ac.uk

Prof. Hiranya Peiris, +44 (0)203 5495831, h.peiris@ucl.ac.uk

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