Supervising, Tripos classes

Will Handley

2012–2017 Part IA Mathematics for NatSci

	Education	
2008–2012		
	Research Experience	
2016-present	Research fellow, Gonville & Caius College, University of Cambridge.	
-	Postdoctoral researcher , <i>Prof. H. Peiris</i> , University College London. Searching for features in the primordial power spectrum.	
2012–2016	PhD: Astrophysics , <i>Prof. A. Lasenby & Prof. M. Hobson</i> , University of Cambridge. Kinetic initial conditions for inflation: Theory, observations & methods.	
2011–2012	Part III Dissertation , <i>Prof. P. Alexander</i> , University of Cambridge. Investigating the origins of cosmic magnetism.	
Summer 2011	Summer Research Student , <i>Prof. M. Faulkes & Dr. J. Spencer</i> , Imperial College. Folded spectrum full configuration interaction quantum Monte Carlo.	
Summer 2011	Summer Research Student , <i>Dr. R. Blumenfeld</i> , University of Cambridge. Geometry and field equations of granular systems.	
2010–2011	Research Review, <i>Prof. S. Gull</i> , University of Cambridge. Literature Survey of the Physics-Philosophy crossover field of measurement theory.	
Summer 2010	iGEM Team Physicist , <i>Dr. J. Haseloff</i> , University of Cambridge. E-glowli 2010 iGEM team (placed in final 6) http://2010.igem.org/Team:Cambridge	
	Awards & Prizes	
Jul. 2019	Guiseppe and Vanna Cocconi Prize (WMAP and Planck)) EPS-HEPP Division
Jun. 2018	Gruber Prize (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	
2017-present	Bayesian Statistics	Graduate lecture course
2013-2018	Part II Physics: General relativity	Supervising

Supervision of graduate students and postdoctoral fellows

Postdoc	Kamran Javid	2018-2019
PhD	Ian Roque, Harry Bevins	2019-present
	Dominic Anstey	2018-present
	Lukas Hergt, Fruzsina Agocs, Will Barker	2017-present
	Ed Higson	2016-2017
Masters	Tom Gessey-Jones, Aleks Petrosyan, Ayngaran Thavanesan, Emma Shen	2019-present
	Deaglan Bartlet, Jamie Bamber, Ian Roque	2018-2019
	Ward Haddadin, Jessica Rigley, Panagiotis Mavrogiannis	2017-2018
	Fruzsina Agocs, Robert Knighton, Stephen Pickman, Daniel Manela	2016–2017
Summer	Denis Werth, Maxime Jabarian, Liam Lau	2019
	Elizabeth Guest, Ward Haddadin, Shu-Fan Chen	2018

Grants won

- £225,000 **STFC IPS 2019**, PolyChord and Bayesian sparse facial recognition.
- £42,000 STFC IAA 2018, PolyChord and Bayesian Neural network facial recognition.
- £25,000 STFC IAA 2016, Interfacing PolyChord 2.0.
- £15,000 KICC Workshop 2019, AstroHackWeek 2019.
- \$6,000 AUS George Southgate Visiting Fellowship 2020, GAMBIT visit.
 - £2,000 KICC visitors 2019, Likelihood free inference workshop.
 - £2,000 KICC visitors 2017, Class and MontePython workshop.
 - £1,800 Caius + Kavli, Summer 2019 student funding.
 - £1,500 King's + Kavli, Summer 2018 student funding.

Academic Talks

- Feb. 2020 **Nested Sampling:** an efficient and robust Bayesian inference tool for physics and machine learning, *Physics Colloquium*, Adelaide, Australia.
- Jan. 2020 Nested Sampling: an efficient and robust Bayesian inference tool for astrophysics and cosmology, Oxford, UK.
- Jan. 2020 **PolyChord: next generation nested sampling**, *Mathematical Challenges in the Electromagnetic Environment*, DAMTP, Cambridge, UK.
- Dec. 2019 Quantised primordial power spectra, Texas 2019, Portsmouth, UK.
- Nov. 2019 **Nested Sampling:** an efficient and robust Bayesian inference tool for Machine Learning and Data Science, *CDT talk*, Cambridge, UK.
- Aug. 2019 Curvature tension: evidence for a closed universe(?), ICG Portsmouth, UK.
- Jul. 2019 Quantifying cosmological tensions, University College London, UK.
- Jun. 2019 Likelihood free inference, GAMBIT X, Germany.
- Mar. 2019 Compromise-free Bayesian sparse reconstruction, LFI workshop, Flatiron institute, US.
- Dec. 2018 Inflation, curvature and kinetic dominance, Future uses of Planck data, ESAC, Spain.
- Nov. 2018 **BAMBI Resurrection: Blind Accelerated Multimodal Bayesian Inference**, *Dark Machines*, Worldwide.
- Nov. 2018 **Nested Sampling:** an efficient and robust Bayesian inference tool for cosmology and particle physics, *Dark Machines*, Worldwide.

- Oct. 2018 Bayesian Statistics, Third Asterics-Obelics workshop, Cambridge, UK.
- May. 2018 **Planck, inflation and the future of inflationary constraints**, *Consistency of Cosmological Datasets*, 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, Cosmo Tools 18, RWTH Aachen, Germany.
- Jan. 2018 Advances in Nested Sampling & astrophysical application, Cambridge, UK.
- Aug. 2017 PolyChord 2.0: Fast inference & nested sampling, Cosmo17, Paris, France.
- Jun. 2017 Modern Bayesian Inference: Theory and Practice, RWTH Aachen, Germany.
- Mar. 2017 Parameter estimation and Model comparison, Cosmo Tools 17, Madrid, Spain.
- Feb. 2017 **PolyChord 2.0: Advances in Nested Sampling & astrophysical application**, Flatiron institute, 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, loA 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

2020-present	Convener of CosmoBit	GAMBIT
2020-present	Leader of data analysis team	REACH
2017-present	Organiser of weekly group seminars	Cavendish astrophysics group
2019	Gonville & Caius college council	Gonville & Caius college
2018–2020	Investments committee	Gonville & Caius college
2018–2020	Education and research committee	Gonville & Caius college
2016-2019	Undergraduate Admissions	Gonville & Caius college

Organisation of scientific meetings

2019	Local organising committee member of KICC 10 th anniversary symposium	KICC
2019	Secured funding for Likelihood free inference workshop (currently organising)	KICC
2019	Helped secure funding and organised AstroHack week 2019	KICC
2018	Secured funding for and organised CLASS+MontePython software workshop	KICC

Peer review

Performed 30 reviews for journals including Physical Review D and Physical Review Letters; https://publons.com/researcher/1596769/will-handley/peer-review/PRD (16), PLB (4), PRL (4), MNRAS (3), JCAP (3).

Collaborations

2018-present	REACH	www.mrao.cam.ac.uk/research/research-projects/reach
2018-present	GAMBIT	gambit.hepforge.org
2018-present	DarkMachines	darkmachines.org
2017–2018	Terra Hunter Experiment	terrahunting.org
2016-2017	CORE	core-mission.org
2015–2016	AMI	www.mrao.cam.ac.uk/research/research-projects/AMI
2015-2019	Planck	cosmos.esa.int/web/planck

Software

PolyChord Sole author and maintainer: github.com/PolyChord/PolyChordLite

pyBAMBI Team maintainer: github.com/DarkMachines/pyBAMBI

anesthetic Sole author and maintainer: github.com/williamjameshandley/anesthetic

fgivenx Sole author and maintainer: github.com/williamjameshandley/fgivenx

primordial Sole author and maintainer: github.com/williamjameshandley/primordial

ModeCode Maintainer: modecode.org

MultiNest Maintainer: github.com/farhanferoz/MultiNest

Open source scipy: Weighted kernel density estimation in scipy.stats.gaussian_kde

matplotlib: Vertical slider in matplotlib.widgets.Slider

Interaction with industry

PolyChord Founded start-up company PolyChord Ltd. to bring Bayesian methods & tools from cosmol-

ogy to Machine Learning & Biotech industries: polychord.co.uk

AnyVision Working collaboratively as part of STFC grant to apply Bayesian sparse reconstruction to

facial recognition

Shell Work with department postdocs in the department applying nested sampling to geophysics

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, LATEX, TikZ, VMs, CI

OS Arch Linux & HPC supercomputing (Experienced), Windows & OSX (Familiar)

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Prof. Alan Heavens, +44 (0)207 5942930, a.heavens@imperial.ac.uk

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