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Astrophysicist at the Adler Planetarium with research interests in gravitational waves, compact objects, high-energy transients, stellar evolution, and citizen science.

Academic Positions

Adler Planetarium Astronomer	Chicago, IL 2023–Present
Northwestern University CIERA Visiting Scholar	Evanston, IL 2023–Present
University of Chicago NASA Hubble Fellowship Program: Hubble Postdoctoral Fellow Zhengtong/Enrico Fermi Postdoctoral Fellow KICP Fellow	Chicago, IL 2020–2023

Education

Northwestern University <i>Ph.D. in Physics and Astronomy</i>	Evanston, IL August 2020
▶ Thesis: Unveiling the Lives and Deaths of Stars through Compact Object Mergers	
▶ Advisor: Vicky Kalogera	
▶ Additional Certificates: Integrated Data Science	
<i>Master of Science in Physics and Astronomy</i>	December 2016
University of Illinois <i>Bachelor of Science</i>	Champaign, IL May 2012
▶ Double Major in Astronomy and Physics	
▶ Minor in Music Performance	

Funding & Grants

Illinois Space Grant Consortium Principal Investigator \$10,000; for development of Astronomy Conversations at the Adler Planetarium	2024-2025
NSF/Simons Foundation National Artificial Intelligence Research Institutes Senior Personnel for SkAI Institute \$20,000,000 total; ~\$150,000 to support M.Z.	2024-2029

Awards & Honors

▶ IOP Publishing Top Cited Paper Award ¹	2023
▶ NASA Hubble Fellowship Program: Hubble Postdoctoral Fellow	2020–2023

¹Zevin et al. 2020a & Zevin et al. 2021a both in the top 1% of most-cited articles in IOP Journals between 2020-2022

▷ Zhengtong/Enrico Fermi Postdoctoral Fellow	2020–2023
▷ KICP Postdoctoral Fellow	2020–2023
▷ Oxford Centre for Cosmological Studies Balzan Fellowship ²	2018
▷ Illinois Space Grant Consortium Fellowship	2017–2020
▷ NSF GK12 Fellowship	2017–2018
▷ Kavli Summer Fellowship ³	2017
▷ NSF IDEAS Fellowship	2016–2020
▷ National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (<i>honorable mention</i>)	2016
▷ Gruber Cosmology Prize (<i>as part of the LIGO-Virgo Collaboration</i>)	2016
▷ Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics (<i>as part of the LIGO-Virgo Collaboration</i>)	2016
▷ First Place in Poster Competition (<i>Computational Research Day, Northwestern University</i>)	2016
▷ High Distinction in Physics (<i>University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign</i>)	2012

Publications

all paper titles are hyperlinked to their ADS entries

First Author Papers

Gravity Spy: lessons learned and a path forward	EPJ+
M. Zevin , C. Jackson, Z. Doctor, et al.	2024
The European Physical Journal Plus 139 100	
Invited article for focus issue on citizen science for physics	
Observational Inference on the Delay Time Distribution of Short Gamma-ray Bursts	ApJL
M. Zevin , A. Nugent, S. Adhikari, W.-f. Fong, D. Holz, L. Kelley	2022
The Astrophysical Journal Letters 940 L18	
Avoiding a Cluster Catastrophe: Retention Efficiency and the Binary Black Hole Mass Spectrum	ApJL
M. Zevin , D. Holz	2022
The Astrophysical Journal Letters 935 L20	
Suspicious Siblings: The Distribution of Mass and Spin Across Component Black Holes in Isolated Binary Evolution	ApJ
M. Zevin , S. Bavera	2022
The Astrophysical Journal 933 86	
Implications of Eccentric Observations on Binary Black Hole Formation Channels	ApJL
M. Zevin , I. Romero-Shaw, K. Kremer, E. Thrane, P. Lasky	2021
The Astrophysical Journal Letters 921 , L43	
One Channel to Rule Them All? Constraining the Origins of Binary Black Holes using Multiple Formation Pathways	ApJ
M. Zevin , S. Bavera, C. Berry, V. Kalogera, T. Fragos, P. Marchant, C. Rodriguez, F. Antonini, D. Holz, C. Pankow	2021
The Astrophysical Journal 910 , 152	
Forward Modeling of Double Neutron Stars: Insights from Highly-Offset Short Gamma-ray Bursts	ApJ
M. Zevin , L. Kelley, A. Nugent, W.-f. Fong, C. Berry, V. Kalogera	2020
The Astrophysical Journal 904 , 190	
Exploring the Lower Mass Gap and Unequal Mass Regime in Compact Binary Evolution	ApJL
M. Zevin , M. Spera, C. Berry, V. Kalogera	2020
The Astrophysical Journal Letters 899 , L1	
You Can't Always Get What You Want: The Impact of Prior Assumptions on Interpreting GW190412	ApJL
M. Zevin , C. Berry, S. Coughlin, K. Chatziioannou, S. Vitale	2020

²Research Advisor: Dr. Chris Lintott (New College, University of Oxford)

³Research Advisor: Dr. Enrico Ramirez-Ruiz (University of California Santa Cruz)

The Astrophysical Journal Letters **899**, L17

Can Neutron-Star Mergers Explain the r-process Enrichment in Globular Clusters? ApJ
M. Zevin, K. Kremer, D. M. Siegel, S. Coughlin, B. T.-H. Tsang, C. P. L. Berry, V. Kalogera 2019
The Astrophysical Journal **886**, 1

Eccentric Black Hole Mergers in Dense Star Clusters: The Role of Binary-Binary Encounters ApJ
M. Zevin, J. Samsing, C. L. Rodriguez, C. J. Haster, E. Ramirez-Ruiz 2019
The Astrophysical Journal **871**, 91
– Covered by AAS Nova

Constraining Formation Models of Binary Black Holes with Gravitational-Wave Observations ApJ
M. Zevin, C. Pankow, C. Rodriguez, L. Sampson, E. Chase, V. Kalogera, F. Rasio 2017
The Astrophysical Journal **846**, 82

Gravity Spy: Integrating Advanced LIGO Detector Characterization, Machine Learning, and Citizen Science CQG
2017
M. Zevin, S. Coughlin, S. Bahaadini, et al.
Classical and Quantum Gravity **34**, 064003
– Covered by AAS Press

Highlighted Contributed Papers

Characterizing Compact Object Binaries in the Lower Mass Gap with Gravitational Waves 2025
J. Cotturone, M. Zevin, S. Biscoveanu
The Astrophysical Journal (submitted)

Exploring the evolution of gravitational-wave emitters with efficient emulation: Constraining the origins of binary black holes using normalising flows ApJ
2025
S. Colloms, C. Berry, J. Veitch, M. Zevin
The Astrophysical Journal (accepted)

Consistent eccentricities for gravitational wave astronomy: Resolving discrepancies between astrophysical simulations and waveform models ApJ
2024
A. Vijaykumar, A. Hanselman, M. Zevin
The Astrophysical Journal **969**, 132

Spin Doctors: How to diagnose a hierarchical merger origin ApJL
2024
E. Payne, K. Kremer, M. Zevin
The Astrophysical Journal Letters **966**, L16

Advancing Glitch Classification in Gravity Spy: Multi-view Fusion with Attention-based Machine Learning for Advanced LIGO’s Fourth Observing Run IS
2024
Y. Wu, M. Zevin, C.P.L. Berry, et al.
Information Sciences (submitted)

What You Don’t Know Can Hurt You: Use and Abuse of Astrophysical Models in Gravitational-wave Population Analyses ApJ
2023
A.Q. Cheng, M. Zevin, S. Vitale
The Astrophysical Journal **955**, 127

Things that might go bump in the night: Assessing structure in the binary black hole mass spectrum ApJ
2023
A Farah, B. Edelman, M. Zevin, M. Fishbach, J. Ezquiaga, B. Farr, D. Holz
The Astrophysical Journal **955**, 107

Inferring Interference: Identifying a Perturbing Tertiary with Eccentric Gravitational Wave Burst Timing PRD
2023
I. Romero-Shaw, N. Loutrel, M. Zevin
The Astrophysical Journal **107**, 122001

The Missing Link Between Black Holes in High-Mass X-ray Binaries and Gravitational-Wave Sources: Observational Selection Effects ApJ
2023
C. Liotine, M. Zevin, C. Berry, Z. Doctor, V. Kalogera
The Astrophysical Journal **946**, 4

Cosmologically coupled compact objects: a single parameter model for LIGO–Virgo mass and redshift distributions	ApJL 2021
<i>K. Croker, M. Zevin, D. Farrah, K. Nishimura, G. Tarle</i> The Astrophysical Journal Letters 922 , L22	
The Impact of Mass-Transfer Physics on the Observable Properties of Field Binary Black Hole Populations	A&A 2021
<i>S. Bavera, T. Fragos, M. Zevin, et al.</i> Astronomy & Astrophysics 647 , 153	
Approximations to the spin of close Black-hole–Wolf-Rayet binaries	RNAAS 2021
<i>S. Bavera, M. Zevin, T. Fragos</i> Research Notes of the American Astronomical Society 5 127	
COSMIC Variance in Binary Population Synthesis	ApJ 2019
<i>K. Breivik, S. Coughlin, M. Zevin, et al.</i> The Astrophysical Journal 898 , 71	
Black Holes: The Next Generation	PRD 2019
<i>C. Rodriguez, M. Zevin, P. Amaro-Seoane, S. Chatterjee, K. Kremer, F. A. Rasio, C. S. Ye</i> Physical Review D 100 , 043027	
Illuminating Black Hole Binary Formation Channels with Spins in Advanced LIGO	ApJL 2016
<i>C. Rodriguez, M. Zevin, C. Pankow, V. Kalogera, F. A. Rasio</i> The Astrophysical Journal Letters 832 , L2	
Collaboration Papers as part of the LIGO Scientific Collaboration (2015–Present)	
only papers with significant contributions from M. Zevin are listed, click here for full list	
Observation of Gravitational Waves from the Coalescence of a 2.5-4.5 Msun Compact Object and a Neutron Star	ApJL 2024
The Astrophysical Journal Letters 970 , L34 – M. Zevin : Editorial team chair, case study team chair	
The population of merging compact binaries inferred using gravitational waves through GWTC-3	PRX 2023
Physical Review X 13 , 011048 – M. Zevin : Astrophysical interpretation review lead, code reviewer for high-mass injection set	
Search for intermediate-mass black hole binaries in the third observing run of Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo	A&A 2022
Astronomy and Astrophysics 659 , A84 – M. Zevin : Reviewer for high-mass injection set	
GWTC-3: Compact Binary Coalescences Observed by LIGO and Virgo During the Second Part of the Third Observing Run	2021
Physical Review X (submitted), arxiv:2111.03634 – M. Zevin : Parameter estimation section review lead	
Properties and Astrophysical Implications of the 150 M_⊙ Binary Black Hole Merger GW190521	ApJL 2020
The Astrophysical Journal Letters 900 , L13 – M. Zevin : Astrophysical implications reviewer	
GW190412: Observation of a Binary-Black-Hole Coalescence with Asymmetric Masses	PRD 2020
Physical Review D 102 , 043015 – M. Zevin : Paper-writing team, populations and astrophysical implications lead, education and public outreach liaison, science summary writer, science case study team	
GW190814: Gravitational Waves from the Coalescence of a 23 Solar Mass Black Hole with a 2.6 Solar Mass Compact Object	ApJL 2020
The Astrophysical Journal Letters 896 , L44 – M. Zevin : Astrophysical implications reviewer	
Binary Black Hole Population Properties Inferred from the First and Second Observing Runs of Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo	ApJL 2019

The Astrophysical Journal Letters **882**, L24
– [M. Zevin](#): Education and public outreach liaison, science summary writer

On the Progenitor of Binary Neutron Star Merger GW170817 ApJL
2017
The Astrophysical Journal Letters **850**, L40
– [M. Zevin](#): Chair of paper-writing team, analysis lead

GW170817: Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Neutron Star Inspiral PRL
2017
Physical Review Letters **119**, 161101
– [M. Zevin](#): Education and public outreach liaison

Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Black Hole Merger PRL
2016
Physical Review Letters **116**, 061102
– [M. Zevin](#): Ran exploratory parameter estimation

Contributed Papers

Tests of General Relativity with GW230529: a neutron star merging with a lower mass-gap compact object 2024
E. Sanger, S. Roy, M. Agathos, ..., [M. Zevin](#)
Physical Review D (submitted)

No need to know: astrophysics-free gravitational-wave cosmology 2023
A. Farah, T. Callister, J. M. Ezquiaga, [M. Zevin](#), D. E. Holz
The Astrophysical Journal (submitted)

A Population of Short-duration Gamma-ray Bursts with Dwarf Host Galaxies 2023
A. Nugent, W.-f. Fong, C. Castrejon, J. Leja, [M. Zevin](#), A. Ji
The Astrophysical Journal **962**, 5

Data quality up to the third observing run of Advanced LIGO: Gravity Spy glitch classifications CQG
2023
J. Glanzer, S. Banagiri, S. Coughlin, S. Soni, C. Berry, [M. Zevin](#), et al.
Classical and Quantum Gravity **40**, 065004

POSDON: A General-Purpose Population Synthesis Code with Detailed Binary-Evolution Simulations ApJS
2023
T. Fragos, J.J. Andrews, S.S. Bavera, . . . , [M. Zevin](#)
The Astrophysical Journal Supplements **264**, 45

Observational evidence for cosmological coupling of black holes and its implications for an astrophysical source of dark energy ApJL
2023
D. Farrah, K. Croker, [M. Zevin](#), et al.
The Astrophysical Journal Letters **944**, L31

A Preferential Growth Channel for Supermassive Black Holes in Elliptical Galaxies at $z \approx 2$ ApJ
2023
D. Farrah, S. Petty, K. Croker, G. Tarle, [M. Zevin](#), et al.
The Astrophysical Journal **943**, 133

Intermediate-mass Black Holes on the Run from Young Star Clusters ApJ
2022
E. Gonzlez, K. Kremer, G. Fragione, M. Martinez, N. Weatherford, [M. Zevin](#), F. Rasio
The Astrophysical Journal **940**, 131

Discriminative Dimensionality Reduction using Deep Neural Networks for Clustering of LIGO Data 2022
S. Baahadini, Y. Wu, S. Coughlin, [M. Zevin](#), A. Katsaggelos
IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (submitted), arXiv: 2205.13672

Short GRB Host Galaxies II: A Legacy Sample of Redshifts, Stellar Population Properties, and Implications for their Neutron Star Merger Origins ApJ
2022
A. Nugent, W.-f. Fong, Y. Dong, J. Leja, E. Berger, [M. Zevin](#), et al.
The Astrophysical Journal **935**, 126

Black hole - black hole total merger mass and the origin of LIGO/Virgo sources ApJ
2022
K. Belczynski, Z. Doctor, [M. Zevin](#), A. Olejak, S. Banerjee, D. Chattopadhyay
The Astrophysical Journal **935**, 126

The χ_{eff}^z correlation of field binary black hole mergers and how 3G gravitational-wave detectors can constrain it A&A
2022
S.S. Bavera, M. Fishbach, [M. Zevin](#), E. Zapartas, T. Fragos

Astronomy & Astrophysics **665**, A59

Stochastic gravitational-wave background as a tool to investigate multi-channel astrophysical and primordial black-hole mergers A&A
2022
S. Bavera, G. Franciolini, G. Cusin, A. Riotto, M. Zevin, T. Fragos
Astronomy & Astrophysics **660**, 26

Probing the progenitors of spinning binary black-hole mergers with long gamma-ray bursts A&A
2022
S. Bavera, T. Fragos, E. Zapartas, E. Ramirez-Ruiz, P. Marchant, L. Kelley, M. Zevin, et al.
Astronomy & Astrophysics Letters **657**, L8

Evidence for Hierarchical Black Hole Mergers in the Second LIGO–Virgo Gravitational-Wave Catalog ApJL
2020
C. Kimball, C. Talbot, C. Berry, M. Zevin, E. Thrane, V. Kalogera, et al.
The Astrophysical Journal Letters **915**, L35

The Impact of Mass-Transfer Physics on the Observable Properties of Field Binary Black Hole Populations A&A
2021
S. Bavera, T. Fragos, M. Zevin, C. Berry, P. Marchant, J. Andrews, S. Coughlin, A. Dotter, et al.
Astronomy & Astrophysics **647**, 153

Black hole genealogy: Identifying hierarchical mergers with gravitational waves ApJ
2020
C. Kimball, C. Talbot, C. Berry, M. Carney, M. Zevin, E. Thrane, V. Kalogera
The Astrophysical Journal **900**, 177

Black Hole Mergers from Hierarchical Triples in Dense Star Clusters ApJ
2020
M. Martinez, G. Fragione, K. Kremer, . . . , M. Zevin, S. Naoz, F. A. Rasio
The Astrophysical Journal **903**, 67

Teaching Citizen Scientists to Categorize Glitches using Machine Learning Guided Training CHB
2020
C. Jackson, C. Østerlund, K. Crowston, . . . , M. Zevin
Computers in Human Behavior **105**, 106198

The Missing Link in Gravitational-Wave Astronomy: Discoveries waiting in the decihertz range CQG
2020
M. Arca Sedda, C. Berry, K. Jani, . . . , M. Zevin
Classical and Quantum Gravity **37**, 215011 (ESA’s Voyage 2050 White Paper)

Knowledge Tracing to Model Learning in Online Citizen Science Projects IEEE TLT
2019
K. Crowston, C. Østerlund, T. Lee, . . . , M. Zevin
IEEE Transactions on Learning Technologies **13**, 1

Classifying the Unknown: Discovering Novel Gravitational-Wave Detector Glitches using Similarity Learning PRD
2019
S. Coughlin, S. Bahaadini, N. Rohani, M. Zevin, et al.
Physical Review D **99**, 082002

Post-Newtonian Dynamics in Dense Star Clusters: Binary Black Holes in the LISA Band PRD
2019
K. Kremer, C. L. Rodriguez, . . . , M. Zevin
Physical Review D **99**, 063003

Post-Newtonian Dynamics in Dense Star Clusters: Formation, Masses, and Merger Rates of Highly-Eccentric Black Hole Binaries PRD
2018
C. L. Rodriguez, P. Amaro-Seoane, S. Chatterjee, K. Kremer, F. A. Rasio, J. Samsing, C. S. Ye, M. Zevin
Physical Review D **98**, 123005

DIRECT: Deep Discriminative Embedding for Clustering of LIGO Data ICIP
2018
S. Bahaadini, V. Noroozi, N. Rohani, S. Coughlin, M. Zevin, V. Kalogera, A. K. Katsaggelos
25th IEEE International Conference on Image Processing Proceedings

Machine Learning for Gravity Spy: Glitch Classification and Dataset ISJ
2018
S. Bahaadini, V. Noroozi, N. Rohani, S. Coughlin, M. Zevin, J. R. Smith, V. Kalogera, A. K. Katsaggelos
Information Sciences Journal **444**, 172

Improvements in Gravitational-wave Sky Localization with Expanded Networks of Interferometers ApJL
2018
C. Pankow, E. A. Chase, S. Coughlin, M. Zevin, V. Kalogera
The Astrophysical Journal Letters **854**, L25

Deep Multi-view Models for Glitch Classification <i>S. Bahaadini, N. Rohani, S. Coughlin, M. Zevin, V. Kalogera, A. K. Katsaggelos</i> IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing Proceedings	ICASSP 2018
Incorporating Current Research into Formal Higher Education Settings using Astrobites <i>N. E. Sanders, S. Kohler, C. Faesi, A. Villar, M. Zevin</i> American Journal of Physics 85 , 741	AJP 2017
Astrophysical Prior Information and Gravitational-Wave Parameter Estimation <i>C. Pankow, L. Sampson, L. Perri, E. A. Chase, S. Coughlin, M. Zevin, V. Kalogera</i> The Astrophysical Journal 834 , 154	APJ 2017

Presentations

Invited Talks	
Berkeley TAC Seminar <i>What have we actually learned after a decade of observing gravitational waves?</i>	Berkeley, CA May 2025
EFI Lunchtime Conversations <i>Eccentricity in Black Hole Mergers</i>	Chicago, IL April 2025
GW Snowballs <i>Falsifying Astrophysical Predictions for Gravitational-wave Sources</i>	Sexten, Italy January 2025
APS April Meeting <i>New Results from the LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Gravitational-wave Observatory Network</i>	Sacramento, CA April 2024
University of Illinois Astrophysics, Gravitational, and Cosmology Seminar <i>Deciphering the Biography of Massive Stars: Compact Object Mergers as a Rosetta Stone</i>	Urbana, IL January 2024
Notre Dame Astrophysics Seminar <i>Deciphering the Biography of Massive Stars: Compact Object Mergers as a Rosetta Stone</i>	South Bend, IN November 2023
Caltech TAPIR Seminar <i>Deciphering the Biography of Massive Stars: Compact Object Mergers as a Rosetta Stone</i>	Pasadena, CA May 2023
CITA Seminar <i>Deciphering the Biography of Massive Stars: Compact Object Mergers as a Rosetta Stone</i>	Toronto, Canada November 2022
AAS HEAD Meeting <i>One Channel to Rule Them All? Deciphering the Formation Pathways of Compact Object Mergers</i>	Pittsburgh, PA March 2022
Caltech/MIT LIGO–GRITTS Seminar <i>Deciphering the Biography of Massive Stars: Compact Object Mergers as a Rosetta Stone</i>	Virtual June 2021
Fermi Lab Cosmic Physics Center Seminar <i>Deciphering the Biography of Massive Stars: Compact Object Mergers as a Rosetta Stone</i>	Virtual May 2021
Yale Astronomy Colloquium <i>Deciphering the Biography of Massive Stars: Compact Object Mergers as a Rosetta Stone</i>	Virtual April 2021
University of Chicago Astro Lunch Seminar <i>Unveiling the Lives and Deaths of Stars through Compact Object Mergers</i>	Virtual January 2021
Zooniverse Transient Workshop <i>Gravity Spy: Leveling Up & Training Volunteers using Machine Learning</i>	Virtual November 2020
Cosmic Explorer Panel <i>Binary Formation, panelist</i>	Virtual October 2020
Perimeter Institute Strong Gravity Seminar <i>Deciphering the Landscape of Compact Binary Formation Channels</i>	Waterloo, ON December 2019
AEI Seminar <i>Deciphering the Landscape of Compact Binary Formation Channels</i>	Postdam, DE December 2019

Caltech TAPIR Seminar <i>Deciphering the Landscape of Compact Binary Formation Channels</i>	Pasadena, CA November 2019
UCLA Lunch Talk <i>Deciphering the Landscape of Compact Binary Formation Channels</i>	Los Angeles, CA November 2019
UCSC FLASH Seminar <i>Deciphering the Landscape of Compact Binary Formation Channels</i>	Santa Cruz, CA November 2019
UCSB Astro Lunch <i>Deciphering the Landscape of Binary Black Hole Formation Channels</i>	Santa Barbara, CA November 2019
Colombia Astronomy Seminar <i>Getting the boot: Lonely GRBs, enigmatic r-process, and the birth of neutron stars</i>	New York, NY October 2019
MIT GRITTS Seminar <i>Unveiling the Lives and Deaths of Stars through Compact Object Mergers</i>	Cambridge, MA October 2019
CfA High Energy Astrophysics Seminar <i>Deciphering the Landscape of Binary Black Hole Formation Channels</i>	Cambridge, MA October 2019
CGCA Seminar <i>Unveiling the Lives and Deaths of Stars through Compact Object Mergers</i>	Milwaukee, WI March 2019
IGC Seminar <i>From the Detected to the Detectors: Using Gravitational Waves to Enable Insights from the Stellar Graveyard & the Next Generation of Citizen Science</i>	Portsmouth, UK March 2018
SPI-MAX Seminar <i>From the Detected to the Detectors: Using Gravitational Waves to Enable Insights from the Stellar Graveyard & the Next Generation of Citizen Science</i>	Oxford, UK February 2018
Contributed Talks, Panels, & Posters	
Cosmic Explorer Symposium (Panel) <i>What is needed from other communities?</i>	Virtual April 2024
AAS Winder Meeting (Talk) <i>Use and Abuse of Astrophysical Models in Gravitational-wave Population Analyses</i>	New Orleans, LA January 2024
APS April Meeting (Talk) <i>Astrophysical Implications of Eccentric Black Hole Mergers</i>	Minneapolis, MN April 2023
GWPAW (Panel) <i>Panel discussion chair; Scientific Organizing Committee</i>	Melbourne, Australia December 2022
NHFP Symposium (Talk) <i>Lessons learned from the galactic hosts of short gamma-ray bursts</i>	Baltimore, MD September 2022
Post-PAX Meeting (Talk) <i>Formation Channels of Binary Black Holes: Open Questions</i>	Cambridge, MA August 2022
Intermediate-Mass Black Holes: New Science from Stellar Evolution to Cosmology (Talk) <i>The growth of intermediate-mass black holes through hierarchical mergers: implications for ground-based gravitational-wave detections</i>	San Juan, PR April 2022
APS April Meeting (Talk) <i>Lessons learned from the galactic hosts of short gamma-ray bursts</i>	New York, NY April 2022
Aspen Winter Conference (Talk) <i>Growing Black Holes: The Impact of Retention Efficiency on Hierarchical Mergers and the BBH Mass Spectrum</i>	Aspen, CO January 2022
NHFP Symposium (Talk) <i>Constraining dynamical formation channels of binary black holes with eccentric observations</i>	Virtual September 2021
Amaldi 14 (Talk) <i>Constraining dynamical formation channels of binary black holes with eccentric observations</i>	Virtual July 2021

NHFP Symposium (Talk) <i>Research Overview</i>	Virtual September 2020
Aspen Winter Conference (Talk) <i>Eccentric Black Hole Mergers in Dense Star Clusters: Post-Newtonian Effects & Higher Multiplicity Encounters</i>	Aspen, CO February 2019
AAS 233 (Talk) <i>Eccentric Black Hole Mergers in Dense Star Clusters: The Role of Binary-Binary Encounters</i>	Seattle, WA January 2019
NSF Research Traineeship Annual Meeting (Poster) <i>Gravity Spy: Integrating Gravitational-Wave Astrophysics, Machine Learning, and Citizen Sciences</i>	Washington, DC September 2018
MODEST-18 (Talk) <i>The Role of Binary-Binary Interactions in Inducing Eccentric Black Hole Mergers</i>	Santorini, Greece June 2018
APS April Meeting (Talk) <i>On the Progenitor of Binary Neutron Star Merger GW170817</i>	Columbus, OH April 2018
Detecting the Unexpected: Discovery in the Era of Astronomically Big Data (Talk) <i>The Future of Citizen Science: Coupling Crowdsourcing and Machine Learning</i>	Baltimore, MD March 2017
APS April Meeting (Talk) <i>Discriminating Formation Channels of Binary Black Hole Systems with Advanced LIGO</i>	Washington, DC January 2017
AAS 229 (Talk) <i>Discriminating Formation Channels of Binary Black Hole Systems with Advanced LIGO</i>	Grapevine, TX January 2017
AAS 229 (Workshop & Poster) <i>Astrobites: Engaging Undergraduate Science Majors with Current Astrophysical Research</i>	Grapevine, TX January 2017
AAS 228 (Talk) <i>Gravity Spy: Integrating aLIGO detector characterization, machine learning, and citizen science</i>	San Diego, CA June 2016
Northwestern Computational Research Exposition (Poster) <i>Integrating aLIGO detector characterization, machine learning, and citizen science</i> – Awarded first prize in poster competition	Evanston, IL April 2016
Midwest Relativity Meeting (Talk) <i>LIGO glitch classification through the combination of machine learning and citizen science</i>	Evanston, IL September 2015

Outreach & Public Engagement

Science Communication & Outreach	
Gravity Spy <i>Researcher, Developer</i>	Citizen Science 2015–Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Developed Zooniverse citizen science project to classify and characterize LIGO–Virgo detector data, as part of a team of gravitational wave, machine learning, Zooniverse, and social scientists – Led construction of user interface on the Zooniverse Lab platform, point person for communication between the Zooniverse volunteers and science team – Project has accumulated over 7,000,000 classifications from over 30,000 registered users (January 2022) 	
Lifelong Learning <i>Organizer</i>	Talk Series 2021–2022
– Public talk series for seniors, based in public libraries and senior centers in the Chicago-land area.	
Astrobites <i>Author, Administrator, & Leadership Team</i>	Blog 2014–2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Astronomy blog partnered with the AAS, provides daily summaries of recent astronomy research articles – Initiated the “Beyond” series, which covers topics on career advice, graduate school applications, and diversity, equity, and inclusivity in astronomy 	

ComSciCon <i>Organizer, Attendee</i> – National graduate-student run science communication workshop for graduate students in STEM fields	Workshop 2017–2020
Astronomy on Tap <i>Co-founder, organizer, host, speaker</i> – Co-founded the Chicago branch of Astronomy on Tap, which hosts astronomy talks and space-based trivia at bars and breweries in the Chicago-land area	Public Event 2015–2020
Rapid Fire Research <i>Founder, Chair</i> – Annual research presentation event for graduate and undergraduate students in Northwestern Department of Physics and Astronomy	Departmental Event 2016–2019
Machine Learning Meetups <i>Organizer, Host</i> – Quarterly interdisciplinary colloquia on data science and machine learning topics	Public Event 2016–2018
Chicagoland Science Penpals <i>Participant</i> – Correspondence with students in Chicago public schools about scientific research and science as a profession, using handwritten letters	Event 2017
Public Talks & Lectures	
TEDx NIU <i>Northern Illinois University</i>	Public Lecture 2025
Astronomer Conversations <i>Adler Planetarium, Space Visualization Laboratory</i>	Lecture Series 2014–present
Astronomy on Tap <i>Chicago, IL</i>	Invited Speaker December 2023
Lifelong Learning: JWST <i>Remote</i>	Lecture Series November 2022
Art of Science <i>Chicago, IL</i>	Invited Speaker October 2022
Hinsdale Social Studies Circle: Uncovering the Universe’s Symphony <i>Virtual</i>	Invited Speaker January 2022
Finding Genius Podcast <i>Virtual</i>	Invited Speaker December 2021
Lifelong Learning: Gravitational Waves <i>Remote</i>	Lecture Series November 2021
Lifelong Learning: Gravitational Waves <i>Remote</i>	Lecture Series March 2021
UBS Investment Banking: Gravity Spy and LIGO <i>Virtual</i>	Invited Speaker September 2020
Astronomer Evenings <i>Northwestern University, Dearborn Observatory</i>	Lecture Series 2016–2019
Chipping Norton Amateur Astronomy Group <i>Chipping Norton, UK</i>	Keynote Lecture February 2018
Take Our Children to Work Day <i>Northwestern University</i>	Lecture April 2016, 2018
Haven Midde School <i>Evanston, IL</i>	Invited Speaker April 2017, 2018
Chicago Astronomical Society	Keynote Lecture

<i>Adler Planetarium</i>	<i>May 2017</i>
Avery Coonley School <i>Downers Grove, IL</i>	Invited Speaker <i>May 2017</i>
Seven Minutes of Science: An Interdisciplinary Symposium <i>Northwestern University</i>	Public Talk <i>April 2017</i>
Highcrest Elementary <i>Wilmette, IL</i>	Invited Speaker <i>March 2017</i>
Einstein Evenings <i>Northwestern University, Dearborn Observatory</i>	Lecture Series <i>2015–2016</i>
Nettlehorst Elementary <i>Chicago, IL</i>	Invited Speaker <i>February 2016</i>

Publications

Astrobit.es <i>Authored over 20 blog posts on current research in astrophysics (Link)</i>	Blog <i>2014–2020</i>
LIGO Science Summary <i>Companion science summary to the LIGO–Virgo O2 Populations paper (Link)</i> <i>Companion science summary to the GW170817 Detection paper (Link)</i>	Article <i>November 2018</i> <i>October 2017</i>
LIGO Magazine <i>The Gravity Spy Project — Machine Learning and Citizen Science (Link)</i>	Magazine Article <i>March 2017</i>
Helix Magazine <i>The Legacy of Scientific Discovery (Link)</i>	Magazine Article <i>March 2017</i>

Teaching & Work Experience

Illinois Institute of Technology <i>Undergraduate Level Observational Astrophysics</i>	Guest Lecturer <i>2023</i>
University of Chicago <i>Graduate Level Stellar Astrophysics, Graduate Level Space Physics</i>	Guest Lecturer <i>2022–Present</i>
Northwestern University <i>Introduction to Astronomy, Stellar Astrophysics, Data-Driven Research in Astronomy</i> – Guest lectured, developed assignments, graded, and ran telescope observing sessions	Lecturer/TA <i>2015–2017</i>
GK12 Fellowship <i>Reach for the Stars; Evanston, IL</i> – Co-taught astronomy classes at Evanston Township High School – Developed curriculum, coding-based lessons, and visualizations for high-school students	Teaching <i>2017–2018</i>
Kids Science Labs <i>Lead Teacher; Chicago, IL</i> – Taught classes of 3–12 year old students in hands-on, experiential science classes – Designed curriculum for science summer camps	Teaching <i>2013–2015</i>
Adler Planetarium <i>Mission Specialist, Science Leadership Corps Instructor; Chicago, IL</i> – Facilitated exhibits, performed experiments, and gave astronomy talks to the public – Designed educational programming – Led under-represented students in designing experiments for high-altitude balloon launches	Museum Education <i>2012–2014</i>

Students Mentored

Alex Hanselman <i>Self-consistent eccentricity definitions; University of Chicago Graduate Student</i>	Graduate <i>2023–present</i>
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Ethan Payne <i>Measurability of spin and precession in hierarchical mergers; Caltech Graduate Student</i>	Graduate 2022–present
April Cheng <i>Multi-channel model selection with GWTC-3; MIT Undergraduate Student</i>	Undergraduate 2022–present
Aditya Vijaykumar <i>Evolution of binary neutron stars in cosmological simulations; KICP Visiting Graduate Student</i>	Graduate 2022–present
Anyu Nugent <i>Host demographics and progenitors of short GRBs; CIERA Graduate Student</i>	Graduate 2021–present
Amanda Farah <i>Cosmology from evolving non-parametric mass distribution; University of Chicago Graduate Student</i>	Graduate 2021–present
Camille Liotine <i>HMXB Progenitors to Binary Black Hole Mergers; CIERA Graduate Student</i>	Graduate 2020–2023
Simone Bavera <i>Isolated Evolution and Tidal Spin-up of Wolf-Rayet Stars; University of Geneva Graduate Student</i>	Graduate 2019–2021
Michael Kurkowski <i>Pair Instability Supernova Prescriptions in Binary Population Synthesis; CIERA REU Student</i>	Undergraduate 2019
Jared Machtinger <i>Population properties of binary black holes detected by LIGO; CIERA Summer Student</i>	High School 2019
Danai Avdela <i>Population properties of binary black holes detected by LIGO; CIERA Summer Student</i>	High School 2019
Isaac Rivera <i>Offset distributions of short gamma-ray bursts; CIERA REU Student</i>	Undergraduate 2018
Grace Kern <i>Optimization of Gravity Spy image retirement; CIERA Summer Student</i>	High School 2018
Hannah Stein <i>Optimization of Gravity Spy image retirement; CIERA Summer Student</i>	High School 2018
Yuqi Yun <i>Gaussian Process regression of black hole mass distributions; CIERA REU Student</i>	Undergraduate 2016
Sophie Haight <i>Gaussian Process regression of binary stellar evolution sequences; CIERA Summer Student</i>	High School 2016

Affiliations & Leadership Positions

▷ LSST Discovery Alliance: Institutional Representative	2023–present
▷ GWPAW Conference: Scientific Organizing Committee	2022
▷ NHFP Symposium: Scientific Organizing Committee	2022
▷ Lifelong Learning: Organizer	2021–2022
▷ NHFP DEI Working Group: Statistics Co-Lead	2020–2022
▷ ComSciCon National: Organizer	2017–2020
▷ American Astronomical Society: Member	2016–Present
▷ American Physical Society: Member	2016–Present
▷ American Astronomical Society, Media Intern	2016
▷ Physics and Astronomy Graduate Student Council: Quality of Life Chair	2016–2018
▷ Rapid Fire Research: Founder, chair	2016–2018
▷ LIGO Scientific Collaboration: Member	2015–Present

- ▷ **Astrobites:** Administrator, Author 2014–2020
- ▷ **Chicago Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra:** Double Bassist 2014–2020

Service Work

- Served on NSF panel** 2021
- Peer Reviewer for:** 2017–Present
 - *Astronomy and Astrophysics*
 - *The Astrophysical Journal*
 - *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*
 - *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*
 - *Nature Astronomy*
 - *Physical Review D*
 - *Physical Review Letters*