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Research Interests	Experimental cosmology, astrophysical instrumentation, data analysis, polarimetry, cosmic microwave background, interstellar medium, dust, cryogenics, balloon-borne telescopes		
EDUCATION	The University of Pennsylvania , Philadelphia, PA Ph.D., Physics and Astronomy	May 2016	
	 Magnetic Fields in Molecular Clouds: The BLASTPol¹ and BLAST-TNG² Experiments Adviser: Prof. Mark Devlin 		
	California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA B.S., Astrophysics	June 2008	
Research Experience	University of California San Diego , La Jolla, CA Simons Observatory Postdoctoral Scholar	Sept. 2016 - Present	
	 Simons Observatory leader for cryogenic camera design, integration, and testing. Lead for renovation and setup of new highbay laboratory space at UCSD. Simons Observatory systematic studies, data acquisition, and analysis. BLAST-TNG flight preparations and Antarctic deployment Simons Array design, field deployment to Chile, and calibration. 		
	University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA Graduate Student	Sept. 2010 - May 2016	
	 BLAST-TNG leader for liquid helium camera design, construction, and testing. BLASTPOl data reduction and analysis. BLASTPOl commissioning, testing, and Antarctic launch. 		
	California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA Undergraduate Researcher	Jun. 2006 - Jun. 2008	
	• Developed a radio interferometer for atmospheric c	haracterization.	
	Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, CA Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship	Jun. 2005 - Sept. 2005	
	• Developed a lunar based seismometer for the detec	tion of strange quark matter.	
Fellowships and Awards	Fulbright Scholar Program Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholar Award	Selected Feb. 2020	
	 Awarded for the period Sept. 2020 through Dec. 2020. Grant will support research to develop a drone based polarized calibration source for CMB telescopes with Prof. Rolando Dünner Paella at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. 		
	University of Pennsylvania , Philadelphia, PA School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Completion F	Sept. 2015-May 2016	
	Fellowship fully funds student for the final year ofOne student is nominated from the department each		
	American Astronomical Society (AAS) Astronomy Ambassador	Jan. 2015 - Present	
	iety of the Pacific (ASP). nued Astronomy outreach work.		

¹BLASTPol: The Balloon-borne Large Aperture Submillimeter Telescope for Polarimetry

²BLAST-TNG: The Balloon-borne Large Aperture Submillimeter Telescope - The Next Generation

RECENT PROFESSIONAL TALKS	Invited, University of Iowa Dept. of Physics and Astronomy Colloquium, Iowa City, IA Feb. 2020 The Simons Observatory and BLAST-TNG: Probing the beginning of the Universe with precision po- larimetry experiments		
	Invited, Cardiff University Seminar, Cardiff, UK Forethought for foregrounds: Next steps in precision cosmology with the Simons Observator BLAST-TNG		
	Invited , Midwest Magnetic Fields Meeting 2019, Madison, WI Dust polarimetry of the interstellar medium with the Simons Observatory and	May 2019 d BLAST-TNG	
	Invited, The Oasis Institute, San Diego, CA Exploring the Origins of the Universe: The Big Bang	May 2019	
	233rd Meeting of the American Astronomical Society, Seattle, WA BLAST-TNG: Antarctic pre-flight integration	Jan. 2019	
	Invited , University of Southern California Colloquium, Los Angeles, CA <i>Forethought for foregrounds: Next steps in precision cosmology</i>	Sept. 2018	
	SPIE Astronomical Telescopes + Instrumentation, Austin, TX The Simons Observatory: Instrument Overview	Jun. 2018	
	Invited, 13th Conference on the Intersections of Particle and Nuclear Physics, Palm Springs, CA <i>The Simons Observatory: Project Overview</i>	May 2018	
PROFESSIONAL Service	UCSD Physics Department Education and Public Outreach Committee member.	Aug. 2018 - Present	
JERVICE	Simons Observatory Collaboration	Sept. 2017 - Present	
	Small aperture telescope, work breakdown structure Level 3 leader.	Ĩ	
	Simons Observatory Collaboration Education and public outreach committee co-leader.	Sept. 2016 - Present	
	CMB-S4 Collaboration Meeting Local organizing committee member.	Oct. 2019	
	Simons Observatory Collaboration Meeting Local organizing committee member.	Jun. 2017	
	NASA Review panel member.	Jun. 2017	
	Simons Observatory Collaboration Cryogenics working group co-leader.	Sept. 2016 - Sept. 2017	
	Polarbear Collaboration Remote observer for Polarbear-1 Chilean observations.	Sept. 2016 - Jun. 2017	
	Polarbear Collaboration Internal reviewer for a publication.	Oct. 2016	
Professional Membership	CMB-S4 Collaboration, Member	2018 - Present	
	Simons Observatory Collaboration, Member	2016 - Present	
	Polarbear Collaboration, Member	2016 - Present	
	American Astronomical Society, Member	2015 - Present	
	SPIE: The international society for optics and photonics , Member	2014 - Present	
	BLAST Collaboration, Member	2012 - Present	
Mentoring Experience	University of California San Diego, La Jolla, CA Graduate Students		
	Michael Randall, <i>Simons Observatory</i> Jacob Spisak, <i>Simons Observatory</i> Ningfeng Zhu, <i>Graduate at UPenn, Simons Observatory</i>	June 2019 - Present June 2018 - Present Jan. 2018 - Present	

	• My mentee as part of the Simons Observatory Mentorship Program. Tran Tsan, <i>Simons Observatory</i> Joseph Seibert, <i>Simons Observatory</i> Maximiliano Silva-feaver, <i>Simons Observatory</i>	Sept. 2017 - Present Sept. 2017 - Present Sept. 2016 - Present
	Research Assistants	
	 Joseph Rodriguez, Simons Observatory Christopher Ellis, Simons Observatory Kevin Crowley, Simons Observatory Currently a physics graduate student at Princeton University. 	Nov, 2019 - Present June 2019 - Present Sept. 2016 - June 2018
	Undergraduate Researchers	
	Hakob Abajian Tamar Ervin Logan Foote	June 2019 - Present July 2019 - Sept. 2019 June 2019 - Aug. 2019
	 University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA Mark Giovinazzi, <i>Undergraduate, BLAST-TNG</i> Currently a physics and astronomy graduate student at the University of I 	Jan. 2015 - May 2016 Pennsylvania.
	Timothy McSorley, <i>Undergraduate</i>, <i>BLAST-TNG</i>Currently a physics and astronomy graduate student at the University of G	Jan. 2015 - May 2016 California Irvine.
Teaching Experience	 The Center for Engaged Teaching, La Jolla, CA Introduction to College Teaching Developed expertise in evidence-based teaching practices that support stu Developed and presented a lesson plan that included active learning compared to the providence of the	-
	 The Netter Center, Philadelphia, PA The Netter Center Astronomy Curriculum Chair Developed a 12 Lesson Astronomy Curriculum for an under-served inner Course included organizing lessons and facilitating demonstrations. Mentored undergraduate student volunteers who assisted in teaching the 	
	 iPraxis, Philadelphia, PA <i>iPraxis Afterschool Class Mentor</i> A reverse engineering class for inner-city middle school students. Created activities to help students understand how basic mechanical/elect 	Jan. 2015 - May 2015 trical devices worked.
	 University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA <i>Teaching Assistant</i> Phys 101: General Physics: Mechanics, Heat, and Sound Responsibilities included leading a weekly recitation section, grading Instructor: Prof. Mark Devlin 	Jan. 2013 - May 2013
	 Teaching Assistant Aug. 2011 - Dec. 2011, Jan. 2012 - May 2012, Aug. 20 Dec. 2013 Astr 001: Survey of the Universe Undergraduate course in basic astronomy for non-science majors. 	12 - Dec. 2012, Aug. 2013

- Responsibilities included grading and office hours.
- Instructor: Prof. Mark Devlin

Center for Teaching and Learning

- Teaching Assistant Training Workshop Leader
 - Developed lessons on teaching methodology in months prior to workshop.
 - Taught lessons and interactive sessions over one week period prior to start of semester.
 - Responsible for training new teaching assistants for the School of Arts and Sciences.

Teaching Assistant

- Phys 101 and Phys 102 Laboratory
 - Lab courses in physics, concentrating on mechanics, electricity, and magnetism.
 - Responsibilities included preparing laboratory lectures and demonstrations, supervising student lab groups, and grading lab reports.
 - Lab supervisor: Dr. Robert Johnson

Aug. 2010 - Dec. 2010

Aug. 2012

LABORATORY **Software:** EXPERIENCE • SolidW

- *SolidWorks*: Extensive experience with design and simulation.
- COMSOL Multiphysics: Experience with mechanical and thermal simulation software.
- *GrabCAD*: Organizational and administrative experience with versioning control software within several collaborations.
- Microsoft Project: Significant work constructing and managing project Gantt charts.
- Jira: Utilized to coordinate the research activities of the graduate students I mentor.
- Zemax: Experience with optical design and simulation.
- Experience with Excel, MATLAB, and Mathematica.

Instrumentation, Control, Data Acquisition, Test, and Measurement:

- Extensive cryogenic experience with sub-kelvin systems including dilution refrigerators as well as liquid cryogen handling.
- Experience with FARO Laser Trackers for surface accuracy and alignment measurements.
- Significant experience with Fourier transform spectrometers for bandpass measurements.
- Experience with LabVIEW control programs.

Data analysis:

- *TOAST*: Experience with map making software designed for time ordered data processing used in both SO and BLAST-TNG.
- Python: Extensive use for data analysis and observatory control software.
- *C*++ *and Perl*: Implemented for instrument control programs and data reduction.
- UNIX shell scripting: General experience for a variety of applications.
- Jython: Experience for use with the Herschel ESA instrument data reduction tools.

PUBLIC University of California San Diego

OUTREACH

Astronomy on Tap San Diego Co-Lead

- Co-founder of the San Diego branch of Astronomy on Tap.
- Organize public talks with co-lead, Prof. Lisa Will, at local venues for the general public.

Comicon panel member, "Putting more science in your fiction" July 2017, July 2018, July 2019

- Invited by the STEM advocacy group "The League of Extraordinary Scientists and Engineers."
- Fielded questions from members of the public attending the convention.

San Diego Festival of Science and Engineering - Sponsored Booth March 2017, March 2018, March 2019

- Primary organizer for our department's booth.
- Physics demonstrations performed by volunteer faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates.

Skype a Scientist

- Classrooms are connected with scientists to ask questions and learn about their research.
- Interacted with over 100 students during active period.

UCSD Cosmology - Lab Tours

- Tours occur on average every other month.
- Groups have 5 to 80 students with an age range from middle-school to community college.

Fleet Science Center - #2Scientists

- An event hosted at local bars that occurs once per quarter.
- Members of the public ask participating scientists a wide range of science questions.

San Diego area public talks

- Occur once per quarter on average.
- Venues have included bars, science festivals, and local astronomy association functions.

San Diego Astronomy Association - Active member

• Participate in observing nights open to the public.

Sept. 2016 - Present

Jan. 2017 - Jan. 2018 eir research.

Aug. 2017 - Present

Simons Observatory

Education and Public Outreach Committee - Mentorship program

- The program matches senior members of the collaboration with junior members to provide advice and assist with career goals.
- I participate as both a mentor and a mentee.

Fleet Science Center - Cosmology and Cocktails

- Organized a panel event followed by mingling with the public at the Fleet Science Center.
- Event included over 50 members of the collaboration with over 500 attendees.

Popscope

Public Astronomy Nights

- Sidewalk astronomy program to bring telescope observing to diverse communities.
- Involves transporting telescopes to public spaces and organizing observations of night sky targets.

University of Pennsylvania

Department of Physics and Astronomy - Public Astronomy Nights Sept. 2011 - May 2016

• Open night for the public held each semester with demonstrations, a lecture, and observing.

Philadelphia Science Festival - Science Carnival Sponsored Booth May 2015, May 2016

- Organized the Department of Physics and Astronomy's demonstration booth.
- Selected for sponsorship by the University of Pennsylvania.
- Booth had multiple activity stations at the carnival which is attended by thousands of people.

Philadelphia Science Festival - Clark Park Discovery Days

- Organizer for the Department of Physics and Astronomy's demonstration booth.
- An event held at a Philadelphia park to provide science outreach to the local community.

Pennsylvania Science Olympiad - Urban Schools Initiative Philadelphia Regional Science Olympiad Competition

- Volunteered with the Science Olympiad competition for urban under-served schools.
- Assisted in organizational and judging responsibilities.

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