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Education	<i>University of California, Davis</i>	September 2015 - Present
	Ph.D. in Physics Advisor: Andrew Wetzel McNair Graduate Fellow 2015 - 2016	
	<i>Florida International University</i>	January 2011 - May 2015
	B.S. in Physics McNair Scholar 2014 - 2015	

Research	<i>Graduate Research</i>	January 2018 - Present
	University of California, Davis Advisor: Andrew Wetzel	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exploring the orbital histories of satellite galaxies around isolated Milky Way-like galaxies and Local Group-like pairs in the FIRE2 simulations. Using Python to quantify the spatial and kinematic coherence of satellites over time and compare to Local Group observations.	
	<i>Graduate Research</i>	June 2016 - November 2017
	University of California, Davis Advisor: Stefano Valenti	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduced spectroscopic and photometric data for reverberation mapping of active galactic nuclei (AGN). Developed a Monte Carlo interpolated cross-correlation routine in Python to measure time lags in AGN.	
	<i>Undergraduate Research</i>	August 2014 - September 2015
	Florida International University Advisor: Lei Guo	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analyzed particle resonances photoproduction cross section of vector mesons produced by a photon beam incident on a liquid Helium target.	
	<i>Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship</i>	May - August 2014
	Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility Advisors: Valery Kubarovsky, Joerg Reinhold	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer internship program funded by the U.S. Department of Energy. Characterized detector properties of multi-anode photomultipliers for a Cherenkov radiation detector used in particle spectroscopy.	

Publications	<p><i>A profile in FIRE: resolving the radial distributions of satellite galaxies in the Local Group with simulations</i> J. Samuel et al. MNRAS, 2020</p> <p><i>Star formation histories of dwarf galaxies in the FIRE simulations: dependence on mass and Local Group environment</i> S. Garrison-Kimmel et al. incl. J. Samuel MNRAS, 2019</p>
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Talks and posters	<p><i>The spatial distribution of satellite galaxies around MW/M31-mass hosts in the FIRE simulations</i> Poster, Santa Cruz Galaxy Workshop August 2019</p> <p><i>Spacecraft of Apollo 11</i> Public talk, Astronomy on Tap - Davis September 2019</p>
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Service and Outreach	<p><i>Diversity and Inclusion in Physics</i> October 2017 - Present <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend and facilitate weekly meetings on equity issues in the department. Created peer-mentoring workshop series. </p> <p><i>Astronomy on Tap, Davis</i> May 2018 - Present <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-organizer for free, monthly, public astronomy talks by writing trivia and interacting with guests. </p> <p><i>CUWiP 2019</i> June 2018 - January 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of the local organizing committee for the Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics at UC Davis. Planned lodging, laboratory tours, transportation, and recruitment of 150 attendees. </p>
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Teaching	<p><i>Teaching Assistant</i> September 2016 - June 2019 University of California, Davis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TA for introductory astronomy classes, upper division math methods for physics majors, and introductory physics labs. Held weekly office hours, graded assignments and exams, and led review sessions. </p> <p><i>Learning Assistant</i> August 2012 - April 2015 Florida International University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitated experiments in introductory and modern physics labs. Helped students learn basic programming skills for physics research, and held weekly office hours. </p>
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Observing	<p><i>Lick AGN Monitoring Project</i> March 2017 1 night, optical spectroscopy on Shane 3m telescope, <i>Lick Observatory</i></p>