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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Born: May 21, 1991

Birthplace: Miami, FL

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Theoretical/High Energy Astrophysics
- Blazar Micro-variability
- Cosmology
- Fundamental Physics

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Physics, theoretical astrophysics (currently ABD, but on temporary hiatus)
Florida International University

Dissertation: *A Theoretical Model for Microvariability in Blazar Jets*
Advisor: Dr. James R. Webb

M.S., Physics (awarded en-route to Ph.D.) 2017
Florida International University

B.S., Physics (cum laude) 2011
Florida International University

A.A., General Studies (w. highest honors) 2008
Miami-Dade College

APPOINTMENTS

Broward College Davie, FL
Assistant Professor of Physics and Astronomy 2018 – **Present**

Nova Southeastern University Davie, FL
Adjunct Professor of Physics and Mathematics 2017

Clutch Prep Miami, FL
Lead Instructor, Physics 2016 – 2017

Florida International University Miami, FL
Teaching Assistant, Department of Physics 2011 – 2016
Adjunct Professor, Department of Physics 2011

The Princeton Review
Content Developer, Physics
Instructor, Physics

Miami, FL
2012 – 2017
2011 – 2015

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Patricia & Philip Frost Museum of Science
Science Communication Fellows Program

Miami, FL
Academic Year, 2015/2016

National Science Foundation REU
Quantum Optics

Miami, FL
Academic Year, 2010/2011

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

The American Astronomical Society (AAS)
The American Physical Society (APS)

RESEARCH CONSORTIA

The Southeastern Association for Research in Astronomy (SARA)

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Papers

1. J.R. Webb, D.H. Laurence, et al, “Coordinated Micro-Variability CIRCE Polarimetry and SARA JKT Multi-Frequency Photometry Observations of the Blazar S5 0716+71,” *Galaxies*, **5**(4), 77 (2017).
2. G. Bhatta, et al, “Multifrequency Photo-polarimetric WEBT Observation Campaign on the Blazar S5 0716+714: Source Microvariability and Search for Characteristic Timescales,” *Astrophys. J.*, **831**(1), 92 (2016).
3. G. Bhatta, et al, “Discovery of a Highly Polarized Optical Microflare in Blazar S5 0716+714 during the 2014 WEBT Campaign,” *Astrophys. J. Lett.*, **809**(2), L27 (2015).

Books – Authored

1. Laurence, D.H., The Princeton Review, 2016, “High School Physics Unlocked”, New York: Random House

Books – Production Team Leader

1. The Princeton Review, 2015, “Cracking the AP Physics 2 Exam 2016 ed.”, New York: Random House

Books – Content Reviewer

1. The Princeton Review, 2013, “Cracking the SAT Physics Subject Test 2013-2014 ed.”, New York: Random House
2. The Princeton Review, 2012, “Cracking the AP Physics B Exam 2013 ed.”, New York: Random House

3. The Princeton Review, 2012, "Cracking the AP Physics C Exam 2013 ed.", New York: Random House

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

1. Dhalla, S., Webb, J.R., Bhatta, G., Laurence, D., 2014, "Analysis of Kepler Lightcurves Using Turbulent Jet Model", AAS 223 #250.03
2. Webb, J.R., Laurence, D., Bhatta, G., et al., 2013, "Interpretation of Blazar Micro-Variability as Turbulent Jets", AAS 222 #215.03

INVITED LECTURES & SEMINAR & COLLOQUIA

1. "Newtonian Mechanics, Stars, and Astronomy", Florida International University, Miami FL, Oct. 2014
2. "Particle Acceleration and Synchrotron Emission in Blazar Jets", Astronomy Colloquia, Florida International University, Miami FL, Nov. 2013
3. "Variability in the Synchrotron Spectrum of Blazars", Society of Physics Students, FIU Chapter, Miami FL, Oct. 2013
4. "A Hadronic Synchrotron Mirror Model for the "Orphan" TeV Flare in 1ES 1959+650", Astronomy Colloquia, Florida International University, Miami FL, Sep. 2013
5. "Variability in the Synchrotron-Self Compton Model of Blazar Emission", Astronomy Colloquia, Florida International University, Miami FL, Mar. 2013
6. "Neutrino Oscillations and their Consequences for the Standard Model of Particle Physics", Department of Mathematics, Florida International University, Miami, FL, Mar. 2012
7. "Fictitious Forces", Department of Mathematics, Florida International University, Miami FL, Sep. 2011
8. "How to Study for Math", Center for Academic Success, Florida International University, June 2011

TELESCOPE EXPERIENCE

Roque de los Muchachos Observatory	La Palma, Canary Islands, Spain
Gran Telescopio Canarias (GTC)	10.4m optical telescope
SARA East Telescope (a.k.a. JKT)	1.0m optical telescope
Kitt Peak National Observatory	Tucson, AR
SARA North Telescope	0.9m optical telescope
Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory	La Serena, Chile
SARA South Telescope	0.6m optical telescope
Stocker Astroscience Center	Miami, FL
Astronomical Consultants and Equipment (ACE) Telescope	24-inch optical telescope

COURSES TAUGHT

Broward College

AST1002: Horizons in Astronomy
AST1004: Astronomy of Stars & Galaxies
PHY2048: Physics I w. Calculus
PHY2048L: Physics I w. Calculus Lab
PHY2049: Physics II w. Calculus
PHY2049L: Physics II w. Calculus Lab
PHY2053: Physics I w.o. Calculus
PHY2053L: Physics I w.o. Calculus Lab
PHY2054: Physics II w.o. Calculus
PHY2054L: Physics II w.o. Calculus Lab

Nova Southeastern University

PHYS2350: General Physics I with Lab

Florida International University

AST1002L: Descriptive Astronomy Lab
AST2003L: Solar System Astronomy Lab
AST2004: Stellar Astronomy, *assisted*
AST2004L: Stellar Astronomy Lab
PHY2048: Physics I w. Calculus, *recitation*
PHY2048L: General Physics Lab I
PHY2049: Physics II w. Calculus, *recitation*
PHY2049L: General Physics Lab II
PHY2054: Physics II w.o. Calculus, *assisted*

SERVICES TO COMMUNITY & SCHOOL

- Star Parties at Florida International University
Parties open to the public, where visitors get a chance to see lectures from guest speakers, intermingle with those in the field of astronomy, and perhaps most importantly, get to use telescopes, often for the first time. Organized by Dr. James R. Webb.
- Middle / High School Field Trips Tours for Stocker Astroscience Center
It is quite frequent that middle school or high school classes will come to the observatory for tours, to learn about the research we do, etc. Organized by Dr. James R. Webb.
- Physics and Mathematics Judge, McNair Undergraduate Research Competition
The undergraduate McNair fellowship program held a research competition in the fall of 2017 at Florida International University, which I was invited to judge the 15-20 minute PowerPoint presentations of the physics and mathematics undergraduate researchers.
- STEM Faculty Mentor at Broward College
During the Spring semester of 2018, I was a faculty mentor to 6 students who were interested in pursuing STEM degrees at a 4-year school. The mentoring provided was advising on what classes to take, what the process of their 4-year degree would be like, career opportunities, and general advice. This is a program open to all students who wish to be mentored.

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Computer Languages	Fortran, IDL, MATLAB
Document Preparation	L ^A T _E X