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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Physics	May 2020
University of California, Berkeley	
Advisors: Peter Nugent & Daniel Kasen	
Thesis: <i>Pushing the Helium Envelope: Signatures of Normal and Unusual Supernovae from Sub-Chandrasekhar Mass White Dwarf Explosions</i>	
M.S. in Physics	May 2015
University of California, Berkeley	
B.S. in Physics <i>Cum Laude</i>	December 2012
New York University	

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

Joint Postdoctoral Research Fellow:	
CTAC Fellowship, Carnegie Observatories	2020-Present
Burke Fellowship in Theoretical Physics, Caltech	2020-Present
NSF Graduate Research Fellow	
University of California, Berkeley	2015-2020

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

	Burke Fellowship in Theoretical Physics, Caltech	2020-Present
	CTAC Fellowship, Carnegie Observatories	2020-Present
— GRAD —	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship	2015-2020
	Wonderfest Science Envoy	2019-2020
	Berkeley Connect Fellowship	2014-2016
	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley	2014
— UNDERGRAD —	National Society for Physics Students and the American Institute of Physics: SPS Leadership Scholarship	2012
	George Granger Brown Scholarship, New York University	2012
	New York University Undergraduate Research Conference Winner	2012
	Sigma Pi Sigma, National Physics Honor Society Member	2011
	President, New York University Society for Physics Students	2011-2013
	New York University Collegiate Research Scholar	2011
	The Dean's Undergraduate Research Fund Recipient, New York University	2011

PUBLICATIONS

PUBLICATION SUMMARY: 10 published journal articles, 2 as first author, 4 identifying supernovae discoveries that matched our theoretical predictions

1. *Nebular Models of Sub-Chandrasekhar Mass Type Ia Supernovae: Clues to the Origin of Ca-rich Transients*
Polin, A., P. E. Nugent, and D. Kasen
The Astrophysical Journal, 906, 65 (2021)
2. *Observational Predictions for Sub-Chandrasekhar Mass Explosions: Further Evidence for Multiple Progenitor Systems for Type Ia Supernovae*
Polin, A., P. E. Nugent, and D. Kasen
The Astrophysical Journal, 873, 84 (2019)
3. *The Zwicky Transient Facility Census of the Local Universe I: Systematic search for Calcium rich gap transients reveal three related spectroscopic sub-classes*
De, Kishalay, and 49 colleagues including **A. Polin**
The Astrophysical Journal, 905, 58 (2020).
4. *ZTF Early Observations of Type Ia Supernovae. III. Early-time Colors As a Test for Explosion Models and Multiple Populations*
Bulla, M. and 24 colleagues including **A. Polin**
The Astrophysical Journal, 902, 1, 48 (2020)
5. *Strong Calcium Emission Indicates that the Ultraviolet-flashing SN Ia 2019yvq Was the Result of a Sub-Chandrasekhar Mass Double-detonation Explosion*
Siebert, M. R.; G. Dimitriadis, **A. Polin**, and R. J. Foley
The Astrophysical Journal Letters, 900, 2, L27, (2020)
6. *The Spectacular Ultraviolet Flash from the Peculiar Type Ia Supernova 2019yvq*
Miller, A. A., M. R. Magee, **A. Polin**, and 42 colleagues
The Astrophysical Journal, 898, 1, 56 (2020)
7. *Ca hnk: The Calcium-rich Transient Supernova 2016hnk from a Helium Shell Detonation of a Sub-Chandrasekhar White Dwarf*
Jacobson-Galán, W., **A. Polin**, R. J. Foley, and 11 colleagues
The Astrophysical Journal, 896, 2, 165 (2020)
8. *ZTF 18aaqasu (SN 2018byg): A Massive Helium-shell Double Detonation on a Sub-Chandrasekhar Mass White Dwarf*
De, K., M. Kasliwal, **A. Polin**, and 27 colleagues
The Astrophysical Journal Letters, 873, L18 (2019).
9. *K2 Observations of SN 2018oh Reveal a Two-Component Rising Light Curve for a Type Ia Supernova*
Dimitriadis G., R. J. Foley, A. Rest, D. Kasen, A. L. Piro, **A. Polin**, and 144 colleagues
The Astrophysical Journal Letters, 870L, 1D (2019)
10. *Gravitational Wave Hotspots: Ranking Potential Locations of Single-Source Gravitational Wave Emission*
Simon J., **A. Polin**, A. Lommen, B. Stappers, L.S. Finn, F. Jenet and B. Christy
The Astrophysical Journal, 784, 60 (2014)

INVITED TALKS & CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS:

INVITED	Purdue University, Astronomy Seminar	Feb 2021
	Florida State University, Astronomy Seminar	Nov 2020
	Stony Brook University, Astronomy Seminar	Oct 2020
	Harvard University, Galaxy and Cosmology Seminar	Dec 2019
	Northwestern University, Observational Astronomy Seminar	Nov 2019
	UC Santa Barbara, Astronomy Lunch Talk	Nov 2019
	UC Santa Cruz, Astronomy FLASH Talk	Oct 2019
	Caltech, Astronomy Tea Talk	Oct 2019
	Carnegie Observatories, Lunch Talk	Oct 2019
	ZTF Theory Network Meeting	Sept 2019
	Haverford College, Physics and Astronomy Colloquium	Sept 2019
	Texas A&M, Cook's Branch Supernova Workshop	Mar 2019
	KITP, UC Santa Barbara, ZTF Theory Network December Meeting	Dec 2018
	UC Santa Cruz, Pre-Filippenkopalooza Supernovae Meeting	Aug 2018
KITP, UC Santa Barbara, ZTF Theory Network Summer Meeting	Aug 2018	
CONTRIBUTED	Weizmann Institute of Science, Particle Physics and Astrophysics Workshop	Dec 2017
	New York University, CCPP Astrophysics Seminar	May 2017
	University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Astronomy Seminar	Mar 2013
	AAS Dissertation Talk, Winter Meeting, Honolulu, HI	Jan 2020
	Midwest Workshop on Supernovae and Transients, Ohio State	Sept 2019
	The Beginnings and Ends of Double White Dwarfs, DARK, Copenhagen	July 2019
	UC Berkeley, Theoretical Astrophysics Seminar	Jan 2018
Supernovae: The LSST Revolution Workshop, Northwestern	May 2017	
APS March Meeting, Baltimore, MD	Mar 2013	
APS March Meeting, Houston TX	Mar 2011	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

INSTRUCTOR (UC Berkeley)		
Astro 9: Introduction to Scientific Computing		Summer 2020
HEAD GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR (UC Berkeley)		
Physics 7A: Introductory Mechanics		Spring 2014
GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR (UC Berkeley)		
Astro C10: Introduction to General Astronomy		Fall 2019
Astro 7A: Introduction to Astrophysics		Fall 2017
Astro 250: Introduction to High Performance Computing		Spring 2017
Physics 7A: Introductory Mechanics		Fall 2013
ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR (New York University)		
Observational Astronomy		Spring 2013
UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT (New York University)		
Physics I & II for Physics Majors		2011-2012
General Physics I & II		2010-2012

 OUTREACH & SERVICE

PUBLIC TALKS

Wonderfest Science Series, Virtual Talk	Jan 2021
Radio Interview: Women in STEM w/ KPOO-FM	Mar 2020
Wonderfest Science Envoy Talk: Verdi Club, San Francisco, CA	Feb 2020
Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, Berkeley, CA	Nov 2018

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Wonderfest Science Envoy	2019-2020
A program funded by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, which identifies PhD students who show particular science-popularization promise. The program helps us to develop the subtle art and science of public outreach. The program's participants emerge as articulate Science Envoys.	

UC Berkeley Society for Women in the Physical Sciences:	
Astronomy Coordinator	Fall 2015 - Spring 2019
Mentoring Coordinator	Fall 2014 - Spring 2016

Berkeley Connect Fellow	Fall 2014-Spring 2017
Berkeley Connect is a teaching and mentorship program intended to strengthen the relationship between undergraduate students and the Physics Department. As a Fellow, I helped design the curriculum, led class meetings, and mentored students one-on-one.	

Respect is Part of Research: Founding Member and Peer Facilitator	2014 - 2016
RPR is a graduate student group that runs annual peer-led sexual assault and sexual harassment prevention workshops for incoming first-year graduate students. RPR's primary mission is to create a respectful, positive working environment where everyone can do their best science.	

Compass Program Organizer/Instructor	Summer 2014
The Berkeley Compass Project is a Physics graduate student-run organization that aims to improve the experiences of undergraduate students from under-represented groups interested in STEM.	

 REFERENCES

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