

# Christopher C. Lovell

## Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

- 2015–2019 **Ph.D. Astronomy, Modelling Galaxy Formation and Evolution during the Epoch of Reionisation and Beyond.**  
Astronomy Centre, School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, University of Sussex  
*Advisors:* Prof. Peter Thomas & Dr. Stephen Wilkins  
The focus of my research is on using both semi-analytic and hydrodynamic simulations of galaxy evolution to model galaxies during the first few billion years of cosmic history.
- 2013 **Cardiff Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme (CUROP), School of Physics and Astronomy, Cardiff University.**  
*Advisor:* Dr. Ian Harrison  
Summer research placement within the Cosmology group on quantifying extreme cosmological voids and their potential to provide cosmological constraints.
- 2009–2013 **MPhys Astrophysics, School of Physics and Astronomy, Cardiff University.**  
*Advisor:* Prof. Peter Coles  
First-class honours. Masters project on using extreme value statistics to investigate massive clusters in cosmological simulations

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## First-Author Publications

- 2017 **Characterising and Identifying Galaxy Protoclusters.**  
*Christopher C. Lovell, Peter A. Thomas, Stephen M. Wilkins*  
[arxiv:1710.02148](https://arxiv.org/abs/1710.02148)  
Accepted, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society

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## Co-Authored Publications

- 2017 **Dust Obscured Star Forming Galaxies in the Early Universe.**  
*Stephen M. Wilkins, Yu Feng, Tiziana Di Matteo, Rupert Croft, Christopher C. Lovell, Peter Thomas*  
[arxiv:1710.01976](https://arxiv.org/abs/1710.01976)  
Accepted, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society
- 2017 **The properties of the first galaxies in the BLUETIDES simulation.**  
*Stephen M. Wilkins, Yu Feng, Tiziana Di-Matteo, Rupert Croft, Christopher C. Lovell, Dacen Waters*  
[arxiv:1704.00954](https://arxiv.org/abs/1704.00954)  
Accepted, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society
- 2016 **The Photometric Properties of Galaxies in the Early Universe.**  
*Stephen M. Wilkins, Yu Feng, Tiziana Di-Matteo, Rupert Croft, Elizabeth R. Stanway, Andrew Bunker, Dacen Waters, Christopher C. Lovell*  
[arxiv:1605.05044](https://arxiv.org/abs/1605.05044)  
Accepted, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society

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## Non-refereed Publications

- 2018 **Learning the Relationship between Galaxy Spectra and their Star Formation Histories.**  
*Christopher C. Lovell, Viviana Acquaviva, Stephen M. Wilkins, Peter A. Thomas, In prep.*

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## Invited Talks

March 2018 **University of California, Santa Cruz.**  
*Characterising and Identifying Galaxy Protoclusters*

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## Work Experience

- 2013–2015 **Data Scientist**, *Bank of England*, London.  
Graduate analyst in the IT department, before moving to the Data Lab as a Data Scientist. I worked on text analytics projects using techniques such as latent dirichlet allocation to perform topic modelling on large text corpora.
- 2015–Present **Popular Science Writer**, *Astrobites*.  
*Astrobites* provides accessible summaries of the latest research papers in Astronomy and Astrophysics. Since September 2015 I have produced **14 articles** that have been viewed over twelve thousand times, and edited and mentored other authors.
- 2016 **Associate Tutor**, *University of Sussex*.  
Performed marking and workshop supervision for a first year introductory Python course. Duties included marking and feedback on submitted scripts, and supervision in exercise classes.
- 2017–Present **Brilliant Club Tutor**, *Scholars Programme*.  
I taught an intensive 6 week course on processes in galaxy evolution. The scheme required the design from scratch of a course intended for secondary school age students, the delivery of that course, communication with students and teachers, and marking and assessment of submissions.