Curriculum Vitae

Chas A. Egan

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Formal Education

Ph.D. in Astrophysics (2010)

University of New South Wales, School of Astrophysics and Optics, NSW. Hosted by the Australian National University, Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics, ACT. PhD dissertation: "Dark Energy, Anthropic Selection Effects, Entropy and Life".

1st Class Honours in Physics (2002)

Griffith University, School of Science, QLD. Honours Dissertation: "Artifacts of the Gravitational Field in General Relativity".

Bachelor of Science with Advanced Studies, Mathematics and Physics Majors (2001). Griffith University, School of Science, QLD.

Reference Contact Details

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Dr. Tamara Davis

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Peer Reviewed Publications (three most significant marked with asterisk)

In preparation

Egan, Lineweaver & Davis (2010), "Return of the Heat Death", in prep.

2010

Lineweaver & Egan (2010), "Dark Energy and the Entropy of the Observable Universe", Invisible Universe Conference Proceedings, AIP Conference Proceedings 1241, p645.

* Egan & Lineweaver (2010), "Larger Estimate of the Entropy of the Universe", Astrophysical Journal 710, p1825. arXiv:0909.3983

2009

Egan (2009), "Dark Energy, Anthropic Selection Effects, Entropy and Life", PhD dissertation, The University of New South Wales, accepted January 2010.

Lineweaver & Egan (2009), "Dark Energy and the Entropy of the Observable Universe", proceedings of the Invisible Universe International Conference, Paris, Palais de l'UNESCO June 29- July 3.

2008

* Egan & Lineweaver (2008), "Dark Energy Dynamics Required to Solve the Cosmic Coincidence", Physical Review D 78. arXiv:0712.3099

Lineweaver & Egan (2008), "Life, Gravity and the Second Law of Thermodynamics", Physics of Life Reviews 5.

Robles, Egan & Lineweaver (2008), *"Statistical Analysis of the Solar and Stellar Properties"*, Australian Space Science Conference Series: 8th Conference Proceedings.

* Robles etal (2008), "A Comprehensive Comparison of the Sun to Other Stars: Searching for Self-Selection Effects", Astrophysical Journal 684. arXiv:0805.2962

2007

Lineweaver & Egan (2007), "The Cosmic Coincidence Problem as a Temporal Selection Effect Produced by the Age Distribution of Terrestrial Planets in the Universe", Astrophysical Journal 671. arXiv:astro-ph/0703429

Employment

Hydrology Modeler (2009-present)

Basin Planning, Murray Darling Basin Authority, Canberra Duties include hydrology modeling for long-term water resource management strategies in the Murray Darling Basin of Australia.

Graduate Teaching Assistant (2006-2008)

University of New South Wales @ ADFA, Canberra Duties include preparing and delivering tutorial material for several undergraduate mathematics and physics courses, and demonstrating undergraduate physics labs.

Graduate Teaching Assistant (2006-2007)

Australian National University, Canberra Duties include delivering tutorial material for undergraduate physics, and demonstrating undergraduate physics labs.

Graduate Teaching Assistant (2004-2005)

University of New South Wales, Sydney Duties include preparing and delivering tutorial material for an undergraduate course "Are We Alone?", and demonstrating undergraduate physics labs.

Computational Skills

Programming

IDL (preferred), Fortran, C++, Java, Python, Perl, HTML, Actionscript

Packages/Libraries

cmbFAST, CAMB, Numerical Recipes, NASA astro IDL libraries Sydney Morning Herald, a nationally distributed Australian newspaper, published an article based on Egan & Lineweaver (2010): *"Harness Black Holes for Good, Not Evil"* by Warwick McFadyen, 27 January 2010.

The Age, a nationally distributed Australian newspaper, published an article based on Egan & Lineweaver (2009): *"End to end all ends 'is closer than you think'"* by Bridie Smith, 26 January 2010.

Canberra Times published an article based on Egan & Lineweaver (2010): "End of the world is nigh – but still 5b years away" by Jenna Hand, 26 January 2010.

Science News published an online article based on Egan & Lineweaver (2010): "Universe has more entropy than thought – new calculations suggest that the cosmos may be a bit closer to heat death" by Ron Cowen, 2 October 2009.

Wired Science published an online article based on Egan & Lineweaver (2010): "Supermassive Black Holes Bringing Universe Closer to Death" by Ron Cowen, 2 October 2009.

ABC Radio Australia's Namila Benson and Clement Paligaru invited me as a guest on their show, "*In the Loop*", to talk about cosmology and growing up in the Pacific. This was broadcast live across Australia, New Zealand, and the South Pacific, 3 February 2009 (re-aired on 4 February).

Matangi Tonga published an online article about my background and my current work in cosmology: "Origins of the Universe a Hot Topic for Tonga's Astrophysicist" by Pesi Fonua, 21 January 2009.

ABC Science published an online article based on Egan & Lineweaver (2008): "Simple Answer to a Dark Mystery" by Stephen Pincock, 22 October 2008.