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PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

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Postdoctoral Research Associate University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, Champaign, IL 2012 to 2013

Postdoctoral Fellow/Assistant

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA Online learning, Massive Open Online Courses and physics education
2013 to 2016

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Assistant Professor of Physics

Online learning, learning analytics and physics education
University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL 2016-present

PUBLICATIONS

Felker, Z., & Chen, Z. (2023). Reducing procrastination on introductory physics online homework for college students using a planning prompt intervention. *Physical Review Physics Education Research*, 19(1), 010123.
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Other significant publications

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Alexandron, G., Antonio Ruiperez Valiente, J., Chen, Z., & Pritchard, D. E. (2016). Using Multiple Accounts for Harvesting Solutions in MOOCs. In *Proceedings of the Third ACM Conference on Learning @ Scale* (pp. 63–70). Edinburg, Scotland UK. <http://doi.org/10.1145/2876034.2876037>

Chudzicki, C., Chen, Z., Zhou, Q., Alexandron, G., & Pritchard, D. E. (2015). Validating the pre/post-test in a MOOC environment. *2015 Physics Education Research Conference Proceedings*, 83–86. <http://doi.org/10.1119/perc.2015.pr.016>

Chen, Z., & Gladding, G. (2014). How to make a good animation: A grounded cognition model of how visual representation design affects the construction of abstract physics knowledge. *Physical Review Special Topics - Physics Education Research*, 10(1), 10111. <http://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevSTPER.10.010111>

GRADUATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- ISC 5404/4932 Fundamentals of Discipline Based Education Research (DBER) in STEM Disciplines. (Spring 2021)

GRADUATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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