

**Highest-redshift Quasars:
Probing the End of the Reionization Epoch**

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Abstract I will present studies of the highest redshift quasars discovered from the data taken with the Sloan Digital Sky Survey. These most distant quasars provide one of the best probes to the high redshift universe. I will present results on the evolution of their luminosity function, their possible connections to high redshift star formation, and the ionization state of the IGM at $z > 6$ revealed by the quasar absorption lines. I will discuss how to use these objects to probe the end of the reionization epoch.