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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate in Astronomy

2019 - Present

Johns Hopkins University

Thesis Topic: Structure and Dynamics of the Interstellar Medium in Local Galaxies

Research Advisor: Dr. Claire Murray (STScI)

B.S. in Comprehensive Physics and Astronomy (Honors)

2015 - 2018

University of Washington

NOTABLE RESEARCH PROJECTS

Scylla 2019 - Present

Advisors: Dr. Claire Murray (JHU) & Dr. Karl Gordon (STScI)

Obtained resolved stellar population information with the Hubble Space Telescope in the Large and Small Magellanic Clouds to inform our understanding of how dust, gas, and stars relate across a range of metallicities.

AsteroGaP 2018 - 2021

Advisor: Dr. Daniela Huppenkothen (UW DIRAC)

Modeled asteroid light curve profiles with Gaussian Processes, Bayesian priors, and Markov Chain Monte Carlo models.

Werk SQuAD 2017 - 2019

Advisor: Dr. Jessica Werk (UW)

Diagnosed quasar absorption spectra to identify gases present within the circumgalactic medium of nearby galaxies.

REU in Astronomical Research and Instrumentation

2017

Advisor: Dr. James Long (Texas A&M)

Classified variable sources in SDSS Stripe 82 and ran observations at McDonald Observatory.

PUBLICATIONS

- C. W. Lindberg, C. Murray, J. Dalcanton, J. Peek, K. Gordon, "Dust around massive stars is agnostic to galactic environment", 2024, accepted in ApJ
- C. Murray et al. incl. C. W. Lindberg, "A Galactic Eclipse: The Small Magellanic Cloud is Forming Stars in Two, Superimposed Systems", 2023, accepted in ApJ
- C. W. Lindberg, D. Huppenkothen, R. L. Jones, B. T. Bolin, M. Jurić et al., "Characterizing Sparse Asteroid Light Curves with Gaussian Processes", 2022, AJ, 163, 29
- B. Williams et al. incl. C. W. Lindberg, "The Panchromatic Hubble Andromeda Treasury: Triangulum Extended Region (PHATTER) I. Ultraviolet to Infrared Photometry of 22 Million Stars in M33", 2021, ApJS, 253, 53

Observing Programs as PI

Hubble Space Telescope - 15 orbits (joint with JWST - 12 hours)

2023 Winging the SMC: 3D Structure of the Interstellar Medium in the Tidally Disrupted Wing of the SMC (Cycle 31)

HONORS & AWARDS

AAS FAMOUS Travel Grant	2022
Astronomy 11 Travel Grant	2019
.Astronomy X Travel Grant	2018
DPS Hartmann Student Travel Grant	2018
UW Mary Gates Research Scholarship	2018

PRESENTATIONS

Resolving Galaxy Ecosystems Across All Scales	2023
Plenary Talk: Dust Around Massive Stars is Agnostic to Galactic Environment	
237rd Meeting of the American Astronomical Society	2021
Poster & Talk: Investigating Massive Stars in M31	
236rd Meeting of the American Astronomical Society	2020

Poster: Studying Nearby Low-Metallicity Environments with Scylla	
233rd Meeting of the American Astronomical Society	2019
Talk: A Bayesian-Based Method for Inferring Asteroid Properties from Sparse Light Curve	
50th Meeting of the Division of Planetary Sciences	2018
Talk: A Bayesian-Based Method for Inferring Asteroid Properties from Sparse Light Curve	
Mary Gates 21st Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium	2018
Talk: Werk SQuAD: The Quest to Better Understand Galaxies and Their Surrounding Medium	
231rd Meeting of the American Astronomical Society	2018
Poster: Classifying Variable Sources in SDSS Stripe 82	

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

President 2022 - 2023

Johns Hopkins Physics and Astronomy Graduate (PAGS) Students Association

Coordinated student initiatives to improve the graduate experience within the JHU Physics and Astronomy Department e.g. pay raises, travel grants, professional society memberships, mentorship program, etc. Led discussions with the department chair and graduate program committee to improve faculty-student communication.

Founder & Organizer 2022 - 2023

No-Z Galaxy Journal Club

Founded a cross-institutional journal club for discussing recent publications and seminal works on nearby galaxy evolution.

STScI Liaison 2021 - 2022

Johns Hopkins Physics and Astronomy Graduate (PAGS) Students Association

Fostered connections between the JHU and STScI community by organizing weekly student discussions with colloquium speakers and helping students find research projects at STScI.

Chapter Treasurer 2017 - 2018

Institute of Nuclear Materials Management at UW

Collaborated with other club members on Molten Salt Reactors to model reactions with government-issued software.

WORKSHOPS

Inclusive Astronomy 2 2019

Space Telescope Science Institute

Autism Spectrum Disorder, LGBTQ+ inclusion in astronomy, indigenous knowledge of astronomy, accessibility improvements for deaf and blind researchers.

Astronomy 11 2019

Dunlap Institute at the University of Toronto

Public engagement and outreach, presentation workshops, quantifying environmental impact of conferences, integration of indigenous knowledge fastronomy, and lots of hackday projects.

Astronomy X 2018

Space Telescope Science Institute

Bokeh plotting, planetary atmospheres, and equity, diversity, and inclusion within the field of astronomy.

Astro Hack Week 2017

eScience Institute at the University of Washington

Intro to machine learning, Bayesian inference, frequentist statistics, databases, numerical Python, Git, and visualization. Participated in week-long Hackathon, working on several short-term projects.

TEACHING

Johns Hopkins University

AS.173.112 General Physics Lab II	2020
AS.171.108 General Physics: Electromagnetism (Active Learning)	2020
AS 173.111 General Physics Lab I	2019
AS 171.101 General Physics: Physical Science	2019

University of Washington

ASTR 150 The Planets	2018 - 2019
ASTR 101 Introductory Astronomy	2018 - 2019
PHYS 122 Electromagnetism	2018