Will Barnes | CV

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Education

Rice University **Houston, TX USA**
Doctor of Philosophy in Physics *expected 2018*

Rice University **Houston, TX USA**
Master of Science in Physics, GPA: 3.77/4.00 *2013–present*
- Thesis: *Impulsive Heating in the Solar Atmosphere* (expected Fall 2015)
- Advisor: Stephen Bradshaw, Ph.D.

Baylor University **Waco, TX USA**
Bachelor of Science in Astrophysics, GPA: 3.89/4.00 *2009–2013*
Minors: Mathematics, Great Texts of the Western Tradition
- *Magna Cum Laude*, Phi Beta Kappa
- University Honors Program
  - Thesis: *Astrophysical Applications of Dusty Plasma Physics*
  - Advisor: Lorin Matthews, Ph.D.

Computing Skills

Languages: C/C++, Python

Software Packages: IDL, LaTeX, Mathematica, MATLAB

Operating Systems: Linux, Mac OS

Research Experience

Rice University **Houston, TX**
Graduate Research Assistant, Advisor: Stephen Bradshaw, Ph.D. *2013–present*
Research assistant in space physics division of the Department of Physics and Astronomy, Rice University. Research duties concentrated in computational solar physics. Teaching duties include, but are not limited to, a minimum of five semesters of leading lab sections of introductory physics.

CASPER, Baylor University **Waco, TX**
NSF REU Research Fellow *June 2012–August 2012*
Accepted to National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates program in the Center for Astrophysics, Space Physics, and Engineering Research, Baylor University. Studied the effects of dust grain charging on aggregate size in a protoplanetary disk. Numerical work in extending kinetic model of grain growth to examine effect of disk location on grain charging.

Baylor University **Waco, TX**
Summer Undergraduate Research Assistant *June 2011–August 2011*
Awarded a Summer Undergraduate Research in Physics (SURPh) grant from Department of Physics, Baylor University. Conducted research on anomalies in Saturn's F Ring by improving numerical models that simulate perturbed orbits of charged dust grains in a plasma environment.

Research Interests

Broadly, my research interests are in solar physics, specifically in the numerical modeling of plasma dynamics in the solar corona. Specifically, I am interested in using hydrodynamic models to study nanoflare heating in the corona and how these modeled results can be compared to observations from instruments. Additionally, I am interested in using methods of non-negative matrix factorization to determine properties of nanoflare heating through analysis of observational results.

Talks and Posters

Triennial Earth-Sun Summit **Indianapolis, IN**
American Astronomical Society *26-30 April 2015*
Poster title: *Nonnegative Matrix Factorization as a Method for Studying Coronal Heating*

44th Annual Lunar and Planetary Science Conference **The Woodlands, TX**
Lunar and Planetary Science Institute *21 September 2013*
Poster title: *Dust Grain Growth in a Protoplanetary Disk: Effects of Location on Charge and Size*

Texas Undergraduate Astronomy Research Symposium **College Station, TX**
Texas A&M University *14 September 2012*
Talk title: *Dust Grain Charging in a Protoplanetary Disk*

Honors and Awards

- Studentship Travel Award for 2015 SPD Annual Meeting, Solar Physics Division of the American Astronomical Society
- Dean's List, 7 of 8 semesters, Baylor University
- President's Gold Scholarship (GPA of at least 3.0, 12 semester hours), all semesters
- Gordon K. Teal Scholarship, 2 academic years
- Herbert D. Schwetman Scholarship, 2 academic years
- 2013 URSA Scholars Week Outstanding Research Poster in Physics

Teaching Experience

PHYS 102: Electricity and Magnetism
Lab Teaching Assistant *Spring 2014, 2015*
Instructed lab sections of 40+ undergraduate students on topics including electrostatic interactions, magnetic induction, and basic circuits.

PHYS 101: Mechanics
Lab Teaching Assistant *Fall 2014*
Instructed lab sections of 40+ undergraduate students on topics including kinematics, collisions, and simple harmonic motion.

Societies and Associations

Alpha Lambda Delta
National Honors Society *April 2009-May 2013*
Completed 10 hours of service per semester.

Alpha Phi Omega
National Service Fraternity, Zeta Omega chapter *September 2010-May 2013*
Served as historian and treasurer. Completed 35 hours of service per semester. Managed finances for the organization. Organized a fundraiser.

Sigma Pi Sigma
National Physics Honors Society *April 2012-present*
Requirements for entry include being in upper-third of the class and completion of at least three semester of college course work in physics

Society of Physics Students
President *September 2009-May 2013*
As president, initiated rechartering of university chapter. Scheduled and presided over meetings. Organized end of the year luncheon and design and printing of t-shirts.

Employment Experience

Department of Physics, Baylor University
Office Assistant *January 2010-May 2013*

Assisted with examinations and attendance for class of 300. Helped with departmental events and mailing.