

Will Barnes | CV

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Education

Rice University

Doctor of Philosophy in Physics

Houston, TX USA

expected 2018

Rice University

Master of Science in Physics, GPA: 3.77/4.00

Houston, TX USA

2013–present

- Thesis: *Impulsive Heating in the Solar Atmosphere* (expected Fall 2015)
- Advisor: Stephen Bradshaw, Ph.D.

Baylor University

Bachelor of Science in Astrophysics, GPA: 3.89/4.00

Waco, TX USA

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, L^AT_EX, Mathematica, MATLAB

Operating Systems: Linux, Mac OS

Research Experience

Rice University

Graduate Research Assistant, Advisor: Stephen Bradshaw, Ph.D.

Houston, TX

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

NSF REU Research Fellow

Waco, TX

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

Summer Undergraduate Research Assistant

Waco, TX

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

American Astronomical Society

Indianapolis, IN

26-30 April 2015

Poster title: *Nonnegative Matrix Factorization as a Method for Studying Coronal Heating*

44th Annual Lunar and Planetary Science Conference

Lunar and Planetary Science Institute

The Woodlands, TX

21 September 2013

Poster title: *Dust Grain Growth in a Protoplanetary Disk: Effects of Location on Charge and Size*

Texas Undergraduate Astronomy Research Symposium

Texas A&M University

College Station, TX

14 September 2012

Talk title: *Dust Grain Charging in a Protoplanetary Disk*

Honors and Awards

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