John "Jack" D. Roberts

EDUCATION

2020 - present Ph.D. in Astronomy at **The Ohio State University** (Anticipated)

Dissertation Advisors: Marc Pinsonneault and Jennifer Johnson

College and University Teaching Graduate Certificate (Anticipated)

2016 - 2020 B.S. in Physics at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Adam Ballas (Ohio State University)

May 2025 - Present

Project: Identifying mono-mass populations with spectroscopic abundances

Teaching Experience

Course Designer and Instructor

August 2023 - May 2025

Designed two elective astronomy courses, creating all course materials from scratch and getting the course approved by the OSU course committee. Taught them for 2 years, and currently supporting a transition to new graduate student teachers taking over the courses.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

August 2021 - May 2025

Served as a teaching assistant to a variety of undergraduate astronomy courses offered at The Ohio State University, serving different roles for different courses.

- Astronomy 1101: From Planets to Cosmos Administered labs, facilitated student discussions, and offered assistance on coursework in office hours.
- Astronomy 2141: Life in the Universe Supported the professor by setting up LMS pages, administering exams, creating study guides, and running review sessions.
- Astronomy 2143: Cosmology Supported the professor by setting up LMS pages, administering exams, creating study guides, and running review sessions.
- Astronomy 1102 (Virtual Course): From Planets to Cosmos Organized course LMS page and offered assistance to students through remote office hours and email.

Undergradute Physics Tutor

August 2019 - May 2020

Served as a physics tutor for non-major undergraduates in the University of Tennessee, Knoxville physics tutoring center.

Honors and Awards

2020 Ohio State University Fellowship

Publication Libraries

1st Author ADS Library

Contributing Author ADS Library

Presentations

Contributed Talk	Sloan Digital Sky Survey Collaboration Meeting	2025
	"Galactic Archaeology with [C/N] and Red Giants"	
Contributed Talk	Sloan Digital Sky Survey Collaboration Meeting	2024
	"Calibrating [C/N] as an age diagnostic with APOKASC3"	
Contributed Talk	Sloan Digital Sky Survey Collaboration Meeting	2023
	"Everything you need to know about the First Dredge-Up"	

FULL PUBLICATION LIST

1st Author Publications (Reverse Chronological Order)

- [1] John D. Roberts et al. "[C/N] Ages for Red Giants and their Implications for Galactic Archaeology". In: arXiv e-prints, arXiv:2509.25321 (Sept. 2025), arXiv:2509.25321. arXiv: 2509.25321 [astro-ph.SR].
- [2] John D. Roberts et al. "Nature versus nurture: distinguishing effects from stellar processing and chemical evolution on carbon and nitrogen in red giant stars". In: MNRAS 530.1 (May 2024), pp. 149–166. DOI: 10.1093/mnras/stae820. arXiv: 2403.03249 [astro-ph.SR].

Contributing Author Publications (Reverse Chronological Order)

- [1] Liam O. Dubay et al. "Challenges to the Two-Infall Scenario by Large Stellar Age Catalogs". In: arXiv e-prints, arXiv:2508.00988 (Aug. 2025), arXiv:2508.00988. DOI: 10.48550/arXiv.2508.00988. arXiv: 2508.00988 [astro-ph.GA].
- [2] Yuxi Lu et al. "Anchoring Stellar Age Indicators: A Cross-Calibration of [C/N] and Gyrochronology Ages via the Age-Velocity-Dispersion Relation". In: arXiv e-prints, arXiv:2506.24010 (June 2025), arXiv:2506.24010. DOI: 10.48550/arXiv.2506.24010. arXiv: 2506.24010 [astro-ph.SR].

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