Rana Ezzeddine

Department of Astronomy Telephone: +1 (857) 210 - 4620 University of Florida email: rezzeddine@ufl.edu Bryant Space Science Center, office 324 Personal webpage: Link Stadium Road, Gainesville, FL 32611 **EMPLOYMENT** Assistant Professor Jan 2020 - present Department of Astronomy, University of Florida Gainesville, FL 2016-2019 Postdoctoral Fellow JINA-CEE postdoctoral Fellow Kavli Institute for Astrophysics and Space Research Massachusetts Institute of Technology Cambridge, MA, USA Postdoctoral Fellow 2019 Heising-Simons MIT Physics Fellow Kavli Institute for Astrophysics and Space Research Massachusetts Institute of Technology Cambridge, MA, USA **EDUCATION** Ph.D in Physics Université de Montpellier, France 2012-2015 Master of Sciences in Astrophysics 2010-2012 Joint degree: Notre Dame University, Lebanon & Université de Saint Joseph, Lebanon Bachelor of Sciences in Physics Lebanese University, Lebanon 2005-2008 AWARDS AND Heising-Simons Physics Research Fellowship - MIT 2019 HONORS Co-I. NASA Hubble Space Telescope - GO-15951 2019-2023 Co-I. NASA Hubble Space Telescope - GO-15657 2018-2022 Co-I., NASA Hubble Space Telescope - GO-14151 2016-2019 JINA-CEE postdoctoral fellowship - MSU/MIT 2016-present IAU symposium 334 poster 1st prize award 2017 IAU travel grant for Symposium 334 2017 MIT Spot Award 2017 PHC CEDRE grant (France) - Project number 32919SL: 3400 € 2015 1M CPU hours - FRANCE-GRILLES/DIRAC grid 2014-2015 University of Montpellier PhD fellowship 2012-2015 CNRS-Lebanon PhD fellowship 2012-2015 Masters Graduate Fellowship - Notre Dame University, Lebanon 2011-2012

Teaching: Graduate level core courses

(University of Florida, Gainesville, FL)

AST 6245: Radiative Transfer & Stellar Atmospheres

Fall 2021

TEACHING &

RESEARCH MENTORING AST 6215: Stars and the Galaxy (University of Florida, Gainesville, FL)

Spring 2020, Spring 2021

Teaching: Undergraduate level courses2011-presentQuest 2/IDS 2935: "Stars and the Nuclear Arms Race"Spring 2022(University of Florida, Gainesville, FL)

Astronomy 101: "Introduction to the Solar System" 2011-2012 (Notre Dame University, Louaize, Lebanon)

General Physics Lab Teaching Fellow 2011-2012 (Notre Dame University, Louaize, Lebanon)

Electricity and Magnetism Physics Lab Teaching Fellow 2011-2012 (Notre Dame University, Louaize, Lebanon)

Teaching: Highschool level

2008-2012

Beirut Modern School, (Beirut, Lebanon) Amjad College, (Beirut, Lebanon)

Research Mentoring of Graduate research

2020-present

Shivani Shah (PhD student, University of Florida) Yangyang Li (PhD student, University of Florida) Nicholas Barth (PhD student, University of Florida) Francisco Mendez (PhD student, University of Florida)

Research Mentoring of Undergraduate & Highschool research

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

- Jeremy Kowkabany Spring 2020 - present
- Zoe Hackshaw Spring 2020 - present
- Natalia Wolschlager Spring 2020 - Summer 2021
- Jonathan Roberts Fall 2021
- Victoria Moore Spring 2021 - present
- Nima Aria Summer 2021 - present

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

- Fouad Chahrour (Fullbright Fellow, Germany/Harvard) 2018 - 2019 - Subhash Kantamneni (RSI highschool student summer research) Summer 2019, Final Presentation (Link)

- Xinmiao (Anna) Hu (Undergraduate exchange summer research, Summer 2019 Imperial College London/UK)

Summer School Lectures

MIT Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program students (UROP) 2017 "Introduction to Radiative Transfer in Stellar Atmospheres"

 $\label{eq:competitively} \textbf{Co-Investigator} \ \textbf{-} \ \textbf{Keck Telescope} \ (0.5 \ \textbf{nights total})$

2021

AWARDED "New Uranium Lines for Nucleocosmochronometry"

OBSERVING TIME **Principal Investigator** - Gran Telescopio Canarias (50 hrs total) 2019-2020

"Characterizing r-process nucleosynthesis models of enhanced r-process stars"

Co-Investigator - Gran Telescopio Canarias (12 hrs total) 2019-2020

"Characterizing Extremely Metal Poor Stars from DESI"

Co-Investigator - McDonald Observatory 2.7 m Telescope (12 nights) 2019-2020

Co-Investigator - Hubble Space Telescope (GO-15951, 17 orbits) 2020-2022 "Testing r-process nucleosynthesis models with two r-process enhanced stars" Co-Investigator - Hubble Space Telescope (GO-15657, 37 Orbits) 2019-2021 "HD 222925: A unique opportunity to study the full range of nuclei produced by a single r-process event" Principal Investigator - Magellan Clay Telescope (>30 nights total) 2016-2019 "Characterizing the population of r-process stars in the Galactic Halo" Co-Investigator - Magellan Clay Telescope (2 nights) 2018 "J0023-0307: A rare second-generation star with [Fe/H] < -6" Co-Investigator - Magellan Clay Telescope (8 nights) 2016-2017 "Discovering the most metal-poor stars from the SkyMapper Survey" Co-Investigator - Hubble Space Telescope (GO-14151, 24 Orbits) 2015-2018 "Constraining Pop III supernova energies and the formation of the first low-mass stars with the iron-poor star HE 1327-2326" Astronomy Seminar (Virtual) (Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium, 2021) Physics Colloquium (Virtual) (High Altitude Observatory, CO, 2021) AAS Journal author Youtube series (with ApJ editor Frank Timmes, Link) Astrophysics Colloquium (Virtual) (University of New South Wales Sydney, 2020) Astrophysics Colloquium (Virtual) (Carnegie Observatories, CA, 2020) Online Webinar (JINA-CEE, Link) Astrophysics Colloquium (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MA, 2019) Astronomy Seminar (Brandeis University, MA, 2019) Astronomy Seminar (University of Texas A&M, TX, 2019) Astronomy Seminar (University of Notre Dame, IN, 2019) Astrophysics Colloquium (University of Florida, FL, 2019) Lunch Seminar (Harvard CfA, ITC, MA, 2018) Astrophysics Seminar (Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, Chile, 2018) Eleventh International Conference on Atomic and Molecular Data and Their Applications - (Cambridge, MA, 2017) The Metal poor Galaxy Meeting - (Ringberg, Germany, 2017) FRIB and the GW170817 kilonova - (Lansing, MI, 2017) Physics Colloquium - (American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon, 2017) Stellar Astrophysics Seminar - (University of Heidelberg, Germany, 2016) JINA-CEE online webinar - (Link) Astrophysics Seminar - (Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, 2016) Astrophysics Seminar - (Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium, 2016) CEMP stars as probes of First stars Nucleosynthesis - Geneva, Switzerland JINA-CEE 2019 Frontiers meeting - East Lansing, MI Galactic Archeology as time machines to the First stars - Tokyo, Japan Cool stars 20 (plenary session, Link) - Boston, MA, USA IAU symposium 334 1st prize poster award talk - Potsdam, Germany JINA-CEE Frontiers meeting (Junior workshop) - Lansing, MI, USA MIT Kavli Institute postdoc symposium - MIT, Cambridge, MA JINA-CEE Frontiers meeting - South Bend, IN The Milky Way's History WE-Heraeus-Seminar - Bad Honnef, Germany Annual meeting of the French Society of Astronomy & Astrophysics -Montpellier, France Panelist, Speaker - STEM FOR HER Morocco workshop (virtual) 2021 Panelist, Speaker - Lebanese Women in Astronomy (virtual) 2021

Panelist - JINA-Horizons Junior Workshop (virtual)

2021

INVITED OUTREACH & DIVERSITY TALKS & PANELS

CONTRIBUTED

SCIENTIFIC

TALKS

INVITED

TALKS

SCIENTIFIC

	"Transitioning to an assistant professor position" Speaker, Lecturer - Western Pines Middle Astronomy (virtual) Speaker - "Galactic Getaway", Science in Every Florida School (virtual) Panelist, Speaker - Festival d'Astronomie de Fleurance (Fleurance, Fleurance, Fleurance) (virtual) Speaker - Moon Shots: Apollo 11th 50th anniversary (MIT Museum) "Insights into the lives (and deaths) of the oldest stars" Speaker - "Exciting Astronomy Questions" (Tokyo, Japan) Speaker - Science Café (Beirut, Lebanon) "Where do elements in the Universe come from?" Speaker - Astronomy on Tap (Boston, MA) "How is gold (and other heavy elements) made in stars?"	
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES	Conference Organizing Committees SOC (chair) - GTC Science meeting Working group organizer - JINA-Horizons on Nuclear Astrophysics LOC - JINA-CEE frontiers meeting LOC - JINA-CEE frontiers meeting LOC - Cool stars 20	2022 2022 2019 2018 2018
	Panel Review Committees	
	External Reviewer - Hubble Space Telescope Cycle 29 Review Panelist - NASA TCAN External Reviewer - NASA Postdoctoral Program Review Panelist - Hubble Space Telescope Cycle 28 Review Panelist - NASA Astrophysical Theory Program Review Panelist - Hubble Space Telescope Cycle 27 External Reviewer - NASA FINESST Reviewer - Heising Simmons Physics Research Fellows, MIT External Reviewer, Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope	2021 2020 2019-2020 2020 2019 2019 2019 2018 2017
	Publication Refereeing	2017-present
	Astronomy & Astrophysics Nature Astronomy The Astrophysical Journal Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society Department and University Service	
	(University of Florida) - Graduate Mentoring committee (chair) GTC Users committee (member) Faculty Hiring committee (co-chair) Graduate Admission committee (member)	present 2020-present 2021 2020-2021
	(Massachusetts Institute of Technology) - Seminar organizer - Brown Bag Lunch talk series, MIT Organizer - Postdoc lunch series, MIT Co-organizer - MIT Kavli Institute postdoc symposium	2017-2019 2016-2017 2016

OUTREACH, DIVERSITY &	Leading Roles Co-creator, organizer - Astronomy on Tap, Boston Series 2017	-present
INCLUSION, &		-present
SCIENCE	ů .	-
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COMMUNICATION	· ·	
	Organizer - Solar eclipse and astronomy day (France)	2014
	Organizer - International year of Astronomy 2009 (Lebanon)	2009
	Organizer - 100 hours of Astronomy (Lebanon)	2009
	Events/ Public Talks	
	Speaker - Astronomy on Tap (Cambridge, MA)	2017
	"How to find the oldest stars in the Universe?"	
	Speaker - "How to become a scientist?" (Potomac High school MIT visit)	2017
	Panelist, Speaker - STEM FOR HER Morocco workshop (virtual)	2021
	Panelist, Speaker - Celebrating Lebanese Women in Astronomy (virtual)	2021
	Panelist - JINA-Horizons Junior Workshop (virtual)	2021
	"Transitioning to an assistant professor position"	
	Speaker, Lecturer - Western Pines Middle Astronomy (virtual)	2021
	Speaker - "Galactic Getaway", Science in Every Florida School (virtual)	2020
	Panelist, Speaker - Festival d'Astronomie de Fleurance (Fleurance, France (virtual)	e) 2020
	Speaker - Moon Shots: Apollo 11th 50th anniversary (MIT Museum)	2019
	"Insights into the lives (and deaths) of the oldest stars"	2013
	Speaker - "Exciting Astronomy Questions" (Tokyo, Japan)	2018
	Speaker - Science Café (Beirut, Lebanon)	2017
	"Where do elements in the Universe come from?"	2017
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	Speaker - Astronomy on Tap (Boston, MA) "How is gold (and other heavy elements) made in stars?"	2017
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MEDIA & PRESS	BBC's PBS NOVA "Universe" documentary series - Interviewee	2022
RELEASES	Florida Museum of Natural History –	2020
	Indiana Jones of the Galaxy Teaches Students About the Wonders of the Nig FOX 5 —	ht Sky 2019
	Evidence of 14B year-old 'time machine' star found 35,000 light-years from	Earth
	Pour La Science –	2019
	Des jets puissants pour la mort des premières étoiles	
	Science et Vie –	2019
	Astrophysique : l'explosion des premières étoiles a nourri l'Univers	
	Scientific American –	2019
	The Universe's First Stars Exploded in Strange Ways	
	IPMU Press Release –	2019
	Explosions of universes first stars spewed powerful jets	
	SyfyWIRE –	2019
	When the first stars in the Universe exploded, they *really* exploded	
	Newsweek -	2019
	The Universe's First Stars Exploded, Sending Out Powerful Jets	740-0
	That Produced New Ones	
	TechTimes –	2019
	First Stars In The Universe Were Short-Lived And Ejecting	~010
	Giant Jets Of Matter	
	Astronomy Magazine –	2019
	The universe's first supernovae spewed jets of material into nearby galaxies	~010
	MIT Press Release –	2019

"Cosmic Front: Next Generation" documentary series - Interviewee

LANGUAGES

Arabic (native): read, written, spoken

English (quadrilingual): read, written, spoken French (quadrilingual): read, written, spoken German (quadrilingual): read, written, spoken

Spanish: read and spoken

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Full list of publications is listed on the next page and can be accessed at:

- NASA ADS (Link) citations = 390, h-index= 11
- Google Scholar (Link) citations = 428, h-index= 12, i10-index=14

List of top 5 cited papers:

- 1- (60 citations) Sakari C., Placco V., Farrell E., Roederer I., Wallerstein G., Beers T., Ezzeddine R. et al. 2018, ApJ, 68, 110S "The R-Process Alliance: First Release from the Northern Search for r-Process Enhanced Metal-Poor Stars in the Galactic Halo"
- 2- (44 citations) Placco V., Holmbeck E., Frebel A., Beers T., Surman R., Ji A., Ezzeddine R. 2017, ApJ, 844, 18P "RAVE J203843.2-002333: The First Highly R-process-enhanced Star Identified in the RAVE Survey"
- 3- (31 citations) Nordlander T., Bessell M.S., Da Costa G.S., Mackey A.D., Asplund M., Casey A.R., Chiti A, **Ezzeddine R.**, Frebel A., Lind K., Marino A.F., Murphy S.J., Norris J.E., Schmidt B.P. and Yong D., **MNRAS**, 488L, 109N "The lowest detected stellar Fe abundance: The halo star SMSS J160540.18—44323.1"
- 4- (31 citations) Ezzeddine R., Frebel A. and Plez B., 2017, ApJ, 847, 142E "Ultra-metal-poor Stars: Spectroscopic Determination of Stellar Atmospheric Parameters Using Iron Non-LTE Line Abundances"
- 5- (29 citations) Ezzeddine R., Frebel A., Roederer I. U., Tominaga T., Tumlinson J., Ishigaki, M., Nomoto K., Placco V. M., Aoki W., 2019, ApJ, 876, 97E "Evidence for an aspherical Population III supernova explosion inferred from the Hyper-Metal-Poor star HE 1327–2326"

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FULL LIST OF 9 First and Second author published and submitted papers PUBLICATIONS (asterisk denotes paper written with underlined Graduate or Undergraduate student)

9- Kowkabany J., Ezzeddine R., Charbonnel, C., <u>Hackshaw Z.</u> et al. 2021, ApJ submitted - "Discovery of an Ultra Li-rich Red Giant Metal-poor Star"*

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- 8- <u>Hackshaw Z.</u>, **Ezzeddine R.**, <u>Kowkabany J.</u>, <u>Shah S.</u>, et al., **ApJ submitted** "The R-Process Alliance: Evidence of accretion of a highly enhanced r-process star from a satellite of the LMC"*
- 7- <u>Li Y.</u>, **Ezzeddine R.**, **ApJ submitted** "LOTuS: a non-LTE Optimizing Tool for derivations of atmospheric Stellar parameters"*
- 6- Ezzeddine R., Rasmussen K., Chiti A., Frebel A., et al. 2020, ApJ, 898, 150E "The R-Process Alliance: High resolution Magellan/MIKE data release from the Southern search for r-process enhanced stars in the Galactic Halo"*
- 5- Ezzeddine R., Frebel A., Roederer I. U., Tominaga T., Tumlinson J., Ishigaki M., Nomoto K., Placco V. M., Aoki W., 2019, ApJ, 876, 97E "Evidence for an aspherical Population III supernova explosion inferred from the Hyper-Metal-Poor star HE 1327-2326"
- 4- Ezzeddine, R., Merle T., Plez, B. et al. 2018, A&A, 618, A141 "An empirical recipe for inelastic hydrogen-atom collisions in non-LTE calculations"
- 3- Ezzeddine R. & Frebel A., 2018, ApJ, 863, 168E
 "Revisiting the Iron Abundance in the Hyper Iron-poor Star HE 1327–2326 with
 UV COS/HST Data"
- 2- Ezzeddine R., Frebel A. and Plez B., 2017, ApJ, 847, 142E "Ultra-metal-poor Stars: Spectroscopic Determination of Stellar Atmospheric Parameters Using Iron Non-LTE Line Abundances"
- 1- Ezzeddine R., Merle T. and Plez B., 2016, AN, 337, 850E "Non-LTE iron abundances in cool stars: The role of hydrogen collisions"

19 total co-Authored papers

- 19- Judge P., Rempel M., **Ezzeddine**, **R**, Kleint L., Egeland, R. et al., 2021, **ApJ**, 917, 27J "Measuring the magnetic origins of solar flares, CMEs and Space Weather"
- 18- Gudin D., Shank D., Beers T., including **Ezzeddine**, **R**, 2021, **ApJ**, 908, 79G "The R-Process Alliance: Chemodynamically Tagged Groups of Halo r-process-enhanced Stars Reveal a Shared Chemical-evolution History"
- 17- Roederer I. U., Lawler, J., Holmbeck, E., Beers, T., **Ezzeddine, R** et al., 2020, **ApJ**, 902L, 24R "Detection of Pb II in the Ultraviolet Spectra of Three Metal-poor Stars"

- 16- Holmbeck, E. M., Hansen, T. T. et al. including Ezzeddine, R., 2020, **ApJS**, 249, 30H "The R-Process Alliance: Fourth Data Release from the Search for R-process-enhanced Stars in the Galactic Halo"
- 15- Rasmussen K.C., Frebel A., **Ezzeddine R.**, Ji A.P., Chiti A, Beers T., Hansen T.T., Placco V.M., Roederer I.U., Sakari C., **ApJ** submitted "The R-Process Alliance: A Uranium abundance measurement in the r-I star BD+17° 3248"
- 14- Cain M., Frebel A., Ji A.P., Placco V. M., **Ezzeddine R.**, Roederer I. U., Hattori K., Beers T., Meléndez J., Hansen, T., Sakari C., 2020, **ApJ**, 898, 40C "The R-Process Alliance: J1521–3538, A very metal-poor extremely r-process enhanced star with [Eu/Fe] = +2.2, and the class of r-III stars"
- 13- Placco, V. M., Santucci, R. M. et al. including **Ezzeddine**, R., 2020, ApJ, 897, 78P "The R-process Alliance: The Peculiar Chemical Abundance Pattern of RAVE J183013.5-455510"
- 12- Nidever, D. L., Price-Whelan, A. M., Choi, Y.; Beaton, R. L., Hansen, T. T., Boubert, D., Aguado, D., **Ezzeddine R.**, Oh, S., Evans, N. W., 2019, **ApJ**, 887, 115N "Spectroscopy of the Young Stellar Association Price-Whelan 1: Origin in the Magellanic Leading Arm and Constraints on the Milky Way Hot Halo"
- 11- Nordlander T., Bessell M.S., Da Costa G.S., Mackey A.D., Asplund M., Casey A.R., Chiti A, **Ezzeddine R.**, Frebel A., Lind K., Marino A.F., Murphy S.J., Norris J.E., Schmidt B.P. and Yong D., **MNRAS**, 488L, 109N "The lowest detected stellar Fe abundance: The halo star SMSS J160540.18—44323.1"
- 10- Sitnova T., Mashonkina L., Ezzeddine R., Frebel A. 2019, MNRAS, 485, 3527S
 "Ultra metal-poor stars: improved atmospheric parameters and NLTE abundances of magnesium and calcium"
- 9- Sakari C., Roederer I., Placco V., Beers T., **Ezzeddine R.** et al. 2019, **ApJ**, 874, 148S "The R-Process Alliance: Discovery of a low α , r-process enhanced metal-poor star in the Galactic halo"
- 8- Frebel A., Ji, A., **Ezzeddine R.**, et al. 2019, **ApJ**, 871, 146F "Chemical abundance Signature of J0023+0307 A Second-Generation Main-Sequence Star with [Fe/H] < -6"
- 7- Placco V. M et al. including **Ezzeddine**, **R.** 2019, **ApJ**, 870, 122P "The R-Process Alliance: Spectroscopic Follow-up of 857 Low-Metallicity Star Candidates from the Best & Brightest Survey"
- 6- Sakari C., Placco V., Farrell E., Roederer I., Wallerstein G., Beers T., **Ezzeddine R.** et al. 2018, **ApJ**, 68, 110S "The R-Process Alliance: First Release from the Northern Search for r-Process Enhanced Metal-Poor Stars in the Galactic Halo"
- 5- Roederer I., Sakari C., Placco, V., Beers, T., **Ezzeddine, R.** at al. 2018, **ApJ**, 865, 129R "The R-Process Alliance: A Comprehensive Abundance Analysis of HD 222925, a Metal-Poor Star with an Extreme R-Process Enhancement of [Eu/H]= -0.14"
- 4- Cain M., Frebel A., Gull M., Ji A., Placco V., Beers T., Meléndez J., **Ezzeddine** R., et al. 2018, ApJ, 864, 43C "The R-Process Alliance: Chemical Abundances for

- a Trio of r-process-enhanced StarsOne Strong, One Moderate, and One Mild"
- 3- Gull, M., Frebel A., Cain M., Placco V., Ji A., Abate C., **Ezzeddine R.** et al. 2018, **ApJ**, 862, 174G "The R-Process Alliance: Discovery of the First Metal-poor Star with a Combined r- and s-process Element Signature"
- 2- Placco V., Holmbeck E., Frebel A., Beers T., Surman R., Ji A., **Ezzeddine R.** 2017, **ApJ**, 844, 18P "RAVE J203843.2-002333: The First Highly R-process-enhanced Star Identified in the RAVE Survey"
- 1- Ji A., Frebel A., **Ezzeddine R.** & A. Casey, 2017, **ApJ**, 832L, 3J "Chemical Diversity in the Ultra-faint Dwarf Galaxy Tucana II"

PROCEEDING & WHITE PAPER PUBLICATIONS

- 5- Roederer I. U., Beers T. C., **Ezzeddine, Rana** et al., **Astro2020: Decadal Survey on Astronomy and Astrophysics**, 2019, Vol. 51, Issue 3, id. 136 "The astrophysical r-process and the origin of the heaviest elements"
- 4- Aprahamian A. et al. including **Ezzeddine R.**, 2018, Proceedings for the FRIB Theory Alliance workshop, arXiv:1809.00703 "FRIB and the GW170817 kilonova"
- 3- Ezzeddine R., Sitnova T., Frebel A., Mashonkina L., Plez B., 2018, IAU symposium 334 Conference proceeding, 259E "Mega (metal-poor) not so much: Non-LTE spectroscopic stellar parameters and abundance determination of Ultra metal-poor stars"
- 2- **Ezzeddine**, **R.**, Merle T. & Plez B., 2013, "New Advances in Stellar Physics: From Microscopic To Macroscopic Processes" EAS conference proceedings, 63, 407E "NLTE Iron abundance determination in Red Giants"
- 1- Ezzedine, R., Merle T., Plez B., 2013, Proceedings of the Annual meeting of the French Society of Astronomy and Astrophysics, 119E "Non-LTE Iron abundance determination of a sample of Kepler Red Giants"