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POSITION	Assistant Scientist NSF's National Optical-Infrared Astronomy Research Laboratory, Tucson, AZ	8/2019–
EDUCATION	Harvard University , Cambridge, MA Ph.D., Physics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thesis Title: <i>Full-sky, High-resolution Maps of Interstellar Dust</i>• Thesis Advisor: Douglas Finkbeiner	9/2010–5/2015
	Stanford University , Stanford, CA B.S., Physics with Distinction, Departmental Honors, Concentration in Astrophysics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thesis Title: <i>Imaging Redshift Estimates for Gamma-ray BL Lacertae Objects</i>• Thesis Advisor: Roger Romani	9/2006–6/2010
AWARDS	NASA Robert H. Goddard Award – Backyard Worlds: Planet 9 Team (2021) <i>“For outstanding contributions to the study of brown dwarfs and the solar neighborhood, and an exceptional demonstration of the power of citizen science.”</i> AURA Science Award – DECam Legacy Survey Team (2020) AURA Team Award – DESI Installation Team (2020) Builder – Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (2018) <i>“for outstanding contributions to the imaging survey”</i> NASA Hubble Fellowship (2018-2019) Forbes 30 Under 30 - Science (2018) <i>“Meisner focuses on data-intensive challenges in astronomy, such as the search for our solar system’s theorized ninth planet. He cofounded the popular Backyard Worlds citizen science project, assembling a team of more than 100,000 volunteers worldwide that has discovered over 200 worlds.”</i> National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (2013-2015) National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship (2010-2013) American Astronomical Society Chambliss Astronomy Achievement Award (2010) Harvard Physics Purcell Fellowship (2010) Stanford Jeffrey Willick Memorial Award (2010) <i>“outstanding physics major studying astrophysics”</i> Stanford University President’s Award for Academic Excellence in the Freshman Year (2007)	