Aaron Meisner

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Position Assistant Scientist

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NSF's National Optical-Infrared Astronomy Research Laboratory, Tucson, AZ

EDUCATION Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

9/2010-5/2015

Ph.D., Physics

• Thesis Title: Full-sky, High-resolution Maps of Interstellar Dust

• Thesis Advisor: Douglas Finkbeiner

Stanford University, Stanford, CA

9/2006-6/2010

B.S., Physics with Distinction, Departmental Honors, Concentration in Astrophysics

• Thesis Title: Imaging Redshift Estimates for Gamma-ray BL Lacertae Objects

• Thesis Advisor: Roger Romani

AWARDS

Robert H. Goddard Award – Backyard Worlds: Planet 9 Team (2021)

AURA Science Award – DECam Legacy Survey Team (2020)

AURA Team Award – DESI Installation Team (2020)

Builder – Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (2018)

"for outstanding contributions to the imaging survey"

NASA Hubble Fellowship (2018-2019)

Forbes 30 Under 30 - Science (2018)

"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."

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)

"outstanding physics major studying astrophysics"

Stanford University President's Award for Academic Excellence in the Freshman Year (2007)