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Research Interests

Characterization of exoplanets; formation and evolution of planetary systems in multiple star systems; large adaptive optics surveys; detection of long-period transiting planets

Positions

September 2020 Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX

- current Assistant Professor of Astronomy

Director of SFA Observatory

August 2018 University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

July 2020 Dunlap Postdoctoral Fellow

PI: SOAR TESS survey (speckle imaging survey)
PI: One Hit Wonders (TESS single-transit planet survey)

Education

May 2018 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

PhD, Physics and Astronomy

Thesis: "Characterization of Exoplanets and Stellar Systems with New Robots"

Advisor: Prof. Nicholas Law

August 2013 Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL

M.S., Physics

Thesis: "Adsorption of Neon on Open Carbon Nanohorn Aggregates"

Advisor: Prof. Aldo Migone

May 2009 William Jewell College, Liberty, MO

B.A., Physics and Mathematics

Research: variable stars, globular clusters

Advisor: Prof. Maggie Sherer

Significant Contribution Publications

An Adaptive Optics Census of Companions to Northern Stars Within 25 pc with Robo-AO
 M. Salama, C. Ziegler, et al., The Astronomical Journal, 2022 163 5

- 9. Robo-AO and SOAR High-resolution Surveys of Exoplanet Hosting Stars C. Ziegler, et al., Frontiers in Astronomy and Space Sciences, 2021 8 3
- 8. SOAR TESS Survey. II: The impact of stellar companions on planetary populations C. Ziegler, et al., The Astronomical Journal, 2021 **162** 5

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Significant Contribution Publications - Continued

- SOAR TESS Survey. I: Sculpting of TESS planetary systems by stellar companions
 C. Ziegler, et al., The Astronomical Journal, 2020 159 19
- Measuring the Recoverability of Close Binaries in Gaia DR2 with the Robo-AO Kepler Survey
 C. Ziegler, et al., The Astronomical Journal, 2018 156 259
- Robo-AO Kepler Planetary Candidate Survey V: The effect of physically associated stellar companions on planetary systems
 - C. Ziegler, et al., The Astronomical Journal, 2018 156 83
- Robo-AO Kepler Planetary Candidate Survey IV: The effect of nearby stars on 3857 planetary candidate systems
 - C. Ziegler, et al., The Astronomical Journal, 2018 155 161
- Robo-AO Kepler Planetary Candidate Survey III: Adaptive Optics Imaging of 1629 Kepler Exoplanet Candidate Host Stars
 - C. Ziegler, et al., The Astronomical Journal, 2017 153 66
- Robo-AO Kepler Planetary Candidate Survey II: Adaptive Optics Imaging of 969 Kepler Exoplanet Candidate Host Stars
 - C. Baranec, C. Ziegler, et al., The Astronomical Journal, 2016 152 18
- Multiplicity of the Galactic Senior Citizens: A High-resolution Search for Cool Subdwarf Companions
 - C. Ziegler, et al., The Astrophysical Journal, 2015 804 30

SPIE Instrumentation Papers

- SRAO: the southern robotic speckle + adaptive optics system
 N. Law, C. Ziegler, A. Tokovinin, Proc. SPIE 9907, Optical and Infrared Interferometry and Imaging V, 99070K, 2016
- SRAO: optical design and the dual-knife-edge WFS
 C. Ziegler, et al., Proc. SPIE 9909, Adaptive Optics Systems V, 99093Z, 2016
- The Robo-AO KOI survey: laser adaptive optics imaging of every Kepler exoplanet candidate
 Ziegler, et al., Proc. SPIE 9909, Adaptive Optics Systems V, 99095U, 2016

Talks

Conference Talks

- SOAR TESS Speckle Survey of Exoplanet Candidates
 C. Ziegler, et al., Texas A&M University-Commerce, March 23-25, 2023
- SOAR TESS survey: The sculpting of planetary systems by stellar companions AAS 235, January 5-9, Honolulu, HI (2020)
- One Hit Wonders: Hunting the longest-period TESS planets
 TESS Sci Con I, July 29-Aug 2, Cambridge, MA (2019)
- One Hit Wonders: Hunting the longest-period TESS planets CASCA 2019, June 17-20, Montreal, QC (2019)
- Death Stars? How tight binaries impact TESS planets with SOAR speckle imaging AAS 233, January 6-10, Seattle, WA (2019)
- Robo-AO KOI Survey: LGS-AO imaging of every Kepler planetary candidate host star AAS 231, January 9-12, National Harbor, MD (2018)

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Talks - Continued

- High resolution imaging of 4000 Kepler planetary candidate host stars
 Know Thy Star, Know Thy Planet, October 11, Pasadena, CA (2017)
- Robo-AO KOI Survey: LGS-AO imaging of every Kepler planetary candidate host star Transiting Exoplanets, July 17, Keele, UK (2017)
- Adaptive Optics Imaging of Kepler Planetary Candidates
 North Carolina Astronomers Meeting, September 24, Jamestown, NC (2016)
- The Robo-AO KOI Survey: Laser Adaptive Optics Imaging of Every Kepler Exoplanet Candidate AAS 227, January 4-8, Kissimmee, FL (2016)
- Study of Carbon Dioxide adsorption on Purified HiPco Nanotubes
 American Physical Society Meeting, March 18–22, Baltimore, MD (2013)

Invited Talks

- The Robo-AO KOI survey and the development of a Southern robotic AO system Institute for Astronomy, September 14, Hilo, Hawaii (2016)

Conference Posters

- One Hit Wonders: recovering the longest period TESS planets
 C. Ziegler, et al., Extreme Solar Systems IV, Reykyavik, Iceland (2019)
- Sculpting of TESS Planetary Systems by Binary Stars
 C. Ziegler, et al., Tess SciCon I, Cambridge, MA (2019)
- Robo-AO KOI Survey: Robotic LGS-AO Imaging of Every Kepler Planetary Candidate
 C. Ziegler, et al., Kepler SciCon IV, NASA Ames (2017)
- SRAO: the first southern robotic AO system
 C. Ziegler, et al., SPIE Astronomical Telescopes + Instrumentation, Edinburgh, UK (2016)
- The Robo-AO KOI survey: laser adaptive optics imaging of every Kepler exoplanet candidate
 C. Ziegler, et al., SPIE Astronomical Telescopes + Instrumentation, Edinburgh, UK (2016)
- Multiplicity of the Galactic Senior Citizens: A high-resolution search for cool subdwarf companions
 C. Ziegler & N. Law, AAS 225, Seattle, WA (2015)

Grants and Telescope Time

- Robo-AO-2 Observations of TESS Planet Candidates
 C. Ziegler & C. Baranec, TESS Guest Investigator, \$250,000, In submission
- SOAR TESS Survey of Exoplanet Candidate Hosts
 C. Ziegler et al., NOAO Proposal, Award 3 Nights on SOAR telescope, 2022A
- Characterization of TESS planets in multiple star systems
 C. Ziegler et al., NOAO Proposal, Award 4 Nights on SOAR telescope, 2021A
- SOAR TESS Survey: Characterization of TESS planets in multiple star systems
 C. Ziegler et al., NOAO Proposal, Award 3 Nights on SOAR telescope, 2020B

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Previous Teaching Experience

Fall 2019 | University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

Exoplanet mini-course, AST 221

Taught 8-week course on detection of exoplanets and exoplanet demographics to Astronomy majors. Mix of lectures an in-class group projects.

Summer 2019 | University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

AO Lab Lead, Dunlap Summer School

Led both undergraduates and graduate students in a lecture introducing adaptive optics and a lab to build a Shack-Hartmann wavefront sensor.

Summer 2019 | University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

Summer Undergraduate Mentor

Advised summer undergraduate student in testing and implementing robotic telescope control and on-the-fly data reduction pipeline.

Spring 2017 | University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

Undergraduate Research Mentor

Advised capstone course for UNC undergraduate to build novel methods to reduce adaptive optics images of bright stars

Summer 2015 | University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

Summer Research Mentor

Advised high school student with Kepler host star multiplicity research

Fall 2013- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

Spring 2014 | Astronomy 101L Lab Teaching Assistant

Led five lab sections using robotic "Skynet" telescopes

Fall 2010- Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL Spring 2013 Astronomy 101 Lab Teaching Assistant

Astronomy 101 Lab Teaching Assistant
Taught twenty lab sections in astronomy

Spring 2012- | Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL

Fall 2012 Physics Lab Instructor

Taught three calculus-based physics lab courses

Professional Service and Public Outreach

- Referee for MNRAS, ApJ, AJ, PASP, and A&A
- Assisted monthly public observing nights for Chapel Hill Astronomical and Observational Society
- Two public talks for Raleigh Astronomy Club

Sofware Skills

Computer

- Python (primary language for astronomical data analysis)

Programming:

- C++ (control software for Andor EMCCD camera, WFS reconstruction)
- TheSkyX (automated telescope and observatory control)
- MaximDL (camera control and reduction)
- Mathematica (hydrodymical simulations for graduate ISM class)
- HTML (designed project sites, roboaokepler.org and onehitwonders.space)
- LabVIEW (wrote control GUI for gas adsorption instrumentation)

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Instrumentation

Instrumentation - Zemax (optical design for Robo-SOAR)

Design: - SolidWorks (modeling for fabrication of custom mounts and packaging

used in Robo-SOAR)

Robo-SOAR - built optical testbed of NGS-AO system

construction: - designed and constructed prototype of reflective pyramid WFS

Professional References

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All Peer-reviewed Articles

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