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EDUCATION

University of Washington, Seattle, WA
... PhD Astronomy & Astrobiology, August 2017

· · · MSc Astronomy, December 2013

Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

2006 - 2010

2012 - 2017

 $\cdots\,$  BA Astrophysics / English Literature minor, May 2010

American School of Campinas, Campinas, Brazil

2002 - 2006

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Researcher, Virtual Planet Laboratory @ UW

2012 -

- · · · Research with Profs. Eric Agol, Rory Barnes, and Victoria Meadows
- · · · Develop photometric de-trending methods to aid in the search for small planets transiting small stars
- · · · Develop techniques to characterize potentially habitable exoplanets with next-generation telescopes
- · · · Investigate the atmospheric evolution of planets orbiting M dwarfs

## Student Researcher, Swarthmore College

2008 - 2009

· · · Research under Professor Eric Jensen on planet formation and T Tauri disks

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Luger, R., Sestovic, M., Kruse, E., et al. (2017) A seven-planet resonant chain in TRAPPIST-1. Nature Astronomy 1, 0129

**Luger, R.**, Kruse, E., Foreman-Mackey, D., Agol, Eric, and Saunders, Nicholas. (2017) An update to the EVEREST K2 pipeline: Short cadence, saturated stars, and Kepler-like photometry down to Kp = 15. arXiv:1702.05488.

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Meadows, V. S., Arney, G. N., Schwieterman, E. W., Lustig-Yaeger, J., Lincowski, A. P., Robinson, T., Domagal-Goldman, S. D., Barnes, R. K., Fleming, D. P., Deitrick, R., Luger, R., Driscoll, P. E., Quinn, T. R., and Crisp, D. (2016) *The Habitability of Proxima Centauri b: II: Environmental States and Observational Discriminants.* arXiv:1608.08620.

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**Luger, R.** and Barnes, R. (2015) Extreme Water Loss and Abiotic  $O_2$  Buildup on Planets Throughout the Habitable Zones of M Dwarfs. Astrobiology 15, 119.

**Luger, R.**, Barnes, R., Lopez, E., Fortney, J., Jackson, B., and Meadows, S. (2015) *Habitable Evaporated Cores: Transforming Mini-Neptunes into Super-Earths in the Habitable Zones of M Dwarfs.* Astrobiology 15, 57.

Deitrick, R., Barnes, R., McArthur, B., Quinn, T., Luger, R., Antonsen, A., and Benedict, G. (2014) The Three-dimensional Architecture of the v Andromedae Planetary System ApJ 798, 46.

## Honors and Awards

## ARCS Fellowship

2012 - 2014

Achievement Rewards for College Scientists Foundation Fellowship recipient

### Bobby Berman Memorial Prize

May 2010

Awarded to a graduating senior who has shown achievement, commitment, and leadership in Physics and Astronomy

## The Phi Beta Kappa Society

May 2010

Inducted member

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teacher, St. Luke's School, New Canaan, CT

2010 - 2012

- · · · Created and taught a rigorous, college-level elective course in astrophysics aimed at seniors interested in pursuing college classes in the field
- · · · Taught three sections of an 11th grade physics class with a focus on astronomy, aiming to help students develop critical thinking and creative problem solving skills

## Science Associate & Tutor, Swarthmore College

2009 - 2010

 $\cdots$  Directed weekly large-group study sessions for an introductory course in astronomy; tutored students in courses in mechanics and E&M

## Work Experience

## IT Manager, Virtual Planet Laboratory @ UW

2013 - 2017

· · · Managed VPL's virtual conferencing system and network

#### LEADERSHIP

#### Head Coach, St. Luke's School

2010 - 2012

· · · Head coach of the JV Boys Soccer and Fencing Teams

· · · Assistant coach of the MS Tennis Team

### Captain, Swarthmore College Fencing Team

2009 - 2010

· · · Captain and founding member of the Sabre Team