# Riley McGlasson

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## Education

**Purdue University** 

West Lafayette, IN

PhD, Planetary Sciences, 3.93/4.0

2020 – Present

Macalester College

Saint Paul, MN

Bachelor of Arts in Physics (with Astronomy emphasis) and Mathematics minor, 3.77/4.0

2016 - 2020

Acquincum Institute of Technology, Budapesti Műszaki Egyetem

**Budapest**, Hungary

Semester in Computer Science Abroad, 4.67/5.0

Fall 2018

## Research Experience and Professional Preparation

• Analyzing SHARAD radar observations of ice deposits in Martian craters.

#### **Graduate Research Assistant**

West Lafayette, IN

Purdue University

August 2020 – Present

Advisor: Dr. Ali Bramson

### Astronomy Ranger Intern

Bryce, Utah Summer 2019

Bryce Canyon National Park

Advisors: Dr. Anil Seth and Mr. Todd Cullins

- Developed and presented astronomy interpretive programs.
- Led educational "telescope tours" of planets, constellations, and deep sky objects to visitors of Bryce Canyon National Park.
- o Led monthly full moon hikes into Bryce Canyon while educating hikers about the science and cultural importance of our moon.
- o Presented "A Message to the Universe", a public talk about the Voyager missions, at the Bryce Canyon Annual Astronomy Festival.

**REU Student** Arecibo, Puerto Rico

Arecibo Observatory

Summer 2018

Advisors: Dr. Sean Marshall and Dr. Flaviane Venditti

- Developed a shape model for the potentially hazardous asteroid Midas.
- Performed approximately 50 radar observations of near-Earth asteroids using the Arecibo 305 meter radio telescope.

**REU Student** Huntsville, AL

University of Alabama in Huntsville/NASA MSFC

Advisor: Dr. Navdeep Panesar

Studied the magnetic origins of solar coronal jets.

#### Undergraduate Research Assistant

Saint Paul, MN

Macalester College

Spring 2017

Summer 2017

Advisor: Dr. John Cannon

- o Performed the first characterization of the neutral ISM in two local volume dwarf galaxies using the HI 21cm spectral line.
- Determined cluster membership for galaxies around the Pisces-Perseus Supercluster, as part of the Arecibo Pisces-Perseus Supercluster Survey.

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 1. Virkki, A. K., Marshall, S. E., Venditti, F., et al.(incl. McGlasson, R. A.). (In Revision). Arecibo Planetary Radar Observations of Near-Earth Asteroids: 2017 December - 2019 December.
- 2. Sori, M.M., Becerra, P., Bapst, J., Byrne, S., and McGlasson, R. A. (2022). Orbital forcing of Martian climate revealed in an outlier ice deposit. Geophysical Research Letters, 49, e2021GL097450.
- 3. McGlasson, R. A., Marshall, S. E., Venditti, F., et al. (2022). Radar and Lightcurve Observations

- and a Physical Model of Potentially Hazardous Asteroid 1981 Midas. The Planetary Science Journal, 3, 35.
- 4. **McGlasson, R. A.**, Panesar, N. K., Sterling, A. C., Moore, R. L., 2019. Magnetic Flux Cancellation as the Trigger Mechanism of Solar Coronal Jets. The Astrophysical Journal, 882, 16.
- 5. Cannon, J.M., Shen, Z., et al. (incl. McGlasson, R. A.), 2018. Delayed Stellar Mass Assembly in the Low Surface Brightness Dwarf Galaxy KDG 215. The Astrophysical Journal Letters, 864, L14.
- 6. Bralts-Kelly, L., Bulatek, A. M., et al. (incl. McGlasson, R. A.), 2017. First Characterization of the Neutral ISM in Two Local Volume Dwarf Galaxies. The Astrophysical Journal Letters, 848, L10.

## **Conference Posters and Presentations**

- \* Indicates R. A. McGlasson is presenting author
- † Indicates oral presentation
- 1. \* McGlasson, R. A., Sori, M. M., Bramson, A. M., (2022). A Significant Periodicity of NPLD Layers as Revealed by SHARAD Observations. 53rd Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, #2063.
- 2. \*†McGlasson, R. A., Bramson, A. M., Morgan, G. A., Sori, M. M., (2021). Subsurface Radar Observations of Outlier Polar Ice Deposits on Mars. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2021, #P32D-05.
- 3. \*†McGlasson, R. A., Bramson, A. M., Morgan, G. A., Sori, M. M., (2021). Subsurface Radar Observations of Outlier Polar Ice Deposits on Mars. 52nd Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, #1649.
- 4. Repp, D. W., Marshall, S. E., et al. (incl. McGlasson, R. A.), (2020). Shape modeling of potentially hazardous asteroid 2015 DP155 from radar and lightcurve observations. 51st Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, #2897.
- 5. Taylor, P. A., Rivera-Valentín, E. G., (incl. McGlasson, R. A.), (2019). Radar and Optical Observations of Equal-Mass Binary Near-Earth Asteroids (190166) 2005 UP156 and 2017 YE5. 50th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, #2945.
- 6. \*McGlasson, R. A., Marshall, S. E., et al., (2019). Shape Model of Potentially Hazardous Asteroid (1981) Midas from Radar and Lightcurve Observations. American Astronomical Society Meeting #233, 255.03.
- 7. Taylor, P. A., Brozovic, M., et al. (incl. McGlasson, R. A.), (2018). Radar and Optical Observations of Equal-Mass Binary Near-Earth Asteroid 2017 YE5. American Astronomical Society Division of Planetary Sciences meeting #50, 508.07.
- 8. Marshall, S. E., Cobb, A., et al. (incl. McGlasson, R. A.), (2018). Using Bayesian Optimization to Find Asteroids' Pole Directions. American Astronomical Society Division of Planetary Sciences meeting #50, 505.01D.
- 9. \*McGlasson, R. A., Panesar, N. K., Sterling, A. C., Moore, R. L., (2017). Magnetic Flux Cancellation as the Trigger Mechanism of Solar Coronal Jets. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2017, #SH43A-2796.

## **Awards and Grants**

Purdue TA Honor Roll:	Fall 2021
Purdue Student Service-Learning Grant:	2021
In support of development of the Astronomy on Tap program	
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, Honorable Mention:	2021
Lunar and Planetary Institute Career Development Award:	2021
52nd Lunar and Planetary Science Conference	
Chambliss Astronomy Achievement Award Student Prize:	2019
American Astronomical Society 233rd meeting	
Minnesota Space Grant Consortium Scholarship:	2018

# **Technical Skills**

Python | IDL | Latex | Bash | Microsoft Office | ArcGIS | ENVI | Ground Penetrating Radar

# **Teaching Experience**

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EAPS 100: Planet Earth Teaching Assistant:	Spring 2022
<ul> <li>Undergraduate TA for Purdue introductory Earth science class</li> </ul>	
EAPS 111: Physical Geology Teaching Assistant:	Fall 2020, Fall 2021
<ul> <li>Undergraduate Lab TA for Purdue introductory geology class</li> </ul>	
Observational Astronomy Preceptor:	Spring 2020
• Undergraduate preceptor for Macalester upper-level observational astronomy	course
Modern Astronomy Preceptor:	Spring 2019
o Undergraduate preceptor for Macalester introductory Modern astronomy cour	se

# **Volunteer Service and Outreach**

a global creative problem solving competition