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## Education

- 2018 – 2021    📖 **PhD Astronomy & Astrophysics**, Penn State University
- 2016 – 2018    📖 **MS Astronomy & Astrophysics**, Penn State University
- 2012 – 2015    📖 **BS Physics, Astronomy**, University of Iowa

## Postitions Held

- 2024 – . . . .    📖 **Research Assistant Professor**, Caltech
- 2022 – 2024    📖 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, Caltech
- 2017 – 2021    📖 **NASA Space Technology Research Fellow**, Penn State University
- 2016 – 2017    📖 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Penn State University
- 2013 – 2016    📖 **Undergraduate Research Assistant**, University of Iowa

## Select Current Projects

### The Faint Intergalactic-medium Redshifted Emission Balloon (FIREBall-2)

Period of Performance: 10/01/2022 – 09/30/2026

Project Funding: \$4.9M; NASA APRA

Role: Project manager and technical lead for balloon-borne multiobject UV spectrograph.

### Ultraviolet Spectroscopy ... Enabled Through Nanofabrication Techniques

Period of Performance: 10/01/2022 – 09/30/2025

Project Funding: \$200k Co-I funding; NASA SAT

Role: Co-I and proposal writer for UV reflection gratings development to enable future missions. Serve as calibration lead and am responsible for fabricating UV echelle gratings.

### X-ray Reflection Gratings: Key Developments for the Next Decade

Period of Performance: 10/01/2023 – 09/30/2026

Project Funding: \$114k Co-I funding; NASA APRA

Role: Co-I and calibration lead, responsible for beamline verification of diffraction efficiency and spectral resolution.

### Observation Programs: 2023 – Present

Keck: 8 total nights (4 as PI)

## Select Pending Projects

### tREXS-2: The Rockets for Extended-source X-ray Spectroscopy

Period of Performance: 10/01/2024 – 09/30/2028

Project Funding: ≈\$3.9M

Role: PI, Status: Submitted to 2023 NASA APRA solicitation

### Techniques in blazed reflection gratings to enable next-generation spectroscopy

Period of Performance: 10/01/2024 – 09/30/2027




Project Funding: ≈\$1.9M

Role: PI, Status: Submitted to 2023 NASA SAT solicitation










## Teaching

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### Live Instruction

- 2020  Instructor, Astronomy Communication (ASTRO 297), Penn State University  
SRTE Instructor Effectiveness: Mean = 6.9/7  
SRTE Course Effectiveness: Mean = 6.6/7
- 2019  Guest Lecturer, Astronomical Universe (ASTRO 001), Penn State University
- 2016  TA and Lab Lead, Observational Astronomy (ASTRO 320), Penn State University



### Workshops and Certifications

- 2024  Workshop: How Learning Works  
 Workshop: How to Increase Student Engagement and Promote Academic Integrity
- 2023  Workshop: The Effects of Stereotypes and Deficit Mindset on Learning  
 Workshop: Flipped Classrooms: Effective Active Learning in Large Classes  
 Workshop: Creating Dynamic and Engaging Lectures
- 2022  Workshop: Setting Intentions for Student Learning  
 Workshop: Assessment as a Learning Tool  
 Workshop: Increasing Student Engagement and Motivation
- 2020  Certificate in Online Teaching







## Student Advising

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### Graduate Students

- 2022 – ...  Xihan Deng, FIREBall optical data analysis pipeline
- 2020 – ...  Ross McCurdy, tREXS sounding rocket project

### Undergraduate Students

- 2022 – 2023  Vincent Smedile, Thesis: “Soft X-ray Source Modeling of the Cygnus Loop...”  
Outcome: Honor’s thesis, graduate school in Astronomy
- 2020 – 2021  Natalie Zinski, *tREXS instrument modeling*  
Outcome: Position in industry
- 2019 – 2021  Logan Baker, *tREXS opto-mechanical design*  
Outcome: Graduate school in Aerospace Engineering
- 2018 – 2020  Joseph Weston, *tREXS mechanical design*  
Outcome: Position in industry
- 2017 – 2018  Christopher Hillman, *Sounding rocket telemetry systems*  
Outcome: Position in industry
- 2016 – 2017  Tyler Steiner, *Nanofabrication and data analysis*  
Outcome: Graduate school in Nuclear Engineering

## Select Outreach & Service

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- 2024 - ...
  - Co-Chair, HWO DEIA Sub WG
  - Co-lead, HWO UV Tech Grating Focus Group
- 2023 - ...
  - Co-Chair, Astrophysics with Equity SAG Student Training Programs WG
  - Deputy Secretary, AAS HEAD
  - Member, HWO UV Tech WG
  - Member, NASA New Great Observatories SAG
  - Member, NASA Astrophysics with Equity SAG
- 2022 - ...
  - Mentor, Caltech Future Ignited
  - Reviewer, JATIS
  - Reviewer, NASA APRA
- 2015 - ...
  - Member, AAS and SPIE
- 2022 - 2023
  - Divisional Representative, Caltech Postdoctoral Association
- 2020 - 2021
  - Mentor, Rockets for Inclusive Science Education
  - Co-Organizer & Moderator, Graduate Student Info Panel & Town Halls
  - Department Representative, Penn State Graduate Students
- 2017 - 2021
  - Treasurer, Astronomy on Tap State Colleg
  - Member, Lynx Instrument WG
- 2018 - 2020
  - Co-Chair, Graduate Student Recruitment for PSU Astronomy
  - Co-Chair, Graduate Program for PSU Astronomy
- 2019
  - Judge, AAS Chambliss Student Poster Competition
- 2018
  - Reviewer, PSU College of Engineering Reserach Symposium
- 2017
  - Organizer, PSU Science Leadership Camp Research Snapshot

## Select Awards

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- 2022 - 2023
  - Presidential Management Fellow, U.S. Office of Personnel Management
- 2017 - 2021
  - NASA Space Technology Research Fellow, NASA
- 2021
  - Rising Star in Aerospace, MIT/Stanford/CU-Boulder Rising Stars Program
- 2019 - 2020
  - Downsborough Graduate Fellowship for Outstanding Success, Penn State University
- 2017 - 2018
  - PA Space Grant Graduate Fellowship, NASA
- 2017
  - Newport Award for Outstanding Achievement, SPIE
- 2016
  - Braddock/Roberts Fellowship, Penn State University
- 2015
  - Fellow, Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates, University of Iowa

## Technical Presentations



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- 2024
  - AAS 243rd Meeting, *FIREBall-2(023): The 2023 Flight of the Faint Intergalactic-medium Redshifted Emission Balloon* - Poster
- 2023
  - Invited - Pasadena City College, *Diffraction grating nanofabrication for astronomy instruments*
  - Invited - NASA UV Program Review, *The Faint Intergalactic-medium Redshifted Emission Balloon*

## Technical Presentations (continued)

- NASA Scientific Ballooning Workshop, *FIREBall-2: The Faint Intergalactic-medium Redshifted Emission Balloon* - Poster
- AAS 241st Meeting, *FIREBall-2: The Faint Intergalactic-medium Redshifted Emission Balloon*
- Invited - Marshall Space Flight Center, *Grating spectrographs for extended-source X-ray astronomy*
- 2022
■ Astronomical X-ray Optics Workshop, *An extended-source grating spectrograph for suborbital rockets and small satellites*
- NASA Sounding Rockets Symposium, *The Rockets for Extended-source X-ray Spectroscopy* - Poster
- Invited - Astronomical Society of Long Island, *Observing diffuse astronomical sources of high-energy emission with suborbital instruments*
- Invited - Montana State University, *Enabling new observations of diffuse astrophysical emission with state-of-the-art grating technology*
- Invited - NASA JPL Microdevices Seminar, *Reflection grating fabrication for space-based astronomy*
- AAS HEAD 19, *The Rockets for Extended-source X-ray Spectroscopy*
- 2021
■ SPIE Optics & Photonics, *An update on the Rockets for Extended-source X-ray Spectroscopy*
- Invited - The University of Iowa Astrophysics Seminar, *The Rockets for Extended-source X-ray Spectroscopy*
- 2020
■ Invited - The Penn State Extraterrestrial Intelligence Center, *Potential UV/X-ray SETI Applications*
- AAS 235th Meeting, *Astronomical X-ray reflection gratings and the Rockets for Extended-source X-ray Spectroscopy* - Poster
- 2019
■ SPIE Optics & Photonics, *The Rocket for Extended-source X-ray Spectroscopy*
- Cornell University NanoScale Facilities Annual Meeting, *Nanofabrication of Astronomical Reflection Gratings* - Poster
- SPIE Advanced Lithography, *Blazed x-ray reflection gratings using electron-beam lithography and ion milling*
- AAS 233rd Meeting, *The Lynx X-ray reflection grating spectrometer*
- AAS 233rd Meeting, *Progress in X-ray reflection grating development* - Poster
- 2018
■ Astronomical X-ray Optics Workshop, *A diffuse soft X-ray spectrometer for sounding rocket* - Poster
- SPIE Astronomical Telescopes, *The Water Recovery X-ray Rocket* - Poster
- AAS 231st Meeting, *An update on X-ray reflection gratings*
- 2017
■ SPIE Optics & Photonics, *An introduction to the Water Recovery X-ray Rocket*
- Penn State University Astrophysics Seminar, *Diffraction efficiency of a large-scale, replicated X-ray reflection grating*
- Invited - Penn State University Black Holes Workshop, *Suborbital rockets for X-ray astronomy*
- Invited - Penn State University Board of Visitors, *Penn State's sounding rocket program*
- Invited - Central Pennsylvania Observers, *X-ray astronomy and Penn State's sounding rocket program*
- AAS HEAD 16th Meeting, *The Water Recovery X-ray Rocket* - Poster
- AAS 229th Meeting, *Diffraction efficiency of a replicated, flight-like off-plane reflection grating baseline for future X-ray missions*
- 2016
■ Invited - The Open University Astrophysics Seminar, *Low-cost, spaceborne soft X-ray astronomy missions*
- AAS HEAD 15th Meeting, *HaloSat: a CubeSat to map the distribution of baryonic matter in the Galactic halo* - Poster

## Technical Presentations (continued)









- 2015      SPIE Optics & Photonics, *Diffraction efficiency of radially-profiled off-plane reflection gratings*
-  Iowa Undergraduate Research Festival, *Off-plane X-ray diffraction grating performance and applications*

## Publications – [\[ORCID\]](#)

### In Progress

- 1     **D. M. Miles**, R. L. McEntaffer, J. H. Tutt, *et al.*, “The first flight of the Rockets for Extended-source X-ray Spectroscopy,” 2024.
- 2     **D. M. Miles**, V. Picouet, D. C. Martin, D. Schiminovich, E. Hamden, and K. Hoadley, “The Faint Intergalactic-medium Redshifted Emission Balloon 2023 Flight,” 2024.
- 3     **D. M. Miles**, R. L. McEntaffer, J. H. Tutt, *et al.*, “Design of the Rockets for Extended-source X-ray Spectroscopy,” 2024.

### Journal Articles - 19; 2 first author, 8 with significant contribution

- 1     T. Brendel, A. Khan, S. Agarwal, *et al.*, “Balloon-borne FIREBall-2 ultraviolet spectrograph stray light control based on nonsequential reverse modeling of on-sky data,” *Journal of Astronomical Telescopes, Instruments, and Systems*, vol. 8, 048001, p. 048 001, Oct. 2022.  DOI: [10.1117/1.JATIS.8.4.048001](https://doi.org/10.1117/1.JATIS.8.4.048001).
- 2     K. France, B. Fleming, A. Youngblood, *et al.*, “Extreme-ultraviolet Stellar Characterization for Atmospheric Physics and Evolution mission: motivation and overview,” *Journal of Astronomical Telescopes, Instruments, and Systems*, vol. 8, 014006, p. 014 006, Jan. 2022.  DOI: [10.1117/1.JATIS.8.1.014006](https://doi.org/10.1117/1.JATIS.8.1.014006). arXiv: [2201.13219](https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.13219) [[astro-ph.IM](#)].
- 3     N. Kruczek, **D. M. Miles**, B. Fleming, *et al.*, “High efficiency echelle gratings for the far ultraviolet,” *Applied Optics*, vol. 61, no. 22, p. 6430, Aug. 2022.  DOI: [10.1364/AO.461537](https://doi.org/10.1364/AO.461537). arXiv: [2207.07659](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.07659) [[astro-ph.IM](#)].
- 4     M. Urban, O. Nentvich, T. Báča, *et al.*, “REX: X-ray experiment on the water recovery rocket,” *Acta Astronautica*, vol. 184, pp. 1–10, Jul. 2021.  DOI: [10.1016/j.actaastro.2021.03.019](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actaastro.2021.03.019). arXiv: [2011.10072](https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.10072) [[astro-ph.IM](#)].
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- 6     J. A. McCoy, R. L. McEntaffer, and **D. M. Miles**, “Extreme Ultraviolet and Soft X-Ray Diffraction Efficiency of a Blazed Reflection Grating Fabricated by Thermally Activated Selective Topography Equilibration,” *The Astrophysical Journal*, vol. 891, no. 2, 114, p. 114, Mar. 2020.  DOI: [10.3847/1538-4357/ab76d3](https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/ab76d3). arXiv: [2003.06449](https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.06449) [[astro-ph.IM](#)].
- 7     J. A. McCoy, M. A. Verschuuren, **D. M. Miles**, and R. L. McEntaffer, “X-ray verification of sol-gel resist shrinkage in substrate-conformal imprint lithography for a replicated blazed reflection grating,” *OSA Continuum*, 3(11), pp. 3141–3156, Oct. 2020.  DOI: [10.48550/arXiv.2011.14771](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2011.14771).
- 8     R. C. McCurdy, **D. M. Miles**, J. A. McCoy, F. Grisé, and R. L. McEntaffer, “Diffraction efficiency of a small-period astronomical x-ray reflection grating fabricated using thermally activated selective topography equilibration,” *Journal of Astronomical Telescopes, Instruments, and Systems*, vol. 6, 045003, p. 045 003, Oct. 2020.  DOI: [10.1117/1.JATIS.6.4.045003](https://doi.org/10.1117/1.JATIS.6.4.045003).

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- 11 **D. M. Miles**, S. V. Hull, T. B. Schultz, *et al.*, "Water Recovery X-Ray Rocket grating spectrometer," *Journal of Astronomical Telescopes, Instruments, and Systems*, vol. 5, 044006, p. 044 006, Oct. 2019. [DOI: 10.1117/1.JATIS.5.4.044006](#).
- 12 J. H. Tutt, R. L. McEntaffer, **D. M. Miles**, B. D. Donovan, and C. Hillman, "Grating Alignment for the Water Recovery X-Ray Rocket (WRXR)," *Journal of Astronomical Instrumentation*, vol. 8, no. 3, 1950009, p. 1 950 009, Jan. 2019. [DOI: 10.1142/S2251171719500090](#).
- 13 **D. M. Miles**, J. A. McCoy, R. L. McEntaffer, *et al.*, "Fabrication and Diffraction Efficiency of a Large-format, Replicated X-Ray Reflection Grating," *The Astrophysical Journal*, vol. 869, no. 2, 95, p. 95, Dec. 2018. [DOI: 10.3847/1538-4357/aaec73](#).
- 14 T. Rogers, R. McEntaffer, T. Schultz, J. McCoy, **D. Miles**, and J. Tutt, "Gaseous electron multiplier gain characteristics using low-pressure Ar/CO<sub>2</sub>," *Experimental Astronomy*, vol. 43, no. 2, pp. 201–210, Apr. 2017. [DOI: 10.1007/s10686-017-9531-8](#).
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- 18 J. H. Tutt, R. L. McEntaffer, H. Marlowe, *et al.*, "Diffraction Efficiency Testing of Sinusoidal and Blazed Off-Plane Reflection Gratings," *Journal of Astronomical Instrumentation*, vol. 5, no. 3, 1650009, p. 1 650 009, Sep. 2016. [DOI: 10.1142/S2251171716500094](#).
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## Conference Proceedings - 24; 6 first author, 7 with significant contribution

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- 2 V. Picouet, D. Valls-Gabaud, B. Milliard, *et al.*, "FIREBall-2: flight preparation of a proven balloon payload to image the intermediate redshift circumgalactic medium," Nov. 2022, 25th ESA PAC Symposium. [DOI: 10.48550/arXiv.2211.15491](#). arXiv: 2211.15491 [astro-ph.IM].



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- 7 **D. M. Miles**, J. H. Tutt, R. McCurdy, *et al.*, "An update on the rockets for extended-source X-ray spectroscopy," in *UV, X-Ray, and Gamma-Ray Space Instrumentation for Astronomy XXII*, O. H. Siegmund, Ed., ser. Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers (SPIE) Conference Series, vol. 11821, Aug. 2021, 118210K, 118210K. [DOI: 10.1117/12.2594291](https://doi.org/10.1117/12.2594291).
- 8 J. H. Tutt, **D. M. Miles**, R. McEntaffer, *et al.*, "Developments of the focal plane camera for tREXS," in *UV, X-Ray, and Gamma-Ray Space Instrumentation for Astronomy XXII*, O. H. Siegmund, Ed., ser. Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers (SPIE) Conference Series, vol. 11821, Aug. 2021, 118210V, p. 118210V. [DOI: 10.1117/12.2594563](https://doi.org/10.1117/12.2594563).
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