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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Extragalactic astronomy, galaxy evolution, star formation, observational astronomy

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Fellow

McMaster University

October 2017 - present

Hamilton, Canada

- PI of ALMA Large Program, VERTICO, that is mapping molecular gas in 51 Virgo Cluster galaxies
- Devising successful research programs and publishing in leading journals
- Supervising PhD and undergraduate students in astrophysics and machine learning
- Speaking at international conferences, research institutions, and public events

EDUCATION

Business Administration with Management

McMaster University CCE

May 2018 - present

Hamilton, Canada

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Astrophysics

Swinburne University of Technology

October 2013 - August 2017

Melbourne, Australia

Astrophysics MPhys, Hons

University of Liverpool & Liverpool John Moores University

September 2009 - June 2013

Liverpool, UK

COMPETITIVE FUNDING AND HONOURS

ARCADE: ALMA Reduction in the CANFAR Data Environment (co-I, \$250,000)	2019
MITACS Globalink Research Award (\$6,000)	2019
NAASC ALMA Ambassador (\$13,500)	2018
ASTRO-3D Science Visitor Program (\$1,500)	2018
TMT Early-Career Workshop Grant (\$1,800)	2018
ACURA Travel Award (\$1,000)	2018
MacDATA Fellow Supervisor (\$7,500)	2017
Famelab Australia Finalist	2016
ASA Travel Award (\$1,000)	2015
SUPRA Graduate Scholarship (\$98,000 + Tuition-fee Waiver)	2013

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE ROLES IN ASTRONOMY

Principle Investigator, VERTICO

Virgo Environment Traced in CO, ALMA Cycle 7 Large Program

July 2019 - present

- Awarded ~200 ALMA hours as P.I. of VERTICO, the first Canadian-led ALMA Large Program
- VERTICO will map the molecular gas content of 51 Virgo Cluster galaxies
- Assembling and managing the VERTICO collaboration of ~30 world-class researchers
- Ensuring maximum impact and legacy value by coordinating projects and collaborations

NAASC ALMA Ambassador <i>North American ALMA Science Center</i>	December 2018 - present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Acting as an ALMA resource for the Canadian community · Hosting ALMA preparation workshops and sharing ALMA/interferometry expertise 	
Women in Astronomy Working Group Member <i>International Astronomical Union</i>	November 2018 - present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Assess and report on the status of gender equality in astronomy and recommend future actions that will improve the environment for all astronomers 	
SKA HI Galaxy Science Working Group Member <i>Square Kilometer Array Organisation</i>	November 2018 - present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Provide input to the Office of the SKA Organization on issues relating to the design, construction, and future operations of the SKA as they pertain to HI Galaxy Science 	
Steering Committee Member <i>Early Career Researcher Chapter, Astronomical Society of Australia</i>	May 2016 - May 2017
Student Mentor <i>Swinburne University of Technology</i>	January - October 2015 <i>Melbourne, Australia</i>
Scientific Organizing Committee Member <i>ICRARcon</i>	June - September 2016 <i>Mandura, Australia</i>
Local Organizing Committee Member <i>ICRARcon</i>	June - September 2016 <i>Mandura, Australia</i>
Local Organizing Committee Member <i>The Role of Neutral Hydrogen in Galaxy Evolution</i>	June - September 2015 <i>Borneo, Malaysia</i>

SUPERVISING AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

MacDATA Fellow Supervisor <i>Dept. Physics & Astronomy, & MacDATA Institute, McMaster University</i>	March 2018 - December 2018 <i>Hamilton, Canada</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Supervisor of McMaster's MacDATA Graduate (PhD level) Fellow · Won \$18,000 grant to pay student salary for 9 month astronomy-data science collaboration 	
Integrated Science Project Supervisor <i>McMaster University</i>	November 2017 - present <i>Hamilton, Canada</i>
Teaching Assistant <i>University of Western Australia</i>	February - November 2016 <i>Perth, Australia</i>
Teaching Assistant <i>Swinburne University of Technology</i>	February - October 2015 <i>Melbourne, Australia</i>
Undergraduate Project Supervisor <i>Swinburne University</i>	September 2014 - July 2015 <i>Melbourne, Australia</i>

LEADERSHIP ROLES OUTSIDE ASTRONOMY

Bargaining Committee Chair <i>Canadian Union of Public Employees - Local 3906</i>	October 2018 - present <i>Hamilton, Canada</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Elected to represent all postdocs in contract negotiations with McMaster University leadership 	

Field Director*Municipal Council Election Campaign*

July - October 2018

Hamilton, Canada

- Devising campaign strategy and coordinating approximately 120 volunteers
- Campaign data analytics lead

Senior Field Organiser*Ontario New Democratic Party*

April - June 2018

Hamilton, Canada

- Coordinating approximately 200 volunteers for ONDP leader's successful re-election campaign
- Led the campaign's final volunteer organisation phase and consulted on data analytics

Political Action Committee Member*Canadian Union of Public Employees - Local 3906*

January - September 2018

Hamilton, Canada

- Oversee political donations, events and awareness campaigns of union

CONTRIBUTED CONFERENCE TALKS

Total number: 8

Metals in Galaxies Near and Far, The Lorentz Centre, Leiden, Netherlands	2019
The Life and Death of Star-Forming Galaxies, Perth, Australia	2019
KIAA Forum on Gas in Galaxies, Peking University, Beijing, China	2018
European Week of Astronomy, Liverpool, UK	2018
MockPerth, Perth, Australia	2017
Pathfinders HI Science Coordination Committee meeting, Cape Town, South Africa	2016
Drifting through the Cosmic Web, Aix-en-Provence, France	2015
The Many Pathways to Galaxy Growth, Prato, Italy	2015

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND COMMUNICATION

Award-winning public talks

- Speaking to audiences of 700+, including the March for Science, the British Council's Famelab Australia Final, British live event series Cosmic Shambles

Media coverage

- Stories on my research have been featured in Scientific American, News.com.au, The Daily Telegraph, Space.com, Gizmodo, IFL Science, among others

Media commentary

- Providing comment on STEM issues for local and national media, including The Conversation, ABC Radio National, ABC 720 Perth, ABC Melbourne

COLLOQUIA AND SEMINARS

Total number: 18

Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne, Australia	2019
Carnegie Observatories, Pasadena, CA, USA	2018
York University, York, Canada	2018
Royal Military College of Canada, Kingston, Canada	2018
Queens University, Kingston, Canada	2018

University of Victoria, Victoria, Canada	2018
National Research Council Hertzberg Astronomy and Astrophysics, Victoria, Canada	2018
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada	2018
McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada	2017
Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool, UK	2016
Max Planck Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics, Garching, Germany	2016
European Southern Observatory, Garching, Germany	2016
University College London, London, UK	2016
University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield, UK	2016
LERMA, l'Observatoire de Paris, Paris, France	2016
Institut d'astrophysique de Paris, Paris, France	2016
ICRAR, University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia	2015
Centre de Recherche Astrophysique de Lyon, Lyon, France	2015

SURVEY MEMBERSHIPS

VERTICO (Virgo Environment Traced in CO, PI Brown)

WALLABY (The ASKAP HI All-Sky Survey, PIs Koribalski, Staveley-Smith)

JINGLE (JCMT dust and gas In Nearby Galaxies Legacy Exploration, PI Wilson)

DINGO (Deep Investigation of Neutral Gas Origins, PI Meyer)

xGASS (extended GALEX Arecibo SDSS Survey, PI Catinella)

HIX (HI eXcess galaxy survey, PI Lutz)

DR. TOBY BROWN - LIST OF PUBLICATIONS (4 FIRST AUTHOR, 10 CO-AUTHOR)

14. Gao, Y.; Xiao, T.; Li, C.; Jiang, X.; Tan, Q.; Gao, Y.; Wilson, C.D.; Bureau, M.; Saintonge, A.; Sánchez-Gallego, J.R.; **Brown, T.**; Clark, C.J.R.; Hwang, H.S.; Lamperti, I.; Lin, L.; Liu, L.; Lu, D.; Pan, H.; Sun, J.; Williams, T.G., 2019, *Estimating the molecular gas mass of low-redshift galaxies from a combination of mid-infrared luminosity and optical properties*, ApJ, submitted
13. Lamperti, I.; Saintonge, A.; De Looze, I.; Accurso, G.; Clark, C.J.R.; Smith, M.W.L.; Wilson, C.D.; Brinks, E.; **Brown, T.**; Bureau, M.; Clements, D.L.; Eales, S.; Glass, D.H.W.; Hwang, H.S.; Lee, J.C.; Lin, L.; Michalowski, M.J.; Sargent, M.; Williams, T.G.; Xiao, T.; Yang, C., 2019, *JINGLE V: Dust properties of nearby galaxies derived from hierarchical Bayesian SED fitting*, MNRAS, accepted, DOI: 10.1093/mnras/stz2311
12. **Brown, T.** & Wilson, C.D., 2019, *Extreme CO Isotopologue Line Ratios in ULIRGS: Evidence for a Top-heavy IMF*, ApJ, 879, 17
11. Stevens, A.R.H.; Diemer, B.; Lagos, C.d.P.; Nelson, D.; Pillepich, A.; **Brown, T.**; Catinella, B.; Hernquist, L.; Weinberger, R.; Vogelsberger, M.; Marinacci, F., 2019, *Atomic hydrogen in IllustrisTNG galaxies: the impact of environment paralleled with local 21-cm surveys*, MNRAS, 483, 5334
10. Roberts, I.D.; Parker, L.; **Brown, T.**; Joshi, G.; Hlavacek-Larrondo, J.; Wadsley J., 2018, *Quenching low-mass satellite galaxies: evidence for a threshold ICM density*, ApJ, 873, 42
9. Ellison S.L.; **Brown, T.**; Catinella, B.; Cortese, L., 2018, *Atomic gas fractions in active galactic nucleus host galaxies*, MNRAS, 482, 5694
8. Saintonge, A.; Wilson, C.D.; Xiao, T.; Lin, L.; Hwang, H.S.; Tosaki, T.; Bureau, M.; Cigan, P.J.; Clark, C.J.R.; Clements, D. L.; De Looze, I.; Dharmawardena, T.; Gao, Y.; Gear, W.K.; Greenslade, J.; Lamperti, I.; Lee, J.C.; Li, C.; Michałowski, M.J.; Mok, A.; Pan, H.A.; Sansom, A.E.; Sargent, M.; Smith, M.W.L.; Williams, T.; Yang, C.; Zhu, M.; Accurso, G.; Barmby, P.; Brinks, E.; Bourne, N.; **Brown, T.** and the JINGLE Survey Team, 2018, *JINGLE, a JCMT legacy survey of dust and gas for galaxy evolution studies - I. Survey overview and first results*, MNRAS, 481, 3497
7. Pan, H-A; Lin, L; Hsieh, B-C; Xiao, T; Gao, Y; Ellison, S.L.; Scudder, J.M.; Barrera-Ballesteros, J.; Yuan, F.; Saintonge, A.; Wilson, C.D.; Hwang, H.S.; De Looze, I.; Gao, Y.; Ho, L.C.; Brinks, E.; Mok, A.; **Brown, T.**; Davis, T.A.; Williams, T.G.; Chung, A.; Parsons, H.; Bureau, M.; Sargent, M.T.; Chung, E.J.; Kim, E.; Liu, T.; Michałowski, M.J.; Tosaki, T., 2018, *The Effect of Galaxy Interactions on Molecular Gas Properties*, ApJ, 868, 132
6. **Brown, T.**; Cortese, L.; Catinella, B.; Kilborn, V.A., 2018, *The role of atomic hydrogen in regulating the scatter of the mass–metallicity relation*, MNRAS, 473, 1868
5. Stevens, A. & **Brown, T.**, 2017, *Physical drivers of galaxy atomic gas content: exploring environmental and evolutionary effects with Dark Sage*, MNRAS, 471, 447
4. Lutz, K. A.; Kilborn, V.A.; Catinella, B.; Koribalski, B. S.; **Brown, T.**; Cortese, L.; Denes, H.; Jozsa, G. I. G.; Wong, O. I., 2017, *The HIX galaxy survey I: Study of the most gas rich galaxies from HIPASS*, MNRAS, 467, 1083
3. Janowiecki, S.; Catinella B.; Cortese, L.; Saintonge, A.; **Brown, T.**; Wang, J., 2017, *xGASS: Exceptionally gas-rich central galaxies in small groups and their connections to pre-processing and galaxy evolution*, MNRAS, 466, 4795
2. **Brown, T.**; Catinella, B.; Cortese, L.; Lagos, C.d.P. ; Dave, R.; Kilborn, V.A.; Haynes, M.P.; Giovanelli, R.; Rafieferantsoa, M., 2017, *Cold gas stripping in satellite galaxies: from pairs to clusters*, MNRAS, 466, 1275
1. **Brown, T.**; Catinella, B.; Cortese, L.; Kilborn, V.A.; Haynes, M.P.; Giovanelli, R., 2015, *The effect of structure and star formation on the gas content of nearby galaxies*, MNRAS, 452, 2479